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Editorial Notes

Write it 1903.

After all you did live to see the new year.

We wish you a busy, prosperous and happy New Year!

What more do you propose to accomplish this year than last?

Our farmers' column is edited with special reference to this number; be sure to read what Mr. Marshall has to say.

If you cease to borrow trouble and stop meddling with the affairs of other people you will prolong your own life and add greatly to the happiness of others.

A good, comfortable, Christian home will not only add greatly to your own happiness but assist you in rearing your children and in giving them a fair start in life. No matter how humble it may be, have that kind of a home.

It is now announced from Mississippi that the true inwardness of the whitecap movement is opposition on part of a certain element of whites to the Negro's owning or controlling lands. This includes those who are renting and those who are purchasing. They also object to a black man's riding in a buggy with a top to it, and in a few cases tops have been torn from them. We would not have our readers understand that this spirit is manifested throughout the state, for it is not; it is only in a few counties.

In reading the announcement that a cargo of 300 Negroes will sail from Savannah, Ga., for Liberia, Africa, January the 20th, 1903, we are reminded that a friend now in Arkansas, sent to some one more than two hundred dollars to provide passage for himself and family to Africa. The party got the money, but he did not get the passage. The last we knew of the case he was suing to recover his loss, but to no effect, as we learn. The colony mentioned is in charge of the Liberian Colonization Society of Birmingham, Ala.

Gov. Longino of Mississippi has issued a proclamation ordering that the lawlessness of whitecaps in Franklin, Lincoln, Amite and Pike counties cease. He offers a reward of \$50 for the arrest and conviction of each individual participating in the outrages complained of, the total amount not to exceed an aggregate of \$1,000 in each of the counties named. Gov. Longino has since the day of his inauguration shown himself a brave and conscientious officer, who deserves the admiration and gratitude of good people everywhere. We trust his proclamation may prove effective.

Since the Governor's proclamation was issued a mass meeting was held in Brookhaven, Lincoln county, at which strong resolutions were adopted condemning whitecapping and commending the Governor's stand for law and order.

Soul-Winning Versus Soul-Saving

The soul-winner should be a soul-saver, but such is not always the case. The difference between the two is as marked as that which is so evident between the individual who does not know enough to save money and the one who does. In this latter case the world counts him wiser who saves money than it does that one who simply knows how to make it. In the same way there are scores of ministers who can conduct sweeping revivals and secure the conversion of many souls, but when this is done they are through, they know not what to do to save them. The fact is, some do not seem to be concerned as to what becomes of them. And yet it may be this is putting the case too strongly, for it is unreasonable to even think that they do not care. They certainly must care; their seeming unconcern comes of the fact that certain ideas exist among us relative to persons being converted that keep the church from feeling the burning necessity for following up the young convert for the purpose of keeping him saved. One prevalent idea is that the person who is converted ought to be so thoroughly changed that he will be able to look after himself. This is doubtless the outgrowth of the fact that in the good old times of the past most, if not all the converts were grown men and women, a majority of whom had some miraculous "travel" or experience in seeking the Savior. Not a few of them proclaimed such remarkable conversion that they seemed as if they were born full grown and not babes in Christ. If a child professed faith he did not attract much attention and had as a rule to struggle along as best he could. If he didn't backslide it was more the result of good fortune than good training. He was not able to relate such a thrilling experience as did the older persons, which fact led many to "doubt whether he knew what he was doing or not." As for the other converts the most they needed in the way of assistance was a red hot, shouting sermon once or twice a week. This to them was better by far than instruction.

While we cannot deny that there were temptations in those days, we think it a fact nevertheless that there were not as many gateways to destruction open to our young people then as now. However, we do not desire to make the impression that the young convert needed no instruction, no assistance then, for he did. No person has ever been brought into the church converted or unconverted but that he needed instruction. That proper attention, or in other words proper instruction, is not as a rule given those who cast in their lot with us, is, we believe, largely the cause of so many drifting away, after professing conversion. They join the church, they are assigned to a class, baptized and enquired after now and then, but there it ends. What pastor ever sees that they are provided with the discipline of the church, the probationer's manual, the church paper or any other good religious literature? What pastor ever holds special meetings for probationers in which he has heart to heart talks with them, lays out a course of reading for them and tries otherwise to provide entertainment for them so as to prevent their longing for the old haunts and asso-

ciates of former days? How many pastors or leaders go after that one who is missed from the meetings, pray with him, weep over him and plead with him to return? How many enquire privately into their trials, their temptations, yea and even their sins and seek to help and restore them? We are sure some do, but my brother, do you? There are many preachers who seem called to expel people from the church or to drop probationers from the list. And these are often people whom they have made no special effort to save. In some cases they simply hear that they have done something wrong, so they thump them on the head and impress them that their entire life is ruined and often because of a single misstep. Expelling a live man from the church should, in one particular at least, be like burying a dead one; it should be the last thing done and then for the protection of others; all efforts to save him having failed. Under such circumstances the pastor can then place his hand upon his heart and look his Master in the face while he exclaims, "I have delivered my soul."

Two New Americans

To-day opens the year that completes the fourth decade of Negro freedom in our country; a few more years, and a half century will have passed. And still a few more added to this will end the earthly career of every old freedman, and every old master. When these are all resting in their graves, two peculiar and contrary products of an American institution will have ended—one a white man who was taught to prey upon the imbecility of the black man, and the other that black man who was trained to acknowledge the right of the white man to abuse him.

With the passing of these characters, there enter into the life of our country a new Negro and a new white man. They both are the products of similar environments, influences and institutions. They act by the same thoughts, and are inspired by the same impulses. The new Negro has the attitude of a man who expects and will contend for unabridged privileges and just arrangements. He will be satisfied with nothing less than the opportunities that are opened to all men. The new white man, being a product of the noble institutions that give us the manly black man, will gradually do unto others as he would others should do unto him. Both are courageous Americans. Both, by the very genius of our institutions, will finally become Americans of equality.

The education, the political situation, and the daily vocations of a people determine their status. Their destiny depends upon these. There is now no longer the least doubt of the kind of education the Negro is to receive. The free institutions of the land are accessible to him, and are shaping his life. His political status is forever settled by the organic laws which give him the ballot. The man with a ballot is a sovereign. The local expedients of some parts of our country to affect his constitutional privileges are necessarily temporary and impotent. No unjust system has ever been perpetuated on this soil, and none can ever be. The spirit of injustice will ever retreat be-

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Our Contributors

What the Pastor Can Do

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I have the conviction that my subject requires me to deal with the pivotal man, for if any man more than another holds the key to the situation it is the pastor. He is the common clay out of which we mould our missionaries, editors, secretaries, book-agents and bishops. All these chief functionaries were once common clay, and as such they are more important than the stamp of the mould they bear. The minister is greater than his office.

We are all, therefore, equally complimented by the assumption that the pastor, more than any other man, holds the key to the situation. If this be an unwarrantable assumption, we shall be much relieved of an oppressive sense of responsibility.

But if it be admitted that he is indeed the pivotal man then we desire to affirm and emphasize what we conceive to be the imperative need of the cause of missions at the dawn of the twentieth century. This superlative need is not better organization. We have machinery to let. Nor is it an abler secretarial force, nor more heroic and self-sacrificing missionaries, but a missionary pastorate.

Make all our pastors missionary in spirit, and our membership would instantly catch the contagion. "Like priests like people." A missionary pastorate will give us a missionary people, and a missionary people will give an overflowing treasury, and nothing else will.

What then can the pastor do? Practically nothing unless he be fired with a missionary spirit. If in his soul this electric current has not been turned on and he has refused connection with the outside world, he is a cumberer of the ground and only in our way. Our bishops are called of God to cut down such an unfruitful tree. But if the connections have all been made and God has turned on the current, no other man can more electrify the world than the missionary pastor.

His Christ-given credentials make him of necessity a world-force. He is God's ambassador to all nations, with passport countersigned by Christ.

If St. Peter, and we, his legitimate successors in the apostolate do not hold the keys to the world's evangelization, who does? One need not become an editor, or secretary, or bishop, before he can be one of God's world forces. Every pastor in Christendom is such a force by virtue of his office, and he dare not shift the responsibility by declining the honor. Both the honor and the responsibility are peculiarly his by Divine appointment.

Hence, as touching the cause of missions, the pastor's obligation is two-fold and imperative.

First, he must conscientiously relate himself to the treasury of the missionary society in a most practical way. Practical. For this world will never be saved by theory divorced from practice. An ounce of practice is worth a ton of precept.

Every pastor is required, not only by the Church but by the Lord of the Church to take the collection for missions, and to see that that collection fairly represents the ability of his congregation. I know there are pastors who do not admit this obligation. They neither contribute themselves to the cause of missions, nor urge this duty upon their people. They regard the handling of finances of any kind beneath a true minister's dignity. They have forgotten that Jesus once stood over against the treasury and must have been in-

terested in the collection, for he immortalized one of the contributors.

A rich man once told Christ that he gave the half of his goods to feed the poor, and our Lord immediately honored that man with a visit, and abode at his house. Christ has a warm appreciation of the 50 per cent. man, though he found comparatively few since the days of Zaccheus. He would have found many if his ministers had been on the look-out, and his missionary treasury would not have been so sadly depleted but for the sublime disinterestedness of too many pastors.

There is a vast mine of wealth in the Methodist Episcopal Church and it is every pastor's duty not only to discover that mine but also to work it for the kingdom of God.

In this day when money is so much a need of the Church we are inwardly glad that every man among us is not a Lazarus. God did not mean that Methodism should forever impotently lie at the rich man's gate, but that we should one day carry the key to the mansion. That day has come. We have our rich men. They are numerous and would be much more generous in their support of missions if they had the inspiration of a truly missionary pastorate.

God's call for such a pastorate is emphasized by our access to the wealth of the church. By a failure to respond to this call our ministry has inadvertently or negligently diverted untold thousands from the missionary treasury.

Never in the history of the church was there a time when God called so loudly for a missionary ministry and a money-getting pastorate. To preach men's souls into heaven is our first duty; our second duty is to preach their hoarded wealth out of their coffers into the Lord's treasury. Herein is our responsibility.

Suppose a pastor say: "I do not care to work this mine." God cares, for this wealth is absolutely essential to the progress of his kingdom and the salvation of the heathen world. As Christ needed the gold of the wise men to see him through Egypt in his infancy, so he needs the gold of the rich men of to-day to see him through Africa and China and Japan and India. Somebody must get this gold for Christ. Who must do it? Why, the men who ought to do it, Christ's ministers, to whom he has given access to the wealth of his people. It is a pastor's imperative duty not only to inspire men to give their hearts to God but also their wealth. A failure to do this has crippled God's great enterprises and retarded his kingdom a thousand years.

But not alone for the sake of God's cause in the earth should we urge upon men the duty of Christian benevolence, but also for the sake of the man solicited. For if holding unto his wealth sent the young ruler to perdition, will it do less for the men of to-day? To allow them to try the experiment without an earnest remonstrance makes us criminally responsible before God.

One of the very best ways of getting men's souls for Christ is to get their wealth for God. Hence, our motive in urging men to generously support the cause of missions is two-fold, the salvation of the heathen and the salvation of the contributor. By urging upon men the duty of Christian benevolence we make them our debtors. By tapping their mine of wealth we enrich them more than they enrich the church. Hence I have no apology to offer for calling on men to help God save a lost world. God never meant an apostle to be an apologist! In carrying forward his great missionary enterprises God needs large capital, millions! Let every pastor turn missionary and practically relate himself to the missionary treasury and these required millions shall be

forthcoming. This every pastor can do and ought to do for so great a cause.

But great as this obligation is it is not his first duty. The truly missionary pastor is called of God, not primarily to take the missionary collection, but to make missionaries and to create in the earth a missionary church.

This is clearly apparent in the teaching office of the pastor. His commission reads: "Go teach all nations." The pastor is God's instructor of the people, his mouthpiece to the nations. He must receive from Christ great draughts of the missionary spirit and re-breathe it into the souls of men. As Christ's words fairly glowed with missionary warmth, so must the words of his representatives.

If every Church in Methodism is not a missionary church, it is because the minister in the pulpit has not properly used his teaching office. Every pastor may have and will have a missionary church if he will patiently and persistently urge upon his people these considerations.

First, the imperative obligation of heart-growth along missionary lines. The truly missionary heart is a thing of growth. It is to be developed as the student develops his mind or the athlete his muscle. We must grow it as the farmer grows grain. When God commands us to "grow in grace" he is speaking of heart growth.

This is peculiarly true of the missionary heart. If one would have it, he must grow it. It will not grow itself. In this it resembles the skilled hand, the powerful arm, the taste for music, the love or art, and the gift of oratory. These all are things of growth.

Demosthenes was not a prodigy but a growth, a development. Raphael cultivated his love of art, or we should never have had the Sistine Madonna. He grew the artist's soul before he painted the artist's picture. Angelo's "David" gives proof that the soul of the sculptor was full grown. Beethoven had cultivated his musical taste fifty years before he gave to the world his masterpiece—the Ninth Symphony. Paul's missionary heart was a thing of growth. "He stirred up the gift that was in him."

But such a heart growth implies an abundance of wholesome food. It must daily feed and feast on missionary information. Statistics, when properly digested are not dry, but fattening. They put flesh on the dry bones, and new blood in the sluggish veins.

The soul that can remain lean in the presence of the stupendous missionary movements of our age is either grossly ignorant or possessed of devils which turn the truth into a lie. Such missionary information will compel a corresponding heart-growth unless our people are spiritually dead.

Every pastor in his teaching office can put this missionary information within the reach of all his people. He can produce a missionary church, by urging upon his people the duty of heart-growth along missionary lines. This he can do and this he ought to do. Both God and the church demand the prompt payment of this imperious obligation.

His next duty is to urge upon his people the cultivation of the wider vision, the broadening of their spiritual horizon. If one would grow the missionary heart he must betake himself to world-thoughts, world-plans, world-sympathies, world-benevolence and world-prayers.

He must fall in love with the world, whatever its color, for a man's soul does not always correspond with the color of his skin. There are white men with black souls and black men with white souls. When Christ came to redeem the

world he did not draw the color line. He died for the world and we insult his breadth of plan when we restrict the benefits of the atonement to our little corner.

Cleveland is not the world, nor Chicago, nor New York, nor Paris, nor London; they are only a little section of it, a mere fragment. We should be ashamed to offer Christ a fragment when he died for the whole.

As a pastor I refuse to be localized. I resent the idea that I am simply a New York preacher. I am an American preacher. I am a cosmopolitan preacher. God has given me an audience of nations and of continents. With Christ and with Wesley I claim the world for my parish, and God insists that my church shall have a parish not less extended. Christ's dream was of universal empire, and we dare not entertain a dream less wide.

Let this great thought have proper birth in the soul, and every Christian will be transformed into a missionary the boundary of whose parish shall be the limits of the world itself. Our work of endeavor must be Christ's world.

The pastor who allows his congregation to sidetrack this stupendous truth, or to substitute for it a self-centered or local interest, owes an apology to earth and heaven. He can and must make his Church a world-force by urging upon his people the duty of heart-growth along missionary lines, and the cultivation of the wider vision.

But for the highest inspiration let him urge upon his people the constant study of models, or model missionaries.

How many a man becomes a perfect artist? There must be the artist's fancy at the bottom, and then the study of models. If one aspires to be a great painter he must study the old masters, all of them. He goes to Titian for brilliancy of coloring, to Rubens for mechanical perfection and joyousness in animal vigor, and to Raphael for purity and religious emotion. He must seek to blend the excellence of each into a unity of perfection of which he shall be the fitting exponent. Genius as the foundation—the faithful study of models as the superstructure.

In just this way must one acquire the perfect missionary heart. First there must be the God-touched nature within—then the study of model missionaries.

And what glorious models God has given the Church!—Bishop Taylor—that noble, self-sacrificing, lion-hearted lover of races and of continents. He has come to this convention, a delegate from heaven I fancy, and lo! he has brought with him Africa and the world. What an inspiring model! And here is Paul, still carrying on his great heart Macedonia, and Ephesus, and Athens, and Rome, and "the regions beyond." What an inspiring model! And here too is Christ, the only perfect model. He has four thousand years reaching his mission station, and scarcely had he begun his work when the wicked heathen crucified him between two thieves. But the boundless love of the missionary made him gladly die to save a heathen world. "God had but one Son, and he became a foreign missionary." And what a model he gave the church.

Ah! why is there such a humiliating contrast between our lives and these lofty-souled missionaries, Taylor, Paul and Christ, who call to us from the far heights? Because we have not grown the missionary heart nor cultivated the wider vision, nor properly studied our models as men of world-thought and world-endeavor and world-love.

Oh! for a missionary pastorate worthy to wear the mantle of its missionary Lord! A pastorate

which shall create throughout the earth a Missionary Church, and fire it with a deathless purpose to bring the world to Christ!

New York City.

Mobile Conference

The second session of the Mobile Conference convened in Lafayette, Ala., Dec. 11, Bishop E. G. Andrews presiding. N. H. Speight was re-elected secretary, with W. H. Jordan and S. D. Davis assistants. N. H. Brown was elected statistical secretary, with S. J. Jordan and C. L. Dunn assistants. L. D. Williams was elected treasurer; P. G. Goins and J. A. Holiday assistants.

Rev. T. L. Routt and his accomplished wife, with the kind people of the city, took the best of care of the delegates and visitors.

Drs. Aultman, Atkinson, Melden, Nelson, Parr and Prof. I. G. Penn were present and addressed the conference. Dr. Nelson, presiding elder of the Anniston district, represented the Missionary Society. His speech was a great one and the claims of the cause were well put. Rev. B. G. Smith, presiding elder of the Birmingham district, and Rev. R. J. Buckner, pastor of Birmingham, were genial visitors.

Miss Annie Hall of Atlanta, deaconess, was present and addressed the people on her important work.

The brethren looked well to the interests of the SOUTHWESTERN. Rev. A. W. McKinney, F. L. Teague and G. W. Staples, presiding elders of the conference, were indeed interested in this paper and rendered the assistant business manager invaluable service in looking after its interest.

C. L. Dunn, R. L. Cobb, F. F. Owen, E. Williams were admitted into full connection. Those ordained deacons and admitted on trial are J. A. Knox; W. O. Pearson; J. W. Knox. R. L. Perkins was admitted on trial. Jolly Jackson was discontinued. The orders of J. H. Tobin from the A. M. E. Zion Church were recognized. Thos. L. Routt withdrew from the M. E. Church to minister in the Congregational Church.

The secretaries report the following statistics for 1902, there being none for last year: Membership, probationers 541, full members 5263; benevolence, missions \$372, church extension \$63, S. S. Union \$16, Tract Society \$12, F. A. & S. E. \$70, Education \$211.30, American Bible Society \$1, W. H. Missionary Society \$1, other benevolent collections \$113, conference claimants \$21.85, Episcopal fund \$31; total \$921.50.

Following are the appointments:

MARION DISTRICT.

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Allen and Scotts Station, J. W. Knox, postoffice Scott Station; Eutaw and Springfield, J. F. Martin; Gainesville Circuit, R. L. Cobb; Jackson Chapel and St. Peters, F. J. Brown; Marion, N. H. Speight; Mount Hebron, Dennis Herron; Mount Sterling, A. A. Robinson; Newberne and Antioch, S. D. Davis; Oak Grove, Osborn Nelson, postoffice Marion, Ala.; Oldtown, J. A. Knox; St. Paul and Union, to be supplied, postoffice Union; Selma, J. L. Speight.

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jah Frazier; Montgomery, L. D. Williams; Mount Vernon and Tensaw, Jatt Ellis; Pensacola, Fla., G. W. Lewis; Troy, R. L. Perkins; Union Springs, W. L. Darius; Whistler Mission, A. C. Carter; Flomaton and Century, J. W. Williams.

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R. L. Beasley (Kellyton Quarterly Conference) left without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

The Mobile Conference closed its second session in LaFayette, Ala., Dec. 14th, 1902. It was a most glorious session. Bishop Andrews presided with great dignity and fatherly care.

The visitors gave life to this young conference. The Marion Institute was adopted as the Mobile Conference school. The brothers pledged their loyal support to this school.

N. H. SPEIGHT, Conf. Secretary.

Life of Faith

A Call to Worship

Come, O my soul, in sacred lays,
Attempt thy great Creator's praise;
But O what tongue can speak his fame!
What mortal verse can reach the theme!

Enthroned amid the radiant spheres,
He glory like a garment wears;
To form a robe of light divine,
Ten thousand suns around him shine.

In all our Maker's grand designs,
Omnipotence, with wisdom, shines;
His works, through all this wondrous frame,
Declare the glory of his name.

Raised on devotion's lofty wing,
Do thou, my soul, his glories sing;
And let his praise employ thy tongue,
Till listening worlds shall join the song.
—Thomas Blacklock, (b. 1721, d. 1791.)

What the Bible Says About Giving

Now concerning the collection. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no gathering when I come.

Make up beforehand your gift, about which ye had notice before, that the same may be ready. But he which soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly nor of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you that ye may have all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

The righteous giveth. He that giveth, let him do it liberally. Freely ye have received, freely give. Blessed is he that considereth the poor—the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

Give to the poor and thou shalt have treasure in heaven. Give and it shall be given unto you—good measure pressed down and shaken together and running over shall be given unto you again.

Address to My Soul

Another year has gone, my soul,
Pause and ponder o'er its page;
What wisdom's thine? What self-control?
What godlike aims thy powers engage?

Hast thou for others lived, or self?
Has God been honored, or forgot?
Hast thou for goodness strove, or self?
Hast thou the battle bravely fought?

Has privilege been wisely used?
Has time and strength been wisely spent?
Is opportunity abused?
Are mind and heart on God intent?

Yes, some things thou hast learned, my soul,
And some things thou hast done;
But dull thou art to learn the whole,
And slow thy race to run.

Yet, thou art his, my soul, his own,
His grace has bound thee fast;
Abide in him, in him, alone,
He'll keep thee to the last.
—Rev. W. W. Morton, in *Christian Observer*.

Woman's Dominion

Waiting For the Boys to Grow

Mother, in the cottage yonder,
Why into the future wander,
Wishing for your boys to grow?
Childhood love is better, purer,
Of them you are ever surer,
Ere into the world they go.

While unto your voice they hearken,
Ne'er a shade they'll cause to darken
Your young motherhood's bright sky.
Take, each hour, its store of pleasures
Sure love's choicest, richest treasures
Round your babies' childhood lie.

Wait not for the days you're planning,
All bright omens ever scanning,
Dreaming day-dreams for your boys.
Others, too, have lost life's sweetness,
Lost their hopes in full completeness,
All by wasting present joys.

Future's oft a strange undoing,
Of the castles now we're viewing,
Tow'ring castles in the air.
So, fond mother, cease your yearning,
Taste the sweets you now are spurning,
While your babes are free from care.
—Hugh Adair.

Good Manners

A great many children and young persons think it will be time enough to attend to manners when they grow to young men and women, says the *Catholic Mirror*. This is a mistake, and a mistake that does a great deal of mischief. No boy or girl is too young to attend to manners, and this is the reason why we wish to say something to the children on the subject.

By manners we mean conduct or behavior of every kind, but more particularly in our intercourse with one another. Good or bad manners will first show themselves in our own homes. If we wish really to know what boys and girls are made of, we must see them in their own homes; and then not with their company manners. Many a boy and many a girl would be ashamed to speak and act in other people's houses as they do in their own. They can be respectful and polite when away from home, while to their own parents and to their brothers and sisters they are very disrespectful, unkind and rude. If a boy should speak to a friend's mother as he does to his own mother, or if he should be as surly and unkind to his friend's sisters as he is to his own sisters, we do not think he would be asked to visit that friend's house more than once. It is a shame for anybody to behave better away from home than he does at home. Let the boys and girls know that bad manners at home will soon be known to all the neighbors and friends. The very essence of good manners is to be found in a kind thoughtfulness of others, while selfishness will always produce bad manners. Either of these will be sure to show itself. The boy that is thoughtful and consider-

ate of his mother and brothers and sisters is a gentleman, and everybody who knows it will find it out; while the selfish boy will sooner or later reveal his character, and everybody will dislike him. And, again, the boy whose manners are good at home is sure to have good manners everywhere.—*Ex.*

For Housewives

To Fasten a Screw in a Plaster Wall—These, as we all know, cannot be turned in plaster walls; but if the hole is enlarged to twice the size and some wet plaster of paris inserted, the screw may be gently turned in the wet plaster, and when it is set it will be as hard as possible.

To Get Rid of Ants—These horrid little pests may be driven away by placing red pepper in the holes and wiping floors or shelves with water with which some carbolic acid has been mixed.

Borax is excellent for many purposes. Use refined borax as a washing powder in the proportion of one large handful to ten gallons of boiling water. This saves soap, and makes the clothes very white. For laces, cambrics, etc., a little more borax is used. Being a neutral salt, it does not injure linen in the slightest particular. For the toilet table it is excellent, making the water soft and pleasant. It is good as a dentifrice and for the hair, and is used with tartaric acid and bicarbonate of soda to make a cooling beverage.

A white quilt will keep clean and free from wrinkles much longer if, instead of being allowed to remain on all night it be drawn down over the end of the bedstead, care being first taken to remove all dust. Lest the quilt should reach the floor, and thus become soiled, the top should be folded back toward the bed and passed over the end just far enough to prevent its slipping off.

Never hem tablecloths, napkins, or sheets by machine. Handwork is best, and washes best, for there is almost sure to be a layer of dirt under the edge of a machine hem.

The flavor of corned beef intended to be eaten cold is greatly improved by boiling with it some carrots, a small bunch of parsley and sweet herbs, a few cloves, allspice (whole), and a blade of mace.

Oilcloth as a Floor Covering

A woman who for years has used the ordinary table oilcloth to cover her bathroom and her summer cottage floors says it is the cheapest and most satisfactory covering she knows of. She lays it with plenty of paper underneath to give it spring and body. Contrary to one's first impressions, it wears remarkably well, and is much easier wiped off and kept clean than the bare floors. If one has never investigated table oilcloths they will be surprised at the wide range of patterns and colors offered for sale even in country stores. Two very pretty ones were noted lately in a desert camp house. On the little dining room was a small oak leaf pattern, green on a brown ground, looking, when down, much like the old-fashioned "three-ply." The other was a neat geometric design in shades of brown.—*Washington Star*.

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Texas Conference Notes

Mrs. Iliff accompanied her husband, Dr. T. Iliff, who represented the Church Extension Society.

Profs. Throat Halbert and Polk seemed to be the pastor's mainstays in looking after the conference.

Rev. Thos. Cole had built a new parsonage during the year and is looking about for some one to share its comforts with him.

Dr. Freeman Parker's residence was headquarters for the bishop and cabinet and also for brethren who desired to whisper to the bishop.

Bishop Mallalieu re-established the standing of his cabinet in such a manner as will greatly assist the elders in conducting their arduous duties.

Mrs. Maria Green and her two attractive daughters certainly did their part in entertaining the Texas conference. Their house was always full.

Rev. Tucker Young of Paris, Tex., has purchased a comfortable little home for his family and has just had it enlarged by the addition of another room.

The verdict of all the brethren was that they were never better entertained at any session of the conference. We never knew of so many special dinners at any conference.

Dr. Dogan invited the conference to visit Wiley University and those who did so enjoyed their cordial reception and entertainment, and the musical concert as well. Wiley is on the boom.

Rev. and Mrs. Taylor Moore had several elaborate spreads at their comfortable home during the session of the Texas conference and made it exceedingly pleasant for a number of their old friends. Mrs. Moore is an accomplished and successful dressmaker and hair dresser.

Mrs. Cole, the widow of the lamented Rev. V. M. Cole, one of the old veterans of the conference, who lives in Paris with her son, the Rev. Thos. Cole, was sick during the entire session of the conference. She was much improved before adjournment and it is to be hoped she has fully recovered.

The conference convened on Thanksgiving Day. In a brief talk on the subject the bishop showed the brethren a chip of rock taken from the famous "Plymouth Rock" on which the Pilgrim Fathers landed. Rev. E. D. Hubbard, who takes the keenest interest in all that transpires said: "Bishop, let me touch it."

Bishop Mallalieu told the conference of the John Wesley Doxology and had them unite in singing it a number of times. It is as follows: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below, Who would not have one sinner lost; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

Young Friends

A Song of the Passing Year

I heard the footfall of the Passing Year,
With murmur of farewells and sad replying.
The waning moon, her one pale planet near
Looked like a weary pilgrim, lost and dying.

But, lo! along the east the Earth's dark pall
Was edged with steadfast pearl, which slowly
brightened

To silver, then to gold, then melted all,
As if Earth's heavy heart were suddenly lightened

Then from the fading stars there fell a song:
"We myriads fade, yet is the world not lonely.
The Lord of Day will make men glad and strong:
We were his heralds and his prophets only!"

Farewell, Old Year! Farewell, O myriad joys!
No dirge for you nor mournful music sounded!
From all your vanished brightness comes the voice:
"Thy New Year is of God a gift unbounded."

—Theodore C. Williams, in *Christian Register*.

How Norris Helped With the Music—A New Year's Story

Up in the organ loft the choir-boys were practising their music for the New Year's service. Clear and sweet as a chime of bells the fresh young voices rang out on the air, upheld by the strains of the great organ.

Down below, in the half twilight of the dimly lighted church, Norris, the sexton's son, sat listening. He had his duster in his hand, but he was not using it. Instead, he sat idle, with rapt face upturned to the wonderful music, drinking it into his very soul. He gazed at the young soloist, whose fair face looked from its frame of curling hair, as the boy's lips sang joyously:

"Ring out wild bells across the snow."

Norris choked back a sob. To think that there were boys of his own age who could sing like that! and he—well he was an earthworm, and that other boy—the one in the choir, was a gorgeous butterfly whose wings were woven of song. Such sounds as that in the plodding world, and he—Norris—so far below them!

He tried to imagine himself singing like that, but the thought almost took his breath. How could God love him? poor as he was, and lowly and humble, when there were boys to love, who could sing.

Did God love him—or was it a mistake? What was there about him worth loving?

The music stopped at last. Rehearsal was over, and the boys rioted down the stairs, scuffling and teasing in good-natured fashion, never noticing the face that peered eagerly from the gathering darkness for one last glimpse of the beautiful singer. But when they had gone and the door closed behind them, Norris turned back to the empty church and falling on his knees, buried his face in the velvet cushions.

That night the bells pealed a musical welcome to the new year. From far and near the joyous clangor rang, waking the echoes with their merry din. All over the great city, people were greeting their loved ones with good wishes, and many earnest prayers winged their way to heaven on the first breath of the new-born year.

Down in Norris Aultman's home the sexton turned in his bed, grumbling at the noise which disturbed an honest man's sleep; but his wife stood at the window, looking up at the starry sky and thinking of God, who holds the years in his loving hand, dispensing them singly to his children as he sees they can use them for his glory.

A smothered sob struck her ear, and she hurried into the next room, where Norris slept. "My child, what is it?" she asked, gathering him to her, and kissing him tenderly. For awhile he could not answer, but at last he described to her the music he had heard. "Mother, it was like heaven," he sighed; "and the boy who sang was an angel—and I am so poor and useless and ugly. If I sing in school they laugh at me, yet I love it—I love it so it hurts! Why can he sing and not I? Mother, is it because God loves him best?"

The secret of his trouble was out, and the wise mother held him close and told him of the loving heart of the great Father, who himself is Love.

"Norris, my laddie, if God has not given you a voice to sing his praise it is because he knows you can serve him better some other way—yes, better, dear. He has given to some of his children gifts of song, of poetry, of art; but not to all. The same Father who gave the singer his voice, gave the poet the words the choir sang, and gave you the power to appreciate the music and the poetry. 'He giveth us richly all things to enjoy,' and he is not glad to have us grieve over the things he has withheld.

"There is one gift we all have; the power to do his will, not only patiently, but cheerfully, whether that will places us in the choir loft to sing, or in the room below, dusting cushions."

"Not dusting, mother," interrupted the boy.

"Yes, even that; or learning disagreeable lessons. We are told to do all things to his glory, and many more of his children spend their lives in humble duties than in singing to the public.

"Do you know we can all make melody in our hearts to the Lord? And after all, it is the heart melody God loves to hear, rather than the lip melody which may be sung for the praise of men.

"Keep your heart in tune, my laddie, and set your life to its accompaniment, and God will be pleased, even when your voice is still."

"But, mother, I want to do something worth while, and I can't. It isn't enough to dust the cushions on both sides, or even to learn my lessons, though I do mean to do both. I want to do something to show him that I love him, this New Year, like the boys in the choir. If I could help the least little bit in the music to-morrow I'd be satisfied; but I can't to-morrow or ever," and his lips trembled again.

"Listen, Norris. If you truly want to serve him, he will show you what he has for you to do. Look for the opportunities, but don't neglect the little duties while watching for larger ones. All he asks is cheerful obedience, while we do all things heartily as unto the Lord. Now go to sleep, dearie. A happy New Year to you, and may its every day be spent in serving your Master"; and the mother slipped back to her room, while the boy whispered tremulously, "God help me to be good, and to be willing to do what you want me to do, even if it's only dusting cushions. But oh, if I could only help a little bit some day in the music, I wouldn't mind waiting a long time."

New Year's day dawned clear and beautiful. It was the Sabbath, and the crisp air was resonant with the sound of church bells. Up at St. Andrew's the large auditorium was filling fast, and the choir boys chattered noisily in their ante-room.

The choir-master came in looking worried and anxious. "Where's Aultman," he demanded. "Somebody get him quickly. The electric motor is out of order, and the organ will have to be pumped by hand. Of all the days in the year, none could be more unfortunate!"

"Here's Aultman's boy. Will he do?" said one of the strangers.

"Too little—not strong enough," decided the organist. "Boy, where's your father?"

"Gone home, sir. He'd finished his work, and said his head ached and he wanted to rest awhile," stammered Norris. The organist turned away with an angry exclamation. "I must have somebody and quickly. The people are crowding in, and it's within five minutes of time to begin!"

"Please, sir, couldn't I try? I'll be very careful, and I'm strong as anything. If you'd trust me, sir," and Norris stopped, frightened at his own daring.

The organist looked at him reluctantly. "I don't see anything better to do," he said at last. "But mind, you do as I tell you. If worst comes to worst, I'll have to spare a couple of the chorus boys to help. Come with me and I'll show you how to manage it," and Norris followed with a radiant face.

No, he did not fail. When God answers our prayer for work, failure is out of the question. The choir boys marched in, the soloist stood forward and sang his heavenly music with a self-conscious look on his beautiful face, while the

people listened with an admiration which could be felt in the very atmosphere. The choir-master beamed with satisfaction, the organ had never sounded more sweetly, and the entire programme passed off without a break.

But in his narrow corner behind the organ, tugging away at the lever that made his arms ache and his breath come heavily, stood the happiest one of them all. God had let him help with the New Year's music without making him wait at all, and in the great assembly no heart sent truer incense of praise to the Giver of all good, than the boy in his humble place, pumping the great organ "as unto the Lord."—Elizabeth Price in the *Christian Observer*.

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Educational

Whereas, by the establishment of the "Twentieth Century Lectureship on Preaching," by Mr. Lewis N. Cushman of Boston, Mass., the students and friends of Gammon Theological Seminary have been highly benefited, and

Whereas, we have listened with intense interest and profit to the series of lectures so earnestly given by Rev. Scott F. Hershey, Ph. D., LL. D., be it

Resolved, That we, the students of this institution, do hereby express our high appreciation of the lectures.

Resolved second, In order that we may represent a more efficient and effective ministry, that we will put in practice the principles so forcibly set forth by the lecturer.

Resolved third, That we show our sincere gratitude by a rising vote of thanks.

(Signed) W. H. H. Renfro, J. N. Wallace, R. L. Perkins, E. W. Cook, M. M. Jefferson, J. B. Holmes, J. E. Wood.

The Ignorant School Teacher

BY MR. JAMES APPLESSES.

THE SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE some time ago contained a remarkable editorial, "The Ignorant School Teacher." I am satisfied that all who read the article agreed to what was said; those—I mean who are on the progressive line. To my mind the ignorant teacher is a drawback to the community in which he presides and hence a drawback to the race. There are many reasons to substantiate the statement just made. First, he will not go to school nor study at home; he pretends to know everything and what he doesn't know he declares it is isn't fit for knowing.

Second, he or she agrees with the masses whether right or wrong; he is not only uninformed along pedagogical lines, but he is also behind in race progress. I've seen teachers and not a few who didn't know whether it was right to celebrate as emancipation day the 19th day of June or the 1st day of January. They went just as the masses went. I've seen them enter a community where the people were accustomed to hallooing, bawling, jumping or shouting during religious worship and they would join in and so strengthen them in their ignorant and superstitious belief, which to my mind ought not be done. The teacher should take part in church service and do his or her duty, to live a pure Christian life, and by his example, show to the masses that there is a higher premium put upon Christianity than emotional feelings simply. A teacher is sent to a community for the valuable purpose of educating those that he may come in contact with—and according to Mr. Page the word "education" is from "e and duco," meaning to lead forth, and not to lead backward as many of our profession carry it.

But as much as we have looked at one side of

the picture, let us look at the other side. The state has a good deal to do with that sort of a teacher, and by her system of poor pay keeps that class constantly on hand; for instance, such a state is our Louisiana. For the most part the salary ranges from \$20 to \$25 per month; that is, so far as colored schools are concerned. Well, some one might ask, how about your examinations? I answer, good in part and deficient in others. There are three classes of certificates: the first and second are rigid; but there are also two classes of third class certificates, a black and a white third grade certificate. These are very different. Applicants for a third grade certificate are marked thus: "For colored applicants." Any one well up in fourth or fifth grade studies can obtain that third class certificate marked "colored." It was the intention of the state superintendent to degrade the colored teachers by putting the examination in reach of the stolid and incompetent, and to discourage the progressive and competent by paying a low salary and giving as an excuse that we are not competent. For, said he in April of 1901, "That the third grade, owing to its simplicity should be confined to colored applicants." To my mind that statement was the most unnecessary statement ever made by that distinguished gentleman, for our schools are annually sending out men and women who can stand any examination necessary to procure a higher grade certificate, and why not give them a chance? But to the contrary the competent are often left out or forced back in some secluded place. Because the ignorant teacher can get closer to the masses he is always in demand where the selection is left entirely in the hands of the patrons.

But the stolid teacher is not always to be found in the common schools. We find a few scattered among our institutions of higher grades, who, tho unlike the class just mentioned, are competent in studies but dull and disinterested in the work being done by them. They claim that their employer doesn't pay enough, which in most cases is true. Hence, they only hang on for "the little loaves and fishes" until they can get what they consider a bigger thing. Some teach until they earn enough money to enter one of the learned professions, and if one is perchance called to the ministry, he is waiting a call to some big church where there is a probability of doubling his salary. The feminine class are awaiting a chance to obtain a comfortable home. Hence, they will not purchase books on methods, nor pay their annual subscriptions for educational journals; what's the use—they will soon leave the profession, and hence consider it foolishness thus to waste their scanty means. Hence, they are compelled, says President Eliot of Harvard, "to prepare the young for the life of forty years ago." Whereas the life of to-day is utterly different from what it was at that time."

That class of stolid teachers should be forced out of the pedagogical profession and a wide-awake class substituted.

How can this be done successfully? The answer to his query is this: Pay a better salary in both common and high schools so that the teacher may feel that he is making a comfortable living and not continually sacrificing, as teaching is generally spoken of now-a-days. For, when we look at it from a pecuniary standpoint, knowing the weakness of humanity along this line, we are not unmindful of the fact that one must have the race at heart to make the necessary sacrifice.

May all concerned give this matter due consideration and thus improve the profession.

Principal of St. Paul Graded School, Bermuda, La.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.-C. Conference

Extracts From Addresses at Methodist Missionary Convention

Condensed from Gospel in all Lands.

The Methodist Episcopal Church held a General Missionary Convention at Cleveland, October 21 to 24, 1902, which awakened much enthusiasm in missions and started a wave of Christian giving, which, commencing with \$300,000, will roll on over the entire church until ere long its Missionary Society will receive for its work \$2,000,000 annually.

Bishop Andrews presided and the claims of the work were presented by the missionary secretaries and this assistants, Bishop Moore of China, Japan and Korea; Bishop Hartzell of Africa; Bishop Thoburn of India; Bishop McCabe, who had lately returned from South America, and Bishop Vincent, who had lately returned from Europe. Other bishops, presiding elders, pastors and secretaries, took part in the proceedings. The weekly papers have given very full reports and we give brief extracts from some of the addresses:

The people of South America worship images sanctioned by the Pope and immorality reigns supreme, but we are there with our missionaries to save them. The spirit of intolerance and persecution toward Protestantism by the Roman Catholic officials is passing away.—*Bishop C. C. McCabe.*

Missionary work in Southern Asia is carried on by our church in twenty-eight different tongues and the work has expanded far beyond our intentions or expectations. The tokens of God's presence are unmistakable.—*Bishop J. M. Thoburn.*

God's hosts were never so sorely beset. The enemy was never so thoroughly organized. The hordes of heathen people are vast compared with the soldiers of Jesus Christ and the forces outside of the kingdom have been increasing faster than the forces within when considered numerically, but God is with us, and we are gaining ground.—*Dr. H. K. Carroll.*

The emergency which we meet to-day is not due to defeat, but to victories. Our banner to-day floats on every field where it has ever been unfurled. We need to-day great sums not only for extending, but also for strengthening and reinforcing the work in the places where we have been working for years. We also need the young men to take the places of those in the mission field who are growing old and will soon have to lay down their burdens. Our opportunity is great, our responsibility is great, and our success will be great if we are the men for the hour.—*Dr. A. B. Leonard.*

Down below all of the superstition of China and the idolatry of Confucianism there is a substratum of moral teaching which is a beautiful foundation for Christianity. The noblest form of Christianity is to be wrought from the Chinese. The noblest, mightiest people of the earth are standing there, waiting for you to strike off their manacles with the dynamic force of the Gospel and give them the light of Christianity.—*Bishop D. H. Moore.*

As one looks at the heathen world, terrified with superstitions, besotted by lust, and degenerated by worship of abominable gods, and then

looks at the perfect stature of manhood in Jesus Christ and remembers that this former stuff is to be made into the latter glory we are apt to say, "Who is sufficient for these things?" The inevitable answer is, "No man." Then we turn to the text, "Not by might, nor by an army, but by my spirit, saith the Lord." There is plenty of power in this spirit to lift every heathen to a Christian, every sinner to a saint.—*Bishop H. W. Warren.*

If the Protestant Church would give one-fiftieth of the increase in its wealth each year, the fund would stretch a network of missions over the whole world and maintain them. If one pastor in seven would bring his church to support a missionary our quota would be supplied and we could do our share in bringing a knowledge of Christ to the heathen world.—*J. R. Mott.*

Epworth League

A Belated Report

LOCKESBURGH, ARK.

"It is never too late to do good" is the old adage which comes in very conveniently just here. Many times have we looked into your columns for something said of our State Epworth League convention which convened at Hot Springs. We have been seeking earnestly for a time for the holding of our convention which would prove most appropriate. The one last held has solved the problem. We met at Hot Springs from Nov. 20th to 23d, and all who were present and remained until it closed witnessed the best convention we have ever had. Our work has been augmented in most all of its capacities. Our financial standard has been raised considerably during the past year. Although more could have been done. Our work has been thoroughly reorganized and every department has been given new life and vigor. Our leaders have become more consecrated to the service. Our state cabinet has become stronger and more enthusiastic in the prosecution of God's work among the young people of the church and race. We as Epworthians of the state have a great project on foot that will be an honor to the young people, a help to the church and a material benefit to the Negro everywhere. An Epworth farm has been purchased very near Little Rock, connected with Philander Smith College. We raised over \$200 for this specific purpose and must raise at least \$500 by next November to continue paying for this farm. We want that this year's work may be a record-breaker for stimulating this department of church society in all of its departments.

Our convention was successful because our attendance was larger than ever before; because there was more money raised than at any time before; because we had among the most hospitable people to entertain us while there. The people were ready and anxious to have us in their homes and in their city.

The Twentieth Century Club and the Christian Endeavor, also our church rooms were arranged for the reception and entertainment of the delegates of the convention. Because too, that Bro. W. S. Sherrill, that untiring pastor and minister of God was there working and arranging for our convention. Preparation was not a question; he was doubly prepared, and many of our strong preachers and presiding elders were pushing the work. Dr. J. M. Cox and Mrs. H. M. Nasmyth, with their co-workers, helped to swell the convention and its interest. Last but not least, because we did God's service.

We better understand our work, our aims and

plans. Let us begin now to take a new start for the prosecution of our work for God and humanity.

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State Pres. Epworth League.

Atlanta District Group Meeting

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NEWNAN, GA., Nov. 28th, 1902.

The Newnan Group of the Atlanta District Epworth League met for its first group meeting at Newnan, in the Newnan Chapel M. E. Church, and was called to order by Bro. J. H. Long, the president of the group, who presided with much dignity. Prayer was offered by Rev. L. P. Kimball of the Grantville Circuit, after which an address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. Emma Scott and was responded to in behalf of the body by the writer. The group joined in singing "What a Fellowship" with much fervor. The whole of the morning session was given to the reports of the presidents of the local chapters. Their reports showed quite an increase in membership, and a remarkable increase was shown in the financial reports.

The afternoon session was opened with devotion led by Bro. A. J. Tompkins. The Junior League superintendents made their reports and showed their work to be improving. The remainder of the afternoon was taken up in a regular group meeting program. The following subjects were discussed by representatives from the local chapters of the group: 1. What can the League do in the local church? Wesley and Powells Chapels. 2. What can it do in the district? Moreland and Smith Chapels. 3. What Junior League can do. Newnan. 4. Hindrances to League work; how to remove them. Mt. Gil-ead and Evergreen. 5. The Christian Steward movement in the Epworth League. Newnan and Powell Chapels. 6. The League as a missionary agent. Smith and Wesley. After the rendering of the program the district president being present, made a few remarks and urged the presidents and the pastors of the different chapters to bestir their young people and to bring things to pass along the lines of Epworth League work. We had almost a consecration meeting before we adjourned. The young people and the pastors all spoke fervently and promised to do more for the work of the League in the future than ever before.

At night the Newnan Chapel Epworth League rendered a literary program which was rich with songs, essays, and recitations. Prof. P. A. Allen of the city school addressed the group, after which we were all escorted to the basement of the church and served with refreshments, that were prepared by Newnan League. Everyone seemed to go away very much pleased over the results of the meeting. Revs. S. B. Buford, L. P. Kimball, J. J. Jones, and S. A. Stripling, the pastors of the charges in the group, were present and exhibited great interest in the work. They can not be spoken of too highly in regard to the work they are doing in trying to lead the young people into lives of usefulness. Great things are in store for us and we believe a brighter day is dawning.

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Sunday School Helps

By REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson II.—Jan. 11th, 1903. Title—Christian Living (Phil. 4: 1-13). Golden Text—"Rejoice in the Lord." Time—About A. D. 63. Place—Rome.

Philippi, a city of Macedonia, was first called Datus, but when taken by Philip, the father of Alexander the Great, it was beautified, fortified and named after himself. Near it the famous

battle, which decided the fate of the Roman Republic, was fought B. C. 42, between Augustus and Antony on the one side and Cassius and Brutus on the other. Julius Caesar planted there a colony, which was afterwards enlarged by Augustus, and when Paul first visited it the people considered themselves free men of Rome. Paul was called in a very extraordinary way to preach there the gospel, Lydia and her household were saved, a spirit of divination was cast out of a damsel, Paul and Silas were thrown into prison; they were liberated by the power of God; the jailer and his household were converted, and soon the missionaries departed from their city. Paul twice afterwards visited Philippi. The church there grew rapidly. It held Paul in high esteem and three times sent him gifts. This Epistle was sent from Rome about A. D. 63. Its design was to comfort them under the sad news of his imprisonment, to check a party spirit that had sprung up among them, to encourage union and harmony, to guard against Judaizing teachers, to support under trials, and to aspire to high attainments in the divine life.

1. *Endearing appellations* (v. 1). The human family is a brotherhood. Climate, diet, education and habits are sufficient to account for all the differences we see in the race. But there is a higher sense in which the people of God are brothers and sisters. They have complied with the same general teachings to become Christians; they are in possession of the same Holy Spirit, and they use the same general means of grace. These facts should unite them in mind and heart in the service of the Lord. But Paul also called them his "dearly beloved and longed-for brethren." He had the same regard for the church at Philippi that a kind father has for his children. He had been instrumental in founding there the church. He also called them his "joy and crown," object of joy and cause of reward. Crown here should be distinguished from diadem. It means chaplet, or wreath, and may denote either victory or merriment. Such crowns are usually made of evergreen and given to the runners at the end of the race. These brethren were also exhorted to "stand fast in the Lord." Judaizing teachers, false brethren and all the powers of darkness were arrayed against them.

2. *The church at Philippi* (vs. 2, 3), was founded by Paul, Silas and likely Luke. Lydia and her household, the damsel healed by Paul, and the jailer and his family, were the first converts. Soon others were won to Jesus, and native helpers raised up. In the course of time there was *unpleasantness* in the church. Two of the women, Euodias and Syntyche, were not of the same mind in the Lord. We know not about what they were divided. Likely some one had been talking too much, or there had been imprudent conduct, or one had eaten to gluttony or drank to drunkenness, or somebody had been given light weights and short measures. This trouble originated among the women. Ladies are, as a class, polite, nice and forbearing towards men, but are impatient, unkind and unforgiving towards their own sex. Who this "true yoke-fellow" was is uncertain. Some think Euphroditus, supposed to be one of the pastors of the Philippian church, is meant. Others believe some eminent woman, because he exhorts this yoke-fellow to help the women which labored with him, is intended. There were women who worked with Paul in the gospel. We know not the nature of their labors. We do not read of them preaching the word. They likely entertained the ministers, visited the sick and comforted the sorrowing. Clement is likely the Clemens Romanus, who became bishop

of Rome, but who dwelt at Philippi at this time. Paul had many fellow-laborers whose names were written in the book of life. It is a great thing to have our names enrolled on the church record, but it is much better to have them registered in heaven.

3. *The saint's joy, moderation and prayer* (vs. 4-7). Christian joy is "in the Lord." He is its source. It exists in the germane state in the heart of every child, and is developed by education and a use of the means of grace. By many it is brought into active life at time of conversion. It is the privilege and duty of every one to rejoice in the Lord. Sin is the curse of all unhappiness. This does not mean that the saint should be constantly shouting the praise of God, or that he should be always boasting that he has no care or anxiety. This joy should be constant—"always," on the Sabbath and through the week, in business and in social life. The word "moderation" in this place means meekness under provocation, readiness to forgive injuries, equity in business, candor in judging character and conduct, sweetness in disposition, and entire government of the passions. In the assertion: "The Lord is at hand," some understand that He is a present help in trouble. Others suppose that the apostle meant that He would soon come to destroy Jerusalem. A third class think the apostle believed all temporal things as short, the end of them at hand, and the last judgment near by. Prayer is petitioning to God, through Jesus Christ, aided by the Holy Spirit, for things agreeable to God's will. We do not pray to inform God of our wants, but to confess our needs, to humble our pride, to awaken our desires, to strengthen our faith, encourage our hope and perfect our love. Prayer lifts the soul on high, reminds it that God is its father, and heaven its home.

4. *Things about which we should think and act* (vs. 8-9). Thought makes character. As a man thinks, he will be. If his thoughts run in the low-groveling channels of earth, he will move in the same. If they are heavenly things, they will draw him towards God. Our words and deeds do not make us great or small, good or bad, but they reveal the character already made by thinking. The chief design of teaching and preaching is to awaken thought. The person who will not think is destined to be a failure. If we constantly think on things that are true, honest, just, pure, and of good report, we will become truthful, honest, pure and of great reputation. The result of these things will be the constant indwelling of God in the person of the Holy Spirit.

5. *Christian gratefulness* (vs. 10-13). The people of God have always been noted for charity. They give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, clothes to the naked and consolation to the sorrowing. The church at Philippi seems to have had more wealth than some of the other churches. They also had the disposition to give. This is seen in Lydia, who constrained the apostles to abide in her house, if they judged her to be faithful unto the Lord. And also in the jailer who brought them into his house and set meat before them. After Paul had gone from them, three times they sent unto him gifts. He felt very grateful for their kindness. Some eight or ten years passed between their last gift and the one mentioned here. Paul did not speak because he was in want. He had learned to be contented regardless of his surroundings. He had experienced the extremes of want and abundance. But he knew how to do and endure all things through Christ.

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Two New Americans

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fore the progressive step of the real American spirit.

But though secure in his prospect for liberal education and the ultimate enjoyment of his rights, the new Negro will experience much difficulty in securing lucrative employment, which will be a requisite for securing a respectable place among men. There can be no remedy for his material progress except such as is found in energy, discretion and enterprise. These must be exercised and fostered to overcome the keen competition that will face him like it does every individual. Aggressive steps must be taken in the industrial and the commercial fields. More and more we must branch out into the workshops, factories and stores. Not only to labor in them, but own, control and direct them. This is the only real question for the new Negro. The educational and the political are often held up to him to mystify him and hide the most essential problem. Let us, from to-day, discern the true issue, and by individual and organized efforts try to live in the various remunerative branches of human efforts.

Mrs. Goucher's Translation

We are sure the Rev. Dr. John F. Goucher of Baltimore, and a member of the Baltimore Conference, has many friends in our territory who will be pained to learn of the death of his wife, Mrs. Mary Cecilia Goucher. She passed from her suffering into the beyond on the 19th day of December, 1902. Mrs. Goucher was the daughter of Dr. John Fisher, a descendant of one of the oldest and most honored families of the state of Maryland. For four generations her branch of the family have been devoted and honored members of the Methodist Episcopal Church; she herself joined the church in 1868. She inherited through her father and her uncle wealth amounting to nearly \$1,000,000. She was a devoted Christian, greatly interested in missions and other benevolent causes. She was sweet-spirited and courteous, having the greatest consideration for the comfort and well being of others, especially the lowly.

Miss Fisher became the wife of Dr. John F. Goucher, Dec. 24, 1877.

In addition to the founding of the Woman's College, it is said that, among other things, Dr. and Mrs. Goucher established 100 schools in India.

Mrs. Goucher was first vice-president of the Baltimore branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and president of the first Methodist Episcopal Church auxiliary of this society. She helped to organize the first auxiliary south of Philadelphia.

Among other things, Mrs. Goucher was a manager of the Home of the Aged, vice-president of the Association for the Extension of University Education Among Women, member of the wom-

en's board of visitors of the Maryland Asylum and Training School for Feeble-minded, of the Woman's Literary Club of Baltimore, of the Arundel Club, etc.

She was the mother of five children, the eldest and youngest of whom died in infancy. Miss Janet Goucher, Miss Eleanor Goucher and Miss Elizabeth Goucher survive her.

Mrs. Goucher died at her country residence, Alto Dale, from which she was buried Monday, Dec. 22, at 2:30 o'clock, the Rev. Dr. Hugh Johnston officiating.

Death of a Prominent Society Leader

Mr. William H. Penn, a leader in the secret and labor society circles of this city and state, died suddenly a few days since and was buried from First Street M. E. Church, Rev. S. Duncan pastor, on the afternoon of Christmas Day. The attendance at the funeral was unusually large and the services very appropriate and impressive. The pastor was assisted by Revs. F. T. Chinn, W. R. Butler, Forrest and Wiley. A brief service was also held at the late residence, 2226 Fourth street. Mr. Penn was president of the Longshoremen's Benevolent Association and connected with a number of other labor and benevolent societies. Many beautiful floral offerings were presented by different organizations and friends. The arrangements for the funeral were in charge of Mr. J. E. Porter, a devoted friend of the deceased and secretary of the Longshoremen's Association. The pallbearers were: T. P. Woodland, W. R. Johnson, J. W. Edwards, H. N. Baptiste, A. S. Perkins, T. M. J. Clark, Antoine Robinson, R. W. B. Gould, Jas. Brooks, J. C. Phillips, J. P. Perran, L. Bridges, W. W. Woods, from the various associations.

The following official delegations were in attendance: DeGruy Lodge F. and A. M., 75 members and music; Longshoremen, 600 members and music; Equal Justice Association, 150; Ladies and Gentlemen's Perseverance, 75; Ladies' Friendship, 90; Daughters' Friendship, 80; Juniors' Friendship, 60; Harmonial Association, 75; Friendship M. B. A., 110; Young Men's Hope, 70; Delechaise, 60; Young Mutual, 40; Pure Friendship, 50, and a large concourse of friends. Mr. Penn leaves a widow to mourn his departure.

The test case instituted by the New Orleans City Railways Company against the separate street car law of this state was to have come up in the State Supreme Court December 20, 1902, but was postponed to January 10, 1903. Meanwhile the company's patrons are put to very great inconvenience. At times the seats allotted to whites are crowded so that many are compelled to stand, while the few set apart for Negroes are unoccupied, and *vice versa*. There are still some violations of the law, but for the most part there seems a disposition to await the action of the court. Those who prefer to walk rather than ride behind the screens are still sticking to their task.

Prof. Booker T. Washington, LL. D., passed through the city recently enroute to California, where he is to deliver a series of lectures at different points. He stopped at Houston, Tex., where he addressed the citizens in general at the auditorium and the Board of Trade in their rooms. At night he was tendered a banquet by the colored citizens of the city. Mr. Emmett J. Scott, his private secretary, accompanied Mr. Washington as far as Houston.

Personal and General

Brother D. D. Williams informs us that Rev. D. J. Price of Morgan City, La., is seriously ill.

Mr. Thomas T. Fortune is on his way to the Philippines. He will spend about two weeks in Honolulu.

A copy of the directory of the Mississippi Annual Conference has been received. It is a beautiful piece of work.

Rev. B. F. Gandy of Lexington Charge, S. C., was called to Bennettsville, S. C., to see his brother, Mr. Frank Gandy, who is not expected to live.

Thomas Nast, the noted caricaturist, died of yellow fever in Guayaquil, Ecuador, where he had been appointed the representative of this government.

H. O. Tanner, the celebrated artist, is in this country visiting his parents, Bishop and Mrs. Tanner of the A. M. E. Church. The artist is accompanied by his wife.

Miss Carrie B. Turpeau, A. B., a teacher at Monroe, La., and Mrs. Johnson, also a teacher in the same city, came to New Orleans last week, and after spending a few days here went to Baton Rouge to attend the State Teachers' Association.

Bishop D. A. Goodsell authorizes us to announce the change of date for holding the St. John's River Conference from Jan. 15 to Jan. 22, and the Florida Conference from Jan. 22 to Jan. 29. Brethren concerned will please note this.

The Southern Federation of Colored Women's Clubs is holding its fourth annual session in this city at Tulane Avenue Baptist Church, as the SOUTHWESTERN goes to press. We hope to give some account of their proceedings next week.

Rev. G. W. Morehead, who was at the recent session of the North Carolina Conference appointed to Madison, has been changed to Mt. Airy to succeed Rev. S. L. Johnson, deceased. Bro. Morehead desires his correspondents to address him accordingly.

Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, presiding elder of the Monroe (La.) District, was in the city last week on business. He and his brethren are closing up the conference year in good shape and the elder speaks in highest terms of their work. He desires his brethren to meet him at Natchitoches on Jan. 28, that they may arrange all their matters for the session of the conference which begins the next day.

We learn from the *Houston (Texas) Van* that Mrs. Chaney Minegan, wife of Rev. C. C. Minegan, pastor Mt. Vernon M. E. Church, died at their residence in that city Thursday morning, December 4th last. Her funeral was attended by Rev. Edward Lee, presiding elder of the district. We have known Mrs. Minegan for a number of years and have reason to believe from what we know of her life as a Christian, that her passage was peaceful and triumphant. We extend Bro. Minegan and other bereaved loved ones our most sincere sympathy.

Prof. Harry W. McDonald, A. M., principal of the literary department of Gilbert Academy, and Miss Divine M. Daniel of Cade, La., were united in the bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride on Wednesday, Dec. 24th. The couple left at once for Lake Charles, La., where they will spend a few days and then return to the school at Baldwin. The ceremony was performed by the editor of the SOUTHWESTERN and the Rev. W. R. Butler. The bridesmaids were Miss Sarah A. Jones and Miss Daniel, a sister of the bride. The groom's attendants were Profs. M. S. Davage and A. D. Augustine of N. O. U. and Gilbert College respectively.

News Notes

In 1900 the state of Georgia had 9,929 more females than males.

Fully 4,800 persons were killed or injured by an earthquake at Andijan, Russian Asia.

The colored people of Boston are asking for separate schools, so the newspapers claim.

Rev. S. S. Jolly, of Philadelphia, was the principal speaker at the founders' day exercises at Morgan College.

General Garza Galan, who was very prominent in the Mexican army, died in Monterey, Mexico.

A woman who is a democrat, is the superintendent of public instruction in Colorado. The salary is \$3,000.

A new species of cotton discovered by H. J. Weber of Columbia, S. C., is said to be superior to any other cotton known.

The treaty of friendship and general relations between the United States and Spain has been ratified by the Senate.

The steamship Inventor, which left Galveston a few weeks ago, is under command of Captain Terrell, a colored man.

The girls' dormitory of the Alcorn College at Rodney, Miss., was ready for occupancy Dec. 1. It will accommodate 100 pupils.

The American and Cuban representatives signed the Cuban reciprocity treaty in Havana. It has gone to Washington for ratification.

Prof. Gobel, commissioner to the Peninsula of Kola, says the Laplanders are rapidly dying out because of their uncleanly habits.

The young people's work of the W. F. M. Society will be in charge of Miss Mary Ninde, daughter of the late Bishop Ninde.

At the end of the first six months of independence Cuba reports all expenses of the government paid and a balance of two million dollars on hand.

It is thought the New Orleans mint will be kept in operation another year, at the end of which time it will be changed into an assay office.

A wireless telegraph message has been sent by Marconi to Lord Minto, King Edward and to King Victor, entirely across the Atlantic Ocean.

Fifty thousand dollars was appropriated by the United States senate to defray the expenses of the anthracite coal strike arbitration commission.

Artists of this country will be asked to submit designs for the construction of the McKinley memorial monument, to be erected at Canton, Ohio.

Two hundred thousand dollars has been added to the endowment of Boston University. The trustees of the institution contributed over fifty thousand.

Rev. Jules Benn, pastor at Ponchatoula, passed through this city a few days since, enroute to spend the Christmas holidays with his family at Gray, La.

The government in attempting, by spraying with a solution of poison, to kill the water hyacinths in the St. John river in South Florida, has killed hundreds of cattle.

The American astronomers have won in 25 years as many annual medals of the Royal Astronomical Society of England as the astronomers of all other countries combined, except England.

It has been announced by the colonial office that no permit to proceed to the Transvaal or to the Orange River Colony, Africa, will be issued in England or anywhere except at South African ports.

The famous war dog and mascot that went through the Spanish-American war with company G, of Appleton, Wis., was buried Nov. 27 with full military honors by company G and Charles Obaer Spanish War Veterans' Camp.

It is indeed gratifying to note the manner in which the brethren of the plucky little North Carolina Conference are redeeming their pledges to secure new subscribers as made at the recent session of that body. Rev. N. D. Shambourger, of Lumberton, is making a most excellent record in this particular, as are S. F. Peace, of Laurinburg; G. W. Moorehead, of Madison; J. P. Franklin, of Greensboro; S. P. West, of Thomasville; M. J. Bullock, presiding elder; L. G. McDonald, presiding elder; G. W. Brower, of McPelah, and others.

Atlanta Annual Conference

The Atlanta Conference convened for its seventh annual session in Heck Memorial Church, Griffin, Ga., on Thursday, Dec. 11, 1902. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, D. D., LL. D., presided. The Bishop conducted the opening devotions and called upon Rev. J. P. Wragg, B. D., and Rev. Dr. S. O. Benton to lead in prayer. After an impressive and helpful address he proceeded to administer the sacrament, assisted by the presiding elders, Dr. S. O. Benton and the editor of the SOUTHWESTERN. The roll was called by W. W. Lucas, former secretary. He and Z. K. Gowen were nominated for secretary, he being re-elected by a vote of 29 to 19. S. A. Stripling, R. T. Adams, J. W. Bowlin and E. R. Miller were chosen assistants.

C. L. Johnson was elected statistical secretary, with J. A. Ritchie, A. C. Wright, C. R. O. Rowland and E. F. Scarborough assistants. J. E. Watkins, who was elected as treasurer, nominated as his assistants J. W. Queen, C. W. Adams and P. H. Travis.

A statistical session was ordered for the afternoon of the first day on motion of G. W. Arnold. The Bishop appointed M. C. B. Mason to preside. Addresses of welcome to the conference were delivered by Hon. D. J. Bailey, mayor of the city of Griffin, and by Dr. A. M. Wilkins, a successful dentist of the city. The mayor's address was brief but practical and hearty, and thoroughly enjoyed by the conference. Dr. Wilkins, who is a prominent member of our church in Griffin, speaking on behalf of the church and citizens, delivering an eloquent and appropriate address. Bishop Foss made a brief response on behalf of the conference. The conference gave a rising vote of appreciation for the words and presence of the two gentlemen mentioned.

Among the many visitors were: Rev. Dr. S. O. Benton of the Missionary Society; Rev. I. B. Scott, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN; Rev. Dr. Parr, of the Church Extension Society; Rev. Dr. C. M. Meldon, president of Clark University; Rev. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, of Gammon Seminary, and Prof. I. Garland Penn, Epworth League secretary, each of whom was given ample time to represent the work committed to his care. Besides these Rev. Drs. M. C. B. Mason of the Freedman's Aid Society; J. P. Wragg, of the Bible Society, and W. W. Lucas, of the Stewart Missionary Foundation, who are members of the conference, spoke for their particular causes. Revs. T. S. Laster, of the Baptist Church; R. R. Oneal; E. D. Giddens, David McClendon, G. Y. Flemister, and Presiding Elder A. B. Allen, of the Savannah Conference, were all introduced to the conference.

"E. H. Oliver, presiding elder of the Atlanta District; is there anything against him?" asked Bishop Foss. "Nothing," answered his brethren. "Report your work," said the Bishop, and thus began the examination of character which is so important a part of every Methodist conference. In the same way was called G. W. Arnold, Gainesville District; M. M. Alston, Griffin District, and V. D. Jenkins, Rome District. "Nothing against him," was answered in each case and the same reply was made as to all the other members and probationers of the conference. The presiding elders gave evidence of much systematic and thorough work, notwithstanding the fact that the entire work had been retarded by a severe drouth of three months' duration.

Those received on trial are: W. L. Johnson, J. H. Mathews, E. W. C. Cox, M. W. Burch and J. H. Davis.

Received into full connection: R. T. Jackson, Albert McNeal, E. D. Petty and N. J. Ross.

Ordained an elder: Elijah Kight.

Ordained deacons: N. J. Ross, Joseph Griffith, J. J. Jones, L. H. King, A. G. Hall, C. R. O.

Rowland, E. C. W. Cox, J. T. Gresham, W. L. Johnson, H. L. Phillips and P. G. Burke.

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The appointments follow:

ATLANTA DISTRICT.

E. H. Oliver, presiding elder, South Atlanta. Atlanta, Chapel Street, P. H. Travis; Gate City, C. L. Johnson; Lloyd Street, J. A. Rush; Randolph Street, to be supplied; St. Luke's, J. P. Lawson; South Atlanta; A. J. Wilson; University, C. M. Meldon; Vine Street, to be supplied; Battle Hill, H. E. Burns; College Park, J. W. Bowlin.

Coweta and Pine Grove, J. J. Jones; Fairburn, Joseph Griffith; Grantville and Lutherville, J. N. C. Coggins; Grantville Circuit, L. P. Kimball; Hogansville, J. A. W. Usher; Hogansville Circuit, J. W. Thorpe; Mt. Zion, to be supplied; Newnan, S. A. Stripling; Newnan Circuit, S. A. Beauford; Palmetto, H. H. Mouzon.

M. C. B. Mason, corresponding secretary of Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, member of Lloyd Street, Atlanta, Quarterly Conference.

S. C. Upshaw, Conference Tract Agent, member of South Atlanta Quarterly Conference.

J. P. Wragg, agent of American Bible Society, member of Lloyd Street, Atlanta, Quarterly Conference.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

G. W. Arnold, presiding elder, 331 Woodward avenue, Atlanta, Ga.

Atlanta—East Atlanta, Albert McNeal; Fort Street, C. W. Adams; North Atlanta, H. C. Dennis. Cartersville, D. C. Richardson; Decatur, W. A. Oats; Decatur Circuit, J. H. Davis; Duluth, B. G. Burks; Edwardsville, W. M. Stalworth; Elberton, —; Elberton Circuit, C. R. O. Rowland; Flowery Branch, W. S. Sims; Gainesville, J. D. Lovejoy; Gillsville, E. A. Allison; Harmony Grove, E. R. Miller; Hoschton, C. H. Blake; Lavonia, W. E. Ector; Lawrenceville, R. T. Jackson; Marietta, W. J. Sagoes; Nicholson, L. W. Coates; Pearl Mills, I. M. Anderson; Roswell, G. W. Lamar; Suwanee, Elijah Kight.

W. W. Lucas, secretary of Stewart Missionary Foundation, member of Fort Street, Atlanta Quarterly Conference.

M. B. A. Cain, member of Fort Street, Atlanta Quarterly Conference, left without appointment to attend school.

GRIFFIN DISTRICT.

M. M. Alston, presiding elder, South Atlanta. Brooks Station, J. W. Swain; Covington, L. H. King; East Point and Hopeville, J. H. Matthews; Fayetteville, M. W. Burch; Griffin, F. R. Bridges; Griffin Circuit, W. G. Alston; Hampton, G. W. Meriwether; Jonesboro, J. E. Watkins; Locust Grove, L. F. Wise; Oak Hill, David Gray; McDonough, J. A. Richie; Oxford, E. F. Scarborough; Stockbridge, J. W. Queen; Union Grove, E. W. C. Cox; Williamson, A. G. Story. A. C. Wright, principal public school, Covington, member of Covington Quarterly Conference.

ROME DISTRICT.

V. D. Jenkins, presiding elder; postoffice, Rome. Adairsville and Calhoun, Z. K. Gowen; Austell, J. M. Spencer; Bowdon, R. B. Laster; Carrollton, E. D. Petty; Cave Springs, J. O. Smith; Cedartown, H. L. Phillips; Cohutta, N. J. Ross; Douglassville, W. C. Bryant; Enon Grove, J. A. Wyatt; Floyd (P. O. Rome), to be supplied; Rivertown, William McWillis; Rome, First Church, R. T. Adams; Rome, Second Church, A. J. Noland; Seney, W. T. Brantly; Summerville, William Bailey; Tallapoosa, N. S. Sterling; Temple, Benj. Boston; Villa Rica, W. L. Johnson.

F. M. Gordon, principal of Cave Springs Deaf and Dumb School, member of Cave Springs Quarterly Conference.

FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. O. Marshall Editor

GEO. O. MARSHALL, Editor.
Have you given thanks for a prosperous year?

Agriculture is the basis of all of our industries.

Do you read any farm papers? We ought to read them carefully, and at times write letters to be published in them.

Colored men are succeeding in every calling. Many more should venture into the business and industrial work. There is money in trading.

The best reason we can give you for telling you to go into the business of store-keeping or any other enterprise, is that careful, competent men are now prospering, and there is room for many more.

Whoever owns the land will rule it. We would like to know if you have secured a city lot, or a farm. And if so, what have you done to improve and ornament it? Buy some real estate and hold on to it.

Sentiment on questions affecting the Negro is undergoing a remarkable change, that favors the much oppressed black man. Fifty years ago the democrats in national convention declared against Negro freedom. Some years before, a Democratic udge, Chief Justice Taney, declared the Negro had no rights a white man was bound to respect. But in Philadelphia a few weeks ago, a Democrat, Ex-President Grover Cleveland, in a speech declared for the "rational education of the Negro." And he also called attention to the danger which threatens the nation if the present plan of confining the efforts of the Negro to menial tasks is continued. On the 16th ult. the Gazette, of St. Joseph, Mo., a staunch Democratic paper, had this to say: "The strength of the nation is proportioned to the intelligence of its people. Since Negroes are a part of the nation, our efforts should be directed to the task of making them intelligent and useful citizens."

There is an appealing need in every city and community in our Southland of real estate agents who will constitute themselves unselfish helpers to our masses to aid them to make successful investments in farms and other lands. Colored people have hundreds of thousands of dollars and remunerative jobs. They are willing to use large sums to promote feasible projects, but they need a miniature J. Pierpont Morgan to finance for them.

At the beginning of this year we emphatically call your attention to the necessity of reading a farm paper, attending farmers' institutes; of penning a letter sometimes to your farm paper, and of keeping careful records of your financial transactions. When the year draws to a close, we want to have you tell us how close you lived up to this advice.

The pick of the coal miner is as valuable and indispensable to the industry of mining coal as is the pen of the bookkeeper. Without the work of the brave man who goes beneath the surface to dig the coal, there would be no employment for the man who shoves the quill in the warm office. The sinewy man has for his stock in trade a strong arm, to use the pick with dexterity, and the fortitude to brave dangers and endure hardships. The clerk has the ability to make computations and keep records. Both are entitled to ample recompense for their work; but an inexplicable custom has fixed the wages of the clerk at a figure which gives ease and plenty to his family, while the reward fixed for the muscular son of toil is not sufficient to feed his hungry family or clothe his shivering children. One cannot do the work of the other, and each in his own way is a master. Equity requires that the compensation of the miner should be increased.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

P. L. Eccles.—The Summerfield, N. C., quarterly conference convened in Summerfield M. E. Church Nov. 15-16. The presiding elder, J. P. Franklin, was detained in Greensboro on business of emergency. Rev. J. W. Jones opened the conference in due form. The writer was elected secretary. Most all the officers were present with good reports. The presiding elder came before the business was completed and was highly impressed with the work. He was paid in full. The elder made some strong appeals for the SOUTHWESTERN. Sunday morning he met the Sunday school and gave a most excellent address. At 11 o'clock he preached a soul reviving sermon. The Sacrament was administered to about 100. Rev. Jones preached at night another wonderful sermon. Summerfield charge is alive. There will be no less than 10 or 15 new subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN.

W. M. Johnson, Mountain City, Tenn.—Our first quarterly conference was held Nov. 29-30, with the presiding elder, R. A. Swan, in the chair. Every interest of the work was looked after with marked ability and brotherly kindness. The officers were on time with good reports, that gave promise for a good year's work. It was a very rainy, gloomy day for the meeting, but the elder made all feel, while preaching, that the sun was still shining.

K. H. Turner, Friendship, Tenn.—I am at my post. I did not want to come to the West at all. But I made up my mind that I would go anywhere the Bishop sent me. Rev. J. W. Mare, my presiding elder, is untiring and far-seeing, the right man in the right place. At our first quarterly meeting I met a fine lot of men. Brother James Felders gave me \$6 that had been collected for me before I arrived. We have paid \$60 on a new church lot and intend, if the Lord be good, to build a new church this year at Harken. Expect to ceil the church at Friendship before long and repair the parsonage. I am in good spirits; indeed, I was never at any place that I liked better than this. The white and colored seem to be nice people.

R. N. Jones, Pastor, Moss Point, Miss.—My fourth quarterly conference was a success, although the weather was rainy and cold; yet the members were present except four. The presiding elder could not be present, but the pastor held the conference, to the delight of all. Reports from pastor, local preachers, exhorters, class leaders, S. S. superintendents, president of Epworth League Chapter, trustees and committees showed that the work was in a very good condition. The presiding elder, Rev. S. A. Cowan, preached for us Wednesday night, to the delight of all. Every heart seemed to shout for joy, while he preached. We paid him in full \$20 for the quarter and in full for the year. Paid the pastor \$191.37. The stewards will soon settle with the pastor in full; \$95 have been collected this year for benevolence. We hope to make it \$100. The trustees' report was grand; they have collected \$352.73. All debts are very nearly settled. Grand total up to date \$1,109.10. This people are sparing no pains to do all they can to spread the light of Christ. They will send a good report to the Annual

Conference. The parsonage committee, Sister J. Plumer, Handle Shuler, Maria Brooks, Sarah Hand, Ira Hawkins, E. Andrews and Candis Walker, have made the parsonage beautiful by putting matting on the floor and other good work. We had a grand time here on Thanksgiving Day and night. There was a good program rendered by the young people and a good collection given for the poor.

H. W. Simmons, Pastor, Mt. Zion M. E. Church, Cincinnati, O.—Rev. T. L. Ferguson, presiding elder of the Ohio District, was with us on the 29th and 30th ult. The reports showed that the church is in a prosperous condition. He preached two excellent sermons on Sunday, which showed that he was at his best. Brother Ferguson is closing up his sixth year on this district and regret is expressed by both pastors and people that he has to leave us. He is kind to his brethren and people and looks carefully after all the interests of the church. The presiding elder was paid up and only a small balance due the pastor. Seven were added to the church; one child baptized by the pastor. Our Methodism on Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, is prospering and commanding the respect of the people in general. Large audiences worship at our altars. Benevolent causes will be met. We are planning for a glorious revival. Nearly one thousand dollars have been received for all purposes.

C. W. Ivy, Pastor, DeKalb, Miss.—Our fourth quarter just closed with good success. J. C. Hibbler, presiding elder, was paid in full for the year. He looked after every interest of the church and preached a fine sermon at night. Some conversions this quarter. Total conversions and accessions this year 63. Death visited this work this quarter and took two of our members, Brother Henry McCaleb and Sister Ann Overstreet. Sister Overstreet left 7 children, mother, husband and friends. Brother McCaleb left a large family. Both died in full triumph of faith. Brother McCaleb was a class leader.

L. W. Price, Pastor, Brookhaven, Miss.—Thanksgiving day proved to be a great day at Kynett Chapel and the parsonage. The committee had prepared an excellent program and all the speakers spoke eloquently, after which all responded very liberally to the call for a thank offering, which was taken for the poor and needy, and the new two-story church. About 11 o'clock at night a committee of 15 came to the parsonage with a wagon load of choice groceries for the pastor and his wife. The storm was gotten up and led by Sister Georgia Lewis, assisted by the following persons: Charlie Moses, Belle Moses, Alice Gauge, Ada McMillan, Ella McMillan, Zella McMillan, Sarah Lewis, Sarah Smith, Carrie Powell, Ina Ratcliff, Janie Shelton, Laura Roundtree, E. S. Pendleton and Joe Lewis.

M. C. Jennings, Pastor, 301 Howard Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.—The Newman Memorial Church, located at the corner of Herkimer street and Schenectady avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., is one of the mission churches of the Delaware Conference. For a little over two years this charge has been struggling for an existence in the great city of churches. For not quite a year has it been under the direction of the conference. Many have been the trials



and difficulties of the few faithful men and women who are earnestly working in this community to establish a church for the much neglected people who live in the neighborhood of the Newman Church. About 150 children have been brought under the influence of the Sunday school and a church membership of thirty has been recorded. The building used by this congregation was formerly used by the Embury M. E. Church and consists of a substantial frame building with a seating capacity of 500, located upon a fine lot 100x103 feet. This property can be bought for \$10,000, and it is the purpose of the trustees to purchase it. There is a great work to be done here for our people and as in so many other places where there is an abundant harvest, so here, the harvest is great but laborers are few. However, we believe in the power of the Holy Spirit to convince men of sin, and righteousness and judgment to come and hence are expecting great results. Although few in number, our force is a working one, and when once united, every enterprise results in success. Evidences of renewed interest in the work have been manifested during the fall months and we begin the winter under very favorable circumstances. We are getting a hold on the boys and girls and we expect to have a flourishing young church in a few years. We ask the prayers of the readers of this article, that our work may continue to grow and that we may be able to uplift the people in every way.

J. R. Davis, Pastor.—Our church work continues in growth. On the 5th inst. the members of John Wesley M. E. Church and representatives of the other churches in this place made their way to the above named church, with wood, coal and groceries, and other necessities, including money for trustees and stewards. A good program was rendered and a good time had generally. Work is in good shape and benevolence nearly double. Pray for us.

E. H. Nichols, Pastor, Parsonburg, Md.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, 1902, reopening services will be conducted in Union M. E. Church, near Delmar, Del., which has been beautifully renovated at a cost of several hundred dollars. This church is historical, having been used for worship by the white people during the greater part of the 18th and 19th century and is held dear in the memory of many prominent persons of the surrounding country, because of their spiritual birth there. Prominent ministers of the Delaware Conference are expected to render service during the day. Among the number expected will be Rev. Dr. J. R. Waters, P. E.,

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and Rev. J. E. A. Johns, both of Salisbury. Miss Florence Crosby, of Philadelphia, will preside at the organ. Rev. C. A. Hill of the Wilmington M. E. Conference and pastor of the M. E. Church at Salisbury, will conduct the service at 2:30 p. m.

Theodore Galloway, Recording Steward, Johnson City, Tenn.—The first quarterly conference convened at Shell Creek, Tenn., Dec. 6-7. The work of the church was well represented. Our beloved presiding elder, Rev. R. A. Swan, presided at our quarterly conference, which was well attended. On Sunday the elder preached to the satisfaction of the people. Twelve came up and joined the church on probation. The elder was much pleased with the grand work our beloved pastor, Rev. P. A. Woolwine, is accomplishing for the Lord. May the Lord bless the bishop for sending us such a man. This work is moving on better than it was ever known in the history of the church on this circuit. The church at Shell Creek has been beautified by painting and also a new bell and belfry. The pastor has also fixed a nice house for worship in Johnson City, on Elmore street and has bought a new organ and bell and eight nice lamps for the church. The best of all, we are paying as we go. Raised during the quarter, \$104. We paid our presiding elder up for the quarter. He left overjoyed at the bright outlook of the work. Pray for us.

D. T. Burch, West Tennessee District Conference.—The first session of West Tennessee District Conference convened in Centenary Church, Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 2-5. Rev. J. A. W. Moore, presiding elder, presiding. Rev. D. T. Burch was elected secretary and Revs. G. D. Fields and A. J. Goodall were chosen as his assistants. Rev. J. Harrison was elected statistical secretary. The business of the conference was interesting. The papers read and topics discussed deserve commendation for the manner in which they were prepared and presented. Presiding Elder J. A. W. Moore presided with much dignity and discretion and we feel he has made a lasting impression upon the preachers under his care. We were visited by divines of the A. M. E., C. M. E., Baptist, Presbyterian, and Congregational churches, who addressed the conference. Revs. G. D. Fields, J. Harrison, and the writer re-

sponded. Reports from the presiding elder and pastors show that much progress is being made on the district in the erection of new churches, canceling of debts, paying presiding elder and pastors, and in the ingathering of souls. The interest of the district was carefully looked after and plans adopted which, if carried out, will result in much good for its uplift. By request of the presiding elder, a committee was appointed by the conference, consisting of the best prepared men on the district, to instruct the candidates for admission on trial, by correspondence and otherwise, so as to enable them to pass their examinations. By this act, it may be discerned that none only those who prepare need knock at the door. A committee was appointed also to arrange time, place and program for a district delegated missionary convention to arouse the spirit of missions on the district. Great interest was taken in the SOUTHWESTERN. The district is awake and expects to stand second to none at the next annual conference. Brownsville was chosen as the seat of the next district conference.

The first session of the Nashville District Conference of Tennessee Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened at Key Chapel, Murfreesboro, Tenn., Dec. 9th, 1902. Rev. Miles Williams, our much loved and efficient presiding elder, called for organization and it was so ordered by selecting T. W. Johnson secretary, D. R. Woodson and A. L. Nelson assistants, and Rev. Joel L. Massey as reporter to "S. W. C. A." and T. W. Johnson reporter to Nashville Banner. The various committees were appointed and charged by the presiding elder to do well the duty each one found to do in his particular sphere, after which the presiding elder submitted his report, which showed the work in excellent condition. The ministers' reports were indeed marvelous of good works. The field is reported ripe unto harvest and laborers but few. Each has declared against all forms of unrighteousness. The Epworth League and Sunday School Institutes had their sessions. Reports showed some advancement. The papers and speeches were models of simple endeavor. All charges, Sunday schools and Epworth League chapters are flourishing, but can and will get much strength under present leadership of Drs. Hamilton and Byrd, both of Walden; Mrs. Dr. Hamilton, wife of President Hamilton of Walden University, were visitors. They made cheering remarks. The choir rendered excellent service. Rev. Ransom and his people, I must say, are noble. Sparta was selected as seat of next conference session.

JOEL S. MASSEY.

W. A. Smith, Pastor, Palestine, Ark.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held at Jackson Chapel M. E. Church, Dec. 6-7, with Rev. B. J. Griffin, presiding elder, in the chair. Officers were present with good reports. We have some of the best people in Arkansas on this charge. I have been here only six weeks and have raised for presiding elder, \$15.50; for missions, \$10; for church extension, \$3; for Freedman's Aid Society, \$1.27; for repairs to the church, \$179; total, \$208.77. The following brethren paid \$5 each: R. H. Weaver, G. W. Weaver, Elias Ward, Thos. McPhay, Wm. Jones, H. S. Hoynes and Ned Hoynes. So you may expect us to succeed with such men as Hugh and Smith and Weaver and Ward

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The Ministers' Institute of the Western Division of the Pulaski District was held at Pearisburg M. E. Church Nov. 27 to 30, Rev. C. H. Hurd, pastor, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. F. D. Johnson, D. D., preached the introductory sermon. Brother Johnson is a strong gospel preacher. Rev. L. Diggs delivered a stirring address. The first subject discussed was: Will it be advantageous to the preachers and members of our church to hold these institutes in the district? T. W. Russell, L. Diggs, Prof. Lybrooks Sicard were the speakers. All subjects were taken up in order. Rev. L. Diggs preached a strong sermon. Rev. P. P. Brooks came on Saturday evening and was with us all day Sunday. Rev. P. P. Brooks addressed the audience on the F. A. and S. E. Society. It was grand. The grand old SOUTHWESTERN was highly represented by Rev. T. W. Russell. This was one of the best institutes that was ever held on this part of the district. We are reading the SOUTHWESTERN.

R. L. Diggs, president; C. H. Hurd, first vice president; F. D. Johnson, second vice president; W. H. Pleasants, treasurer; R. D. Washington, secretary.

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J. I. Garrett, Pastor, Handsboro, Miss.—Our fourth quarterly conference convened in Rileys Chapel M. E. Church Dec. 20, with Rev. S. A. Cowan in the chair. Reports showed the work in a fair condition on all lines of church work. The pastor and people are in love and working for the cause of the Master's kingdom. Paid pastor, \$145; elder, \$12.06; benevolence, \$50. Sunday the elder preached two good sermons.

The South New Orleans District Preachers' Meeting met in Franklin, La., Dec. 11, 1902. Members present: Rev. T. J. Johnson, president; Rev. R. C. Worsham, vice president; Rev. J. D. Price, secretary; Rev. G. G. Gols-ton, Rev. J. W. Turner, Rev. M. T. Fairfax, Rev. Dean Landry and others. The pastors all agreed to bring two or three subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN to this annual conference, January 29, 1903. By the order of Presiding Elder W. R. Butler and the president, T. J. Johnson, all of the members of the South New Orleans Preachers' Meeting are requested to meet at Baldwin January 9, 1903, at 9 o'clock a. m. without fail, and oblige Yours,

REV. T. J. JOHNSON,

President.

REV. D. J. PRICE,

Secretary.

J. W. Lewis, Fort Smith, Ark.—I suppose it will be a regret to all the brethren of the Little Rock Conference to learn that Rev. John Leake, who was pastor at Bentonville, Ark., had to return home to Atlanta, Ga., because of the failure of his health. Rev. Leake is quite a scholar, preacher and pastor. He won many friends while here. I can but speak the sentiment of the brethren of the Fort Smith District that as we met him we loved him the more. May God's blessings be especially upon him.

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W. L. Marshall, Pastor, Natchez, Miss.—When I was in New Orleans, La., a few days ago, the following churches and persons contributed to our church here; the same I am glad to acknowledge: Williams Chapel Church, \$1; St. Paul, \$3.35; Mrs. Comins, \$1.75; Mrs. M. J. Thompson, \$1; Mallalieu Chapel Church, 60 cents; Haven, 55 cents; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Young, \$1.

Wm. Howell, Pastor, Manchac, La.—We desire to thank the stewards and King's Daughters for a handsome purse of cash to the pastor's wife, Mrs. Oclania Howell.

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Wm. Howell, Pastor, Daily Chapel, Manchac, La.—November 2 was a high day with us. The Lord came and supped with us and we received him gladly. Rev. H. Taylor, presiding elder, held our fourth quarterly conference. All members were present with written reports. Our work is advancing, pointing toward a glorious conference year. Benevolences are all collected in full. The pastor desires to thank the young men and friends for a handsome sum of money, also the conference daughters for a pair of shoes. A surprise party visited us on the 5th of this month and brought many good things.

D. L. Tubbs, New Albany, Miss.—The Rev. O. W. Crump, of Pontotoc Charge, is rejoicing over a very nice stove for his church, which was given by the young men of Pontotoc.

J. W. McKinzie, Pastor, Sublime, Tex.—Sunday, December 14, was a high day. The rally for the pastor taken by classes, Class No. 1, Brother Hays Herring, reports in the lead, \$3.65; Class No. 2, Brother John Foley, reports \$2.75; Class 3, Brother Jerry Simmons, reports \$1.50; public collection, \$3.25; making a total collection of \$11.15. We have on the

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Sublime Circuit some good, loyal members that believe in home industry and in lovers of their church and its doctrines. On account of short crops this year we did not raise all of our claims, but our outlook for the coming year is bright for a good year's work. We are planning to build a church by God's help in the near future and we are going to try to raise all of our claims.

R. B. Ross, Pastor, Alamo, Tenn.—We have begun to build a new church and have torn the old church down that has been standing for thirty years. We have commenced the new one on the same old spot. It is 50x30. We have raised since the first Sunday in November \$208; paid pastor, \$30; presiding elder, \$17.90, \$4.90 over his assessment, besides making up a box for the pastor worth \$10 and sending two turkeys, one for Thanksgiving and one for Christmas, and five dollars for benevolence. Pray for our future success. We regret very much to announce the death of Miss Ophelia Blakenmore. She was a consistent member of our church and lived a Christian and died the same. Sleep on, dear sister, and take your rest. A bright young flower nipped in the bud, but living still.

Greenville, Miss.—Mr. Will Reed and Miss Emma Young were married at the residence of the bride's parents Dec. 22. The bride is one of Greenville's fairest women. The groom owns a splendid house, just completed. It is one among the prettiest houses of our people in the city. May God prosper them through life.

J. M. WALTON, Pastor.

Madison, N. C.—We, the members of the Official Board of St. Stephen Church, wish to express our grief of the departure of our beloved pastor, Rev. G. W. Morehead, who has been removed to Mt. Airy. It may be right, but it is hard. We never had a pastor we loved more. We agreed in all our board meetings. For these three years all his dealings have been fair and square. He sticks to church law; he is a noble preacher and a number one pastor; works hard to bring the church up on all lines. Sister Morehead, his noble wife, has been a power by his side. The church will lose a power in her going. She was always ready to fill any place. She would step forward in the absence of a leader and conduct any service. She had governed and guided the women of our church. She kept sweet all the time and lived her testimony. She was the founder and builder of our W. H. M. S. work; a great light in Sunday school and League work. The entire town resolved that we express our heartfelt thanks to them for their faithful labor among us, and we pray that the people to whom they go will treat them better than we have been able to treat them and appreciate their value. They are worthy of all any church can do for them. We wish we could put all the regrets and expressions of this last board meeting in the SOUTHWESTERN, but there would not be space for them. May God's richest blessings go with and abide with them. It is our loss, but Mt. Airy's gain.

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Vaiden Circuit, Miss.—Mr. Felix Blackman and Miss Emma McBride were married at the home of the bride's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Blackman are both prominent members of Midway Church. At the residence of the bride, Mr. Isaac Cain and Miss Lulu Davenport were united in holy wedlock on the 17th of December. Mr. Cain is a member of Sand Hill M. E. Church while Miss Davenport is a member of Hudson's Baptist Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. O. Jamison.

P. H. Ruffin, Pastor, Mason, Tenn.—I had my rally which was set for the third Sunday in this month, for \$100. We raised \$134.50 for the benefit of helping us to build our church at Braden, Tenn.

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J. H. Everett, Pastor, West Point, Miss.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held Dec. 19-21, with Rev. C. W. Walton, presiding elder, in the chair. All officers were present with well prepared reports, saving two,

Prof. Coleman and Brother G. W. Peeden. The reports showed advance along all lines of church work. Our report on benevolence, the elder said, was the largest in the history of the church. Raised in the quarterly conference, \$26; paid the elder in full. He excelled himself Sunday night in his sermon. There is not a better presiding elder in the cabinet. He is the right man in the right place. He said that the West Point charge was in better condition than it had been since he had been on the district. The Lord's Supper was administered to 90 persons. Look for some more subscribers at the annual conference.

Esau, Graham, Va.—I wish to say a few words concerning the work at Graham, under the leadership of Rev. W. H. Pleasants, but first find check for renewal of subscription, as it is money that talks loudest sometimes. This is our financial report of work done since conference: raised and paid for traveling and moving expenses, \$35; next quarterly assessment, \$13; paid pastor, \$43.70; on the 7th inst. at our rally raised \$50; received from other sources, \$51; total raised, \$192.70. But the money part is not all. Brother Pleasants every Sunday morning and evening has something good to give his people in the way of spiritual food. He has an interest in the young people. The prospects are that we will have a spiritual revival soon. The lot on which the new church is being built is paid for, all the lumber for the framing, storm siding, sheeting, etc., is paid for and on the ground. In addition the church owns the ground on which the old church and parsonage stands. Taxewell is a little ahead of us. Brother Brooks and his good people have built a lovely church, one that is a credit to any community. There is more vim in that little congregation than any we know of, Wythville excepted. Bro. G. W. Alexander, at Tip Top, with a congregation that was entirely out of doors, has erected within 75 yards of the highest point of railroad in the state of Virginia, a lovely little chapel that is really the most attractive edifice in the village, and best of all, it is comparatively out of debt. Rev. R. D. Washington has done a wonderful work at Bluefield,

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and while there is not much being said about it, Methodism has been established in Bluefield, W. Va., with a firm foundation. Could say more concerning our work, but refrain; would not have said so much if our brethren would write anything from their work. Have been talking SOUTHWESTERN among the people and several have promised to subscribe.

R. V. Doakes, Pastor.—Our first quarterly conference of the Millican Circuit, held at Brooks' Chapel, Dec. 20 and 21, Rev. J. E. Bryant, presiding elder, presiding. Reports were encouraging. Every one pledged himself to do more this year for Christ and the great Church than ever before. Three services were held on Sunday and to the edification of all present. Forty-one persons took the Lord's Supper. The weather was cool and our congregation not as large as usual, but those present contributed liberally, \$6.05 being raised for the presiding elder. Pastor and people are in sympathy with each other and great results are expected this year. Our motto is, "Many souls for Christ and all of our benevolences raised."

W. H. Simpson, Pastor, Newport, Ark.—The Rev. B. J. Griffin, our presiding elder, was with us and held our

fourth quarterly conference Dec. 12-14. He was delighted to see the progress which the church has made here in two years. All the committees on benevolent money made their report. We have sent \$10 to Dr. Homer Eaton for the Missionary Society; \$10 to Dr. J. M. Cox for his new building at Philander Smith College. We reported last year at the annual conference all of our benevolence money in full, and if God permits us we will be able to do the same this year. The presiding elder preached one of his best sermons Sunday night.

J. O. Richards, Pastor, Central P. O., White Hall Charge, La.—Everything at this place is moving on nicely. The sinner-friends, led by Miss Edna R. James, Miss Virginia Lewis, Mrs. William Black, Mr. Charles Bartley and others gave a feast for the benefit of the pastor. Everything passed off nicely; collection good. I take this method to thank the friends for their liberality.

Lee Nelson, Pastor, Texarkana, Ark.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held Nov. 15-16. Presiding Elder Wamble was at his post on time and gave us one of his best sermons to a crowded house. The leaders were present with good reports except one. The elder is the busiest man on his district. I know if we, the pastors of the Clow District, have done out duty as the elder has, we will meet the annual conference with good reports. The presiding elder is paid in full. He has rendered great service to the church at this place.

W. B. Hart, Pastor, Winona, Miss.—Sunday, Dec. 14th, was a high day in Winona. We entered the new church with joy in our souls. The Rev. B. F. Woolfolk, presiding elder of the Greenwood District, preached the first sermon in the new church. He was at his best, and while he preached our hearts did burn. Brother Woolfolk is a strong man. His district is leading the Upper Mississippi Conference. He is a great leader for the people. He held our fourth quarterly conference at this time. Raised during the quarter, \$46.45.

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R. F. Long, Pastor, Monroe, La.—St. Paul M. E. Church, this city, is closing the best year in its history. The officers, members and friends have stood nobly by the pastor. On Wednesday night, Dec. 17th, at about 11:30, a band of fifty young ladies and young men visited the pastor and his wife, who loaded three tables and boxes, etc. This happy band was led by Miss Elia Williams who led the single young people, and Mrs. Clara Outz who led the married host. About the same hour, another party, led by Sister Nellie Ford and Brother David Johnson, and members of St. Paul, stormed the parsonage. The company was composed of the following, who brought many nice presents and 210 pounds of groceries: Mesdames Outz, N. Ford, F. Neighbors, Marilla Hanna, C. Perry, M. Chapman, C. Richardson, C. Victor, Misses Rutha Sanders, Katie Ford, Arlice Armstrong, Bettie Louis, Ella Williams, Madline Williams, Minnie Williams, Earnest Williams, Lulu Williams; Messrs. D. Johnson, G. Fellows, L. Lee, and many others, whose names we should like to mention, but space will not permit. On Thursday night, Dec. 24th, the pastor was pounded again at the church. Here again Brother Alex Ford, Sr., and Brother L. Johnson and Sisters Scott and neighbors, assisted by Sisters Matilda Ford, Annette Jones, led the van. They brought many pounds of choice groceries and a purse of money. I especially want to thank little sister Elsie Hanna, Mable Jones, and neighbor, Mr. Robt. Jacobs, Plene Bryant, Annette Hawkins, Sister Ford, etc., for the special presents given. May the Lord bless these good people.

N. D. Hopkins, Pastor, Morton, Miss.—Too much can not be said for Morton and this people. On the night of the 8th of December they gave a feast in the wilderness for the pastor, and raised \$12. On the Sunday following \$14 was raised.

O. A. Johnson, Pastor, Burns Chapel M. E. Church, Des Moines, Iowa.—My third quarterly meeting was held Dec. 12, 13, and 14. It was in every particular a successful meeting. Two were added to the church and \$407 were raised for all purposes during the quarter, the best in the history of the church. The presiding elder, Rev. J. Will Jackson, D. D., was present and rendered us inestimable service. He delivered his interesting lecture on "My Trip to the Southland and Observations," in the First M. E. Church of this city, the largest and wealthiest congregation of our white brethren. On Thursday night the 11th of December, to an appreciative audience, and the lecture was highly praised. Dr. Jackson is a master of the English and an attractive orator. I have performed the marriage ceremony this quarter for four different couples, two

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LITERARY NOTES

GREAT WEATHER CALENDAR.

The Chattanooga Medicine Co., the manufacturers of McElree's Wine of Cardui and Thedford's Black Draught, have just issued the 1903 edition of the Cardui Weather Chart and Calendar. This Calendar has sprung into universal prominence by accurately foretelling the Galveston flood and predicting the droughts and floods of the past summer a year ahead of each occurrence. This office has just received one of these calendars, which consists of twelve sheets of paper, 13x 20 inches in size, all fastened together with a gilt tin strip and a brass loop hanger. Each sheet contains the calendar for one month in large figures that can be read across the room. Under the figures patent weather signals indicating Prof. De Voe's Weather forecasts for every day in the year appear. We understand a few copies of it can be secured by sending 10 cents apiece in postage stamps to The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

A FINE KIDNEY REMEDY.

Mr. A. S. Hitchcock, East Hampton, Conn., (The Clothier) says if any sufferer from Kidney and Bladder Diseases will write him he will direct them to the perfect home cure he used. He has nothing whatever to sell.

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NOTICE.
MONTGOMERY DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Montgomery, Jan. 3-4; Mobile, Warren St., 11-12; Whistler Mission, 14; Wesley and Theodore, 17-18; Tensaw, 24-25; Pensacola, Fla., 31 and Feb. 1; Brewton and Pollard, Feb. 7-8; Castleberry, 14-15; Evergreen, 21-22; Pine Grove Mission, 23; Troy, 28 and Mar. 1; Union Springs, Mar. 7-8; Abefoll, 14-15.

A. W. McKINNEY, P. E.

NOTICE.
DALLAS DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Milford and Italy, Jan. 3-4; Hubbard City Circuit, 10-11; Hubbard City and Dawson, 17-18; Corsicana and Rel, 24-25; Gatesville and Valley Mills, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1; Fort Worth, Feb. 7-8; Fort Worth Circuit, 14-15; Pilot Point and Denton, 21-22; Denison and Colbert, 28 and Mar. 1; Sherman and Gainesville, Mar. 7-8; McKinney, Plano and Van Alstyne, 10-11; Eunis, Lancaster and Waxahachie, 14-15; Ferris and Palmer, 21-22; Dallas, St. Paul, 28-29.

Dear Brothers—Let us start with the year at our work. Call your committees and have them ready to report when I come. I will send out apportionments to each of you soon. Let us have lovefeast on Friday nights, and I want the cabinet of each Epworth League chapter to meet me on Monday night of each quarter. Please raise the amount that your several charges are asked to raise for Freedman's Aid and Southern Education in February on Lincoln's birthday. Get programs for Easter early and make Easter a special day for raising missionary money in each quarterly conference. As I go on my first round, we are expected to arrange for the election of our lay delegates to our lay electoral conference. Please call your people's attention to the fact. Only members 21 years of age and over, both male and female, in full connection are allowed to vote.

God bless your labors.

Respectfully,

L. H. RICHARDSON, P. E.

NOTICE.

To pastors and officers of Epworth League local chapters of South New Orleans District:

I have received only a few statistical reports. Those of you who have failed, please report before Jan. 1, 1903.

D. D. WILLIAMS,
Dist. Secy.

NOTICE.

Prof. E. H. McKissack, president of the lay conference of the Upper Mississippi, has notified me that he will not call the meeting Jan. 15, 1903.

H. B. WART.

NOTICE.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Seguin, Jan. 3-4; Ben Allen, 5; San Antonio, St. Paul, 10-11; San Antonio, East End and Corhill, 17-18; Lavernia Circuit, Hedwig S. S., 24-25; Floresville, 31 and Feb. 1; Yorktown, Feb. 2; Goliad and Beeville, 7-8; Cologne Circuit, 14-15; Cuero, 21-22; Gonzales, 28 and Mar. 1; Gonzales Circuit, Mar. 7-8; Belmont, 14-15; Pleasanton and Rossville, 21-22; Kerrville, 23; Del Rio, 25; Hando, 26.

Dear Brethren—Please note the above dates. Meet your estimating committees previous to my coming, that they may have their reports ready. Meet the several committees on benevolences; let them be given their work at once, that we may fall short in nothing. Plan for great revivals. We are apportioned to raise \$450 for Samuel Houston College. We must go in to raise every cent of it. Last, but not least, let us remember your pledge for subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN. Make a personal and earnest house to house canvass for subscribers, and let us try for five hundred subscribers for our district.

Yours in earnest,

HARRY SWANN, P. E.

WAYNESBORO DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Millen, Jan. 3-4; Waynesboro Station, 9-11; Waynesboro Circuit, 10-11; Asbury, 17-18; Augusta Station, 23-25; Augusta Mission, 24-25; Sylvania and Girard, 31 and Feb. 1; Charlestown, 7-8; Rocky Ford, 14-15; Excelsior, 21-22; Statesboro, 28 and Mar. 1; Belleville, 7-8; Bascom, 14-15; Summit, 21-22; Wadley, 28-29.

Dear Brethren—This is the begin-

ning of another year's work. Our reports showed at the conference that we were still in the lead. Let's start out this year, the Lord helping, to do the best year's work of our lives. The general committee has set apart Feb. 15 to celebrate Lincoln's birthday, at which we are asked to take an offering for the cause of education. Each pastor will please arrange to observe the day in honor of that worthy, great and good man. This district is pledged to raise \$100 above the receipts of last year for missions. April 12 is Easter Sunday. Get your program and plan to raise your entire apportionment for missions on that day. District stewards and pastors will please meet at Trinity M. E. Church, Millen, Jan. 21, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m. Remember, one thousand converts, a new church built, or an old one repaired where needed; SOUTHWESTERN in every Methodist home.

Yours for success,

W. H. BROWN, P. E.,
Millen, Ga.

LAGRANGE DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Harris City, Jan. 3-4; La Grange Station, 10-11; La Grange Circuit, 17-18; Troup Factory, 24-25; Greenville, 31-Feb. 1; Concord, Feb. 7-8; Woodbury, 14-15; Zebulon, 21-22; Barnesville, 28 and Mar. 1; Culloden, Mar. 7-8; Liberty Hill, 14-15; Jackson, 16; West Point, 21-22; Chipley, 28-29; Columbus, 30; Waverly Hall, 31; Whitesville, Apr. 4-5; Mutual, 7.

Dear Brethren—The district stewards' and pastors' meeting for the year 1903 will convene at Woodbury, Ga., on Monday at 9 o'clock a. m., Feb. 16, in the M. E. Church. We prayfully trust all can be present.

Easter Sunday comes for the present year on the 12th of April. Programs for the occasion can be obtained of any of our book concerns. Let us make a rally for our benevolences on that day. Some of the charges, as we saw, gave little satisfaction on that line at the last conference, while others gave much. Diligent labor will have its reward.

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Dear Brethren—Let the SOUTHWESTERN and Samuel Houston College boys' dormitory be our battle cry. The Monday night after each quarterly conference will be college rally. Brethren, appoint committees; get out programs for the occasion; report some benevolent collections at each quarter; let us begin now, for there is money, for

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NOTICE.

To the Board of Examiners of the Central Missouri Conference:

Dear Brethren—I have assigned to each member of the board the work which he is expected to do.

Please remember, it is our duty to ascertain the knowledge of the candidates in the studies they are to be examined in and report that fact to the conference. Let us prepare the papers so as to do our work thorough and fair.

R. E. GILLIAM, Chairman.

THEY LIVE IN
OUR MEMORY

Durant, Miss.—Brother S. J. Hatcher departed this life Dec. 21, aged 72 years. He was born in the State of Alabama and has been a member of the church fifty-six years. He was an exhorter, class leader, Sunday school teacher and treasurer. He died in full faith. He leaves a wife, one brother, three children and a host of friends to mourn. We bow to Him who doeth all things well. The funeral was preached by H. C. F. Troupe, pastor. Rev. T. W. Davis, presiding elder, assisted in earnest prayer.

Lake Como, Miss.—Sister Alma Windham passed to her reward in heaven, after three weeks' illness, Dec. 8, aged 14 years. She leaves a father, mother, sister, brother and a host of kindred and friends to mourn her loss. Our loss is heaven's gain.

R. B. ANDERSON, Pastor.

Union City, Tenn.—The death angel has visited Union City, Tenn., and taken from our ranks Brother Henry Douglass, a member and trustee of the M. E. Church. He professed a hope in Christ in 1888 under the administration of Rev. R. A. Fletcher. He still held on to the promises of Jesus until Dec. 8, when death sum-

moned him. He leaves a wife and mother and two sisters, two brothers and a host of friends to mourn. His funeral was conducted by the writer and Rev. A. L. Pinkston, of the A. M. E. Church.

D. Scott, Pastor.

Cascade, N. C.—Dealia Dilworth, a member of Collins Grove M. E. Church, North Carolina Conference, Summerfield Charge, was born Dec. 4, 1841, and was converted to the Christian faith August, 1887, and lived a consistent Christian until her death, Dec. 16, 1902. She leaves a husband and seven children to mourn. Her funeral was preached at Collins Grove by the writer.

J. W. Jones.

Augusta, Ark.—Sister Ann Scruggs, the wife of Rev. J. W. Scruggs and the mother of Miss Susie Scruggs, slept away in Jesus' arms on December 12. She was a worthy woman and lived and died a faithful Christian.

Kingston, La.—Brother Boss Taylor, the leader of Class No. 1, died in full triumph of faith. He was only sick a night and one day. He was 67 years old. He leaves a wife and six children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. F. Thomas.

Wm. Ector, Pastor.

W. A. Parks, David Chapel, Grimes County, Tex.—Brother Pink Raglin, a probationer of the M. E. Church, departed this life Dec. 11, after suffering for several weeks with slow fever, and died in full hope of glory. He was 20 years old. The funeral services were conducted by the writer and the Rev. F. B. Bookman.

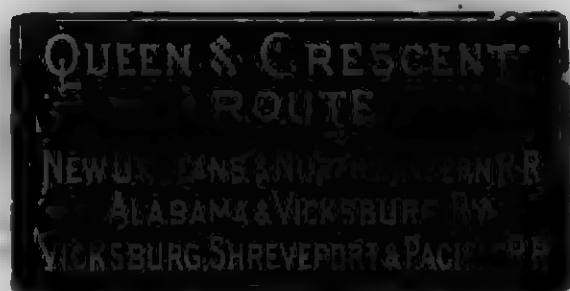
Alamo, Tex.—Sister Ophelia Blackmar departed this life Dec. 14. She was a true Christian. She leaves an aged mother and three sisters and three brothers to mourn her loss. The pastor, Rev. R. B. Ross, attended the funeral.

R. B. Ross.

Kingstree, S. C.—Rev. A. B. Franklin, pastor of Camp Ridge Circuit, Charleston District, South Carolina Conference, died at Cades Monday, 15th inst. of heart trouble. Brother Franklin was generally known on the district as the great judgment preacher. He died at his post. His remains were brought to Kingstree Tuesday morning and the funeral services were held in Mt. Zion Church, conducted by the presiding elder, Rev. C. R. Brown, and the pastor. The other ministers present and assisting were: Revs. Benj. Brown, S. S. Sparks, D. Salters, G. Williams, T. J. Wilson and G. F. Miller. At the appointed hour the church was filled with friends and acquaintances who turned out to do honor to the memory of our departed friend, brother and co-laborer. The sermon by the presiding elder was highly appreciated and delivered in his usual strong style. The Odd Fellows, with befitting ceremony, laid his remains to rest in Kingstree cemetery. Brother Franklin leaves a loving wife, five children and a brother with a host of friends to mourn his loss. May the good Master speak to the troubled hearts of the bereaved "Peace be still."

J. W. Doss, Pastor.

F. R. Morton, Pastor, Leona, Tex.—Sister Melvina Langham departed this life Dec. 10th, aged 73 years. She was



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converted in 1883 and joined the church under the administration of Dr. Morris. She was faithful until death. Just before her death she said there was not a mote of anything between her and God. She leaves a son and daughter and a host of grandchildren and friends to mourn her loss.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Miss Laura F. Albert, daughter of Dr. A. E. P. Albert, of this city, was married to Mr. Charles D. Smith, of Algiers, at Wesley Chapel M. E. Church Dec. 10. Rev. J. F. Marshall, presiding elder of the N. O. North District, performed the ceremony. The occasion was a very pleasant one. The music for the bridal party, furnished by the friends of the bride, and groom, was well rendered and greatly enlivened the occasion of the nuptials. The happy young couple went direct to their future home in Algiers,

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		press.....10:15 p. m.
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		4:40 p. m.
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No. 8, Tex. exp.	8:35 a. m.	No. 7, Tex. exp.
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Worth exp.....	8:10 p. m.	Worth exp.....3:15 a. m.
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In our issue of December 25 we published a report of Asbury Church, Holly Springs, Miss., and inadvertently omitted the name of the writer, Prof. J. Beverly F. Shaw. We regret the omission as well as the error in the last line, which should have read "Nothing succeeds like success."

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Editorial Notes

Do not wait for opportunities but make them.

Freedom means an enlargement of opportunity and responsibility.

You haven't sent us a single subscriber for months. Don't you feel mean?

Anyone who has money to do so, can build a house for you to live in, but no one except yourself can make the house in which you dwell a true home.

That there are large numbers of liberal minded, justice loving white people in the south we are only too glad to acknowledge; but there is no denying the fact that in many communities they exercise little or no influence over the class that evidently believe the Negro has no right to "life, liberty or the pursuit of happiness."

And now it is announced that the wrong man was lynched at Pittsburg, Kan., for the murder of a policeman. That is to say, Montgomery Godley was lynched instead of his brother Joe, who is supposed to have killed the officer. The wrong man indeed! The wrong man is always lynched whenever a lynching takes place. There is no right man when it comes to a lynching, and those who are foremost in this species of outlawry will some time learn, we trust, how serious a mistake they are making.

The same spirit, now manifesting itself in certain counties of Mississippi, which says the Negro must not own or control land, must not ride in a buggy with a top to it, and ought not to be allowed to carry an umbrella over himself in the summer time, is that which says he should not hold a Federal office, or, for that matter, an office of any kind. It came forward in several southern states just after the emancipation but was silenced by the amendments to the United States Constitution. Now it should be, and we believe will be, again put down.

The *Times-Democrat's* correspondent in Cleveland, O., who seems engaged in the business of showing how undesirable the Negro is in the North, in his last letter to that paper says:

"Ohio has proven well what has been found in many Northern communities, that the Northern white people grow impatient with the gathering of large numbers of Negroes, and finally resent the encroachment, just as the people and ministers of the M. E. Church North did at Philadelphia a few days ago, when they took action to require the Negro worshipers to go to themselves and relieve the white members of the church of an increasing burden."

This is news to us, and we should be glad to have the Philadelphia *Methodist* inform us as to what this party is driving at.

Forced to Resign Her Position and—

Indianola, Mississippi, is not a large town, containing about 1,500 inhabitants, and hence the postoffice cannot be a very important one. Nevertheless it is at this time filling the public eye as is no other large or small in the entire country. Its importance comes of the fact that Mrs. Minnie W. Cox, colored, is postmistress to the very great displeasure of those who object to the Negro's holding any other than servile positions. She was first appointed by President Harrison and then again commissioned by President McKinley about six years ago. Her term of office will not expire till January, 1904. The inspectors and the public generally give her a high mark for efficiency and politeness. Not only so, but she is a property owner and stands well in the community. She is not charged with want of qualifications or defective character; she and her husband have accumulated property and she has shown her ability to do the work for which she was appointed. In fact she more than meets all the conditions required of men generally for holding positions of honor and trust.

Then what is the ground for objection? It is simply that she is a colored woman. For this reason, and for this reason only, at a mass meeting held for the purpose her resignation was asked for and she was given till January 1 to give up the office. At the same meeting the only colored doctor in the place was ordered to leave. This latter order was finally rescinded, but the fact that it was made indicates the spirit of these leaders. True to her word and in accord with the order of the meeting Mrs. Cox forwarded her resignation to the President and awaited his action. No instructions came, but on Thursday, January 1, she did not open the office, and her bondsmen wired the President as to the situation. He replied as follows:

"The postmaster's resignation has been received but not accepted. In view of the facts the office at Indianola is closed. All mail for that place will be forwarded to Greenville. The case will be referred to the Attorney General."

The President and Cabinet were fully informed as to the manner in which the resignation was secured and a full statement of the case was given the public.

While it is true, as we have already stated, this is a small postoffice and hence in itself of very little consequence, there is no denying the fact that this case which has grown out of it is of the gravest importance. And while the President has done the only consistent thing to be done under the circumstances, he has nevertheless done a brave thing. The case is grave because it involves the right of the United States government to name its own servants and pass upon their fitness, and in the second place it involves the right of the Negro citizen to hold a Federal position. So far as objections are concerned it is an easy matter to find persons to object to anybody and

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The Woman's Federation of Clubs

There was a meeting of women of unusual importance held in this city last week. The Southern Federation of Colored Clubs is made up of the clubs of the south organized and controlled by colored women. The body was composed of some of the most intellectual women of the race. This was indicated not only by the reputation they bear, but by the papers read and addresses delivered. THE SOUTHWESTERN was furnished a report of the meeting, which we are glad to have appear in our Woman's Column, and which is well worth reading.

These women are making a brave fight for the women and children. Besides doing all they can to rescue those who need them, they are relieving suffering, training the little ones and taking a prominent part in the great reform movements of the time. They are being helped and encouraged in their work by the leading men of the race and also many prominent people of the white race. They stand ready to and are joining hands with the churches and institutions of learning in their work, and gave most encouraging reports of the results achieved. That the women of the race have turned their attention to such important and helpful doings for the upbuilding and development of their people should be highly gratifying to all who wish what is best for them or the country at large. Women are, without doubt, the most sympathetic, the most constant and effective workers to be found. They "weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice," and are more willing to do the little things for which the world is longing than are men. Hence they will do more good on certain lines than their brothers.

But in addition to what they can and are doing for others they are also doing much for themselves. "Lifting as we climb," which is their motto, is not alone a most beautiful sentiment but a well proven truth, a thoroughly tested and established law. In helping others they help themselves. And who, in view of the prevailing sentiment of this country, needs more to manifest to the world her desire and ability to grapple with the living questions of the day, her broad and sympathetic spirit, her noble nature and her real worth than the Negro woman of to-day. She has had, she now has, a heavy burden to carry, and it is distinctly her burden. Placed upon her shoulders as it has been by influences over which the women who now feel it most had no control, who is so base as not to rejoice that hundreds of the best women of the race, the country over, are banding themselves together to lay hold of this burden and hurl it hence? They have organized to encourage and help woman, to give the children a fair chance, to renovate the home and uplift the race. Let us hope that every town and hamlet in the land may have such an organization and that their influence may soon be felt by all who come in contact with Negro womanhood.

Our Contributors

The New Year

Now let every heart be joyful,
Care and sorrow cast away;
Let the bells ring loud and cheerful,
This happy New Year's day!

Through the shadows and the sunshine,
Of another fleeting year,
The Almighty Hand has led us,
Away with doubt and fear.

Now a new year dawns upon us,
With new duties and new cares,
We must gird anew our armor
And prepare to meet its snares.

Skies that now are bright and cloudless
Soon the raging storms may hide;
In the pathways strewn with flowers,
Deadly serpents may abide.

But why need we poor weak mortals,
Stop to wonder or to fear,
What our loving Heavenly Father
Has in store for us this year?

Can we change one jot or tittle
Of the great Almighty's plan?
Can we take Time's mighty mirror,
And our future pathway scan?

No; so let us trust our Savior,
Then there'll be no need of fear,
He'll be with us through the shadows
And the sunshine of this year.

EFFIE DEAN THREET.

Woman and Woman's Work

By MRS. R. S. WILLIAMS.

The word woman, next to mother, to my mind is one of the sweetest names on earth. When I say woman, I don't mean one just budding into womanhood, or one simply grown to the physical stature of woman, or one grown old in years, but all that goes to make a true woman. We very seldom see a woman nowadays with a high, noble, Christian character; seemingly the number in our race especially is comparatively small. One great need of the Negro race to-day is women—women of the very highest type; women who are not afraid to dare and do what is right. If ever a race needed elevating it is the Negro race, and we can only rise as other races have, through the virtue of our women.

There has been much discussion as to the station of woman, as to her capacities and rights as compared with those of the other sex. Now, I shall not attempt to prove to you that woman is man's superior, nor would I dare say she is his inferior. Those of us who have read the 21st and 22d verses of the second chapter of Genesis, know that God did not take a bone from man's head that she should be above him, or one from his feet, that she should be beneath him; but one from his side, that she should be on the same level with him.

In these enlightened days she is no longer considered a toy or a divinity, but the equal as well as the companion of man. She is equal to him, not because she has the same work to do, but a work equally great and necessary, and if she neglects the work given her to do there is no one else to perform it. Her mission, if it seem less ample and dignified than man's, it is because we do not recognize its true importance.

I do not think she should go forth into the tortuous ways of traffic; if so, who would brighten the threshold and the hearth? Or if in the storms of political action, who would nurture the infant mind? If she should debate in the legislative hall, who would soothe the man when the bitter world has thrown him back upon himself, or who would bind up the broken heart or watch by the sick bed? No, such public offices as these would only tend to make woman's heart cold and world-hardened. But if she should take these as objects which her nature seeks and to which she has all

the right that man can claim; should she aspire to the honors and influence of the Cabinet, the Representative Hall, or even the Executive chair, it would be an injustice to close the door against her. But we know that woman's nature does not aspire to such distinctions. There is the great sphere of home, the vital importance of which we can hardly estimate. Not the home that is considered as merely a sleeping or eating place, but one where self-respect is preserved, where children grow up into men and women, where they imbibe their best morals and intelligence, where comfort is secured and domestic happiness enjoyed. It has been called the "Seminary of all institutions." All there is in the child that makes the future man, all in the man that makes the good citizen, is centered in the home, and the power of woman in that home is beyond calculation. And I trust there is no woman, young or old, who does not realize the beauty, power and triumph of her sex. She can go where man cannot, and exert power which he does not possess. It is needless for me to say since she has the training of the young mind that she should be educated, that she should have the very highest intellectual training. How all-essential is the intellectual culture to the holy office of mother. God gives to her a great advantage—the almost exclusive training of her children for a number of years. During infancy and up to the age of four or five years, home is the child's world, and parental love can so wall it in that the child knows little or nothing of the evils of this world. Men themselves cannot be sound in mind or morals if women be the reverse. To instruct woman is to instruct man, to elevate her character is to raise his own. Woman was not meant to be either an unthinking drudge or the pretty ornament of man's leisure; she exists for herself as well as for others, and the serious and responsible duties she is called upon to perform require the cultivated head as well as the sympathizing heart. No nation can advance except through the nation's homes; and these can only improve through the instrumentality of woman. If the moral condition of people mainly depend upon the education of the home, then the education of woman is to be considered as a matter of national importance. Her condition influences the morals, manners and character of the people in all countries. Where she is debased society is debased; where she is morally pure and enlightened, society will be proportionately elevated. She must be courageous; there is nothing attractive in timidity, nothing lovable in fear. She should be educated in resolution and courage as a means of rendering her more helpful, more self-reliant and vastly more useful and happy. She is a co-worker with man in hastening that new and better age, that kingdom of God upon earth for which we all pray. The statesman may regenerate nations by his polity, the orator may shake senates with his eloquence, but greater is she who stands by the earliest springs of thought and shapes their tendency, and drops into them the balm of her affection, the purity of her virtue. Greater she to whom is committed the plastic mind that shall control nations, sway hearts and course the stars. In hours of sickness, in homes of pain, in weary vigils, she rises with a sublime fortitude. When impending dangers, pitiless calumny or cruel persecutions assail the object of her affections, she gathers her virtue around her for a shield, and with a power that makes the weak things of the earth stronger than the mighty, and lends to the timid a bravery which defies all peril, she goes forth to share his fortunes to the last. Thus she exhibits a love that cannot die and a constancy more eloquent

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Encourage the Dust Brown Ranks

REV. V. D. JENKINS.

We have a class of men who are really soul and spirit marching under the burden of the church. They are building the churches in rural districts, village, town and city, and raising the money to foster the benevolent interests of the same. Our membership is cared for and kept up by them, and the doctrine and polity of the church vigorously held before the people rather than the errors the church has made. They are doing this with but limited encouragement from any quarter except the knowledge that they are doing the work of our Lord and Master. There is another class who according to their judgment always find their work in a bad fix and leave it so, according to the judgment of others. They think they have many enemies and are, therefore, unhappy much of their time; and that they are prisoners of militant war, sent from one place to another to be famished.

There is also the educated class. This class is not understood by their brethren. Neither do they understand their brethren. The brethren feel that educated men oppose illiterate men, and educated men think that unlearned men oppose them. But neither is true, for when we oppose a defect in a man we do not oppose the man, unless the man is a bundle of defects.

The multiplied force of children in the public schools and the thousands of young people in the high schools and colleges all suggest the necessity of a trained and educated ministry for the immediate future. But let the young man be mindful that the church belongs to God, and we are only members of it. Only men called of God and fully consecrated to the work should hold leadership in the church. Christian education mixed with grace is not meant to lift men up above their weaker brethren, but to prepare them to get down where weak and ignorant men are and lift them up. Education that does not bear fruit on this line has a defect in it that is worse than the sin of ignorance. The head of the church is clear and the heart of the church is right; and when a young man prepared in our schools is advanced to a position of honor and trust the church gives him a chance—not to interfere with, crowd out and get in the way of able and experienced men, but their advancement is to encourage and inspire the ranks. No one should be alarmed because the church does not rest on the shoulder of boys, but men, as boys cannot safely lead men. The field is large, the church great and the causes many, so there is space and opportunity for each man to look after his special line of work and make the church a blessing to all. The local preacher has heard that the door of the annual conference is closed against him unless he has college training. And the zeal for God and the church is greatly diminished in him. Many of them marry too soon and many promising lives are wasted. The conference man of experience and standing who has put thousands of dollars into the church is impressed that the college man must have the preference, and he is at the point of discouragement. There is an impression that the young man who has finished a course of training is not willing to take an appointment that pays a small salary. The opinion is that the years spent in school fit him for

first-class appointments to begin with. His claim is based on the years spent in school. The working man of the conference bases his claim on years of service and experience. And it is on this point that the working man of the conference is branded as an enemy to our schools. And also the educated young man is branded as an enemy to the working man of the conference. All this is *superstition* based on *theory*. The working man of the conference is not an enemy to our schools; without his influence the schools would be empty. The educated young man is not an enemy to the working man of the conference. He simply does things that he will doubtless regret in the future, as a man in this life does not know a thing until he learns it. Give the young men a chance and don't crush them. But remember that a young man without experience is like a bubble on the ocean, liable to be driven of the wind and tossed, while experienced men like the experienced sailor know when and how to cast the anchors. To-day the church needs men who are able to do the work whether they come from the schoolhouse or the conference. Every intelligent member of the church knows that the schools and conferences are not turning out efficient men fast enough to meet the pressing demand. All of the schoolboys know that the path of history is crowded with disappointed ambition. But a man can be what he wants to be if he will only be faithful and abide his time. And it is a weak man that cannot wait. If the scrap moments wasted fretting over some of the things to which I have referred were used in reading some good book or doing something to make others happy, we would have more sunshine among us. God made us to be happy, and if we are not happy it is our own fault.

ROME, GA.

The West Texas Conference

BY REV. ROBERT E. JONES, D. D.

The West Texas Conference under the presidency of Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, held its last session December 18-20 in Luling, Texas. Here the brethren received a most cordial welcome. All denominations took pride in caring for the representatives of a conquering Methodism and the visitors, all, were delightfully entertained.

The brethren for the most part had passed a hard year, receiving many of them less than half of the small apportioned salary. Crops failed—this for the second year in succession. For this reason money was scarce, but our Methodism was more seriously affected by our people emigrating in considerable numbers to Oklahoma, Louisiana and the West. Notwithstanding these hardships, these Texas brethren possessed of the faith of the early fathers, were not discouraged nor faint-hearted. They presented the front of faithful soldiers, optimistic as to the future and soul-trustful as to the ultimate success of the campaign led by Calvary's Hero.

In the organization of the conference Rev. A. Foster was chosen secretary, with Rev. D. C. Lacey assistant. The statistics were in charge of Dr. C. P. Westbrook and five faithful assistants, while Rev. G. R. Bryant served as conference treasurer. These brethren did their work well.

The visitors! Well they are always of interest, both for what they represent and for what they are. For, for the most part careful selections are made of men in whose hands the running machinery of the church is placed. Dr. A. B. Leonard, that world-wide missionary secretary, heads the list. What a delight it is to hear him; what a hope is his of the world's evangelization; what a brother he is to men of all races! Really a great

secretary! The Hero of Utah, Dr. T. C. Iliff, was present, enthusiastically urging the claims of Church Extension. The Epworth League was splendidly represented by the father of the league work in the South—Rev. Irvine G. Penn—one of the most popular and best known laymen in the church. Think of it, he has sold our people, during his term as secretary, \$15,000 worth of Methodist literature. There was also present that sweet spirited, cultured, hard-worked, sacrificing college president, Prof. R. S. Lovinggood, A. M., who is at the head of Samuel Houston College. His presence was a joy to all the brethren, for he is their educational Moses and well may they glory in him and rally to him in any way that will strengthen the college. I cannot fail to mention in this list that princely man, Dr. W. H. Logan, pastor of Trinity, Houston, Tex. (Great Trinity.) Here's a manly man. Had he a half chance 25 years ago, not only the church but the nation and the world would have known him. Rev. W. F. Waters, a member of the conference, was the official representative of the SOUTHWESTERN. Among others present were Prof. J. W. Frazier, Dr. G. W. Townsend and the writer. I was representing the Sunday School Union.

Who were admitted in full connection? Well, quite a number: P. A. Morrow, J. W. McKenzie, A. L. Carper, W. E. Blackson, T. S. McMorris, T. H. Wyatt, J. S. Medlock, G. G. Gasper, J. C. Walker, and J. R. Carnes. S. T. Thompson, Moses Evans and D. Humphries were ordained deacons, and J. C. Eusan and W. F. Waters were ordained elders.

Rev. G. R. Bryant was transferred to Southern California Conference and stationed at Los Angeles, Cal. Bro. Bryant leaves with a splendid record as a very successful pastor. His closing year at San Antonio was remarkable in many respects. During the year quite 250 were converted and added to the church. His friends wish him success and will watch his career with prayerful interest.

Reverends Charles Hart, A. S. Betheny, L. A. Harvey and B. F. Smith had been crowned during the year and appropriate memorial services were held on Sunday afternoon.

Upon a resolution introduced by Rev. D. C. Lacey, the conference decided to hold a Preachers' Institute next summer in Samuel Houston College, Austin, Tex. This is a very commendable step and a worthy example for others to follow.

The treasurer announced the following amounts raised for the general purposes: Missions, \$1,356; Church Extension, \$230; Sunday School Union, \$66; Tract Society, \$38; Freedmen's Aid, \$224; Education, \$52; American Bible Society, \$31; other Benevolencies, \$729; Conference Claimants, \$183; Episcopal Fund, \$110.

The Bishop's sermon on Sunday morning was a fitting climax to his various talks and addresses during the conference. With such a message of cheer and hope and of faith the brethren left Luling for another year's work in fields assigned by the Godly judgment of the Bishop and his cabinet.

The following are the appointments:

Austin District—N. J. Johnson, presiding elder, 814 East Seventh street, Austin, Tex. Austin: College, supplied by R. S. Lovinggood; Simpson, J. S. Medlock; Wesley, D. C. Lacey. Austin circuit (postoffice Montopolis), J. H. Hutchinson; Belton and Kell Branch (postoffice Belton), R. H. Ponton; Burnett, Liberty Hill and Oatmeal (postoffice Burnett), Moses Evans; Cedar Creek and Mount Zion (postoffice Cedar Creek), J. C. Whitledge; Davilla, John Neal; Georgetown and Round Rock, A. M. Mason; Giddings, West Point and Lexington, J. C. Eusan; Holland and

Bartlett, to be supplied; Lockhart, Bishop and Bright's Chapel (postoffice Lockhart), P. M. Carmichael; Luling, J. W. Stone; Littig, Taylor, Elgin and Granger, R. H. Duncan; Smithville, to be supplied; Temple and Troy, T. S. Moore; Winchester and Salem, W. H. Townsend; W. F. Waters, assistant business manager of THE SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, member of Samuel Houston College quarterly conference.

Columbus District—Mack Henson, presiding elder, Littig, Tex.; Alleyton and Eagle Lake, P. A. Morrow; Bonus circuit, to be supplied; Columbus and Weimer, C. P. Westbrook; Columbus circuit, P. B. Bennett; Edna and Morales, William Mooney; Fayetteville and Industry, Joseph Harford; Flatonia and Schulenburg, G. W. Townsend; Hallettsville, Brestan and Adams' Branch, J. S. Wyatt; LaGrange and Ellinger, G. W. Nevels; LaGrange circuit, William Reed; Oakland and Brown's Chapel, Andrew Foster; Sabine, J. W. McKenzie; Victoria, H. C. Cooper; Wharton and Candy, Thomas Hutchinson; Yoakum, Sweet Home and Moulton, I. H. Timmons.

Waco District—Alfred Brown, presiding elder, Waco, Tex.; Bremond and Lony Branch (postoffice Bremond), R. D. Dennis; Brownwood and St. Angelo, supplied by B. F. Pinkard; Calvert, J. H. Swann; Calvert circuit, I. T. Sanford; Chilton, Carolina and Gurly (postoffice Chilton), I. C. Walker; East Waco and Spring Hill, W. J. Mitchell; Groesbeck and Thornton (postoffice Groesbeck), L. R. Parker; Groesbeck circuit, B. I. Adams; Lampasas and San Saba (postoffice Lampasas), Emanuel Henderson; Martin and Big Creek (postoffice Martin), E. L. Jackson; Mart, Otto and Prairie Hill, G. G. Gasper; Maysfield and Cameron (postoffice Mexia), G. A. Shanklin; Mooresville and Mayor's Chapel, supplied by E. A. Johnson. Waco: New Zion, John Bickham; St. James, Moses Smith; Waco circuit, A. J. Lynch.

San Antonio District—Harry Swann, presiding elder, Luling, Tex.; Belmont, G. E. Taylor; Ben Allen (postoffice Zion), S. E. Jones; Cologne, supplied by C. H. Franklin; Cuero, M. S. Jordan; Del Rio and Brackettville, J. H. Holden, Sr.; Floresville, Riddleville and McTennell (postoffice Floresville), A. L. Carper; Goliad, Beeville and Corpus Christi (postoffice Goliad), T. J. Jacobs; Gonzales and Shinar, B. J. Goff; Gonzales circuit, Piley Soda; Hondo, Divine and Sabine, J. W. Wright; Kerrville, Bandora and Fredericksburg (postoffice Kerrville), W. H. Mosby; Lavernia, St. Healwig and Southerland Springs, W. B. Lott; Pleasanton and Rossville (postoffice Pleasanton), J. H. Napier. San Antonio: East End and Carr Hill, T. S. McMorris; St. Paul, J. W. Wealey. Seguin and Olmus, T. H. Wyatt; Yorktown and Karnes (postoffice Yorktown), J. W. H. Pinkney.

Dallas District—L. H. Richardson, presiding elder, Dallas, Tex.; Corsicana and Ree, J. R. Carnes; Cleburne, Meridian and Morgan (postoffice Cleburne), supplied by J. H. Holden, Jr. Dallas: St. Paul, M. C. Cavenas. Denison and Colbert, W. E. Blackson; Ferris and Palmer, Sandy Humphreys; Fort Worth, St. Andrews, F. L. Kirkpatrick; Fort Worth Circuit, supplied by R. N. Thompson; Gatesville and Valley Mills, S. T. Thompson; Hubbard and Dawson, A. T. Jackson; Hubbard circuit, George Waters; Lancaster and Waxahachie, H. H. Qualls (postoffice Ennis); McKinney, Plano and Van Alstine, Albert Johnson; Milford and Italy, T. D. Huff; Pilot Point and Denton, N. J. Moore; Sherman and Gainesville, S. N. Smith.

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Come, O my soul, in sacred lays,
Attempt thy great Creator's praise;
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Enthroned amid the radiant spheres,
He glory like a garment wears;
To form a robe of light divine,
Ten thousand suns around him shine.

In all our Maker's grand designs,
Omnipotence, with wisdom, shines;
His works, through all this wondrous frame,
Declare the glory of his name.

Raised on devotion's lofty wing,
Do thou, my soul, his glories sing;
And let his praise employ thy tongue,
Till listening worlds shall join the song.
—Thomas Blacklock, (b. 1721, d. 1791.)

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HENRY W. WARREN,
University Park, Col.

Woman's Dominion

A Flaw in the Work

One small life in God's great plan,
How futile it seems as the ages roll,
Do what it may, or strive how it can,
To alter the sweep of the infinite whole.
A single stitch in an endless web,
A drop in the ocean's flow and ebb!
But the pattern is rent where the stitch is lost,
Or marred where the tangled threads have crossed;
And each life that fails of its true intent
Mars the perfect plan that its Maker meant.
—Susan Coolidge.

Woman's Clubs Federation

The fourth annual convention of the Southern Federation of Colored Women's Clubs was held in this city, December 29 and 30, in the Tulane Avenue Baptist Church. Mrs. Booker T. Washington, wife of the noted educator, presided. After an opening hymn Miss M. C. Kenney, of Little Rock, led in prayer. The president gave some introductory remarks. She stated that the Federation was organized four years ago, in the city of Montgomery, Ala., and that it had been the outcome of the feeling among the women of our section that a Southern Federation was needed. The colored woman of the South has problems which are peculiar to her section and with which colored women in other parts of the country do not have to contend. There are thousands of colored people in the South. There are evils to be remedied and the remedy must be in the home. For this reason the Federation had again assembled that an exchange of ideas might be given and it was hoped that each and every delegate might carry some good back to the people of her community.

Mrs. Washington then appointed the following committees:

On Courtesy—Miss Deborah Johnson, Miss E. R. Williams and Mrs. C. Johnson.

On Resolutions—Mrs. S. F. Williams, Mrs. I. B. Scott, Mrs. W. A. Hunton, Normal, Ala.; Mrs. W. Logan, Tuskegee, Ala.; Miss M. C. Kenney, Little Rock; Mrs. W. H. Hollin, Vicksburg; Mrs. M. T. Rowan, Rodney, Miss.

On Finance—Mrs. W. Hollin, Vicksburg; Mrs. M. M. Johnson, Vicksburg and Mrs. M. T. Rowan, Rodney.

On Newspaper Reports—Miss H. V. Feger, Miss J. Clarke, Mrs. J. Lewis.

The reports from the delegates were then received. Mrs. W. A. Hollin reported for the Woman's Literary Club, of Vicksburg. This club sent a donation of \$5. A report from the Sojourner Truth Club was read by Miss Gertrude Watkins, of Montgomery. The sum of \$3 was sent by them. Mrs. C. B. Johnson reported for the Phillis Wheatley Club of New Orleans and Mrs. S. A. Gates for the Afro-American Club, also of New Orleans. The members then took up the subject of kindergartens. The delegates found that this was a much needed movement in their communities. They realized that this more than anything else would eventually be the means of banishing many existing evils. Mrs. W. A. Hunton told of one very successful kindergarten, which had been conducted in Atlanta. Mrs. S. F. Williams and Miss Hildred Williams spoke of the two in this city. Miss Kenney described her visit to some successful kindergartens for colored children. It was found that the greatest obstacle was that of securing the finances to run these kindergartens. It was said that these free kindergartens did not always reach the lower classes for which they are intended, those who have no home training; others who are able should pay.

At the afternoon session the death rate among Negroes was thoroughly discussed. It was found that among other things better sanitation in the homes and personal cleanliness were needed. The living in crowded, dirty tenements adds greatly to this rate. Statistics were read showing that the largest percent of this rate was among infants. Mothers should take better care of the off-

leaves, and spoke of his appreciation of the pleasant task assigned him. Miss Leona Deluc then favored the audience with a solo. Miss Deluc was warmly applauded. Mrs. W. A. Hunton, in her own gracious manner, responded to the addresses of welcome. Her words were well chosen, and voiced the appreciation of the delegates and their thanks for the very cordial welcome tendered



MRS. S. A. GATES, A. M.,
President Afro-American Club,
New Orleans, La.

them. Miss Camille Nickerson then gave an instrumental solo.

Mrs. Washington gave her annual address, "Our Searchlights." She reviewed the work of the Federation and of the necessity of turning our searchlights upon ignorance, vice and all the kindred ills which are with us.

An instrumental solo was rendered by Miss Edwards and the benediction closed the evening exercises.

Tuesday morning, Dec. 30, prayer was offered by Mrs. L. Hitchcock. Rev. Dr. R. E. Jones was introduced and made a few happy remarks. He said in part, "My heart is with you, as all hearts must be, and I'm glad to see these splendid women—to see the interest and the unselfish motive which actuates your work. You are to make the world and the race. Your clubs can do much good in this Southland. I have hopes, and I hope that you have, that all things will finally come aright."

A paper, "The Parent and the Teacher," was discussed by Mrs. M. T. Rowan, of Rodney, Miss.



MRS. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, A. M.,
President of Southern Federation of Women's
Clubs; Tuskegee, Ala.

spring in their charge. Among those who took part in this discussion were Mrs. W. H. Hollin, Mrs. Logan, Miss Kenney and Mrs. Patrick.

The use of cocaine among our people was then taken up. It was found that this is being substituted for whiskey, snuff, etc. The effects upon the person using the drug are exceedingly demoralizing and they are soon made complete wrecks. Mrs. M. C. Turner thought that the law forbidding the sale of this drug, excepting on physician's certificate, should be enforced, as its use is rapidly increasing not only among the Negroes but among the whites. It was also suggested that pamphlets be issued, and that through the pulpit and newspaper articles a sentiment against its use be created.

A large crowd was in attendance at 8 p. m. for the evening session. The program was opened with prayer by Rev. G. W. Henderson. Miss Ida Hall gave an instrumental solo. The addresses of welcome followed. Mrs. S. F. Williams gave the welcome address in behalf of the Phillis Wheatley Club. Rev. I. B. Scott, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the clergy. He paid a glowing tribute to woman. He said that his heart was with them in the efforts they were making to elevate the people. He rated their work as high and as important as that of the minister; for they could reach the people in their home life and through their various charitable work reach a vast number who never come under the minister's influence. Col. Jas. Lewis gave the address of welcome on behalf of the citizens. He gave the delegates a hearty welcome to New Or-



MRS. S. F. WILLIAMS,
President of Phillis Wheatley Club, New Orleans, La., and Vice-President of the Federation.

She stated the colored teacher needs a large percent of missionary spirit, and should be filled with ardor for the cause. Parents should co-operate with teachers, for children often show two sides of their character, one kind at home and another at school. Boards should not employ poorly prepared teachers. Mrs. Hunton said: "The colored teacher has a problem peculiar to itself. Home life is formative life. The teacher is t-

ideal, more so than the pastor. She has a two-fold work, viz., that of a parent and teacher. School rooms should be artistic and cleanliness should be insisted upon. Teachers should take hold of parents and reach them through the child."

Mrs. A. Smith, of Rodney, told how she went about her section—going five or six miles and getting children out of the roads, etc., and putting them in school. She has done a wonderful amount of work in her town and has put her theory into practice. Miss Kenney dwelt upon the necessity of teaching our children politeness. Among others who took part in this discussion were Mrs. S. F. Williams, Mrs. W. Logan and Mrs. C. Brown. A recess was then taken.

The afternoon session was opened by Miss Gertrude Watkins, of Montgomery, Ala., who read a paper on "The Cultivation of the Beautiful." Mrs. U. J. Wade told how she was endeavoring to cultivate the sense of beauty among the children of her own home. Mrs. Banks, of Clarks-ville, Miss., read a paper on Miscellaneous Excursions, which was full of good thoughts on, and remedies for this serious evil. Mrs. Sawyer said she was opposed to such excursions as conducted by our people. The general conclusion reached was that our people spent too much money, which they could ill-afford. We only enrich others and thereby do things which bring upon us only ridicule and shame. The minister often ignorantly gets up these excursions in order to secure railroad passes or to augment his salary. However, he should discourage, at any cost, his members selling their souls for a half price ticket. The excursions are destructive of morality. Pledges have been distributed stating that the one signing them will not patronize Miscellaneous Excursions. Some 5,000 of these have been signed.

"Heredity and Environment" were discussed by Mrs. S. A. Gates. She told them of the responsibility of mothers. That they owe it to their children to make it as pleasant as possible for them in childhood and that they could then influence them through their associates.

Mrs. W. H. Hollin then read the Mother's Pledge, which is being distributed by the women of Vicksburg:

1. To read and pray with their children and be a living example to them.
2. To teach them to be useful as early as possible.
3. To use no unbecoming language in the presence of their children.
4. Not to encourage them in fine dress and to keep them from bad associates.
5. To make the home life pleasant.
6. To provide good books for them.
7. Not to send or permit anyone else to send them for intoxicating liquors.
8. Not to tolerate an immoral teacher or preacher.

Adjourned until 8 p. m.

The evening session was opened with prayer by Rev. Curry. Miss L. DeGuercy gave a piano solo. Mrs. N. J. Wade read a paper "Is Our Social Standard High Enough?" Mrs. Warren Logan, of Tuskegee, read one on the Woman's Suffrage Movement. Miss L. Marshall then recited "The Sacrifice of Genius." One minute speeches were then given by the members.

Miss Stella Brazley sang in her usual artistic manner. After benediction the club and invited friends repaired to the basement of the church, where a banquet was held. A delightful feast was spread and every one present voted the affair an entire success. The following toasts were given: The Southern Federation, Mrs. Booker T. Washington; The Clergy, Rev. E. D. Simms; Our Guests, Mrs. S. A. Gates; The Club Women, Mrs. A. W. Hunton; The Medical Profession, Dr. J. T. Newman; Our Teachers, Mrs. W. Logan; Our Youth, Rev. P. A. Morgan; The Press, Rev. R. E. Jones.

The place of next meeting was left to the discretion of the Executive Committee, but will probably be Jacksonville, Fla. The same officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. Some of the papers read will appear in these columns within the next two or three weeks.

Young Friends

Only One Way is Right

"My boy," said Uncle Hiram, once, while giving me advice,
"The saw that doesn't wobble is the one that cuts the ice.
The saw that close applies itself, within its narrow groove,
Will soon or late fulfill its work by keeping on the move.
When halfway through, temptation may beset it, like as not,
To leave the place that seemeth hard and seek a thinner spot;
But shitting saws will learn, at length, when failure they invite:
There's many a way o' doin' things, but only one way's right!
"And bear in mind, my boy, through life, if tempted tasks to shirk,
Success is but a second crop, the aftermath of Work.
A lubricator tried and true is Perseverance Oil,
And Fortune's smile is rarely won except by honest toil.
A safe cross-cut to Fame or Wealth has never yet been found,
The men upon the heights to-day are those who've gone around
The longest way, inspired by the sayin', somewhat trite:
There's many a way o' doin' things, but only one way's right."
I knew my Uncle Hiram had achievement's summit reached;
I knew him as an honest man who practiced what he preached,—
And so I paid the lesson heed, and rapt attention gave,
When, in an added afterthought, he said: "My boy, be brave!
Act well your part; tenaciously to one straight course adhere;
Though men declare you're in a rut,—work on, and never fear;
You'll realize, when you, at length, have reached achievement's height:
There's many a way o' doin' things, but only one way's right!"
ROY FARRELL GREEN, in April Success.

An Every Day Story

"You are going to arrange that cupboard yourself, are you mamma? You look tired. Close the doors, and let's forget it."

"No, dear, it ought to be done at once. I can't bear to have such a disorderly corner about the house."

"Then let me do it, mamma." Bettie spoke more cheerfully than she felt. She had mapped out a different plan for these Saturday morning hours.

"It would be such a relief, but I don't like to put it on your shoulders."

"Oh, nonsense! My shoulders are stronger than you think, mamma."

So Mrs. Jordan was cajoled out of the room, and Bettie, perched on the baby's highchair, attacked the upper shelves. It was a pleasant sight to Aunt Lydia, sitting by the fire place. Her needles never slackened, even while her eyes were fixed on the slender, girlish figure. How unselfish Bettie was growing! What was the reason?

As the work progressed, Aunt Lydia felt a slight uneasiness. Would Bettie prove faithful, she wondered, when she reached the lowest shelf? You see the day before Aunt Lydia had gone to this same shelf, and had come across a box away at the further end, a sort of dumping ground for "odds and ends." And now Aunt Lydia wondered if this might not prove too much for Bettie's resolutions.

"Behold!" said the unconscious Bettie at this juncture, with a flourish that imperiled her standing on the highchair. "The top shelves are in a state of precision that it would do your heart good to see." And then she descended to give Aunt Lydia a great hug, and prepare for an attack on the lower shelves. "Do you know," she went on, confidentially, "I have turned over a new leaf? I detest work of this kind, but I make myself do it. It's a 'discipline for the mind,' as Miss Brownlee says about algebra. No, that isn't my motive, either," and the round face grew suddenly serious. "I made up my mind that I must improve or I should feel as if I were dishonoring him."

A minute later Mrs. Jordan put her head in at the door.

"Can you leave that a while, dear, and take this letter to the post office? It ought to go in the next mail."

"Of course I can," said Bettie, promptly; "am glad of the chance. I'll be ready in just two minutes."

Left alone in the dining room, Aunt Lydia laid down her knitting and vanished up stairs. She was back in her place, however, and knitting as placidly as ever, when Bettie returned with her girlish face glowing from exercise and contact with the crisp, frosty air.

"It's delicious outdoors, auntie. I was tempted not to come back till time for luncheon." And Bettie shook her fist menacingly at the unfinished work. "But then, I'm nearly through. Only two more shelves to do, and they're easy." Evidently she was in blissful ignorance of the miscellaneous collection in that neat-looking paste-board box.

"All through, dear?" said Mrs. Jordan, entering just as Bettie was closing the cupboard doors. "Yes, I see you are. How beautifully you have arranged everything! What would we ever do without our helpful Bettie, Aunt Lydia? You don't know what a relief it is, Bettie, to know that everything is in order here." And, with a kiss that brought the blood to Bettie's cheeks, her mother left the room.

Early in the afternoon Ethel Manderson called. "Put on your things, can't you, Bettie? Mamma wants you to go sleigh-riding with us."

Of course, Bettie flew to her room for her warmest wrappings; and the result was a long, blissful ride through city and country roads, to the music of jingling sleigh-bells.

It was not till evening that she thought again of the slighted box. She felt uncomfortable when she joined the group around the fireplace in the library.

"Let's have anagrams," suggested Tom, running for the box of letters. "You give me a word, Bet, and I'll give you one."

"Well," but Bettie's voice was somewhat reluctant. She was bright and quick, however, and guessed her words too easily for Tom's satisfaction.

"Say, now," he protested, "you guess them too fast. I haven't made out the one you gave me yet. Here's another word for you, though. It isn't very long, but it puzzled me the other day."

"That isn't hard," she announced, almost immediately. "It's 'faithful.'"

"Well, now, aren't you smart?" And Tom looked disgusted. "You can wait a while for the next one. I shan't bother with you till I guess my own."

"That suits me," said Bettie. "I'm going downstairs, anyway. There's something I want to do there."

No one but Aunt Lydia suspected what the business was, and she did not guess the cause of the sudden decision.

It was that last anagram so unconsciously given by brother Tom. Bettie's conscience was in a sensitive state, and her resolution was taken. That box should be cleared before she slept that night.

It wasn't pleasant to sit there all alone in the dining room, assorting that heterogeneous collection, for Bettie was a sociable little body. But the coals glowed brightly in the open grate, as if they wanted to cheer her; and, as her fingers flew over the distasteful work, a warm feeling crept into her heart.

There were other compensations, too. Long-lost treasures, it seemed, had found their way to Susan's dumping ground. "If here isn't my best paint-brush!" And Bettie's eyes shone as she drew it out by its long handle; "and, actually, my tube of yellow ochre!"

"What in the world is this?" she said, as she found a neat little tissue-paper package, and opened it wonderingly. "If it isn't Aunt Lydia's lovely pink pincushion! And here's a paper pinned to it." So there was; and on it were just three words, "For faithful Bettie." Well, well; what a wonderful woman Aunt Lydia was, anyway! How did she know anything about the box? How confident she must have been that Bettie would not shirk or she would never have placed there that dear little reward for her to find! Aunt Lydia must have been disappointed in her! The thought made Bettie's fingers fly faster than ever, till the work was finished. Somehow, she did not want to throw her strong, young arms around Aunt

Lydia until her conscience was quite, quite clear. It was a light, quick step that came behind the big armchair a few minutes later.

"Who's a darling?" whispered Bettie, to cover her embarrassment; "and who gave her horrid niece her very prettiest and pinkest pincushion?"

"Who's faithful?" asked Aunt Lydia.—*Select-ed.*

Educational

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Annual Meeting of the Board of Education.

The annual meeting of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church was held in New York on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 2 p. m. There were present the president, Bishop E. G. Andrews; J. W. Lindsay, D. D.; W. F. Anderson, D. D.; W. F. King, D. D.; G. H. Bridgman, D. D.; President Abram W. Harris, LL. D.; Mr. John D. Slayback, Mr. Joseph S. Stout, Mr. H. C. M. Ingraham, and the corresponding secretary. Letters were received from Dr. I. E. Chase and Bishop John F. Hurst. The president of the church, Bishop Andrews, presided. The devotional service was conducted by Dr. Bridgman. Reported by the treasurer and the corresponding secretary. From them we take the following facts: The income from the Children's Day collections for the fiscal year was \$69,967.16, being an increase of \$2,001.69. Only one collection in the history of the board has exceeded this in size, and that by a very small sum. The income from returned loans was \$30,724.28, an increase of \$5,196.89. This is the largest income from this source in the board's history. The income from returned loans has doubled in four years. The income from special donations and bequests was \$8,210.71, being a decrease of \$4,198.99. The income from interest, apart from annuities, is \$15,643.01, being an increase of \$159.20.

The total number of persons aided by loans during the year was 1,689, being an increase of 21. The total amount loaned during the year was \$85,286.92. The average amount loaned to each student was \$50.49; 673 students were aided for the first time, 1,016 having been aided prior to last year. Of the total number the male students numbered 1,374; the female students, 315. The

following nationalities and races were represented in the list of beneficiaries: American (white) 1,237; American (colored), 201; Bohemian, 1; Canadian, 31; Chinese, 1; Danish, 6; Dutch, 1; English, 83; Finn, 3; German, 32; Hebrew, 1; Irish, 6; Italian, 20; Japanese, 2; Norwegian, 8; Portuguese, 1; Scotch, 8; Swedish, 39; Swiss, 2; Welsh, 6. Total, 1,689. Beneficiaries were distributed geographically as follows: New England States, 225; Middle States, 424; Western States, 762; Southern States, 236; foreign, 42. Total, 1,689. They represented the following intended callings: Ministry, 869; missionary, 81; ministry and missionary, 51; teaching, 413; other callings, 275. Total, 1,689. The total number of students aided from the beginning in 1873 to July, 1902, was reported to be 11,709. The number of accounts canceled during the year other than by payment is as follows: For protracted ill health, missionary service, error, and other adequate causes, 26, to the amount of \$2,673.50; by death, 16, to the amount of \$943.83. Total number thus canceled in 1902, 42, to the amount of \$3,617.33. Total number canceled from the beginning, 787, to the amount of \$62,484.19.

The corresponding secretary called attention to the fact that the statistics of the institutions have been published in the November number of *The Christian Student*, instead of holding them until February, as heretofore. These statistics are for the school year closing in June, 1902. An interesting comparison was made between these statistics and those gathered three years ago. This comparison shows that the increase in the value of buildings and grounds is \$3,752,909. The increase in endowment, \$3,266,278. The total increase in the value of property and endowment, exclusive of debts, \$6,761,566. The number of professors and teachers has been increased by 231, the number of professional students by 736, the number of collegiate students by 1,718, and the number of preparatory students by 2,978. The increase in the income of the institutions for the year just closing over three years ago is \$941,078. Statistics show that the Church has now invested in 161 institutions \$35,671,037, exclusive of debts; including the debts the investment is more than \$38,000,000. The number of students now exceeds 50,000. These figures were regarded by the board as being exceedingly encouraging.

Special funds of \$1,000 and more received during the year were as follows: From the bequest of the late Grant H. Hamline, of Minnesota, \$1,000; additional from the Goldthorp Fund, \$5,671.71. This brings the total of the Goldthorp Fund to date to a little more than \$30,000. The Augusta Wakeman Fund received an additional gift of \$1,400. Special gifts were received from Mrs. Anne Sluts and Mr. Edward Robinson.

Upon the recommendation of the corresponding secretary the board appropriated \$100,000 to be loaned to students during the next year. This is an increase of \$15,000 over last year. The most significant forward movement on the part of the Board of Education was in connection with the work on foreign mission fields. For more than a year the corresponding secretary has been gathering the opinions of missionary Bishops who have visited foreign fields and of leading men in the foreign fields. As a result of this extended conference he recommended that the board should authorize the Appropriation Committee to appropriate from \$2,500 to \$5,000 to be loaned to foreign students of collegiate and professional rank studying in institutions of the Church in mission fields. The proportion of aid granted is to depend upon the amount of money raised in foreign Con-

ferences for Children's Day collections, which shall be added to the appropriations directly authorized by the board. In most cases the board will appropriate at least twice as much as the amount of the collections. This policy has the enthusiastic approval of missionaries like Dr. Gamewell and Dr. Oldham, and was adopted by the board with great enthusiasm. It is believed that it will greatly assist in the training of the native ministry for the mighty work of the Church in the foreign lands.

The board instructed the corresponding secretary to co-operate in every possible way with the authorities of the Epworth League in the promotion of educational interests in the Epworth League during the year 1903. It also heartily approved of making the Children's Day Program for 1903 a memorial program, bearing upon the life of Mr. Wesley, and using his experiences as a student in Charter House School and Oxford University for the encouragement and inspiration of the present generation of young Methodists.

The following officers were elected: President, Bishop E. G. Andrews; Recording Secretary, W. F. Anderson; Treasurer, Joseph S. Stout.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.-C. Conference

The Presiding Elders and the Missionary Cause

One of the Sectional Meetings at Cleveland in connection with the General Missionary Convention was of the Presiding Elders and District Missionary Secretaries. After full discussion the following paper was adopted as indicating the policy which they determined to pursue:

We, the Presiding Elders and District Missionary Secretaries, assembled at the first General Missionary Convention of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at which over one hundred and twenty-five districts are represented, resolve:

1. To arrange a schedule whereby this convention can be reported from every pulpit in the district, either by the presiding elders in their rounds of the quarterly conferences or by the district missionary secretaries or by the pastors who are delegates at the convention.

2. To secure the appointment of a missionary committee in every church in accordance with provision of Section 366 of the Discipline.

3. Presiding elders to have a conference with this committee concerning the nature of its work.

4. Under the joint supervision of presiding elder, district missionary secretary and district Epworth League Officers, to arrange for a district missionary rally or a series of group rallies throughout the district, to be addressed either by outside speakers or by delegates returning from this conference. The public addresses to be followed by conferences for

(a) Members of church missionary committees.

(b) Epworth League officers and committee men.

(c) Sunday school workers.

Special effort will be made to secure the attendance of the following persons:

(a) District officers.

(b) Pastors and members of the church missionary committees.

(c) Epworth League officers.

(d) Sunday school superintendents.

5. To emphasize the disciplinary plan of giving as set forth in paragraph 371 of the Discipline.

6. Presiding elders in their rounds of the quarterly conferences to see to the appointment of competent missionary committees of the Epworth League.

7. Pastors to be urged to hold monthly missionary prayer meetings in accordance with provision of paragraph 370 of the Discipline.

8. To urge the use of monthly missionary exercises in the Sunday schools as provided in Section 374 of the Discipline and by the Constitution of the Sunday School Missionary Society contained in Section 53 of the appendix.

9. To encourage pastors not to be content with raising the apportionment in full, but to urge the people to give to the limit of their ability.

The Open Door Emergency Commission

At the meeting of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society, held Tuesday, Dec. 23, the continuance of the Open Door Emergency Commission was decided upon, and its members elected. These are: Bishop E. G. Andrews, Bishop Chas. H. Fowler, Dr. A. B. Leonard, Dr. H. K. Carroll, Dr. Homer Eaton, Dr. J. M. Buckley, Dr. John F. Goucher, Dr. F. D. Gamewell, Mr. Anderson Fowler, Mr. John R. Mott, Mr. S. Earl Taylor.

At the same meeting Dr. F. D. Gamewell and Dr. E. M. Taylor were elected Field Secretaries of the Missionary Society for 1903.

The Commission will meet early in January to plan the work for 1903.

Epworth League

Jan. 18. A Message from the Word. Jer. xv, 16; John xv, 7; Acts xx, 32.

The man who walks with God must not only take time for meditation and prayer, but also for the reading and study of God's Word. Our Fathers read and committed to memory the Scriptures, and were men of strength. In the day of so-called Bible criticism a great many who did not have the time to look into the meaning of that expression, labored under the misapprehension that it meant finding fault with God's Word, or, at least, an endeavor to bring it into disrepute—instead of a devout and persistent study of it. The smoke has cleared away, and the Book of books has come forth not one whit the less God's Word, and perhaps a hundred-fold more precious because it stood the test. The old habit of reading and study should be resumed, the children should be led to it.

FULL OF JOY AND SWEETNESS.

There is something in God's Word that leaves a sweet taste in the mouth. Jeremiah proclaims that he did eat it and that it was the joy and rejoicing of his heart. Men of the word are men of joy. It cannot be otherwise.

KEEPS FROM SIN.

"Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee," writes the psalmist. The Lord withstood temptation by the use of the Word. The "Word is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword." How well armed is he who is thus equipped! Thy powers of hell cannot prevail against him.

ASSISTS IN PRAYER.

"If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." This passage is the key that opens God and heaven to us. Abiding in Christ, and his words abiding in us, the resources of eternity are made accessible.

EDIFIES.

"The word of his grace, which is able to build

you up." Life is so corroding that we need constant building up—God's Word is sufficient. Or, to change the figure, the waste of life is such that we need food to supply it—God's Word is food—indeed,

OPENS UP OUR INHERITANCE.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path;" it is able to give "an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." In a world of darkness and poverty, how dare we go without it!—George Van Derveer Morris in *Western Christian Advocate*.

Sunday School Helps

By Rev. G. N. Jolly, D. D.

Lesson III—Jan. 18th, 1903. Title—Paul at Thessalonica and Berea (Acts 17-18:12). Guide Text—"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet." (Psa. 119:105). Time—A. D. 53. Place—Thessalonica and Berea.

That memorable night in the Philippian jail had passed. Its events were talked of throughout the city. The officers sent the sergeants word to let Paul and Silas go in peace. This the apostles refused to do. Then came the magistrate to them, apologized for their cruelty, brought them forth from the prison and desired them to depart out of their city. The missionaries went to the home of Lydia. The church gathered about them. Words of comfort were spoken, then the apostles left Philippi.

I. *At Thessalonica* (vs. 1-9). 1. *Journeying*. When Paul, Silas and Timothy (Luke likely remained behind) went out of Philippi, they traveled west about thirty miles to Amphipolis. There they likely remained over night. On the following day, by journeying about thirty miles, they reached Apollonia, and on the evening of the third day they probably entered Thessalonica. This was the most densely populated city of Macedonia. It remained the chief city of northern Greece until the founding of Constantinople. Paul was, no doubt, under divine guidance during this journey. Cities have ever been chief missionary fields.

2. *Preaching*: Sabbath after Sabbath Paul and his companions entered the synagogue of the Jews and reasoned with them out of the Scriptures. The Jews and Christians had many things in common. They believed in the same God and studied the same Scriptures. The New Testament was not then written. Jesus of Nazareth was the rock that divided them. The Christians affirmed that He was the promised Messiah; this the Jews denied. Paul was no doubt too much for them in an argument. He probably reasoned in this way: (1) Jesus was of the tribe of Judah; (2) He was of the family of David; (3) He was born in Bethlehem of Judah; (4) He came at the time predicted; (5) His life fulfilled the prophecies of Him. (a) He was a "man of sorrow and acquainted with grief." It was a part of God's plan that He should suffer. This the Jews did not understand. The cross was to them a stumbling block. A suffering, dying Savior did not meet their expectations. (b) But He was not left in the grave. His body did not see corruption. On the third day He arose from the dead. It was necessary for Jesus to pass through the valley of death to complete the plan of salvation. He has taken from death its sting and from the grave its victory. (c) Jesus was the very Christ—the one whom God anointed as their Prophet to teach them; their Priest to intercede for them; and their King to rule over them and reign in them.

3. *Believing*. A large number of the Jews believed the preaching of Paul and cast their lot

in with Jesus. A great number of Greeks believed and were saved. This made the church at Thessalonica, from the very start, largely Gentile. Many of the chief women, both Jews and Greeks, were saved and numbered with the disciples. When the opposition became great, the apostles likely left the synagogue and worshiped elsewhere. This probably continued for some time. *Note*—The reasons why some believe the gospel and others do not, may be found in themselves. Some are disposed to call every new matter into question, while others see its merits in a moment and accept without investigation. Some have a mean opinion of almost every thing, while others are just the reverse. God influences those most who are most inclined to trust, and those least who are least disposed to believe.

4. *Apposing*. There were many Jews who did not believe the teachings of Paul and Silas. They, "moved with envy," worked against them. (1) They secured a company of "lewd fellows of the baser sort." From the market places they hired idle, dissatisfied and worthless characters to talk and act as they desired. Mobs are usually composed of this class. (2) They "set all the city in an uproar." They caused these vagabonds to go everywhere, mixing with the people of their class and exciting them to deeds of violence. (3) They assaulted the house of Jason, where Paul and Silas had been staying, but did not find them. They had likely been told of what was going on without and had made their escape. Jason and "certain brethren" were arrested and brought before "the rulers of the city." Two charges were brought against them: (a) They "have turned the world upside down." This they had not done. Sin has turned the world upside down. It is the mission of the gospel to turn it right side up. It has been said by the wicked that the gospel creates confusion and discord. This it never does when the people are living as God directs. (b) They "do contrary to the decrees of Caesar." Possibly Paul, in defining the divinity of Jesus, had spoken of Him as the rightful heir to David's throne. But this should not have been understood literally. The same charge was brought against Jesus. (4) The rulers and the people were troubled over these things. They were a little government among themselves, subject to Rome. Anything like disloyalty on their part would have ruined them. (5) They caused Jason and the brethren to give satisfaction to the court for the good conduct of Paul and Silas. They may have been given money, or probably they promised not to keep them any more, or possibly they pledged themselves to have them leave the city.

II. *At Berea* (10-12). Paul and Silas were sent away from Thessalonica by night. Timothy seems to have remained there for a short while. Berea was almost sixty miles southwest of Thessalonica. It has to-day a population of about twenty thousand. The apostles found there a synagogue into which they entered and began to labor for Jesus. 1. *Paul preached* "the word" unto them. His discourses were probably much like those delivered at Thessalonica. 2. *The Jews* heard it "with all readiness of mind." They were open to conviction. "Take heed how you hear." 3. *They "searched the Scriptures daily"* to see if his words were true. They investigated his teachings. To them the Old Testament was an inspired book. All its utterances were true, and all that harmonized with them was right. 4. *"Many of them believed."* Jews and Greeks and honorable women of both nations acknowledged the truth of what Paul said, put their trust in Jesus and were saved.

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Forced to Resign Her Position and—

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to anything. In a government like ours there can be only one just standard of measurement for the individual, and that is character and fitness. This standard was fixed by America and is American. It is manifestly unjust to ask the authorities to recognize any other. By this our Presidents and governors are measured. It is more unfair to object to a Negro in America simply because he is a Negro, than to object to a Jew in Europe because he is a Jew. From the American standpoint neither is right, but they are not parallel cases by any means.

But to the case in point. Mrs. Cox is objected to as postmistress and the Negro in general is objected to throughout the south as an official because, as certain of our exchanges declare, it humiliates the white man. That is what we cannot understand. Is it because of the necessary contact growing out of this relation? If so, then why does the white man not feel humiliated by the closer contact which comes of the relation of master and servant? Why is he not humiliated to profit by the Negro's labor and earnings, and to accord him the consideration he does when he wishes to sell him something or serve him professionally? Queer kind of humiliation this: Less humiliation to serve the Negro than to be served by him if he occupy a position above the servile, but all right if he doesn't.

For the sake of peace we should advocate the withdrawal of Negroes from all public affairs, were it not that we know too well what it means to do so. This movement means to do for the Negro in national affairs what it has done for him in state affairs. It means to decitizenize him; strip him absolutely and leave him without standing or influence. To do this is to unman him, to dehumanize him; to relegate him to a servile position; leave his women to the mercy of merciless men and fix a place for a race to occupy. This neither God nor the laws of humanity intend; they leave every man to fix his own place; we ask no more, but insist on that much.

The Negro has died, without murmuring, for his country, and has been murdered by the hundreds for being a Republican; now the government and the Republican party are told by a man with a strange voice, Help me crush the Negro and I will be your friend. Will they do it? The President is accused of playing politics because he stands for justice and right. This may be, but they lose sight of the fact that the South is forcing him to take a stand with the hope evidently of cornering him. He doesn't consent to be cornered, and they complain because he turns the occasion to his own advantage rather than to theirs.

Bad Enough, But Could be Worse.

It is gratifying to note that the number of lynchings for the past year were only 96, which is 21 less than the year previous. Eighty-seven of these occurred in the south; eighty-six were Negroes, nine whites and one Indian. South Carolina bears the distinction of being responsible for the only woman thus violently put to death during the year.

At the same time the number of murders for 1902, as compared with the year previous is much larger, being 8,834, an increase of 982. This, to our mind, indicates the growth of the spirit of murder for which the lyncher is largely responsible. Human life was never so cheap in the mind of civilized man as it is now in this country. It seems the first thought in the mind of every man who gets into a difficulty to take the life of his antagonist.

We notice the suggestion by one of our exchanges that the decrease in the total number of lynchings is the result of the fact that the number of legal executions has increased. This may be true, but we prefer to credit it to the increased diligence and faithfulness of certain of the sheriffs and governors. Few Negroes ever escape punishment when their offense is against a white man; hence they are not lynched because of a fear that they will not be punished, but because there is no fear of the law and because it is thought to thus terrify and deter others. They seem not to recognize the truism that crime begets crime. However, it should be gratifying to every right-thinking American citizen that fewer lynchings are recorded for last year than for a number of years past.

Appointed Dr. Crum Collector

On Monday last President Roosevelt nominated Wm. D. Crum, M. D., of South Carolina, to be Collector of Customs in Charleston, and thus all speculation as to what President Roosevelt will do in this case is ended. That he is President and proposes to measure men by their worth rather than by their color is by this appointment strikingly manifested. Those who are opposed to the Negro's occupying any official position are much disappointed and accuse the President of recognizing the southern Negro in order to hold the colored vote in doubtful states of the North. Some of the papers which make this charge will do well to remember that they are largely responsible for there being so many Negroes at the North. They would never have become the political quantity they have, had it not been made so uncomfortable for them at the south. Some knives cut both ways, and this is one of them. God lives and President Roosevelt is his servant.

Changes Among Railway Officials

The last few days have witnessed a number of important changes among railway officials and employees, especially of the Illinois Central Railway. Mr. W. A. Kellond, who has been assistant general passenger agent with headquarters at Louisville, Ky., has been succeeded in this position by Mr. John A. Scott, the division passenger agent at Memphis, and the office will be moved from Louisville to Memphis, Tenn. Col. Wm. Murray, the affable and highly esteemed division passenger agent of this city, has been succeeded in this position by Mr. A. J. McDougall, of New York. Mr. McDougall comes from the position of general eastern passenger agent at New York, where he has been in the employ of the company

for the past twelve years. He has already been installed in his new position, and takes hold like a veteran. Col. Murray goes to the position of foreign passenger agent, with headquarters in this city. Mr. Matt Kennedy, who has so long been city passenger and ticket agent of the company, has resigned and has been succeeded by Mr. J. Hunter Jones. He is no new hand at his business and with his efficient assistant, Mr. Wm. Taub, every interest of the company will be carefully looked after.

We are sure that all who have had occasion to come in contact in a business way with Mr. Edward Roddy, city passenger agent, will be gratified to learn that there has been no change in the position he holds. The Illinois Central certainly has no more faithful and efficient business getter in its employ than Mr. Roddy.

At the I. C. station on Howard street, which is now used by the Southern Pacific Railway also, Mr. G. G. Slaughter, who has handled tickets there for some time, is now the union ticket agent, assisted by Mr. B. H. Decker, who has for a short while been ticket agent of the Southern Pacific at the river station. Mr. Decker is the son of Mr. F. S. Decker, the assistant general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, and has made a most excellent record with those he has had to serve. Many of the Southern Pacific's colored patrons speak in high terms of Mr. Decker's gentlemanly conduct toward them in comparison with at least one of his predecessors.

As an indication of the way in which the colored man has gone into the study of medicine, the Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., has an enrollment in all departments of 338; Howard University, Washington, D. C., has 130; Leonard Medical School, Raleigh, N. C., 115; and Flint Medical College, New Orleans, La., 42. Such a showing is not surprising since the Negro Doctor meets with a cordial reception wherever he goes.

Rev. J. K. Comfort and others, of Ellisville, Miss., are arranging to establish an Orphans' Charitable and Industrial Institute for colored children. They have already secured a charter and propose to locate the institution wherever they get the best offer for the same. This will, of course, include land and financial assistance. The charter provides for a trustee and a committee of five in every town or city of the state. Brother Comfort will be glad to hear from any community which desires to make a bid for the location of the orphanage.

Andrew Carnegie, the wealthy iron king, has tendered a gift of \$250,000 to New Orleans for a main library building and three branches. The only conditions imposed are the following:

"If the city will pledge itself, by resolution of the Council, to support a free library to the extent of \$25,000 per year, Mr. Carnegie will provide \$250,000 for a main library building and three branch library buildings, the city of New Orleans to furnish suitable sites for each of these library buildings."

We are free to confess that we never saw a superior piece of advertising to the little pamphlet sent out by President R. S. Lovinggood in the interest of Samuel Huston College, Austin, Tex. It bears the title of "The Cause that Needs Assistance," and is certainly calculated to impress one with both the needs and worthiness of the cause it presents.

News Notes

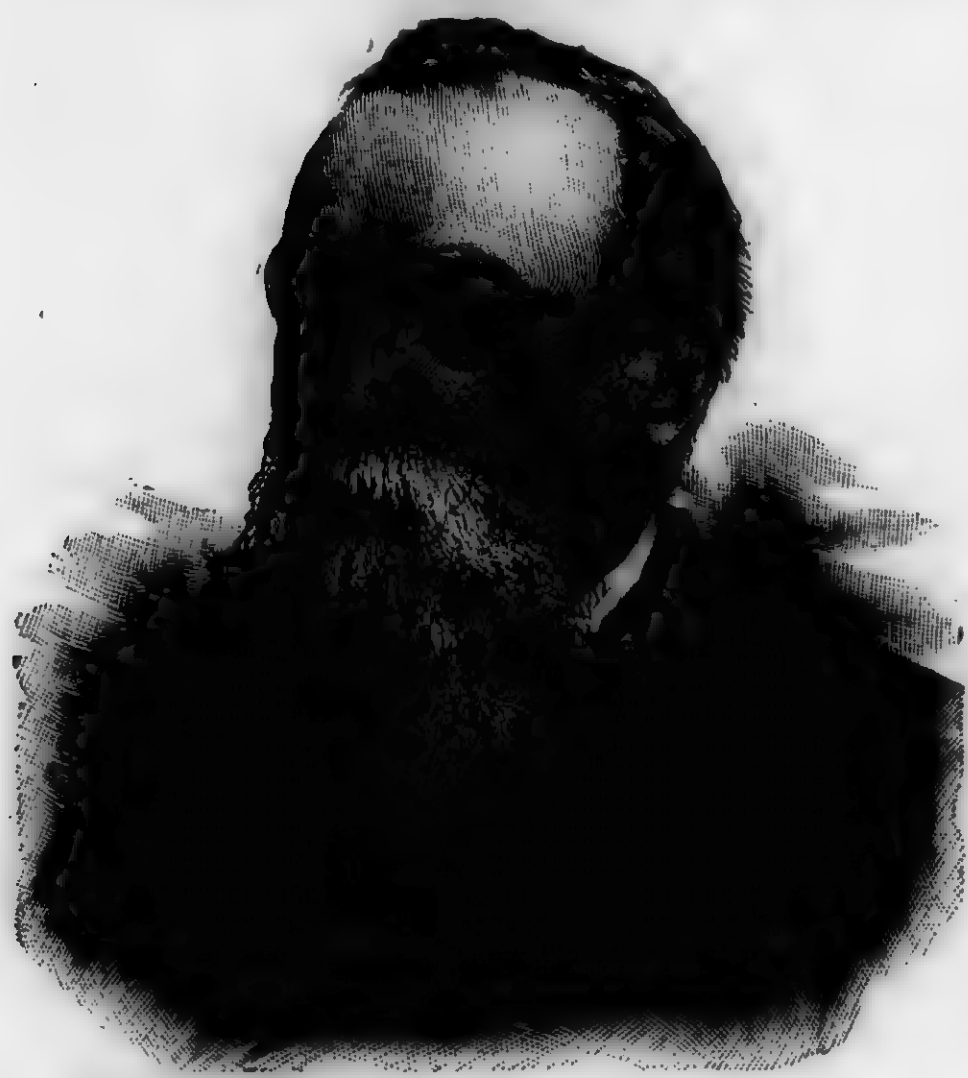
The lack of coal in Chicago, St. Joseph, Mo., and Washington, D. C., has caused much suffering.

The *Church Observer* and the *Press*, published in Mobile, Ala., have united. They are no longer two but one, and that one is the *Press*, which will be sent to all subscribers of the *Observer*.

The First Assistant Secretary of State, Dr. David Jayne Hill, has been appointed United minister to Switzerland. Francis B. Loomis has been appointed Assistant Secretary of State.

The *Colored American* says it would like to see Emmett J. Scott tendered a diplomatic post befitting his commanding ability in handling delicate situations. We should, too, but he has something of that kind now.

The joint hymn book commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the M. E. Church South convenes in Nashville, Tenn., this week, January 10. It is composed of eleven representatives from each church. Bishop D. A. Goodsell and Bishop E. E. Hoss are the chairmen.



Portrait of Bishop F. Mallalieu.

F. Mallalieu

There are scores of preachers who were sent out last fall and other scores who will be appointed this winter and spring to their various fields of labor by Bishop Willard F. Mallalieu who will be glad to see the excellent picture of him which we publish. Most of his assignments for the fall and spring were in the south. Next week he begins his spring work with the Upper Mississippi, at Winona; then follow the Mississippi and the Louisiana in rapid succession. Wherever he has gone the brethren have been delighted with his administration. His knowledge of men is something remarkable, and his sense of justice no less keenly developed. He is a judge, a father and a brother all in one. May the Lord continue to bless Bishop Mallalieu.

Rev. G. R. Bryant, one of the most successful pastors of the West Texas Conference, was at the recent session of that body transferred to the Southern California Conference and stationed at Los Angeles. Brother Bryant is a strong preacher and gathers the people and builds the interests of the church wherever he goes. His transfer is certainly a loss to Texas Methodism, yet we have every reason to believe that this will be counterbalanced by the advantage it will prove to our cause in the city of "the Angels." THE SOUTHWESTERN wishes him the greatest possible success.

Personal and General

The funeral services of Mrs. U. S. Grant were conducted by Bishop Andrews.

Rev. W. S. Harris, pastor at Baton Rouge, La., gave the office a pleasant call.

Mayor Jones, of Toledo, Ohio, says President Roosevelt is greater than the government he represents.

Rev. H. T. S. Johnson, of Randall, La., passed through the city last week enroute to Gammon Theological Seminary.

Hon. Galusha A. Grow, author of the free homestead law, made his farewell speech to Congress. He is 79 years old.

An unsigned note announces the marriage of the Rev. J. A. Landry and Miss Hattie Parker of Napoleonville, La., Jan. 7, 1903.

Rev. J. C. Eusan, B. D., who is now pastor at Giddings, Tex., desires his correspondents to address him there instead of Winchester, Tex.

During the absence of Mr. Thomas T. Fortune the *New York Age* will be edited by Mr. Jerome B. Peterson, the business manager of the concern.

Orville McNorton, a colored man, has a patent for a swith-operating device which it is claimed will almost revolutionize car shifting in railroad yards.

Andrew Carnegie has given \$25,000 and a building worth \$50,000, to the Loyal Legion of Labor, a society of colored people in Ohio, for educational purposes.

Rev. Dr. Freeman Parker, presiding elder of the Paris (Tex.) District, has issued a neatly printed card giving apportionments to each of his charges for benevolent causes.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Foster, of Rust University, have recently made a brief visit to Boston, Mass. The Doctor preached on Sunday while there at First Church.

We acknowledge the receipt of the program and directory of the Upper Mississippi Conference to convene at Winona, Miss., January 15. Brother Hart says he's ready.

Mrs. M. M. Johnson and Mrs. W. H. Hollin, of Vicksburg, Miss., who were in the city last week attending the Southern Federation of Colored Women, gave our office a pleasant call.

A portrait of Bishop Hartzell is being painted by the Afro-American artist, Henry T. Tanner, now of Paris. Among Mr. Tanner's earliest and most helpful friends were Bishop and Mrs. Hartzell.

Miss Bertha LaBranche, teacher of English, and Mr. George E. Mason, tailor in the Mississippi-Louisiana Normal and Industrial College, Magnolia, Miss., were in the city during the holidays.

Rev. E. B. Richard, pastor at St. Martinville, La., has had a good year and is closing up in most excellent shape. He proposes to go up to the annual conference with an advance in his benevolent money and on all other lines.

Rev. Hampton James, pastor of Mt. Zion Church, this city, and his family were pleasantly surprised the 9th of this month by a band of their members. They left a choice lot of groceries in the parsonage.

Rev. S. P. West, of Thomasville, N. C., sends us another annual subscriber and says, "This is five, but I cannot stop here." Brother West pledged us five at the conference but proposes to go beyond that number.

We learn from the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* that Bishop R. S. Foster, who has been so long in feeble health, has been stricken with

apoplexy. In his enfeebled condition it is not likely that he can long survive such severe affliction. He is with his daughter, near Boston.

Miss Nellie V. Landry, A. B., the attractive daughter of Dean Pierre Landry, of Gilbert College, who teaches at Cheneyville, La., spent the holidays with her parents and friends at Baldwin, La. We have few young ladies who equal Miss Nellie in independence and enterprise.

We are indebted to Miss Hattie V. Feger for the excellent report of the Woman's Federation which we publish in another column. Much of the success of the meeting was the result of her efforts and the efforts of her class of young women.

Rev. J. I. Gilmore is on duty at his new post, Clarkesville, Tex. He is in the black-land section, and he says the constant rainy weather has caused him and his new charge to stick close together since his arrival. Brother Gilmore has been cordially received by the people.

According to the report of the secular press, \$20,000,000, the full amount asked of the Church for the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering, was secured. The magnificent triumph was consummated at the watch-night meeting held in Trinity M. E. Church, Springfield, Mass. This being true, it will not be long till we are permitted to give our readers the authentic figures.

Miss Anna Beck, a teacher at Gilbert Academy, and Miss Ibra Benita Butler, a pupil in the same school, spent their holidays in the city. Miss Beck was the guest of Miss Liattah Marshall, No. 1724 Constantinople street, and Miss Butler was in the home of her father, Rev. W. R. Butler, at No. 1924 Sixth street.

Mr. James Atkinson, a colored man of Rome, Ga., sent as a New Year's gift to President Roosevelt, a carved cane which contains about 103 images, twelve of which are of people. Many are ages, twelve of which are of people. Many are said to be well carved. Mr. Atkinson did the work with an ordinary pocket knife.

A young colored man by the name of Jesse G. Trimble, from Nashville, Tenn., has recently won high honor in the medical department of Harvard University. He ties M. L. Baker of England, for second honor of the first year class, thus dividing with his competitor a \$200 scholarship. His father, Mr. James G. Trimble, is a city fireman in Nashville.

Rev. Henry Taylor, presiding elder of the Baton Rouge (La.) District, came to the city last week for a brief visit to his family. He is closing his work for the year and expects his district to surpass its previous record. Elder Taylor desires all his brethren to meet him at Natchitoches January 28, the day previous to the annual session of the conference.

Rev. Stephen Tillman, pastor at Cade, La., who met with the misfortune on the 3d of November last of having his collarbone broken, is now very much improved and able to be about. He was helping to ceil his church and lost his footing. Bro. Tillman would appreciate anything in the way of financial assistance which his brethren may be pleased to do for him.

Mrs. M. C. Kenny, a teacher in the Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Ark., and Mrs. A. A. Booker, wife of President Booker of that institution, were in the city last week attending the Woman's Federation. We have known Mrs. Kenny for a number of years, and it was highly gratifying to meet her again. These ladies are thoroughly cultured and fully qualified for the work being done by the Federation.

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FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. C. Marshall Editor

It may not be known to some that hens will lay without the males being with them, hence all males should be gotten rid of and others from elsewhere procured next spring. If it is desired to keep eggs those from hens not with males will keep twice as long as those containing the germs of chicks.—*Ex.*

GRASS FOR SANDY LANDS.

Awnless brome grass (*bromus inermis*) will be found excellent for use on drifting sands. It is a perennial, looks somewhat like blue grass and is suitable for light, dry, poor soils and resists dry weather. About fifteen pounds of seed per acre should be used. It spreads by creeping underground stems or root stocks. It will not thrive on wet soils. While not as valuable as many other varieties, yet it serves well on light sandy soils upon which no other grass will grow.—*Ex.*

TO KEEP CABBAGE.

The burying of cabbage heads down and roots up is a mistake, although the custom is an old one. When the heads are buried and the ground becomes frozen the cabbages are completely sealed up and cannot be used. Later,

as the ground thaws, the heads begin to rot, and a large proportion of them are lost from that cause. The proper plan is to select a high location, open a row with a one-horse plow, put the cabbages in, roots down and heads out, placing them close together, the heads slanting so as to turn water. Next make another row, throwing the dirt on the roots of the cabbages in the first row. When all the cabbages are put in they will be in a compact mass. Place straw on the heads and boards on the straw, to shed rain. If preferred, the cabbages may be thus placed under a shed and covered with straw. If the roots are put in the ground and the heads out the cabbages will be alive, the stalks will give crops of sprouts for early greens in the spring and not a head will rot, while they may be cut off from the stalks at any time when wanted, whether the ground is frozen or not, by simply lifting the straw. In fact, they will keep in such good condition as to begin growing in the spring, if not disturbed, in the effort to produce seed.—*Philadelphia Record.*

RECIPE FOR BEEF TEA.

Take a half-pound of chopped lean raw beef, put it in an earthen pint bowl, and a bit of pepper and salt for seasoning, and two tablespoonsful of cold water. Over the top of the bowl paste or tie closely a covering of thick brown wrapping paper. Set in a hot oven for fifteen minutes; it will require five minutes additional in a slow oven. While cooking, heat the cup it is to be served in. You will need, when the time is up, to press out the juice, and whatever you use to do this with must be hot. The patent potato masher or fruit presser is good. The reason everything connected with the operation must be hot is because the juice is not to be reheated on the range. It will lose its redness and curdle or coagulate if you do this. This may be served with angular bits of toast and should be served two or three times a day, using half a pound each time.—*New York Tribune.*

OLD PLANTATION JOHNNY CAKE.

Sift one quart of Indian meal into a bowl. Make a hole in the center and pour in a pint of warm water; add a teaspoonful of salt and gradually mix water and meal into a soft dough; then stir briskly for fifteen minutes or more until it is light and spongy. Then spread evenly and smoothly out on a straight, flat board, and place it before the fire and bake it well; then cut into squares, send to table very hot, split open and butter. This can be baked in the lower oven of a gas stove very successfully, but must be placed low down from the fire.

MUFFINS.

A dainty, economical and very nutritious variety of muffins is made as follows: To two cups of white flour add two teaspoons of salt and two generous teaspoons of baking powder; sift these together and stir into them two cups of uncooked rolled oats. Add enough cold water to make a thick but not a stiff batter, and bake at once in a hot oven. They will take a little longer to brown than other kinds, but if they are given a hot fire they will come out light and very nutty. If the iron gem pans are used, they should be well heated while the batter is being mixed and the batter must be quickly stirred together long beating or standing before putting in the oven, or a slow oven, makes them pasty and poor.—*Mrs. R. M. Minister in Good House-keeping.*

THE FAMILY DOCTOR.

Try cranberries for malaria.
Try a sun bath for rheumatism.
Try swallowing saliva when troubled with sour stomach.
Try breathing the fumes of turpentine to relieve whooping-cough.
Try buttermilk for the removal of freckles, tan and butternut stains.
Try hot flannels over the seat of neuralgic pain, and renew frequently.
Try taking cod-liver oil in tomato catsup if you want to make it palatable.
Try a cloth wrung out from cold water, put about the neck at night, for a sore throat.
Try taking a nap in the afternoon if you are going to be out late in the evening.
Try an extra pair of stockings outside of your shoes when traveling in cold weather.
Try walking with your hands behind you if you find yourself becoming bent forward.
Try a silk handkerchief over the face when obliged to go against a cold, piercing wind.—*Public Health Journal.*

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

C. G. Gavin, Pastor, Lillian, Miss.—God be praised that the Lillian Circuit is still alive. One good old brother remarked the other day, "Brother Pastor, I thought it impossible to perform miracles nowadays." I remarked, in reply, "I thought it was." He said, "Well, I think you 'formed one on the Lillian Circuit this year." We have not performed a miracle, but we have indeed, by God's help, accomplished a grand work. At Union Grove we have put in \$10 worth of lights and a very good bell. At Lillian the headquarter church we have purchased the deeds for two acres of ground on which the church is located, bought a very good bell, dug a well and purchased something over \$11 worth of parsonage furniture. At Prairie Chapel, in Neshoba County, we have built a church 30x40, valued at \$500. Estimation on pastor's salary was \$300. Lillian has paid \$100 minus \$5, which will no doubt be cancelled on my last appointment. Union Grove has paid \$100 minus \$6.49, which will no doubt be cancelled on the last appointment. Prairie Chapel has paid \$50. We have paid our elder in full and raised \$75 benevolent money.

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A. Richie, Pastor, McDonough, La.—Allow me space to say that it is the universal custom for Santa Claus to come on December 24th, but this year he visited my home a day earlier—Dec. 23. I have been told that he comes down the chimney. This time he entered by the door. I let him in. With him were Sisters Melissa Welch, Mary E. Laney, Lucy Cook, Frances Dudley, Emily Lancy, Fannie Bradley and several brethren who left many good things with a wish for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year for the pastor and his family. Quite an enjoyable surprise, and no little encouragement for the pastor to begin his fourth year's work. May the Lord bless them and help them to come again.



Dudley S. Sloan, Hubertsville, La.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held Dec. 6, Rev. W. R. Butler presiding. The reports for this quarter showed quite an improvement along all lines at this charge. Notwithstanding our people are now out in the grinding, the attendance was good. All officers reported. Pastor's report showed marked improvement in the organizing of the different auxiliaries to the church, which bid fair to be a great help to the work. We are closing our first year's labor at this charge and can say without boasting that the "Lord has been my shepherd" thus far. Mrs. W. R. Butler is accompanying the elder on his fourth round. She carries sunshine and smiles wherever she goes. Our pastor, Rev. W. D. Riggins, at Oliver Charge, has been very ill, but is now fast recovering.

J. M. Clark, Pastor, Auvergne, Ark.—Our fourth quarterly conference convened at Haven Chapel M. E. Church, with the presiding elder, B. J. Griffin, in the chair. He preached two able sermons. Paid presiding elder \$10.80; pastor \$36.50; other collections, \$28.70. Total this quarter, \$75. Moving along fine. Elder Griffin is the right man in the right place.

S. A. Martin, Centenary M. E. Church, Memphis, Tenn.—Our church, Sunday school and Leagues are alive and doing good work both spiritually and financially. The District Conference which convened on the 8d to 5th, was creditable to church and the district. Dr. J. A. W. Moore presided and used every effort to make the district work a success. Rev. Price is hard at work making the church work move on all lines. We are glad also to report the return of our recording steward, Brother S. A. Martin, who spent eight months in the city of Birmingham, Ala. He brings us good news of our church up there. He has been elected secretary of the Epworth League and Junior League and reporter to all the church papers.

Corinth, Miss.—Rev. Wm. Roberts is getting along fairly well. He is able to fill his appointment. His congregation stands by him; although afflicted. Wishes his return after conference. He has endeared himself to this people by his Christian manner. On Oct. 19th they gave a big rally; results, \$86. Nov. 27th was the Sisters' Rally; results for him, a suit of clothes, \$55. Under the many disadvantages we are working and praying for success. They expect to send him to conference with a full report. Three of our dear friends have passed away in death very recently: Brothers George Roby, Douglas Whitmore, and Sister Julia Woods. Rev. Wm. Roberts conducted the funerals.

Thos. Williams, Pastor, Shady Grove, La.—We are closing up our third year's work at this place with grand success. We have a good peo-

Ida Hill, Lagrange, Ga.—I am a member of the M. E. Church; my father takes your paper and I delight in reading it. We have had a glorious time this year in our revival meetings. We brought many souls to Christ. Our Sunday school is alive, so pray for our success.

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G. Todd, Pastor, Dodge, Tex.—Shortly after my arrival here from the Annual Conference held Nov. 27, I was very much surprised by the people of Pine Grove (a goodly number) coming nine miles to Dodge, in the biting cold with a surprise party, to show their appreciation of my return to them. They were most cordially welcomed into our cozy little parsonage where they were soon warmed at our comfortable hearth. We most heartily thank the faithful Pine Grove seekers of our welfare for their kindness. We are grateful to them for the many groceries they brought and especially the Xmas turkey and chickens.

Rev. Wm. E. Edwards, Terrell, Tenn.—The New Year is at hand. Let us as men of God leave not a stone unturned this conference year for the mission cause. As I am a missionary, I will tell you how to work. First let the members know that you are the pastor, sent there from conference to do something for them and the church. Tell them the Bishop is looking for you to do more than the pastor did last year. Let the members know that you came to put new sets of pews in the church and windows. Call the children together in the Sunday schools by being on time every Sunday. Then God will bless your works.

Second, the Epworth League ought to be organized in every church, but some of the pastors say the Epworth League is too rich for the Negroes. I think that the Negroes need rich things. That is one of the reasons I love the Methodist Episcopal Church. It loves rich and high things in life. If all the pastors knew the church laws and loved them we would have more missionary money. When we meet at conference would have in our charges over 10 cash subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. Every year we have numbers who have never read our paper. I was at a place last week where one of our members said to me that all our church papers have at the head of them white men. I replied, "Why no; I. B. Scott, D. D., is the editor of the

SOUTHWESTERN." "My pastor told me," she said, "that the white people won't allow that in our church." I told her that brother had never seen one of our Bishops in his life, therefore, he does not know any better. Now, brethren, let us put into all our members' homes the church paper. We want to try to put in this district fifty subscribers this year, and tell the people I. B. Scott is a Negro, and he is at the head of our paper. The Bishops are proud of all such men as I. B. Scott, D. D. The SOUTHWESTERN and the Epworth League will help your mission cause. Also have Sunday school missionary day. Call the whole circuit together on that day. What we need is a missionary spirit in our district. Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. What we want to do is to preach more gospel to the people and let their whiskey stay out four months. You are the light of the world, a city that cannot be hidden. If you are a good tree, bring forth good fruits.

Rev. J. T. Leggett, Pastor, Princeton, Ind.—Our third quarterly meeting was held Dec. 19-21, 1902. Rev. Geo. A. Sissle, presiding elder, was with us and preached two able sermons. Rev. L. W. Ratliffe, of the A. M. E. church preached the sacramental sermon at 3 p. m. The presiding elder complimented the pastor and members very highly on the work of finishing the interior of the church. Also the W. H. M. Society for carpeting the rostrum. Paid the presiding elder in full \$13; pastor, \$112, and trustees \$115 this quarter. Our classes have taken on new life. Class No. 1, G. W. Smith, leader, raised \$11.87; 2, Abraham Barnes, \$10.89; 3, H. C. Tucker, \$8.01; 4, J. T. Owens, the leader of the children, \$5.14; 5, James Barnes, \$4.71; total \$40.62. Our church is spiritually alive. Prayer meetings and class meetings are well attended. December 16 while conducting Teachers' meeting at the church, a storm was gathering. It swept down to the parsonage with songs. The parsonage being only 20 feet from the church we all hastened into the parsonage and behold it was filled with members and friends with their pounds. Prof. H. C. Williams made the presentation speech. The pastor's wife responded, accepting the pounds. Brother G. W. Smith led in singing "God Be With Us Till We Meet Again." We were led in prayer by Brother A. Barnes. Our Sunday school, under Prof. H. C. Williams, is in good condition. We have enrolled 52 members; average attendance 47. Our Christmas cantata, "Miss Xmas," was well rendered. The superintendent and the organist, Miss Ida Pinkston, deserve much credit for their faithful work. Through all of our good works we have not forgotten the SOUTHWESTERN, of which we have been regular readers since Dr. Taylor's time. We send you two cash subscribers.

R. C. Worsham, Pastor, Crawford, La.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held Dec. 13-14 in Mt. Zion M. E. Church, with the Rev. W. R. Butler, presiding elder, in the chair. The members of the conference were present with written reports, which showed much improvement. The presiding elder was very much elated over the work that has been done this year. He also impressed upon the minds of the members to stand by the pastor in making this charge a success. We were glad to welcome Mrs. W. R. Butler in our midst. On Sunday the presiding elder was at his best. He preached to the delight of all present. Collection \$26. Paid Rev. Butler \$20.

W. T. Trammell, Pastor, Scottsboro, Ala.—We were favored with a very excellent sermon at 11 a. m. Christmas day, at Joyce Chapel M. E. Church, this city, by Rev. Cornelius F. Olivireaux, of Abyssinia, N. E. Africa, who also lectured at the Court House at 7 o'clock to a large number of both white and colored people. Rev. Mr. Olivireaux charmed the audience so with his brilliant description of Africa and her peoples, the whites asked that he repeat his lecture at the court house today, which he did, to the very great delight of all who heard him. I must not omit to state that the morning sermon at the M. E. Church was grand and inspiring indeed, the theme being "The Birth of Christ." I do not remember ever having heard a better sermon on the same subject. His text was the latter clause of the 15th verse of the 3rd chapter of Genesis, which he handled with the skill of a mighty master. He is spending the better part of the Christmas here.

G. H. Peters, Pastor, Pulaski, Va.—Our first quarterly conference convened on Dec. 27-28, with our beloved presiding elder, W. E. Mitchell, in the chair. He preached one of his masterpieces on the Sabbath. It was full of thought and power. He is the man; this station is alive and the pastor is living and pushing things, with nine subscribers for our paper and more to follow. For all purposes we have raised the sum of \$173.55. We will raise our assessments. So, brethren, look out. No time for sleep. Brother F. Nuckles sent us a barrel of flour. It was quite a surprise.

AN APPEAL TO THE LEXINGTON CONFERENCE.

It is with much feeling and profound interest that I have in the conference and more especially for the fathers of our conference, who are leaving our itinerant ranks, some having entered their great reward and have left to our trust a faithful widow and children. Others are being superannuated. Some now have grown feeble and would like to be released, but through the many hardships and struggles, have accumulated but little of this world's possessions, hence practically have no home and no source from which they could hope for support. Their only source for support is a small amount given them by the conference. As one of the younger members of the conference I appeal to my colleagues: Let us present this worthy cause to our congregations, and let us not content ourselves until we shall have doubled the apportionment of last year. We should increase the conference claimant's fund a hundred per cent, and then it would be inadequate to meet so worthy a cause. We have the distinction of holding some of the best appointments in the conference, bequeathed to us by these faithful and feeble heroes who are looking to us to carry on this work and to care for their interest in their declining years. The eye of the Church is upon us. Let us do our best. I am your brother pastor,
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LITERARY NOTES

The Review of Reviews begins a new volume with one of its characteristic numbers—a publication that could never by any possibility be mistaken for any other magazine in the world. Venezuela is very much to the front, and the Review gives space to a valuable editorial discussion of the British and German claims and the proposed modes of adjustment. The rural free delivery service is the subject of an illustrated article by Day Allen Willey. The other topics of discussion in Congress are fully treated in the opening editorial department of the magazine, "The Progress of the World." The late Speaker Reed is the subject of an appreciative tribute. The place of the regular cartoon department is taken this month by a sketch of Thomas Nast, the dean of American caricaturists, who died the other day in South America.

The January number of the New England Magazine opens with an article on Boston's Playground System. From her personal recollection of the two famous abolitionists, Abby and Stephen Foster, Mrs. Lillie B. C. Wyman has selected some delightful incidents and characteristics, which show these devoted people in their labor of preparing the way for the freeing of the slaves. Most appropriately following this is Professor Wilbur H. Siebert's account of the Underground Railway, especially in its New England ramifications. This article, well illustrated, is a sort of compliment to Mrs. Wyman's paper, and throws a later light on the same general subject. "The Miracle of Irrigation," will perhaps astonish many who have not realized the wonderful transformation already accomplished in parts of the vast Western desert. America Co., Boston, 25 cents.

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N. WILLIAMS, P. E.

NOTICE.

Dear Pastors of the Paris District: I have a pleasing letter from Dra. M. C. B. Mason and W. P. Thirkield, corresponding secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, dated Dec. 22, outlining a nice and easy plan to raise a good sum of money, if not a sufficient amount to pay off all pressing debts against the Freedmen's Aid schools, beginning with Thursday, Jan. 1, 1903, and closing Feb. 12. The plan is somewhat on the order of what we denominate "Age rally," which means one cent for each year one has lived out of gratitude to God for his emancipation. The plan is for each pastor in charge to write for a good supply of nice boxes of pyramid shape, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and circulate them among his members and friends with good instructions to return the same not later than Lincoln's birthday Sunday, which is Feb. 15. I feel certain that each one of you has received a similar letter to mine. I do recommend the plan to you, believing that it will work like a charm. It is to be remembered that each pastor will get credit for any amount which he may raise in his annual conference report.

I trust that the secretaries will receive a report immediately following Lincoln's birthday Sunday from my nineteen preachers, showing their appreciation, at least, for Wiley University and its great work among us.

FREEMAN PARKER, P. E.

Notice to the Mississippi Annual Conference:

The proper reduced rates over the various railroads in the state have been granted and all persons attending will secure certificates as usual.

G. W. SMITH, Secy.

GRIFFIN DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Oakhill, Dec. 20-21; Stockbridge, 27-28; Jonesboro, Jan. 3-4; Covington, 8-11; Oxford, 9-11; Union Grove, 17-18; Griffin St., 23-25; Griffin Cir., Jan. 31-Feb. 1; McDonough, Feb. 6-8; Local Grove, 7-8; Hampton, 14-15; Fayetteville, 21-22; Brookstation, Feb. 28-Mar. 1; Williamson, March 7-8; Eastpoint, 13-15.

Dear Brethren—We advanced last year on all lines. Let us strive to make this the best year's work in the history of the Griffin District. Plan well for Easter Sunday and see to it that every dollar of our benevolent money is raised on that way. Work and pray for success.

The District Stewards' and Pastors' Union will meet at McDonough Jan. 20-21, at 10 a. m.

Please give notice of the same and be on hand.

Yours,

M. M. ALSTON, P. E.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT, N. C.

CONFERENCE.

SECOND ROUND.

Creedmore and Durham, Jan. 23; Oxford and Henderson, Jan. 25-26; Townsville and Bullock, Jan. 31-Feb. 1; Newport News, Va., Feb. 7-8; Pleasant

Ridge, Va., Feb. 11; Henderson, Feb. 13; Oblin and Raleigh, Feb. 14-15; Ram sure, Feb. 21-22; Central Randolph, Feb. 28-March 1; Leaksville, March 7-8; Reidsville, March 11; Reidsville Circuit, March 14-15; Jackson, March 21-22; West Greensboro, March 28-29; South Greensboro, March 27-29; East Greensboro, April 11-12; Greensboro, April 12-13.

Dear brethren, let us have a revival in every church this quarter. We have chosen Feb. 8th, Lincoln's birthday, to lift the collection for Freedman's Aid. Easter Sunday is April 12. Let us raise all of our missionary collection. Don't let us fall behind; keep the wheel moving. Let us have the best year of all. We would like to have every charge to rank No. 1. Why not? Begin early, plan well and push everything on to victory. All be ready to pay for your minutes this quarter. Don't forget the pledge you made at the conference to Dr. Scott. Keep the Epworth Leagues moving; have good reports on all lines. Yours in the work,

M. J. BULLOCK, P. E.

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NOTICE.

To all candidates and classes for examination in the Florida Annual Conference, notice. The examination will begin Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1903, at 8:30 a. m., in Simpson Chapel Church, Jacksonville, Fla. The conference session will open Thursday morning, Jan. 29th, 1903. All persons to be examined will please report promptly at the time stated above.

J. M. DEAS,

Chairman of the Board of Examiners and Secretary of the Conference.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Cartersville, Dec. 20-21; Marietta, Dec. 21-22; Duluth, Dec. 27-28; Decatur, Jan. 2-4, 1903; Decatur Circuit, Jan. 8-4; Harmony Grove, Jan. 9-11; Nicholson, Jan. 10-11; Gillsville, Jan. 17-18; East Atlanta, Jan. 23-25; Lawrenceville, Jan. 30-Feb. 1; Flowery Branch, Jan. 31-Feb. 1; Elberton, Feb. 6-8; Elberton Circuit, Feb. 7-8; Lavonia, Feb. 14-15; Pearl Mills, Feb. 14-15; Fort Street, Feb. 18-22; Suwanee, Feb. 21-22; Hoschton, Feb. 28-March 1; Roswell, Feb. 28-March 1; Centerside, March 7-8; North Atlanta, March 13-15; Edwardsville, March 14-15.

Dear Brethren—The new year is dawning upon us. The work of the district went well last year—improvement on all lines. Remember your reputation is at stake. Lose no ground but make further advancement over last year in every charge. Save sinners, edify Christians, raise money. Begin now to prepare for Easter, April 12th. Get your committees, Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues and churches all in line for the great rally. The district stewards will meet in Gainesville, Jan. 30th, at 10 a. m. Yours in the work,

G. W. ARNOLD, P. E.

NOTICE.

Dear members and visitors of the Little Rock Conference, the Annual Conference convenes in Wiley Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, Clow, Ark., Jan. 22, 1903, at 8:30 a. m. We have been notified that many of our church representatives will be present. The Bishop Walden lectures on Africa, and China; also gospel service each day from 4 to 5 p. m. Come prepared to receive great blessings, spiritually and intellectually. A cordial reception awaits you. Yours truly,

G. N. JOHNSON.

AGENTS WANTED

NOTICE.

The undergraduates of the Little Rock Conference will meet the Board of Examiners at Clow, Ark., Jan. 21, 1903.

H. P. STRONG, Secy.

NOTICE.

Reduced rates on the certificate plan have been allowed to Clow, Ark., on account of the Little Rock Conference, Jan. 22-26, 1903.

H. P. STRONG, Secy.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

The Board of Examiners will meet at Winona, Miss., Wednesday, Jan. 14th, at 9 o'clock a. m., instead of Tuesday, Jan. 13th, at 2 p. m.

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Livingston, Tex.—Sister Mary Hicks, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 30 years, died in full faith in the Lord Dec. 28, 1902, aged 46 years. She was beloved by all who knew her. She leaves a husband, two sisters, one son and one daughter. Our church at Livingston has lost a great friend.

Sister Colea Hosey, a faithful member of the M. E. Church for 12 years, died in full faith in the Lord Dec. 23, 1902. She was a great church worker. She leaves a mother, father and husband. She will be greatly missed. Peace to her ashes.—E. MICHEAUX, Pastor.

Greenville, Tenn.—Brother David Arnold, a member of the M. E. Church, departed this life Dec. 28, aged 83 years. He was a member of the church for over 40 years and was a faithful and dutiful member of the church. While the church has lost a member and friend, heaven has gained a jewel. His funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. G. H. Crider, assisted by Rev. L. V. Watkins, of the A. M. E. Church.

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Gadsden, Ala.—Brother Cal Hickey was seriously injured on the 23rd of December in Hammond's mines. He died the next morning at 1:05 o'clock. Brother Hickey was a faithful member of Joyce's Chapel. He leaves a wife, two children and a host of friends to mourn his death.

W. F. SMITH, Pastor.

Cedar Bluff, Ala.—Mrs. Carrie Earvins departed this life Dec. 27, 1902. Her husband died Nov. 3, 1902. The burial was conducted by the pastor, J. B. Webb.

Newnan, Ga., Kivertown Circuit.—Death has visited the family of Brother Mark Gibson, the fourth time in the last two months. On Oct. 25, 1902, Sallie Gibson died. On Oct. 27 Brother Mark Gibson left us for heaven. Brother Gibson was an exhorter of Jones Chapel. His funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. O. Smith. The following brethren took a part in the service: Revs. H. R. Jones, W. L. Clark, T. S. Stalling and C. B. Smith. Brother Gibson was a faithful member of the M. E. Church until he died. On November 18, 1902, the death angel came back to the same home and took Sister Blanche Gibson, the daughter of Brother Mark, and on Dec. 27 death came again. This time Walter Gibson was taken. He was in the prime of life. Brother Walter leaves a wife, two brothers and two sisters to mourn. A brother and a sister are now sick.

A FRIEND.

Scooba, Miss.—On the night of the 20th inst. Brother Willis Doryer, one of the oldest members of Blue Chapel M. E. Church, departed this life in peace, leaving a wife, sons, daughters and friends to mourn. His request was that the writer preach his funeral at his home or at the grave. Peace be to his dust.

P. R. CRUMP, Pastor.

Covington.—Charley Giles, a member of the M. E. Church of Covington, departed this life Dec. 20, 1902. He made his peace with God. He was taken care of by Rev. A. Martin and his many friends of Covington. The funeral sermon was preached by W. R. H. Harry, the pastor in charge.

Memphis, Tenn., Warren Chapel.—Sister Janie Parker was born Dec. 19, 1851, died Friday night, Dec. 12, 1902. She professed a hope in Christ under the administration of Rev. Winter Woods, in 1874, and united with the

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Methodist Episcopal Church and lived a consistent Christian until she died; was a member of the church about 28 years. She was ever faithful to all her duties. She was a constant attendant of the Sunday school and loved the study of the Bible. By the death of Sister Parker, Warren Chapel sustained a great loss. It will be difficult to fill her place in the church. She was the preacher's friend and her door was always open to them. She was a devoted mother; faithful and true to all her relatives and reliable in every particular. She was the mother of six children. She leaves four children, two brothers, one sister, many other near relatives and a host of friends to mourn. We are confident that our loss is heaven's gain. Her funeral was preached by the pastor, Rev. D. T. Burch, and Rev. J. P. Price, pastor of Centenary M. E. Church. Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep. From which none ever wakes to weep. D. T. BURCH, Pastor.

Centerville, La.—Sister Alvary Walker, a member of our church died December 20, 1902. She was converted in the month of March; baptized and joined the church July 20, 1902. She died in the triumph of faith. She leaves a husband, two children and a mother and father, brothers and sisters to mourn her loss. Brother Charley Ballensaw, a member of Morgan City M. E. Church, was killed in the swamps by a limb from a tree, while working. He leaves a wife, children, one brother, a mother, other relatives and friends to mourn. Sunday was a sad day here. The funerals were conducted by the writer and J. H. Leonard. G. J. ROGERS, Pastor.

Fayette, Miss.—Sister Caroline Guice, one of the oldest members of Adams Chapel, M. E. Church, died in full hope of heaven, Dec. 24, at Cannonsburg, Miss., and was brought here for interment. Her funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by Revs. Peter Frisby and Rucker of the Baptist Church. A large number of friends attended. She leaves one daughter and four grand children. Sister Guice was the mother-in-law of Rev. J. I. Garrett, of Hansboro, Miss. S. H. CANNON.

New Iberia, La.—Mr. Thomas Johnson, aged 32 years, departed this life Dec. 18, 1902. He took sick a few months ago in New Orleans and went to Texas for his health, but finding himself getting weaker he started to come to New Iberia, to be with his people, but before he reached Houston, Texas, he died on the train. His wife brought his body to New Iberia and buried him beside his father, who died 12 years ago. Brother Johnson leaves

several brothers and sisters to mourn. J. W. TURNER.

New Orleans, La.—The funeral procession of W. H. Penn started from his late residence at 2:30 p. m., Dec. 25, 1902, reached the church at 2:45 p. m. The service was opened by singing hymn 957, led by Rev. H. Daniel. Mrs. O. Gould presided at the organ. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Tircuit, Scripture lesson by Rev. W. R. Butler. The master of services was Rev. S. Duncan, the amiable pastor of First Street M. E. Church; the eulogy by Rev. W. R. Butler, who spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Penn, touching his life as a citizen. Rev. F. T. Chinn eulogized him as a great man in society; the closing eulogy by the pastor, Rev. S. Duncan. Other ministers present were Drs. J. M. Young, S. T. Clanton, Rev. David Young and others. A very large and appreciative audience filled the house and solemnity reigned supreme. The boy was carried to his long resting place in the Washington Cemetery. On the 24th of December Sister Cecilia Fairrell died in the full triumph of faith. She was buried from First Street M. E. Church by the Ladies of Providence.

New Orleans, La.—Mallalieu mourns the death of a faithful member in the person of Sister Adeline Wills, who departed this life Dec. 25, 1902. Her suffering was long and intense, but she bore it patiently to the end. She leaves a husband and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. The Sons and Daughters of Peace, the society to which she belonged, had charge of the body. We commend the bereaved ones to the tender care of Almighty God. B. M. HUBBARD, Pastor.

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UNITED FOR LIFE

Boyce, La.—Mr. Thomas Craig and Miss Georgie Robertson were happily united in marriage at the bride's home Dec. 23.

J. L. AUGUSTUS.

Shreveport, La.—At the home of the bride, Mr. John W. Horton and Miss Estelle Washington, Dec. 17, 1902, at 8 p. m., were married. Sister Washington is one of the leading ladies of St. Paul M. E. Church and quite prominent in society. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. J. Wright, her pastor. The presents from her

many friends, white and colored, were numerous and very pretty.

Clinton, La.—Rev. B. C. Gorden, of the A. M. E. Church, and Miss Sarah Singleton were happily united in marriage at the bride's residence.

Mr. George Dyer and Miss Sarah Hatton were united in holy wedlock Dec. 19 at the bride's residence.

On December 17 Brother Isaac Dyer and Miss Nancy Hardon were happily united in marriage in the presence of a large audience at the bride's home. A. B. VENABLE officiated.

Spring Creek, La.—Mr. Wilbert Hayes and Miss Emily Stafford were joined in holy wedlock Dec. 18. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. C. Harrison.

Liberty, Texas.—Prof. J. H. Roberts and Miss Jane Holland were married at the home of her brother, Gas Sikes, on the 25th day of November. Both were students of Wiley University. God bless our school. A. ADAIR.

[Received Dec. 24.—Ed.]

Natchitoches, La.—On November 20, at the parsonage, Mr. John W. Dupre and Miss May Randolph, both of Robeline, La., were married.

On Dec. 10, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Thomas James and Miss Missey Doyle were married.

On Dec. 11 I joined in holy wedlock Mr. Willie Clark and Miss Mary Matthews, both young people of our church in this city.

W. J. M. PRICE, Pastor.

Opelousas, La.—Mr. Robert Jenkins and Miss Sofma Washington were happily united in marriage at Mark's M. E. Church Dec. 15. The happy pair left at once for their home in Bunkie, La.

E. C. GOIN officiated.

Greenville Circuit.—Mr. Cashies Dasher and Miss Rebecca Cruder were joined together in holy wedlock on the night of the 18th at the residence of the bride. They are both highly respected. The ceremony was performed by C. A. Jordan.

Alamo, Tenn.—Mr. Thomas Jelks and Miss Annie Hale, of Kentucky, were happily united at the groom's residence Dec. 21 at 10 o'clock a. m. They left at once for Osceola, Ark., where they will make their home.

R. B. ROSS.

Cotton Port, La.—Mr. Walter Dumond and Miss Alice Marbles were united in holy wedlock Dec. 4 in the presence of their many friends.

Mr. Edward Williams and Miss Carrie Evans were married Dec. 18.

Mr. Millard Williams and Miss Elizabeth Morris were married Dec. 21. Mr. Williams is a faithful helper here.

W. H. JONES officiated.

Forest, Miss.—On Nov. 20, 1902, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. Mose Evans, of Meridian, Miss., and Miss Mary Needham, of Forest, were united in holy wedlock.

On Dec. 21, at Brother Oscar Hunter's, Mr. Billie Rohella and Miss Hattie Robertson, near Peulaska, were united in holy wedlock.

At Green Grove Church, near Honeywood, Miss., Dec. 25, Mr. Isaac Crudeep was married to Miss Frances Fort.

At Mars Hill, Dec. 28, Mr. Mack Wright was married to Miss Lula Harper. Rev. N. Toole officiated at these ceremonies.

Terza, Miss.—Mr. T. J. Thompson, a young widower, and a member of Springhill S. S. and E. L. on the Sardis Circuit, and Miss S. J. Smith, a leading member of Mt. Gillian Baptist Church, were married Dec. 28, 1902, at the home of the bride. Miss A. J. Bahlentine and myself were the attendants. A reception was tendered them on Monday night at the home of Miss L. A. Dickens. J. A. Y. DICKENS.

Leona, Tex.—On September 25, 1902, at the home of the bride, in the Spring Seat Settlement, Leona Circuit, Mr. Shinnie Mays and Miss Ibie Robinson were united in holy wedlock. A crowd of friends were present. They are two of the leading young people in our church. Rev. Jas. F. Gilmore officiated.

Rev. N. S. Sterling, of the Atlanta Conference, and Miss Mary Russel were united in holy wedlock November 25, 1902. The ceremony was performed by Rev. V. D. Jenkins.

Brenham Circuit.—Mr. James McGregor and Miss Rosa Carr were united in wedlock at the home of Brother Frank Randorl. Brother Randorl is a member of our church and also Sister Randorl and Sister Rosa Carr. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. M. Mack.

Medill, Texas.—Mr. King Biard and Miss Mary Young were united in holy wedlock at the home of the bride, Dec. 14, 1902. Miss Mary is a member of the M. E. Church and much loved by all.

On the 21st of December, 1902, Mr. Dan McCarty and Mrs. Carrie Ura were united in holy matrimony. Mrs. Carrie is a faithful member of our church. Chas. Wofford, the pastor, officiated.

Cotton Plant, Miss.—On Dec. 21, 1902, Mr. Willie Stone and Miss Emma Jones were married on Dec. 24, 1902. Mr. Jacob Smith and Miss Marion Prather were united in wedlock. N. B. Blackman officiated.

Meridian, Miss.—Mr. Charlie Buraige and Miss Margaret Wyatt were joined in holy wedlock Dec. 10. At the bride's residence, Miss Margaret is a prominent member of St. Paul M. E. Church. Their future home will be in Laurel, Miss.

On Dec. 4 Mr. J. Black and Miss Susie Watt were married at the bride's home. Mr. Black is a prominent barber of the city of Meridian, and Miss Watt is a member of St. Paul M. E. Church. A. J. McNair officiated.

Batesville, Miss.—Mr. Robert Cochran was married to Mrs. Katie Wade at St. Paul M. E. Church. Mr. George Johnson was married to Miss Anna Wilson, at the bride's home. J. W. Terrell performed the ceremony.

Jefferson, Tex.—At Linden, Texas, Dec. 24.—Mr. Francis Johns, of Jefferson, Texas, and Miss Allie Pruitt, of Linden, Texas, were united in matrimony at the residence of the bride's parents. Mr. Francis Johns is a son of Rev. Green Johns, a strong member of the M. E. Church.

Before the altar in St. Paul M. E. Church, Mr. Johnnie Lemons and Miss Exter Knight were united in holy matrimony Christmas day. Both are members of St. Paul M. E. Church. Rev. B. M. Taylor officiated.

Scottsboro, Ala.—A very large audience assembled in Joyce Chapel M. E.

Church on Christmas day, at 7:30 p. m. to witness the marriage of Mr. John H. Hembree and Miss Annie Moore. The bride is a cultured Christian woman and student of the Central Alabama Academy. She is a consistent member of the M. E. Church here and was for a while our organist. She is the youngest child of our worthy district steward, Mr. Lee M. Moore. The members of the family belong to our Zion and are highly respected by both white and colored, wherever known. After the marriage the pastor and family attended the reception. W. T. Trammell officiated.

New Iberia, La.—A large and representative gathering of friends assembled in St. James M. E. Church on Dec. 23 at 5:30 p. m. to witness the marriage of Mr. Harry Williams and Miss Dora Ford. Mrs. Amelia Turner presided at the organ. She played Recessional march, while the bride, groom and party marched to the altar. The young couple are members of St. James M. E. Church.

Mr. Lawyer Danks and Miss Bertha King were united in holy matrimony at the bride's residence. They left for Houma, La., where they will make their home. J. W. Turner officiated.

Sunny Side, Tex.—At the home of the bride's parents, on Dec. 23, 1902, Mr. Johnny Chaney and Miss Hettie Penley were happily united in marriage in the presence of a host of friends. The happy pair represent the best families at Sunny Side. A. E. Gibbs officiated.

Mr. B. C. Cuington and Miss Lucy A. Robinson, prominent members of the C. M. E. Church, were united in marriage at Brookston, Tex., Dec. 14, 1902, at the home of the bride. They will make their future home at Guthrie, Okla. Rev. Freeman Parker performed the ceremony.

New Iberia, La.—Mr. Charley Smith, and Miss Stella Decuir were married at the groom's home. J. W. Turner, officiated.

Mr. Ransom Beason and Miss Fannie Martin were united in marriage Dec. 18. Both are of good families. The pastor officiated.

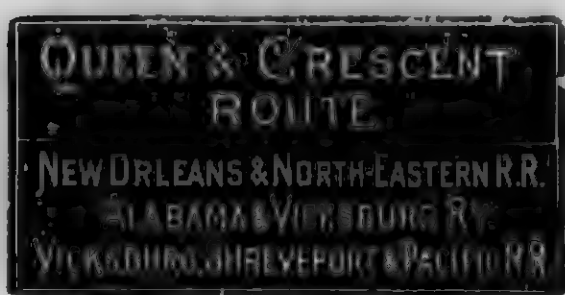
Mr. George W. Herd and Miss Hattie Grangent were made one in marriage on the 28th of December. Mr. Herd is one of the best young men of this county and is a teacher. Miss Hattie is the daughter of Mr. V. J. E. Grangent. Both are members of the M. E. Church. Rev. H. K. S. Erby officiated.

Pine Bluff, Ark.—On Thursday night, Dec. 25, Mr. Sam Foster and Mrs. Margaret Darling were united in marriage. D. B. Harkston.

Lake, Miss.—On December 16 Miss Inez Sims and Mr. Windham Moody were joined in holy wedlock at the bride's residence. Miss Sims is a lively, active member of the M. E. Church. Mr. Moody, a member of the Baptist Church. N. Cannon officiated.

Willis, Tex.—Mr. John Gleen and Miss Martha Haynes were united in marriage Dec. 11, 1902, at their home. Both are members of the M. E. Church. December 18 Mr. Sam Johnson and Miss Martha Elbert were united in marriage at the bride's residence. The couple are well to do members of the M. E. Church.

On Dec 28 Mr. Moses Powell and Miss Essie Jones were united in marriage at home. J. Jones, pastor, performed the ceremonies.



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Cookville, Tenn.—Mr. Simon Mester and Miss Tennessee Bolten were united in marriage at the home of the bride Dec. 28. The couple are members of the M. E. Church. E. F. Carter performed the ceremony.

Walnut Cove, N. C.—On December 24, 1902, at the M. E. Church, Miss Sarah Oaks and Mr. Luther Mitchell were married. The bride is one of the leading members of the church and Sunday school.

At the residence of the bride, Miss Maggie Mitchell and Mr. John H. Conrad were united in matrimony. The bride is a member of our church. The ceremony was performed by A. B. McQueen.

On December 23, 1902, Rev. J. R. Basket, pastor of St. Charles Avenue M. E. Church, of this city, and Miss Mary S. Phillips, of South Hammond, N. Y., were married by the Rev. W. A. Moers, pastor of the First German Methodist Church. The ceremony was performed at the beautiful residence of Mrs. W. Roach, 1325 Carondelet St.

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CRESCENT CITY NOTES

The editor and wife, in company with Rev. H. Daniels, presiding elder of the Shreveport District, and F. B. Smith, Esq., on New Year's Day had the pleasure of dining in the beautiful home of Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Butler. The ease and grace with which the young wife presided would do credit to a hostess of much larger experience. Miss Ibra Butler, who was at home for the vacation, was present also.

The Emancipation Day celebration was observed at Williams Chapel, Jan. 1st. Rev. J. A. Tircuit, pastor, acting as master of ceremonies. Appropriate music was furnished by the choir, led by Miss S. A. E. Brazley. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. John and William Mathew and Rev. I. B. Scott. Miss Brazley read an interesting paper.

Rev. Stephen Duncan, pastor First Street M. E. Church, has been indisposed since last week. Presiding Elder Butler and Rev. Dr. R. E. Jones looked after his work on Sunday.

NOTICE.

Whereas, The Governor of the State of Mississippi has granted a charter for a colored orphan home in this state that is to be known as the Comfort Col-

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ENQUIRY.

I desire to inquire for my mother and sister, who left me at Macon, Miss. My mother's name was Jane Hunter and my sister's name was Mary. They were owned by Mr. Joe Hunter, three miles southeast of Macon. If any one knows these ladies or their children, please write me. JERRY PERRY, Deer Brook, Miss.

Rev. J. L. Massey, Tullahoma, Tenn.—I made a visit to Hillsboro, N. Y., and found Rev. W. L. Lillard, at his post. He is doing a good work. He was a little feeble but he is not leaving a stone unturned. The new church that was under way when I was pastor at Hillsboro will be finished this conference year. I made my stop with Brother Alford Patton, one of the best members of the church. He will have success this year.

C. Spears, Pastor, Torras, La.—Christmas day was nicely conducted. At 11 o'clock we had prayer meeting and preaching. At night we had a fine tree which was placed in the church by Messrs. R. W. Wills, Robert Jackson and Celisam Frazor. A fine prize was presented to the ladies and gentlemen of this community. The pastor and wife were not forgotten.

Rev. G. H. Crider, Pastor, Greenville, Tenn.—Miss Sara Staples, Secy.—Our first quarterly conference was held Dec. 13. Rev. W. T. Marley, P. E., was on

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Editorial Notes

The freeman who uses his ballot properly will find it a protection to him and his.

If your religion is of no more service to you than you are to the church, you should stop and take a reckoning at once.

Nothing unusual regarding the Indianola, Miss., postoffice matter has developed since it was closed Jan. 1st. Senator McLaurin of that state has requested its immediate reopening, but the last information given out is to the effect that the cabinet decided it would set a bad precedent to do so unless the rightful authorities guaranteed protection to the postmaster. As soon as this is done it is said the office will be reopened. Sunflower county, in which Indianola is situated, has 4,006 white citizens and 12,070 blacks. The town itself has a population of 630.

The whitecap outrages of certain Mississippi and Louisiana counties have gone on to such an extent that the white land owners now see that their lands will not be tilled next season unless they quiet the laborers by promising protection. Hence mass meetings have been held in Lincoln and Amite, two Mississippi counties, and in Wilkinson parish, Louisiana, denouncing whitecapism and pledging protection to the laborers. Of course it is just possible that some of the whitecappers were in the meetings, for even they can change their minds and their tactics when they find that their interests are affected. But the meetings are said to have been composed of the best citizens. We hope this is true, for similar uprisings by them would settle many of our Southern difficulties.

Why does not President Roosevelt appoint Negroes to office in the North? is the question that is being asked these days, and it is a good question, too. But here is another just like it. Why did not President Cleveland appoint Negroes to official positions in the South? How will this do for an answer?

The South elected Mr. Cleveland president; the South did not desire it, hence state Democratic organizations did not recommend it, and therefore the President did not do it. He was a Democratic President and to a certain extent controlled by Democrats; at any rate he did not ask the Republicans what he should do.

On the other hand the North elected Mr. Roosevelt president. The state Republican organizations do not ask the appointment of Negroes, hence it is done in very few cases. In the South they do ask it. He is a Republican President and Democrats ought not to expect to control him.

So far as pleasing the Southern politician is concerned, President Roosevelt need not hope to do so. President Cleveland couldn't, even tho during his administration they had all the offices.

We Prefer to Stay; Will You Help Us?

It is refreshing to note the frankness of the *Atlanta Constitution* in opposing the "wholesale emigration of Negroes from the Southern states to the far Pacific islands." Usually the opposition by white men, to his going, is ostensibly based on the excuse that the farming element of the race is in debt to the land owners, and hence the emigration agent is driven away or imprisoned. That is to say, the black man's worth to the country is seldom or never acknowledged. He is restrained in his attempt to leave a given community for reasons which prove, to a great extent, his unworthiness rather than the contrary. But now this journal, easily one of the greatest if not the greatest of the South, comes out honestly and squarely and declares that there are many Negroes of the laboring element good for something else than to be abused and kicked and killed. Its editorial on the subject is helpful and encouraging. The fact is mentioned that there are many whom it would help the South to get rid of, which is true. This riddance would also doubtless help the Negro who might remain. Relative to another element the *Constitution* says:

"As for the Negro who is a desirable, because worthy, factor in Southern population—and there are several millions of him—he is too well satisfied with his lot, materially and otherwise, to listen to the siren song of the colonization schemer. In no country on the face of the globe—and certainly not in the Northern states of the Union—has the black man such opportunities to get a property foothold and enjoy the well-being of an enlightened civilization, or to enjoy a larger degree of wholesome civil liberty, as are afforded him in the states that civilized him in slavery and taught him how to be self-supporting and materially independent in freedom. The well-to-do Negro in the South is not conjuring up 'race problem' bogies and 'plotting against the whites.' He has wit enough to see that he has equality of opportunity in all things that make for his manhood evolution. He is not interfered with in his right to labor, as in the North, and if he elect to cultivate his mind, he finds at his disposal a complete public school system and many institutions of higher learning. In addition, he has his own church, his own press, and his own society, in all its ramifications patterned after that of the whites, but modified to suit the Negro character and temperament. He has no diseased yearnings for an impossible social equality, and if he is legally eligible to citizenship privileges, the ballot is his."

There are several important truths set forth in this statement to which the thoughtful Negro of the South will most heartily subscribe. The *Constitution* says this class of Negroes are "not conjuring up race problem bogies" and not "plotting against the whites." We wish the whites throughout the South could be led to believe this as fully as we know it to be true, and they wouldn't be so

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Two Southern Educators at the North

The board of education organized for the purpose of assisting in the education of the masses in the South held a great meeting recently in the city of New York. This movement is supported by northern capitalists and is already exerting an influence for good in this section. Some money has been given for educational purposes and it is announced that Mr. John D. Rockefeller will invest several millions in this way. The movement favors the education of all the people irrespective of race or creed and will of course give it means and stand for the education of the Negro as well as the white man. And yet, while we may be mistaken, it seems to us that some of the Southern educators are seeking to have the board give the Negro the least possible recognition in this great movement. Portions of their addresses indicate that they wish to crowd him into a corner. But even tho the black man should not receive a penny for his educational enterprises the movement is worth much to him in that it stands for popular education throughout the South. This influence is more helpful than money just now when so many politicians in different sections of the South favor the withdrawal of all the public fund for his education except taxes paid for educational purposes by Negroes.

Last week a great mass meeting was held at Carnegie Hall in New York, and among the speakers were Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the Tulane University, this city, and Dr. Charles W. Dabney, president of the University of Tennessee. The former is easily one of the ablest and most polished educators of the South. As a speaker he possesses that rare gift of expressing even an ordinary thought in an uncommon way. He is a dangerous man to have against a cause even among the friends of that cause. An individual will in spite of himself expose both his heart and his intellect to the polished literary shafts he lets fly from his highly cultivated mind. And yet, it must be acknowledged that Dr. Alderman is a pretty safe man. One thing sure, he has passed the period of littleness and while we cannot subscribe to all he says in his speech on the relation of the races in the South, we are sure we are in no worse condition than thousands of white men. Standing as he does, in his way of thinking on this subject, far in advance of many of his own people and not quite up to the leading Negroes, he is, perhaps, after all just where he can do most good for all concerned. We should be pleased to reproduce the larger part of his excellent address, but our space will not permit. We must give one passage, however, which deserves the unprejudiced thought of both races throughout the country. It is the following:

"I see need for a threefold change of attitude in order to carry forward this third and most hopeful method of dealing with the Negro race in America.

"1. The people of the North need to look at [CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT.]

Our Contributors

The Spiritual Department of the League

MISS JULIA M. CULBREATH.

What coal and water are to an engine the spiritual department is to the Epworth League. Without this department the League could not successfully exist. It is the life of the League and aids the church in solving the great problem of assigning to every man his work, and of inspiring every professing Christian to fulfill the task for which he is best adapted. The young people should be trained in the spirit of testimony and aggressive, consecrated service. Much may be done in preserving the church from becoming cold and formal, by pouring the warm life blood of youth into all the currents of its religious activity. If young people in their youth time of enthusiasm and energetic action can be taught to do work in all our churches which youth and only youth can do, their love for Christ's kingdom would steadily strengthen, and they will grow in the knowledge of our Savior. The official members of the League should be Christians, so they may be termed God's workmen. In the spiritual department the old-time way of seeking the Lord which oft times keeps a great many young people out of the church, is removed and the unsaved are taught in a more simple way to accept the blessed Savior.

The duty of the spiritual department should be to incite each member of the League by word and example to attend the class meetings, combining their forces to strengthen the prayer-meeting, visiting the probationers and giving them encouragement, searching out the unsaved and bringing them to the several services. It must never be forgotten that the spiritual department of the League seeks to promote piety, spiritual growth and purity of hearty. It behooves one therefore to keep close to the great source of spiritual power. The human soul is a channel through which the spiritual power is to flow from God to the world. This channel must be kept clean from the obstruction of sin so that the power of God may stream through the workers and reach the world of sinning and perishing men. The vice-president of the spiritual department should have the responsibility of appointing leaders, who are experienced in this kind of work, and who shall have general charge of every meeting. He should share his responsibility with his less experienced assistant, appointed to help lead the meeting.

As far as possible the members should take their turn in conducting the meetings. Co-operation of leaders is very helpful. As many as ten persons may be appointed to conduct ten successive meetings with topic cards. These ten may sit together facing the audience and while the one in charge directs the remaining nine, may hold themselves in readiness to help by their remarks and prayers, thus preventing any coldness in the meeting.

The high and holy character expected of the Christian worker is evident from the fact that we are workers together with God.

The sentiment of the following lines ought to keep us always filled with inspiration:

"Workers together with Jesus are we,
O, how delightful our service would be;
Rich the reward which we so soon shall see—
Workers together with Him."
Huntsville, Tex.

"Our Young People an Important Factor in the Elevation of the Race"

BY REV. C. T. WALKER, D. D.

The strength of any race is in its young people—its young manhood and womanhood. This is

an assertion that needs no proof, it is self-evident; it proves itself. The young people of to-day will be the old people of to-morrow. It will not be a great many years before we must look to the young people of to-day for our doctors, lawyers, preachers, teachers, mechanics, laborers, business men, merchants, statesmen, orators. "The young may die, but the old must die."

It is important therefore to study the condition of the young people, and inquire what their influence will be in the future civilization of the Negro race in America and in Africa. We must not forget Africa. I believe it to be in keeping with the order of Divine providence that the Negroes of this country shall play a large part in the redemption of Africa. But for the present purposes I shall speak only of the Negro in America. I speak what you know to be true when I say there is a class of so-called leaders who spend most of their time in rebuking the young people and denouncing them as worthless.

I do not belong to that class. And I think a little more work on the part of such leaders would be more helpful than so much idle talk. I claim to be the friend of young people, so you will be charitable with me and you will know I speak as a friend when I say that in some respects I, myself, am greatly disappointed in the young people of to-day. As a whole they are not making the progress that they ought to make. They are not making the progress which I feel they would make if they would stop and consider the important part they are to play in the elevation of the race. I should like to see all young people set up for themselves higher ideals of life. Ideals make men, ideals shape our conduct; it is impossible for any one to rise in the scales of intellectual and moral being unless he has high ideals.

Life is indeed a battle, an individual battle. Each one must do his and her own fighting. We must face the issues, grapple with the problems and wrest victory from seeming defeat or prove ourselves deserters, traitors, or cowards in the great conflict.

I would have our young people grasp this idea. Life is more than eating and drinking and carousing and wearing fine clothes, and having what some people call "a good time." The interests of the soul are superior to the interests of the body. You must realize this fact or else you will never reach, much less go beyond, the heights attained and held by such men as Frederick Douglass, J. C. Price, John M. Langston, R. Brown Elliott, B. K. Bruce, Wm. J. Simmons, and many others who were men of high ideals.

Study the lives of our leading men of to-day, men with a purpose, men with minds to be somebody that will not be shut out or cast down by prejudice, discrimination. Nobody can keep you down unless you are willing to stay down. Stop praying the prayer of a dear old brother: "Lord, you know I ain't nothin', I never was nothin', and you can't make nothin' out of me." Take the time to learn something of great striving Negroes. The young Negro should have somebody else to talk about besides Julius Caesar, Napoleon Bonaparte, Alexander the Great, George Washington, and the like. Let us learn something of our own race as well.

It would greatly assist the young people if they would find some higher forms of amusement than those in which they are at present engaged. It is true that the things in which a person finds enjoyment, pleasure, sport or fun, go a great way in determining a person's character. A man or woman who spends all his time in the clubroom, barroom, ballroom, gambling den or other places of sinful amusement, never will be a great or good

man or woman. Such places administer to their lower passions only. You can't expect to develop virtue, honesty and integrity of character in the places named.

Young people do not appreciate the value of a dollar as they ought. It is much easier to spend a dollar than to earn one.

Let the young people make a start and be sure to start at the bottom and not at the top. It is much better to make a show after succeeding than to make a show and never succeed. Young people must expect conflicts and continued opposition in fighting the battle of life. They must surmount obstacles, they must overcome barriers, disregard difficulties, and make bold and intrepid step as they march to victory and success.

Take life seriously—stop chasing butterflies—picking flowers by the way and making attempted journeys to the end of the rainbow for a bag of gold.

Life is real—life is earnest—life is a battle.

New York City.

Membership of the Washington Conference

Some time ago I wrote an article on the decline in membership in the Washington Conference. The appointments charged with the loss of said members were named, and the pastors of said charges were asked to account for the loss. The article has been unnoticed except by Dr. Shaw, who by his relation to said charges is unable to speak for them. I wish to say for these charges and for the total membership in the conference that I seriously doubt the loss in membership. I believe the conference to be on the increase in membership. The matter is so serious that I think the fact as to increase or decrease in the membership ought to be known, and I think it can be known. I would suggest that each pastor and his officary (or better help if he can find it) ascertain the exact membership of each charge, and report the same to the quarterly conference, stating whether this membership is an increase or decrease over last year, and report this actual membership to the session of the annual conference at Staunton, April 9, 1903. In addition I would suggest that the presiding elders interest themselves in said actual membership, and make a district report of same through the *South Western* and the *Methodist Intelligencer*, between now and the session of the annual conference. We ought to know about this reported falling off in membership. We can know about it if the proper course is pursued. We ought to be able to take the proper course. If any one has a better method than this one to find the needed information, we will gladly accept it and give way to it. Brethren, let us find out this for ourselves, and satisfy our minds as to our exact membership. Let us go up to Jerusalem with this desired information, because we cannot get it there. Yours,

S. H. NORWOOD.

Washington Conference.

The Cause of the Race Helped

In Houston, Texas, which is all but the southernmost of Southern cities, Dr. Booker T. Washington, the great "apostle of industrialism," the proudest product of the Negro people, was, together with his secretary, Mr. Emmett J. Scott, royally received by black and white citizens Dec. 29th in a way that must have cheered their hearts. This is Mr. Scott's former home and his friends and neighbors have vied to make the visit a pleasurable one in every possible way. An organization was perfected several weeks ago and committees on arrangement and reception appointed. The most representative colored citizens of the state have found their way here and have paid the full

meed of praise and honor to the great and unselfish leader. The day was crowded with incidents. Dr. Washington and Mr. Scott were met at the Grand Central depot by a reception committee of more than one hundred persons, while a vast horde of blacks and whites gathered to catch a glimpse of the distinguished leader. No such crowd has gathered to welcome a public man since former President McKinley was here two years ago. A banquet was tendered, a drive around the city arranged, a meeting held with leading white citizens out of which will grow a larger interest in the Negro and his interests. In the afternoon an informal conference was held in the auditorium of Trinity M. E. Church, one of the most beautiful churches in the South; at which addresses were made by the visitors and also by a number of the most prominent and representative educators, business men, and public spirited citizens of the state. Here free interchange of opinion was had and out of it will grow larger enthusiasm, and more substantial service for the race on the part of these leaders of their people in this great state.

But more significant than all was the cordial and warm reception tendered Dr. Washington by the Houston Cotton Exchange and Houston Commercial Club, the city's two representative business organizations on the floor of the Cotton Exchange, at which place Dr. Washington spoke by special invitation to the business men of Houston. The men who control the great business interests of this richest of Texas cities were proud to do honor to the honored representative of our people. It was an inspiring sight to see the man of dark visage surrounded on the floor of the mart of trade by the representatives of commercial Houston. To say that Mr. Washington charmed and delighted his hearers is to feebly express the demonstrations of approval that were in evidence during and after his address. The appeal for his people, for mutual help, and sympathy, and forbearance, was eloquent and will do good—indeed, has already done good as was testified by the *Houston Daily Post*, the strongest newspaper of this section, in a reference to the occasion, the man and the event. Four and one-half columns of space were devoted to chronicling the events of the day and Dr. Washington's movements while in the city. At the Auditorium, the largest hall in the South, perhaps, where he spoke at night, a mighty concourse of people gathered to listen to the formal address announced for delivery. Principal E. L. Blackshear, of the State Normal School for Negro Youth, welcomed the guest of the evening to the state; a representative of the city government delivered an address of welcome to the city, after which Dr. Washington was introduced by Mr. Scott from the very same platform upon which they met for the first time five and one-half years ago, and from which he performed a similar service at that time. Dr. Washington looked out upon a veritable sea of upturned faces and spoke for nearly two hours to his audience, composed of both races in nearly equal proportions.

At the conclusion an ovation of surpassing magnitude was given him. The cause of the race has been helped forward immeasurably by the presence of Dr. Washington and his departure at night after so short a stay was regretted by blacks and whites alike—all of whom would have heard him longer and honored him more. He proceeded to California where he is to spend fifteen days in speaking at various centers in the state, notably at Los Angeles before the California State Teachers' Association, Leland Stanford Junior University, and the University of California.

It has been a great week for all Texans, and Dr. Washington's optimistic, sympathetic helpfulness, his good cheer and all, have put new life and spirit in those seeking to help forward the cause of the race in the state.

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West Texas Conference Notes

W. F. WATERS.

Bishop Mallalieu is everybody's bishop. His wise words, sound counsel, kind and sympathetic nature has won for him best place in the hearts of the people. He is a masterly president, an affable brother, and a great worker, with a Christly spirit, thoroughly in sympathy with the people. He takes a keen interest in all the causes of the church.

Despite the great difficulties under which the preachers of the West Texas Conference had to labor, they made a good showing for the church this year. The drouths and cyclones entailed much suffering and loss upon both pastors and people, while lawless men known as whitecaps completely disorganized some churches, driving the unprotected people from their homes.

I am greatly indebted to Presiding Elders H. Swann, L. H. Richardson, A. Brown, Mack Henson and N. J. Johnson for the very helpful service they rendered me in my work for the SOUTHWESTERN. They each pledge to do more for the paper than ever.

The Sunday school at San Antonio of which Dr. G. J. Starnes is superintendent raised during the year \$600. Dr. Starnes is one of the best and busiest physicians of the Southwest, still he finds time to devote to the church of Christ.

Rev. M. C. Cavenas can take care of a conference without a hitch. He made it pleasant and comfortable for all who attended.

Dr. W. H. Logan, of Houston, honored the conference with his presence. In either this or his own conference the man has yet to step forth who is more loyal to the SOUTHWESTERN than Dr. Logan. He is not afraid to promise to send in great lists of subscribers, and he does what he promises.

President R. S. Lovinggood made a strong plea for the cause of education and Sam Houston college before the conference.

Rev. D. C. Lacy, of Austin, Wesley Chapel, passed a successful year. On this trip Rev. Lacy gave me twenty subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN.

Dr. R. E. Jones and Prof. I. G. Penn addressed the conference and both made good impressions for the work committed to their charge.

Stopping at Austin, I had the honor of addressing the students of Sam Houston College. President Lovinggood and his faculty are doing the nation great service. It was a great pleasure to be the guest of Mrs. Lovinggood. The teachers of Sam Houston are not content to read the copy of the SOUTHWESTERN which is sent the college library, but each pays for his own paper, even to the president. Tell this in Gath.

The pastors were all enthusiastic in their support of the SOUTHWESTERN, and are jubilant over the fact that they made a better showing for the paper this year than the Texas Conference. Boys, I congratulate you—but remember those pledges.

Atlanta Conference Resolutions

The following resolutions, presented by Rev. Dr. W. W. Lucas, were adopted at the late session of the Atlanta Conference:

Whereas the Methodist Episcopal Church in its work of unfolding and developing within the bounds of the twenty colored conferences is more and more adopting the policy of appointing col-

ored men as general secretaries, field agents and helpers to work among their own people; and

Whereas, these agents and workers have in every case strengthened and enlarged the borders of Methodism, increased the benevolences and quickened the spiritual, moral and intellectual life of their people, therefore

Resolved, That we the members of the Atlanta Annual Conference express our gratitude and joy for the men already appointed, and the measures of success they have achieved and we do earnestly pray that the church may find it wise and profitable to put a field agent of the race into the South representing every benevolence of the church.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the recommendation which has been sent to the General Missionary Board asking for the appointment of a colored man to represent the Missionary Society in the South, and earnestly pray that the request may be granted.

Resolved further, That at the next session of our conference we formally memorialize the General Conference of our church praying for the establishment of a book depository in the midst of the Southern conferences, for an additional Episcopal residence within the bounds of said conferences and for the election of a bishop of African descent.

Life of Faith

The Memory Guild

FOR LEARNING BEST HYMNS.

BISHOP H. W. WARREN.

Hymn and Bible writers are obliged to use the grandest things in nature to express their grander thoughts. The seas, mountains and suns are made the symbols of greater mental and spiritual realities.

Every one should know the real attributes of his god. The first two stanzas are for intellectual grasp; but the heart must join to comprehend the last.

"Showing Mercy Unto Thousands."
There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice,
Which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner,
And more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior,
There is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all sunshine,
In the sweetness of our Lord.

Frederick W. Faber (b. 1814, d. 1863.)

The author was a minister in the established church of England from 1837 to 1845; of the Roman Catholic church afterward.

In the Laboratory

By S. ALICE RANLETT.

"See what has happened to my beautiful scarf!" I said, entering the laboratory and spreading before the chemist the sheer lace web of delicately wrought flowers and ferns, like frail frost work taken from a winter window, only its snowy purity was marred by three dark, ugly spots.

"I thought," I said, "that your magic could, perhaps, take out these spots."

"Perhaps I can," he answered, "if you will tell me what made each one; I see that they are not alike."

"This," I said, "is a spatter from my pen, which fell as I hurriedly wrote a note, and this is where the scarf brushed the wheel as I sat in the carriage, and this I found on a foggy night at the

shore. When I took the lace from my trunk, I think it had been touching the lock."

"Ah!" said the chemist; "ink, wheel grease, and iron rust; each requires a special treatment."

Then he took from the shelf various bottles and powders, and treated the spots, one by one, till they faded away before my eyes and the lace was free from blemish, pure and snowy-white.

As the chemist gave the scarf back to me, he said: "It is well that you could tell me the history of each spot; you see, I had to know that in order to use the right remedies. Is there not," he added thoughtfully, "something like this when the precious web of our life, which God made to be so fair a thing, becomes blemished by our negligence and sins? We must tell Him, confessing and repenting, about each one, if we would have Him wash them out. Only the unrepented sin is the unforgiven one."—Forward.

Woman's Dominion

A Letter

Clow, Ark.—Dear Presidents, Pastors and Members of the Woman's Home Missionary Auxiliaries in the Little Rock Conference: The annual conference meets at the above place Jan. 22, and the second quarter of the Woman's Home Missionary Society closes Jan. 15th. Please see to it that treasury report is sent to Mrs. H. M. Nasmyth, and corresponding secretary's report to the writer, before the 15th of January. Hope reports will show good work done during the quarter. Urge each member to sacrifice and give all she can; start now to raise the \$5.00 assessed each auxiliary to be reported at our annual meeting in July next. The following auxiliaries, Little Rock, Wesley Chapel, Wiley Chapel, Clow, St. James, Pine Bluff, paid their full assessment last year: who will be the first to join the roll of honor this year? This shows a loyal, grateful heart to the dear Woman's Home Missionary Society of our great beloved church.

Do not forget the Mite Box Fund, Miss Delilah Lemons, Mite Box Secretary, and her address, Adeline Smith Home, Little Rock.

Before I further go I must acknowledge my gratefulness to our kind, energetic (Mrs. H. M. Nasmyth) conference treasurer and members of auxiliaries who so kindly raised fare to aid me as delegate to and from the Woman's Home Missionary annual meeting held in Kansas City, Mo. The praise services, business sessions, the many excellent reports read by delegates representing the various conferences were never better. Every speaker seemed to be at her best during the entire meeting. The knowledge, inspiration and wisdom gained will be of great help to me in our future work. The loyal gifts and pledges given to forward the work of the industrial homes in all sections of our country, regardless of race, showed great love for those who had been less favored. The respect and kindness tendered the sisters and brothers of darker hue were noticeable. They shared equal appreciation in dining hall, reception room and on the platform. Thus it was clearly demonstrated that "out of one blood God made all men."

Dear sisters of the Little Rock Conference, impurity, viciousness, heathen idolatry are sins no matter where, and Christians are responsible for not carrying the Gospel to them. Can we sit still longer and hear the cries and not harken? Let none hear you idly saying "There is nothing I can do." Let us reach out our hand and touch the wandering boys and girls and "bring them in from the paths of sin," and reach out the other

hand and touch all in the slums, hedges and byways, pointing them to Jesus, who died to save. Count not the cost, let the need of help bestir us and the love of God constrain us. The duty is imperative. These are our sisters. "Am I my brother's keeper?" Let us stand by the Woman's Home Missionary Society which is so loyal and befriending. To love the work is to know it; then read its literature. Take the Woman's Home Missions and Children's Home Missions. Let us lead all the other conferences this year; start now! Trusting Jesus for our leader, success will be achieved. Christ's servant,

MRS. G. N. JOHNSON,
Conf. Cor. Sec'y.

Phyllis Wheatley Club's Annual Report

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Dec. 29, 1902.

To Esteemed President, Officers and Members of the Southern Federation of Colored Woman's Clubs:

As secretary of the Phyllis Wheatley Club, I do hereby submit my report for the year 1902.

Through the untiring efforts of the various committees the energy and zeal manifested by our efficient leader and worthy president, Mrs. S. F. Williams, and with the hearty co-operation of the entire membership of the club, we have labored through the past twelve month with the following results:

We have directly connected with the club one free kindergarten with an enrollment of forty pupils; one free night school for children of school age whose parents are unable to send them to day sessions, with an enrollment of thirty-eight; two of the pupils of this school being orphans, they have been adopted by clergymen, and both were promoted to the sixth grade in the University, neither of whom had attended any other school than said night school; one day nursery where two hundred children have been accommodated and cared for during the year—Mrs. Toddy is the matron.

We have had printed at the expense of the club a large number of circular letters, urging parents to send their children to school, and widely distributed the same among our people.

The Philanthropic committee, whose motto is to aid suffering humanity, has succeeded to the following extent:

Have clothed forty-two persons confined in parish prison, Liner's Home and the workhouse respectively, among whom were twelve insane; have made and delivered ten pieces of clothing for charity; have succeeded in getting three persons paroled, paid for medicine for two parties unable to procure it, paid transportation to their homes for two indigent sick, and have written fourteen letters for various parties, including inmates of the Charity Hospital.

You will hear from Mothers' meetings through their report.

One committee made Christmas happy for fifty little children who no doubt would have seen little cause for happiness in their lowly homes, by giving a tree and a Christmas feast.

Hoping this may meet with your most hearty approval, we are yours for the uplifting of our race.

MRS. S. F. WILLIAMS, Pres.
MRS. I. B. SCOTT, Vice-Pres.
CLARA B. JOHNSON, Sec.

A Card of Thanks

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Jan. 8, 1903.

The Phillis Wheatley Club desires to extend their sincere thanks, hearty appreciation, and profound gratitude to the many friends who assisted them in the entertainment of their guests, the

Southern Federation of Woman's Clubs, during their stay in our city; also to the press for kindness shown them during the session of the convention. Respectfully,

MRS. S. F. WILLIAMS, Pres.
MRS. I. B. SCOTT, Vice-Pres.
MRS. C. B. JOHNSON, Sec.

Heating the House

BY ANNIE M. TOOHEY.

So many otherwise sensible people, as regards domestic affairs, are manifestly ignorant of the proper heating of their houses to the detriment of health and general comfort, because an erroneous idea prevails among them that economy in fuel can be injudiciously exercised until the actual appearance of Winter makes its constant use a necessity, while they remain apparently ignorant of the fact that by such false economy they are surely inviting either malaria, weak eyes, or dangerous attacks of catarrhal and pulmonary diseases.

It is during the raw, chilly months of both Spring and Autumn when the temperature of both day and night is so changeable, that a fire is needed in sleeping and sitting apartments of our Northern homes to insure the health and comfort of their inmates.

This is a matter worthy of serious consideration by all who value their health and wish to avoid pulmonary diseases and unnecessary doctor's bills at such critical seasons of the year.

Zephyr Bread

One pint of flour, half a pint of sour cream or milk, two eggs, butter the size of an egg, an even teaspoonful of soda and two of cream of tartar mixed with flour. Beat well and bake quickly.

Young Friends

Promises

Once when I was very sick,
And doctor thought I'd die,
And mother couldn't smile at me
But she just turned to cry,
That was the time for promises;
You should have heard them tell
The lots of good things I could have,
If I'd get well.

But when the fever went away,
And I began to mend,
And begged to eat the goodies
That Grandma Brown would send,
They said beef tea was better,
And gave my grapes to Nell,
And laughed and said: "You're mighty cross
Since you got well."

—Augusta Kortrecht, in *The Century*.

Tad Lincoln's Ride

I had enlisted in 1861 at Rochester, N. Y., and was firing on a New York Central engine when I quit to be a soldier for Uncle Sam. My enlistment papers showing what my occupation had been, I was soon detailed to run an engine on a little road reaching from Washington down into Virginia, that was being operated by the government as far down as the boys in blue commanded the situation. At that time I made a round trip each day, leaving Washington at 10 a. m., and arriving in Washington on my return at 4 p. m.

One morning, while I sat in the cab of my engine reading a newspaper to pass the hour or more that would bring us to our starting time, I became conscious, without paying any particular attention to them, that a gentleman and a youth were examining my engine, walking slowly around it. At length my attention was attracted by a question the boy put to the man:

"Papa, can't we get up on it? Ask the gentleman, please?"

Before he could comply with the boy's request

I laid aside my paper and invited the two to step up. When they did so, I noticed that the gentleman was quite tall. He had to remove his high silk hat and then stand in a slightly stooping position while in the cab. I noticed from his answers to the questions which the boy plied him and his explanations of different parts of the machine that he knew something of the principle upon which locomotives are built.

"Oh, papa! I do wish I could take a ride on it."

"Not now, my son. Maybe some day we may have a chance, then I shall be glad to let you ride on one of these great machines in which you take such an interest."

I said: "If you and your son will have a seat over there on the fireman's box I will be glad to give the young man a little ride. I want to pump her up anyway." He thanked me as he and the boy seated themselves. I set the lever, opened the throttle slightly, and we moved slowly down the yard, and out to the Washington end of the long bridge across the Potomac. The gentleman explained to the boy all of my acts in controlling the machine and its movements in a manner that showed he knew the locomotive very well.

"Oh, papa! I do wish I could take a long ride on this engine out in the country, where it goes fast. It must be grand to be carried away by such a big, strong horse."

As the engine slowly backed once more into the sheds the gentleman again thanked me, and as I caught the wistful look in the boy's face I was prompted to say:

"My run is only three hours out and three hours back, sir. I leave here at 10 a. m., and return at 4:30 p. m. If you are willing to trust the boy to me, I will take him for the trip here in front of me on my seat. The road is safe. We do not go into the enemy's country. I think I can safely promise to deliver the young man to you at this spot at 4:30 this afternoon."

"Papa, papa, do let me go; it will be so nice, and I know that this gentleman will see that no harm comes to me. Do let me go, papa, and don't tell mamma until I get back. I want to surprise her by telling her all about my trip."

The gentleman could not withstand his son's pleading. He let him go.

Words fail to tell the delight of that boy as we sped over the hills and valleys of Virginia. From the questions he asked I soon discovered he was a Western boy from the prairie land.

As the engine puffed and groaned up a long grade on the return trip, suddenly the boy, who sat between my knees, looked up into my face and said:

"I have got the very best papa that ever lived. Do you know my papa?"

"No, my boy, I do not; but there was something familiar to me in his appearance that ever since you climbed into this cab I have been trying to think where I have seen your father before. What is his name, anyway?"

"Why, he is Abraham Lincoln," replied my fellow-traveler.

For a moment I reeled in my seat in surprise, but it soon flashed on me that the tall man who had placed the child in my charge could be no other man than the president, whom I had only seen as pictured in the newspapers.

You may be sure I made a doubly careful run into Washington when I found that Tad Lincoln, son of the president, was the little guest I had in my cab.

Another man, I suppose a White House servant, met the train on its arrival and took the boy away.

The next and last time I saw Abraham Lincoln after he had trusted me with his boy for six hours' ride in Virginia, was when he lay in state in Washington before the sad funeral cortege started to the prairies of Illinois to lay the martyred president to rest at Springfield.—John Henry

Educational

Education

BY MR. G. W. BROWN.

I desire to say that no subject opens a broader field for discussion among our people, no subject needs to be talked more, and no subject should be given more thought by them than the subject of education.

We have long ago realized that a Christian education is a safe ship of time and eternity and all else is the sea. Upon this important issue hangs the future destiny of our race as worthy Christian citizens, and as time and history have demonstrated this to be true as to other races so it is true as to ours. More than that if we would present our souls back pure and spotless as they were when God put the breath of life into our bodies, if we would present our souls back to God clean, chaste, pure and worthy of that blood that was shed on the cross, we must educate.

Education develops the soul and blazes the pathway to the bright and eternal future beyond the shining clouds. Between God's angels and the children of men there is this difference, angels have already full and complete knowledge in the highest degree that can be imparted to them, while men are at the first without understanding at all, but soon they grow by degrees from this ignorant state till they come at length to be even as the angels themselves. That which seems natural to the one the other will in the end by Christian endeavor attain, they are not so far apart but that they come at length to meet in the end. The soul of man is at first like a book with blank pages, yet where all things may be imprinted, and we are to search out by what steps that soul may rise to perfection of knowledge. While men are weak at first and have little understanding of what they do, yet they are above the beasts of the field, the fishes, the fowls and the plants. The beast may be in a certain capacity far above man, even so is the stone in dignity of nature inferior to the plant, yet the stone exceeds the plant in strength and durability, so does the plant exceed man in fertility and vegetation, but neither the plant nor the beast nor any other living thing exceed man when his soul is developed by enlightenment and education.

The soul of man being capable of divine perfection has a further capacity and that is the capacity of reaching higher than the plant or the beast, and it does this by means of education. Education has its aims with our race as well as with other races, and that race which is educated is educated for some end, some purpose. The flattering prospects which are open to our youth, the honor and affluence which are held out before them, what are these but means by which he is educated to become a man and though these prospects should fail still he should be capable of doing his duty, this should be the aim and ambition of human education.

Education and instruction are the means, the one by the use, the other by precept, to make our reasons both better and sooner to judge rightly between truth and error, good and evil. Let us therefore educate our race and then we will have attained that aim and purpose for which the all-

wise Creator breathed the breath of life into our souls.

Laurel, Miss.

Meridian Academy's Outlook

It will be very encouraging to the many patrons and friends of Meridian Academy to know that the work is rapidly progressing and that part of the building is now being used. Within ten days Dr. Wilson, the principal, expects to have all lady boarders inside of the new building, perfectly housed. Dr. Mason is pushing the work and wants that the Mississippi Conference at its next session show by actual cash that it is in earnest. Notwithstanding the fact that the new chapel is much larger than the old one, Dr. Wilson can hardly seat the vast number of students. Let each pastor bring what money he can to conference and at the same time send some new student to Meridian Academy, where an able and excellent faculty is doing such noble work. The faculty students, and patrons rejoice because of the fact that the students will now find ample accommodations. If every brother pays his subscription at Crystal Springs, the Academy will no longer be in need of anything.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

Special Program for March 29

A new missionary program, "An Evening in the Diamond Fields of Africa," combines a harmonizing and attractive literary dress with the blood and iron of missionary conquest. The conception of the program is so far removed from the conventional type that standard objections to prepared programs for public occasions do not apply to this one. There are no questions and answers, no relating of dry facts, no tedious narrations. The responsive readings and illustrative sketches of the supplement draw upon the stirring utterances of poets and authors, as well as Scripture and missionary literature. Herein is one of its elements of strength and charm. Missionary enterprise is coupled with touches of the best and noblest in literature and human endeavor. The entire program is illustrative and virile.

On the first cover is a map of Africa in black with the words of "Here Be Diamonds" extending across it in large white letters. A footnote explains that "It is asserted on a map of South Africa made about 1750 the words 'Here Be Diamonds,' are printed on the spot representing the very district where the diamond was found a century later, thus making an African missionary the discoverer of the world's greatest diamond fields.

The program consists of ten parts under unique headings. "Mud, Craters" present selections upon heathenism, Islamism, the slave trade and the liquor traffic. Under the heading "Some Pioneer Miners," brief interesting sketches are given of Moffat, Cox, Livingstone, Mackay and Good. "Diamond Cut Diamond" is the caption for a responsive reading, selected entirely from the strenuous utterances of Africa's heroes and martyrs.

"How the Gems Are Polished" strikingly tells the story of a few of the redeemed. The present situation is summed up under the title of "An Essay of the Fields," and a final personal appeal follows "A Shower of Brilliants" under the topic "A Star of the South for You."

In order to make the most effective use of the program it is suggested that where the Mission Study Classes exist studying "The Price of Africa" the members of this class be drawn upon for participants in the program, and where such classes do not yet exist, it is suggested that they



Miss Sharp

Dr. Camphor

Mrs. Camphor

Miss Dowell

Dr. and Mrs. Camphor and their New Helpers—College of West Africa, Liberia

Dr. and Mrs. Camphor's furlough in the United States was made to yield a revenue of interest, funds and workers for their cause in Liberia. In many of the homes, schools and churches visited they found young people of character and education willing to consecrate themselves to the work of God in Africa. The two young women in the group are splendid specimens of this class. Well equipped in every way, they are valuable accessions to our work in Africa. God is indeed working upon the hearts of our young people, and is revealing to them their duty to the long lost continent. This is clearly seen in the readiness with

which they offer themselves for this trying and difficult work.

It is now several months since their arrival and these two young women have taken hold of the work as becometh true missionaries of the cross. They have had several attacks of African fever, yet their hearts are stout and brave and they are determined to stand their ground, working with all their might, and trusting God for whatever may come.

With assurances of the prayers and help of Christians at home, they feel inspired and confident of victory.

be formed early in January, or in February, so that six or eight evenings can be spent before March 29th in the study of Africa. It so chances that the principal chapters of the Mission Study textbook, "The Price of Africa," are devoted to the biographies of David Livingstone, Melville B. Cox, Adolphus C. Good and Alexander Mackay, and a six weeks' study of these lives will make an admirable preparation for the meeting of March 29th, the topic of which is "African Heroes."

The use of the program "In the Diamond Fields of Africa" in which the biographies of Livingstone, Mackay, Cox and Good play a prominent part, would make a fitting culmination of a most fascinating study.

Lincoln Birthday Anniversary Sunday

Lincoln Birthday Sunday has now a well recognized place in the calendar of the church. The General Committee of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society has requested that Sunday, February 15, this year, be set apart for special observance in the interests of patriotism and Christian education. The committee urges the fact that this society has no assistant secretaries in the field as a special reason for the general co-operation of all the pastors, in the observance of this day, with special reference to the work of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society. The secretaries have prepared attractive material for the use of pastors in preparation for an intelligent, helpful and interesting observance of the day. A large map entitled "Stars in Our Southern Firmament" will be sent to all pastors

applying for it. It contains the latest statistics as to illiteracy, church membership, property, etc., in the southern states. A new and attractive song service with map and striking illustrations will also be furnished. It is earnestly hoped that the entire day will be set apart for the consideration of the conditions and needs of the most ignorant and spiritually destitute in our own land, and that Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools may join in an anniversary service.

Epworth League

January 25.

Christian Stewardship

(Matt. 6: 19-34; Acts 20: 35; 2 Cor. 9: 7; 1 John 3: 17, 18.)

DAILY READINGS.

Monday—Jacob's vow. Gen. 28: 18-22.

Tuesday—A tenth for God. Lev. 27: 30-34.

Wednesday—Bringing the tithes. Mal. 3: 10-12.

Thursday—Not our own. 1 Cor. 6: 19, 20.

Friday—A living sacrifice. Rom. 12: 1.

Saturday—A great self-surrender. Acts 20: 22-24.

There have lived men who could not find too strong language in which to express their submission to Jesus Christ. Paul was a masterful man, but after the journey to Damascus he was a mastered man, and seemed to delight in the fact that Jesus Christ was his Lord—that he was his bondservant.

When consecration becomes vital the realization of Christian stewardship comes with a new force. To a man like Paul all he was and all he had was a trust from Jesus Christ.

Now we want to think for a little while of what Christian stewardship means in the deep vital experience of a man who spells consecration with his life, not simply with his pen, who utters it in his whole personal bearing and the deeds that come out of it, not simply in words.

In the first place it means that a man is a steward of himself. The inside man, the "I," belongs to God and is to be used for him. The personal weight of a man is to be placed always where it will count for God. A young man who is a really great Christian chooses his profession and his place of work in the light of this sense of belonging to God.

Then a man is just the steward of his abilities. The arm of sturdy, muscular strength, the alert mind, the quick, vivid imagination, the power to lead others and to organize movements, whatever be one's ability, he is to learn that this, too, belongs to God. He is to use it for him, and in the way that will count most for him.

Then all his attractive qualities are a part of a man's stewardship. Whatever of power to please, whatever of power to brighten life one has, is not to be used as a fly at the end of the line, to catch admirers, but is to be used in the light of service to Him who trusts beauty and social gifts as a part of his children's stewardship.

Then a man's possessions—we all understand that he is steward of them, and we sometimes talk as if he was steward of them alone. There is a wonderful thing about money—it can be transmuted into a living spiritual power. When a man gives to support a work carried on by earnest, vigorous Christ-inspired people, he sees his money transformed by the touch of their personality into actual power. And a man is to use all his possessions as a trust. A part is given him to contribute to his own comfort and growth. A part is for his family. A part is for the sustaining of his own church and its benevolences. Then there is the work of missions here and abroad, and a part is for general benevolence. But all of it he has as a steward, and all of it is a sacred trust. Can he be willing that less of it than one-tenth go to be used for unselfish and benevolent purposes, especially for the work of God? Surely under the reign of love a man will not want to do less than under the reign of law. And as wealth increases it will be many times a tenth that the greatest Christian men will want to see working thus. Not the tenth, but all of it, is God's—lent the man in trust. And after he has used for his own life what he thinks God would approve, the rest is handled in special manner for the helping on of God's purpose in the world. And even what is used for self is used to help the world, too, for all that is taken into a man's own life is to be given out again in some way in service.

Christian stewardship! Yes, stewards of self, of talent, of attractions, and possessions, for the accomplishment of God's purpose in the world. And that purpose—the flooding of the whole world with Gospel truth and Gospel living—the enriching of the whole world's life by the infusion of the Christ atmosphere, Christ power, and loyalty to Christ. And a man receives back far more than he gives in this stewardship. To live as God's servant, to live for his service, to receive by giving, to obtain by relinquishing, to assert ourselves by high surrender to the Savior—this is something of the meaning of Christian stewardship.—*Notes on the Epworth League Devotional Meeting Topics.*

Sunday School Helps

By Rev. G. N. Jolly, D. D.

Lesson IV.—Jan. 25th, 1903. Title—Paul's Counsel to the Thessalonians. (I. Thes. 5: 14-23.) Golden Text.—"Hold fast that which is good." (I. Thes. 5: 21.) Time—A. D. 53. Place of writing—Corinth.

Thessalonica was first called Therma, but Cassander, the son of Antipater, rebuilt it, and called it Thessalonica after his wife, who was a sister of Alexander the Great. The gospel was first preached there by Paul on his second missionary journey. The church organized was composed of Jews and Gentiles, chiefly of the latter. Timothy remained there while Paul passed on to Berea, then to Athens, and finally to Corinth. During his long stay in the last named city, Timothy and Silas joined him. They brought favorable reports from the work in Macedonia. This epistle is the first of St. Paul's thirteen letters, and is likely the first book written of the New Testament. It is the out-pouring of the apostle's soul for the stability of the church. It contains no quotation from the Old Testament, and the death of Jesus is only once named in it. The cross is not mentioned. It is not doctrinal but practical.

I. *Some duties of pastor and church* (12-15). 1. *The pastor.* It was the custom of Paul to ordain elders in every city where he had established churches. They were *over* the church in the Lord. Its affairs were largely in their hands. They were to admonish, or reprove mildly, those who walked disorderly, and to warn the unruly, or those who do not stand in line. They were to "be patient towards all men," and to see that none "rendered evil for evil." These ministers were not only judges over the church, but *laborers* in it. The duties of a pastor are three-fold. He should "preach the word." This is his first and chief work. He should preach it in wisdom, in love, in justice, in truth, and in mercy. He should also administer the sacraments of the church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. He should visit from house to house, and warn every one to flee from the wrath to come. He should comfort the feeble-minded, or faint-hearted, and support the weak. 2. *The church* should know their pastor. Know him in his ministerial life, in his home life, in his business life: know him altogether. It should "esteem him very highly for his work's sake." The duties of a pastor are the most sacred of all labors. The church who has not a high regard for its minister will not prosper. The minister should make himself worthy of the confidence of his congregation. The church should live at peace among themselves; not be divided about their pastor. They should also follow that which is good, or leads to the highest blessings, among themselves and before the world.

II. *The church and the pleasures of the Lord* (16-18). "The will of God" here is that which He desires concerning man. His will "in Christ Jesus" is that which He desires brought about through the plan of salvation wrought out by the death of Jesus. All who receive the benefits of the atonement should (1) "*rejoice evermore.*" Their sins have been forgiven and their hearts cleansed from unrighteousness. They are rid of that which works sorrow and death, and in possession of that which brings peace and life. This does not mean that we should be always shouting the praise of God. The gifts and graces of the Spirit should be felt in our heart, and seen in our life. One result of the Spirit is joy. (2) *They should "pray without ceasing."* Prayer is the communion of the mind with God. This does not mean that we should be always on our knees supplicating the throne of grace, or that our lips should always be expressing words of adoration,

but there should be perfect submission of soul, and constant communion of mind, with God. Prayer is not to inform God of our wants, but to express our needs, and to prepare our hearts for God's favors. Thanksgiving is one class of prayer. It is hard to give thanks "in everything," yet it is the will of God that we do so. But I fear many things come upon the short-sighted, wayward person, with which God has nothing to do.

III. *Some negative and positive duties* (19-22).

1. "*Quench not the Spirit.*" Fire is often used in Scripture to illustrate the work of the Holy Spirit. John said of Jesus: "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." The Spirit was represented by tongues of fire on day of Pentecost. Fire is light-giving, so is the Holy Spirit. Fire is penetrating, so is the Holy Spirit. Fire is purifying, so is the Holy Spirit. Fire warms and cheers, so does the Holy Spirit. Fire can be quenched by withholding fuel, by neglecting to stir it, and by putting on things that are antagonistic to it: so the Holy Spirit may be quenched by neglecting the means of grace, by not stirring up our soul at times, and by doing that which is wrong. 2. "*Despise not prophesying.*" To prophesy is to foretell events, to exhort, to teach, and to comfort. Here it means about all that is understood by preaching. The gospel embraces all the doctrines of the Christian religion. To despise prophesying is to hate the teachings of the Bible. The gospel may be preached by men of every shade of knowledge and piety, yet the word itself must not be despised though delivered by the humblest. We should discriminate between the speaker and the word spoken. God may bless His message independent of the messenger. 3. *Proving and holding fast.* The word *prove* here means to probe, try, test. It is used in testing coins by weight, fire, ring, or touchstone. "All things" here refer to the gifts and graces of the Spirit, and also to the doctrines of the gospel. St. John said: "Believe not any spirit, but try the spirits whether they be of God." See here the right of private judgment. The sacred Scriptures, the harmony of holy men, our enlightened conscience, and our common sense, are the standards by which we judge the gospel. We should hold fast to all that is good. When the true, genuine teachings are found, we should grasp and hold them fast, as of more value than rubies. 4. *Abstaining from evil.* When we have weighed the teaching presented to us, cast away the bad and hold fast to the good, then we should have nothing more to do with the bad. We should abstain from every doctrine in which is the appearance of evil. An appearance of evil may not be an evil in itself. We should be slow to condemn that which the Bible does not directly or indirectly forbid.

IV. The benediction: "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly." Sanctification is conformity of the heart and life to the will of God; it is setting apart for a sacred or holy purpose; it is an act of the Spirit of God, on those who are already in Jesus, by which they are rendered increasingly holy: a constant dying unto sin and living unto God. The germs that will produce a sanctified life are given to every one. Jesus, in the person of the Holy Spirit, "lighteth every one that cometh into the world." We begin to grow in favor with God when we earnestly desire salvation, and truly repent of our sins. Conversion is that work of the Holy Spirit by which we experience a change of heart; it is the seating of Jesus upon the throne, and the bringing of every faculty of the mind, emotion of the soul, and member of the body, in subjection to His will. Sanctification is the completion of regeneration: the devel-

opment of the gifts and graces of the Spirit until their opposites are destroyed. We do not grow into sanctification, but by the growth of the fruits of the Spirit in the soul, all evil in our nature is subdued. Every root of bitterness is cast out. We love God with all our mind, heart, soul, and strength: and our neighbor as ourselves. This sanctification is wholly, not the whole church, but the entire man: his spirit, soul, and body. The spirit is to the soul what the mettle is to the ox, or the odor to the rose, it reveals the quality. Man is literal and spiritual, the soul and the body compose the individual. Sanctification may take place in this life. God who calls us is faithful, and able to do it.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation For 1903

Conference, Place and Time.	Bishop.
Central Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala.—Nov. 27.	Andrews.
South Carolina, Orangeburg, S. C.—Nov. 27.	Foss.
Texas, Paris, Tex.—Nov. 27.	Mallalieu.
Alabama, Cordova, Ala.—Dec. 4.	Andrews.
Savannah, Augusta, Ga.—Dec. 4.	Foss.
Austin, Dallas, Tex.—Dec. 4.	Mallalieu.
Mobile, Lafayette, Ala.—Dec. 11.	Andrews.
Atlanta, Griffin, Ga.—Dec. 11.	Foss.
Southern German, Lexington, Tex.—Dec. 11.	Mallalieu.
Georgia, Mt. Zion, Ga.—Dec. 18.	Foss.
West Texas, Luling, Tex.—Dec. 18.	Mallalieu.

Arkansas, Harrison, Ark.—Jan. 15.	Walden.
Upper Mississippi, Winona, Miss.—Jan. 15.	Mallalieu.
St. John's River, DeLand, Fla.—Jan. 22.	Goodsell.
Little Rock, Clow, Ark.—Jan. 22.	Walden.
Mississippi, Crystal Springs, Miss.—Jan. 22.	Mallalieu.
Florida, Jacksonville, Fla.—Jan. 29.	Goodsell.
Louisiana, Natchitoches, La.—Jan. 29.	Mallalieu.
Gulf Mission Conf., Port Arthur, Tex.—Feb. 5.	Mallalieu.
Central Missouri, Sedalia, Mo.—Mar. 11.	Hamilton.
Kansas, Holton, Kan.—Mar. 12.	Foss.
Lexington, Chicago, Ill.—Mar. 18.	Merrill.
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 18.	Mallalieu.
New Jersey, Asbury Park, N. J.—Mar. 18.	Fowler.
Wilmington, Easton, Md.—Mar. 18.	Cranston.
Missouri, Carrollton, Mo.—Mar. 18.	Hamilton.
South Kansas, Fort Scott, Kan.—Mar. 19.	Foss.
Cent. Pennsylvania, Altoona, Pa.—Mar. 25.	Merrill.
Virginia, Eagle Rock, Va.—Mar. 25.	Warren.
Delaware, Pocomoke City, Md.—Mar. 25.	Fowler.
Saint Louis, Marshall, Mo.—Mar. 25.	Hamilton.
Southwest Kansas, Sterling, Kan.—Mar. 26.	Foss.
Newark—Apr. 1.	Warren.
New Eng. Southern, Brockton, Mass.—Apr. 1.	Fowler.
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.—Apr. 1.	FitzGerald.
New York East—Apr. 1.	Goodsell.
New York—Apr. 1.	McCabe.
Northwest Kansas, Stockton, Kan.—Apr. 2.	Foss.
Okaneb, Guthrie, Okla.—Apr. 2.	Hamilton.
New England, Brookline, Mass.—Apr. 8.	Andrews.
North Indiana, Noblesville, Ind.—Apr. 8.	Walden.
Vermont, Northfield, Vt.—Apr. 9.	Warren.
Washington, Staunton, Va.—Apr. 9.	FitzGerald.
Troy, Saratoga Springs—Apr. 9.	McCabe.
Maine, Bridgeton, Me.—Apr. 15.	Andrews.
New Hampshire, Woodsville, N. H.—Apr. 15.	Warren.
East German, Philadelphia, Pa.—Apr. 16.	Fowler.
Wyoming, Binghamton, N. Y.—Apr. 16.	FitzGerald.
Northern New York, Carthage, N. Y.—Apr. 22.	Merrill.
East Maine, Newport, Me.—Apr. 22.	Andrews.
Eastern Swedish, Providence, R. I.—Apr. 23.	FitzGerald.
Porto Rico, San Juan.	Warne.
Bombay, Bombay—Dec. 3, '02.	Thoburn.
South India, Kolar—Dec. 13, '02.	Thoburn.
North India, Lucknow—Jan. 2.	Thoburn.
West China Mission, Chentu—Jan. 7.	Moore.
Northwest India, Muttra—Jan. 14.	Thoburn.
Mexico, Pachuca—Jan. 15.	Cranston.
Bengal, Calcutta—Jan. 21.	Warne.
Burma Mission Conf., Rangoon—Jan. 28.	Thoburn.
Liberia, Cape Palmas—Jan. 28.	Hartzell.
Malaysia, Singapore—Feb. 10.	Warne.
W. S. A. Miss. Conf., Concepcion—Feb. 18.	Joyce.
Central China Miss., Nankin—Mar. 4.	Moore.
South America, Rosario—Mar. 18.	Joyce.
Japan, Nagoya—Apr. 1.	Moore.
S. Japan Miss. Conf., Nagasaki—Apr. 17.	Moore.
Bulgaria Miss. Conf., Loftcha—Apr. 22.	Vincent.
Korea Mission, Seoul—May 1.	Moore.
Italy—May 14.	Vincent.
Switzerland, Neuchatel—June 3.	Vincent.
North China, Pekin—June 3.	Moore.
South Germany, Pforzheim—June 10.	Vincent.
North Germany, Zwickau—June 17.	Vincent.
Denmark Miss. Conf., N. Bornholm—July 29.	Vincent.
E. C. Africa M. Conf., Umtali—July 30.	Walden.
Fin. & St. P'b'g Miss., Tammerfors—Aug. 6.	Vincent.
Sweden, Helsingborg—Aug. 12.	Vincent.
Norway, Horten—Aug. 19.	Vincent.
Hinghua Miss. Conf., Hinghua—Nov. 5.	Moore.
Foochow, Foochow—Nov. 14.	Moore.
W. Cent. Afr. M. Conf., Quessua—Dec. 16.	Walden.

N. B.—Because of his impaired health, no Conferences have been assigned to Bishop Hurst. By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops. J. N. FITZGERALD, Secretary.

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We Prefer to Stay; Will You Help Us?

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easily aroused to do violent deeds on testimony that could easily be sifted and discredited if they would only keep cool. Then again it speaks the whole truth when it says this Negro has no yearnings for "social equality." To the contrary, he realizes that those of his people who are inclined to accept that kind of thing have too much of it thrust upon them now for the good of the race. They feel that if the white man would only do one-half as much to stop "social equality" between the races, as it actually exists, as he is doing to prevent that which the black man is neither thinking of nor planning for, it would be better by far for both races.

On the other hand, however, we would advise that paper not to be too sure that this desirable Negro "is too well satisfied with his lot, materially and otherwise, to listen to the siren song of the colonization schemer." We fear this is putting the case too strongly. He loves the South, knows no other place, and would rather stay here than anywhere in the world. It is useless to attempt to enumerate those things that are responsible for his attachment to his sunny home. The *Constitution* mentions some of them and as to some is clearly mistaken, but there are others not mentioned. Yet no list of the kind is complete that does not include the black man's friends in the South. We do not refer to those spoken of by the politician when he reminds us that our "best friends are in the South." We understand him to mean friends of his class, who seem to think they are evincing their friendship for us when they are depriving us of the rights and privileges accorded to even the meanest of other races. We mean friends who have acted it for more than they have talked it. They have proven their friendship on various occasions and in many ways. Nevertheless, in spite of all the ties of the past or present there is no denying the fact that thousands of the "desirable class" of Negroes are heartsick and discouraged. Some do not leave because they cannot dispose of their belongings to advantage, and others because they do not know where to go. For years they were urged to "get something and be somebody," and they tried to do so, but there is an element of whites who drive them from their homes with impunity, and others whose privileges as citizens enable them to keep just far enough ahead to curtail many of the black man's rights and privileges and close in his face every door of progress they possibly can. Is it to be wondered at that thousands declare there is no hope? Or that they are ready to sell

what they have and go to Africa, to the Philippines, or anywhere else? They feel that if their labor is valuable it should be respected and the laborer protected. While there are many things the black man needs to learn there is at least one thing the white man should also learn for the good of all concerned. He should cease to look at the Negro of to-day as he did the Negro of half a century ago. He is not the same and should not be expected to be. He has different surroundings, different thoughts and different hopes. Let him be dealt with accordingly. Many whites realize this, others do not. In conclusion we simply desire to suggest this thought, the Negro can be made contented and happy here without either being invited into the white man's parlor or elected governor of the state.

Two Southern Educators at the North

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this matter a little less fervidly to get it out of their emotions and into their strong, practical brains. Thousands have done this, and the results are good.

"2. The Southern white man needs to see the Negro in the future rather than in the past; to forget him as a slave, as a political irritant, as a tragic black shadow over his section in the past, and to think upon him as a great economic, social, human problem, which must be approached in a spirit of inquiry, sympathy and patience and knowledge.

"3. The Negro must come to know that it is no longer a question of what the white man is going to do for him, but of what he is strong enough to do for himself."

The latter, Dr. Dabney, is more inclined to cater to that element of his people who are not the true leaders of the South and whose influence is more the result of the noise they make than respect the best whites have for their way of thinking. He either does not know or else ignores certain conditions that exist in the South. There is also a single passage of his address to which we desire to call attention:

"Education is the need of the South," said Dr. Dabney, "but we must educate the white man first. We need not neglect the black, but the only way to permanent improvement is to teach the white man so that he may in his turn teach the Negro. Racial prejudice is inborn in us as in all human beings. This is not peculiar to the white people of the South. The Creator has planted this prejudice in the hearts of the plain people as a means of keeping their blood pure, and it is going to persist there until reason and culture take their place as the guardians of race integrity. The only way, therefore, to remove unreasonable race feeling is to educate the Negro. So long as the white man sees any danger to his children or grandchildren from the Negro, just so long will he hate him and do all he can to keep them apart. Educate the Negro by all means. Make him also an independent, self-respecting citizen, but educate the white man first."

What he means when he advocates educating the Negro "but educate the white man first," is more than we can tell. Surely he does not desire to neglect the Negro's training till through with the whites. Then, too, his discussion of race prejudice does not bear the earmarks of a great educator. In fact he clearly contradicts himself. He credits the Creator with implanting race prejudice in the human heart and then says, "So long as the white man sees any danger to his children or grandchildren from the Negro just so long will he hate him and do all he can to keep

and all" to keep them apart. That this implanted prejudice would be sufficient to "keep them apart" without so much help. And yet such men as the doctor, the little politicians and the narrow editors are kept busy all the time trying to keep it alive. On some lines they succeed and it would be for the best good of the Negro if this prejudice in this particular were more effective than it is. Nevertheless there is no denying the fact that the "hate" he mentions, and the bitterness which are engendered by the attempt to keep race prejudice alive, are not helpful to either race. We believe that race prejudice is the child of conditions, past and present and thus is not confined to any race. To this extent the Creator has implanted it.

Our Minister to the Republic of Liberia

It has been announced from Washington that as the result of a difficulty between Dr. J. R. A. Crossland of Missouri, the representative of this government to Liberia, Africa, and Mr. T. J. R. Faulkner of New York, Minister Crossland shot Mr. Faulkner. We have not been able to ascertain the motive for the deed even from *New Africa*, Dr. Camphor's paper published in the city where the difficulty occurred. However as a result, Minister Crossland has been granted leave of absence to come home, when his resignation will be accepted and a successor appointed.

Among the many names presented for appointment to succeed Dr. Crossland, the President has made known his intention to nominate Dr. Ernest Lyon, pastor John Wesley M. E. Church, Baltimore, Md. Dr. Lyon is one of our most prominent and successful pastors, well-known throughout the church, and as much as his brethren will regret to lose him from the active ranks, they will greatly appreciate the honor bestowed should the appointment be made. No one who knows the Doctor will doubt that he will perform intelligently and faithfully the duties required in this responsible position.

An Appeal for Aid

Dr. J. Will Jackson, presiding elder of the St. Joseph District Central Missouri Conference, makes the following appeal for aid for one of his brethren. He says: "On the night of the 25th of December the house occupied by Rev. W. L. Lee, of the New Franklin pastoral charge, was burned to ashes while he and his family were absent in attendance upon the duties of his church. Everything, including the clothing of the family, was utterly consumed by the flames. He and his family, a wife and one child, are in very destitute circumstances. They are entirely without a change of clothing and are in pressing need of immediate help. Brother Lee is on one of the poorest charges in the conference, and has received less than one hundred dollars for his support so far this conference year. He is a faithful young man and deserves the sympathy and helpful consideration of all the pastors and churches in the district. I respectfully request that each pastor present Brother Lee's condition to his church and take up a collection, at his earliest convenience, and forward the amount to Brother Lee, at Huntsville, Mo. I feel confident of a willing response to this appeal by all the churches."

Last month the members and friends of Rich-arch's Chapel, Troy, O., gave Miss Annabelle Vest a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Love. There were a number of the best people present, white and colored, and both the refreshments and the Epworth League games were greatly enjoyed. Miss Vest is the organist of the church and is highly esteemed by all.

Personal and General

Mrs. G. A. Lashington, wife of Rev. F. M. Lashington, has been visiting her parents and friends at Clinton, La.

Rev. M. C. Dawson has moved from Paris, Tex., to Glory, in the same state and desires his correspondents to address him accordingly.

Mr. J. W. Wiley, of North Louisiana, who is a student in the sophomore year of Flint Medical College, gave this office a pleasant call last week.

It is said that Bishop Foster has rallied from the stroke of paralysis to which we called attention recently and will likely live several weeks more.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Rush, pastor Central Avenue Church, Atlanta, Ga., begins his fifth year under unusually bright circumstances. The outlook was never brighter.

Mr. Wilson Lemon, a prominent and successful farmer of Opelousas, La., was in the city last week on business. He called at the office and renewed his subscription, bringing besides another subscriber.

Rev. William S. Harris, of the Louisiana Conference, desires all brethren of the conference interested in the organization of a Preachers' Aid Society to meet in the church at Natchitoches, Jan. 28th, at 12 o'clock.

Rev. H. N. Brown, who is a member of the Mobile Conference, was endorsed by that body for the field secretaryship of the Missionary Society. His brethren speak in highest terms of Bro. Brown as a man of energy and ability.

Mrs. Ninde, widow of the lamented Bishop W. X. Ninde, died at her home in Detroit, Mich., Jan. 5. She was spoken of by those who knew her personally as a woman of the most beautiful and lovable Christian character. The Bishop died Jan. 3, 1901.

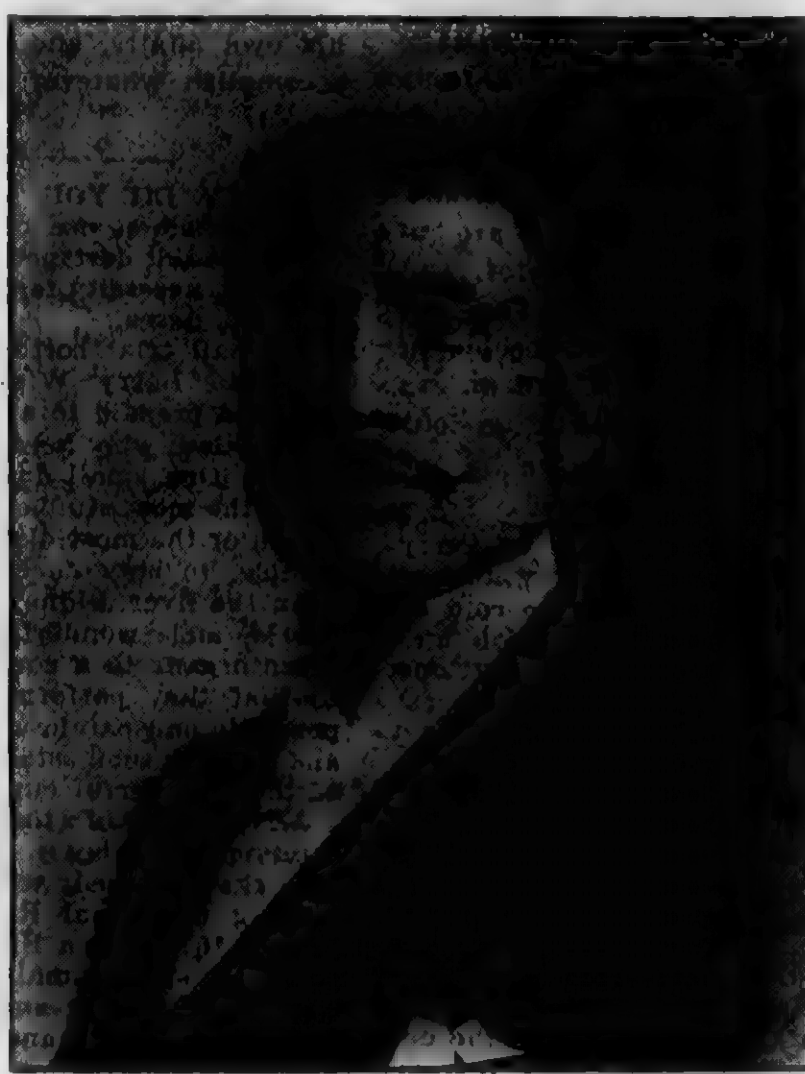
Mr. Robt. W. Billups, a member of the senior class, Flint Medical College, spent his vacation at Harwood, Ark., Chicot county. He took the medical examination required by the state and practiced medicine, successfully and profitably. Mr. Billups' class comes out next month.

It will, we are sure, be gratifying news to the brethren of the Louisiana Conference to know that through the energy and persistence of Rev. J. A. Tircuit, pastor Williams Chapel, this city, the parsonage of that church has been completely renovated, remodelled and enlarged. The four rooms of the building as it was were raised and three large and well arranged rooms built under them, making it a beautiful two-story building instead of the little one-story cottage it was. Bro. Tircuit is closing a year of hard work but splendid achievements. He expects to go up to the conference with a full report.

Rev. W. W. Lucas, Ph. D., secretary of the Stewart Missionary Foundation for Africa, passed through this city recently on his return from a visit to our Texas institutions of learning and the West Texas Conference. He also preached or lectured at a number of the important Methodist centres of the state. While at Wiley University fifteen young people arose, signifying their desire to go as missionaries to Africa, and at Samuel Huston College and other points he found ten others. While in this city Brother Lucas conducted two or three services at the New Orleans University, connected with the week of prayer, during which more than two score were converted. He went from this point to the Upper Mississippi Conference.

Dr. T. E. Speed

It is a real pleasure to present our readers an excellent picture of Dr. T. E. Speed, one of the most energetic and successful practicing physicians of the state of Texas. He is a graduate of the medical department of New Orleans University, now Flint Medical College, but goes North occasionally to take lectures in a medical college on some special subject. At Jefferson, Texas, where he lives, he has been called to serve some of the wealthiest and most influential white citizens of the town. He is also successful as a collector and is therefore provided with means not only to make himself comfortable but to be of service to others and contribute to the educational and religious uplift of his people. Dr. Speed's standing in the state will also be indicated by the fact that he was last year elected president of the Lone Star Medical Association, the largest body of Negro physicians in any state of the Union.



DR. T. E. SPEED,

PRESIDENT LONE STAR MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

He has an excellent medical library and a collection of surgical instruments of nearly every conceivable kind. This enables him to gratify his tastes for operative surgery, a line on which he has had unusual success and performed several noteworthy operations.

The doctor credits all he has accomplished to his devoted father, now deceased, who early saw in him that intellectual turn which promised much for the future. He taught him his letters at four years of age and when he thought him sufficiently advanced sent him to Roger Williams University, where his triumphs as a pupil justified the hopes and prophecy of his devoted father. He pursued his literary course in Atlanta, Ga., also until prepared to take up those studies connected with the profession he had chosen for his life work. Even yet Dr. Speed is a close student and makes it a point to keep himself fully abreast of the times on professional lines.

Tho a bachelor, the doctor has a commodious and well arranged home, where he has provided all the attractions and conveniences that add to his comfort or gratify his tastes. His widowed mother does not live in Texas with him, but he has shown himself a dutiful son to her and a faithful and devoted brother to the younger members of the family. He has also from childhood been a consistent member of the church. With an abiding faith in God and that degree of energy and pluck which delights in investigation and laughs at obstacles, our young friend bids fair to write his name high on the walls of the temple of fame, especially on the line of operative surgery.

News Notes

Mrs. James Abernathy of St. Louis, Mo., slept six days.

In New York a Mexican silver dollar is worth 37 cents.

Former Premier Sagasta died in Madrid, Spain, Jan. 5.

The Illinois corn harvest for last year was 320,000,000 bushels.

Porto Rico desires to be received into the Union as a state.

New Orleans has a lethal chamber for the painless killing of dogs.

The Methodist Protestant Church will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee next year.

Of the 3,000 friars in the Philippines two years ago less than 400 are there now.

A woman beggar in Philadelphia is said to own twenty two-story dwellings.

The tournament of roses in Pasadena, Cal., was witnessed by 40,000 persons.

A niece of George Washington, Mrs. Catherine Thompson, starved to death in Waukegan, Ills.

Mrs. Carrie Nation paid \$7,500 for a house in Kansas City, Kans., to be used as a home for drunkards.

In the Indian possessions of Great Britain more than 524,000 acres of land are devoted to the cultivation of tea.

Brother pastor, please see about renewal of all our old subscribers in your charge. By so doing you will assist us greatly.

Queen Margherita of Italy owns the most valuable handkerchief in the world. It is said to be worth \$2,000 or \$3,000.

A new college is to be built by our church in Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Fanny Speed left for this purpose \$225,000.

The scholarships founded by Cecil Rhodes will not be accepted by the students of Gottingen University in Hanover, Prussia.

Miss Portia Washington, daughter of Dr. Booker T. Washington, spent the holidays with her parents at Tuskegee.

Thirty-two colored men, twelve women and ten children recently left Georgia for Liberia, Africa. They sailed from New York.

The first Negro school in the United States, according to Dr. W. E. Burghardt DuBois, was established in New York in 1704 by Elias Neau.

By a bill which passed the United States senate certain importers are exempt from taxes on tea and owners of private dies from internal revenue taxes.

A father and his son, says the *Epworth Herald*, are students in the University of Pennsylvania. The father is forty-four and the son twenty-five. Both will be graduated in the same year.

Bishop Thoburn, before leaving for India, sent the invalid chair used by Mrs. Thoburn to the Spokane Deaconess Hospital to be used by the patients.

Sara Bernhardt, the actress, has designed and had erected a magnificent monument, which is to commemorate her own name. It bears the simple inscription, "Bernhardt."

The pastor's anniversary of Augusta Street M. E. Church, Staunton, Va., Rev. Chauncey I. Withrow, A. M., pastor, was appropriately observed on the 28th and 29th ult. He has been sixteen years a pastor, which event the members and friends observed in an unusually pleasant way.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has accepted an invitation from Booker T. Washington to visit the Tuskegee Institute some time during the latter part of February or the first of March. Some months ago Mr. Carnegie gave the money for the new library building at Tuskegee and is becoming more and more interested in the work of the school.

The state authorities of Mississippi asked for a portrait of Abraham Lincoln to be placed in the hall of fame in the new capitol building. The portrait was furnished by Robert T. Lincoln, son of the martyr President. Now some of the citizens of the state are "roasting" the authorities for making the request. Tho the wheel of progress may roll heavily it rolls, nevertheless.

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FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. C. Marshall Editor

The farmer can employ these cold, wet days in oiling the harness and machines; also in overhauling the wagons, planters, cultivators and plows.

Do not become impatient over the snow and rains. There is consolation in knowing that the earth is receiving great droughts of moisture, which it will hold in its bosom till the thirsty plants call for it in the dry, hot summer.

There are inexhaustible elements of plant-food in the soil and subsoil. We need to make them available by better methods of farming. We can and should do it. And the surest and cheapest method is to pulverize the soil deeper and finer and nature will do the rest for us.

We have been asking ourselves why is it in some parts of our land the white and black folks are unable to dwell together in peace, and in other sections they live together in contentment and prosperity. In some places it is said the white people do not want the colored people to buy lands; in some they do not want them to vote; in some they want to prevent them from going to school, and in some lo-

calities Negroes are prevented from riding in buggies with tops. Now, it can be seen that behind all of these causes of trouble there is one cause that is really the ground and foundation of all the others: it is the lack of a friendly sentiment between the two races. Wherever the black and white people are friends there are no objections raised to the black people enjoying land ownership, education or buggies. In fact, we have seen in such localities a disposition on the part of the whites to assist the colored in making such acquisitions. If it is possible for the two races to live harmoniously in one section, why cannot they so live everywhere? We believe the fault is in the failure of friendship. And this failure belongs to both races in not understanding each other. Wherever the two appreciate the value of each other we find the most equitable dealings, and a community of interests. The colored people ought to cultivate this spirit since they suffer more by its absence. And it is not a difficult task to undertake if it be followed as Jesus taught us. And in trying to accomplish it we must not ignore what is commonly called the poor white trash. These people have hearts that are capable of the highest attributes, and their good will is valuable. They are fast friends of the colored people in many sections of our land, and we can make those who live near us our friends if we try.

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Prof. R. R. Wright, president of the Georgia State Industrial College of Savannah, Ga., and former major and paymaster in the Spanish-American war, delivered the emancipation proclamation address Jan. 1 before a large audience of colored and white people in Selma, Ala. In speaking of the development of forty years, Prof. Wright said:

"Judge Speer says that 'in the United States the Negro farmers own and operate 746,717 farms, containing 38,233,933 acres—more land than is contained in the great state of Georgia.' Judge Speer says this land is worth \$493,943,734; and the same authority calculated that these farms return a net profit of \$241,346,572 every year. 'Surely,' says the judge, 'it is idle to speak of the deportation of a population so valuable.' But these Negroes have not added alone to the coffers of their white neighbors; they have reduced their own illiteracy 50 per cent. They have children in the schools, 1,800,000. The students in the higher institutions of learning number 40,000; teachers, 30,000; students pursuing classical and scientific courses, 2,400; students taking business courses, 1,000; graduates, 17,000. There are 300,000 books in libraries owned by Negroes; 160 institutions of higher and industrial education; 500 physicians; 1,000 books written by colored authors; 5 banks; 6 newspapers; libraries worth \$600,000. They have school property valued at \$12,000,000; church property at \$40,000,000; personal, \$165,000,000; homes, \$325,000,000; total, \$889,000,000, making \$89 per capita for every black man, woman and child in America. That the Negroes have gained this much in forty years, and have at the same time contributed \$15,000,000 outside their taxes, toward their own education, is a fact that challenges the attention of all thoughtful men."

THE MAN OF LITTLE ACCOUNT.

A vacillating, undecided, negative man can never amount to anything, no matter what his environment or advantages may be. It would be impossible. He constantly subordinates his opinions and even his plans to what others may think. There is no certainty as to his action, because he is always subject to outside influences. He never relies upon himself or the inward authority that speaks to him. He is the echo of the last man who pleaded his case before him. He is remagnetized every time he comes in contact with a new personality. Blown hither and thither by advice and opinions as opposite as the poles, like a leaf whirled by the autumn wind, no one, not even himself, knows where he will alight. The man who lives to any purpose or accomplishes anything of good in the world, according to O. T. Marden, writing for *Success*, has an abiding faith in himself, in his forcefulness and originality, in his efficiency in the management of his own affairs, and in his power to accomplish whatever he puts himself to do.

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DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

D. T. M., Abingdon, Va.—Our first quarterly meeting was held with Rev. R. A. Swan, our beloved presiding elder, in the chair. The officers were present with written reports, which showed progress along all lines of church work. The elder was well pleased. Sunday was a high day. The elder preached two able sermons and administered the Lord's Supper to 45 and urged the members to take the *SOUTHWESTERN*. We paid the elder in the quarterly conference Saturday night \$13. Raised during the day, \$21.25; raised during the quarter, \$122.75. We are planning to build a parsonage in the spring. Our Christmas parties for Sunday school was the best I ever saw. It was conducted by the superintendent and teachers. Many hearts were made glad.

Joe. H. Augustus, St. Mark's M. E. Church, Opelousas, La.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held on the 23rd of December, with Rev. Frank Walker, P. E., in the chair. It was



the best quarter of the year and more largely attended than for years. All came with written reports, which showed by their statements that they really brought something to pass. Our work is much improved along all lines, both spiritually, financially and numerically. Many much needed improvements have been made by our energetic pastor, Rev. E. C. Goins. We now have our church well seated and we are using paint and varnish freely. As this ends the term of our presiding elder on this district our people tendered him a grand reception. Interesting papers were read by Miss Clara Gilbert and Miss Ida Goins, and the writer—closed with worthy remarks by the pastor. He leaves us with smiles of joy on his face. We paid him up in full. We have raised for all purposes \$808. We expect to send in a round report to the annual conference. Thus ends a prosperous year for St. Mark.

E. H. Clark, Pastor, Wilson, La.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held December 14, 1902. The Rev. H. Taylor, Presiding Elder, was in the chair. The reports were in good order. The presiding elder came to us with his mind full of good things. His remarks were very helpful to us. Thank God we were able to pay him all of his quarterage for the year. My two weeks' revival here, in August, was a grand success. Fourteen were happily converted and joined the church, and one backslider reclaimed, making a total of 15 added to the church. In October the following were installed as the officers for the Epworth League Chapter: James Agair, Jr., president; Aaron Terrel, first vice-president; H. O. Gair, 2nd vice-president; H. S. Weatherspoon, 3rd vice-president; A. Sellers, 4th vice-president; H. Lannon, secretary; Miss Martha A. Gair, treasurer. The Sunday School Annual Concert was a success. On the 21st of December the Epworth League Cabinet turned over to the pastor \$5 for missions.

C. R. Russell, Pastor, Friendship, Tenn.—We had a meeting on Christmas day. The Lord was with us. Three small girls sought prayer. It was the best meeting that I ever witnessed. The children looked like soldiers.

H. R. Bennett, Newnan, Ga.—In honor of Rev. A. J. Wilson and family, who go to South Atlanta, a grand reception was given at the parsonage last Monday night, the 5th inst., by sisters of the Mission Society of the M. E. Church. It was a brilliant affair. The occasion was attended by the several ministers of the city and numbers of the members and officials of the church. Rev. S. A. Stripling, the popular pastor, and the good sisters of his church deserve much credit for this sumptuous occasion. Rev. Wilson and family have resided here for seventeen years and during this time they made many friends who regard them

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near and dear. Rev. Wilson has made a cloudless reputation and stands as a dignified Christian gentleman and a safe leader. Mrs. Wilson leaves her long and well filled place as class-leader, to the regret of her members and the whole church and vicinity. If sunshine is seen in humanity, then, you will soon discover some of its beautiful rays in this good Christian woman.

Just as the big city clock struck nine we were led into the dining room to a well filled table. After the feast was over a short talk was made by the ministers and several brethren. Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Glenn, of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. H. H. Anderson, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, H. R. Bennett, Zion Hill Church, Rev. S. A. Stripling, M. E. Church, and A. J. Wilson, were the ministerial force present.

The laymen who were present were Brothers Ben McCulloch, A. B. Johnson, Willie Williams and the young Mr. Neal. The following are the sisters who furnished and provided for the feast: Mesdames Juda Bolton, Caroline Beech, Mary Johnson, Middlebrook, Mattie Page, Georgia Grier, Willie Williams, S. A. Stripling, Sarah McWilliams, Mattie Grier, Mary A. Jackson and Lula Smith. Our prayers and well wishes go with Rev. Wilson for success in his new field.

D. M. Walker, New Orleans, La.—Mrs. D. L. Williams, general corresponding secretary; Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson, general treasurer, and Mrs. R. V. Falley, secretary, Bureau West Southern States, visited our Southland in the interest of Peck Memorial Home a few weeks ago. These ladies are greatly interested in our work in New Orleans. God bless them in their efforts.

Also these ladies, in company with Miss Page, were tendered a luncheon at Mrs. D. M. Walker's. Their stay, though short, was very agreeable.

C. W. Walton, Pastor, Marion, N. C.—I am glad to say we are moving on nicely on this charge and yet there is room for improvement. On all lines our people have not yet learned to be true Methodists, but we are praying, singing and preaching and going from house to house reading the bible, discipline, SOUTHWESTERN and Epworth Herald. We hold leaders' and stewards' meetings, official board, cabinet meetings of the Epworth League and Sun-

day school board meetings. We hope to get Marion Circuit in line this year. Brethren of the North Carolina Conference, pray for us, for we are struggling hard to get in line and I think if our much beloved presiding elder, Rev. M. M. Jones, gives such words of wisdom all the year to us as he did at our first quarterly, which convened at Marion, Dec. 6-7, we shall succeed. Rev. M. M. Jones was at his best. He preached three excellent sermons, to the delight of all who heard him.

Brother Frank Constant, Navasota,

Tex.—Rev. W. W. Lucas was here on 4th and 5th. Rev. W. Hartley Jackson, our hustling pastor, had worked things well for the doctor and Sunday night Lee Tabernacle was crowded to hear that brilliant divine preach and on Monday night Dr. Lucas lectured to a great crowd of attentive listeners. He carried them by storm, white and colored, and they say that never had man spoken hereabouts like him. We gave a large collection. He left for Marshall.

W. L. Marshall, Natchez, Miss.—December 29, 1902, was a high day with us at St. John Church. Rev. J. C. Hibbler, P. E. of Meridian District, was with us and preached two able sermons, to the delight of all who heard him. We got him to stay with us for two nights in the next week, resulting in a spiritual elevation. We had a nice attendance and a good collection in the church. Rev. Hibbler is a power where he goes.

Troy, Ohio.—The fourth quarterly conference was held in Richard's Chapel M. E. Church, Dec. 21-22, Presiding Elder Ferguson in the chair. The quarterly conference was held Monday at 3 p. m. A very interesting session, almost every member present, splendid reports from every department of the church were read. Paid the presiding elder in full. A more earnest, energetic worker is not to be found in the Lexington Conference. Rev. Charles Jones, the pastor, is loved by his congregation and he and his excellent wife have proven themselves to be efficient leaders; never before was the church in a better condition, spiritually and financially. Since Rev. Jones came on the work electric lights have been put in the church; also new cement steps in front. We own a parsonage and a very nice church building. They have a very lively Epworth League and a splendid W. H. M. Society.

At 8:30 p. m. a reception, under the auspices of the Epworth League, was tendered the presiding elder in the church. The following program was rendered: Recitation by Mrs. Neva Skinner; vocal solo, Miss Annabelle Vest; paper, Mr. Horace Nesbit; address by the pastor. At the close he presented the elder a beautiful chair as a token of love and respect the members had for him. Closing remarks by the elder. Resolutions of respect for six years' hard labor read by Miss Luanio Farmer. Rev. Jones has a membership of 50. A splendid supper was served the elder and invited guests of honor. The event will always be remembered. The members earnestly desire Rev. Jones and wife returned to them for another year. No doubt every dollar of the benevolence will be raised. The pastor urges his members to subscribe for the SOUTHWESTERN. Total collection for the Sunday service \$11.70. Rev. Tate, pastor of the A. M. E. Church assisted the pastor in administering the Lord's Supper.

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S. M. McLeod, Pastor, West Point, Miss.—My fourth quarterly conference was held the 10th day of December, 1902, at Oak Grove M. E. Church, on the Strong Circuit, with the Rev. C. W. Walton, P. E., in the chair. The reports showed the work to be in advance of any previous year. Paid the elder in full \$10.50; paid pastor this

quarter \$175. All benevolence in full. We shall go to the Annual Conference with a round report. The presiding elder preached one of his best sermons and administered the Lord's Supper to a goodly number. The people asked the return of the pastor.

C. M. Buckbee, Ocala, Fla.—Emancipation Day was fittingly observed at Emerson Home by a very pleasant impromptu entertainment on the evening of Jan. 1. There was much sweet singing of patriotic and sacred songs, and some fine selections from Whittier, but the chief interest centered in a discussion, very ably conducted by eight young ladies of the Home. Subject, "Two of the Negroes' Present Day Problems." The earnest, thoughtful, womanly tone of the papers read seemed a genuine inspiration to all who heard them.

H. E. Morgan, Pastor, Philadelphia, Miss.—We have had the presence of the Holy Spirit to help us; 46 souls have been added to the church and some improvement has been made materially. A fair benevolent collection has been taken. Seven have died. All interests of the church have been looked after. On the night of the 23rd of December we had a storm, led by Brother Burl Kirkland and a number of friends, who brought a nice lot of groceries and many things to make us pleasant during Christmas.

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Longview, Tex.—Christmas passed away in this place leaving harmony and peace between the races. The members of our little church here seemed to cling to the spirit of the newborn Savior and withdrew from all others. The pastor preached on "Judgment" on the Sunday before Christmas and all present seemed to be touched with his very able discourse; hence, a quiet Christmas among the members.

Mr. Albert Jones and Mrs. Caroline Britton were connected by the nuptial ties on Christmas night. Rev. Lewis officiated. On the 27th a storm came to the pastor and wife. Of course, it will be a cyclone next time. The pastor says he has some warm Methodists in McCabe. He is preaching SOUTHWESTERN and benevolence and church building. We raised on the third Sunday in December \$7.35 to complete McCabe Chapel. Before the presiding elder comes with the first quarterly conference we want it to be celled and a good way on the tower. The pastor will soon have several subscribers for the paper.

W. W. Cowen, Nashville, Tenn.—The cloud of relegation no longer hangs over formerly Lumsden Hill, now Lumsden Chapel. So much to the credit of the efficient pastor and his genial wife and noble supporters. The passing away of the old church into the hands of the railroad company was more than the mere passing away of property into new hands, for with it ended the domination of old ideas and practices and harnessing to the chariot new steeds. We are pulling off grandly. The new church is no longer a thing of talk but a stern reality. The congregations are large and appreciative. New plans are set in motion as soon as facilities will admit. The league is no longer a dream but a real thing. Young people crowd the hall on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock to get an inspiration. The new church building is a novelty. Dr. and Mrs. Hammond are constantly at the shrine of New Lumsden Chapel and others of note are to be seen among the constant worshippers. Second quarterly meeting was held Dec. 27 and 28. Elders Phillips and Key both were present and preached during the quarterly delightful sermons. Spiritually the church is moving on. Many anxious ones are seen at the altar. Church members are crying out every day for more saving grace. Collections are good. This little mission has raised up to date \$4 for missions.

W. H. Moseby, Pastor, Kerrville, Texas.—I reached my charge Dec. 24 and with the leaders and stewards planned for the year's work. We had a good time on watch night. This is a poor man's country. So many of our people are living very hard in some of the counties. If they would come out in the mountains they would do much better than they are doing. We want them to come. Land can be bought for \$2.50 per acre; good land. If our people will not take advantage of this other people will.

M. Mundy, Leakeville, N. C.—Our first quarterly conference convened on Dec. 20, with Rev. M. J. Bullock, presiding elder, in the chair. While we hold the Ex-Presiding Elder Wells as an excellent man and had no desire

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for him to leave us, yet we are glad that in the judgment of our Bishop he saw fit to send us Brother Bullock. We did not know anything about Brother Bullock as presiding elder or as a preacher. On Dec. 20 we learned to love him as presiding elder and on Sunday, Dec. 21, we learned to love him as a preacher. He made a good impression on the people. His lecture to the Sunday school in the morning was good, also in the evening. This was to the young, but we all took part. Raised for all purposes during quarter \$91.25. We are planning to build a new church here.

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Hattie Eva Childress, West Point, Ala.—The members of Mt. Moriah church are very proud to have Rev. Herron as pastor this year. Mt. Moriah M. E. Church has had a year of unusual prosperity. Too much credit

cannot be given our worthy pastor, Rev. G. W. Seawell. He has accomplished much good during his administration. We dearly love him and his lovely wife. Rev. Seawell is among the best on the District. He has the respect and esteem of all. His wife rendered valuable services in raising money during the year. May God bless the good people.

LITERARY NOTES

In Memoriam. This beautiful little volume in memory of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Lownes Rust, the wife of the Rev. Dr. R. S. Rust, is a magnificent tribute to one of the noblest of her sex. Mrs. Rust was one of the prime movers in the organization of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and was one of its officials to the close of her life. This volume, written by Mrs. W. P. Thirkield, is prepared at the request of the Society. Published by Jennings & Pye, Cincinnati, O.

Bishop William Xavier Ninds, a me-

morial volume by his daughter, published by Eaton & Mains, New York. Price \$1.50. The subject of this volume of 290 pages ought to determine very largely its worth. But in addition we may say it is written by his daughter in an elegant and entertaining style. She, to begin with, knew her father, and besides had access to all his private papers. The book begins with his early family history and traces the thread of that beautiful life to the evening of its close. He is followed through his labors as a pastor, educator and bishop. Besides an account of his funeral, including addresses, etc., the volume also contains many excerpts from his best addresses and sermons. No one can read the book without both pleasure and profit. It should be in the library of all our preachers and thousands of our members.

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There isn't any "new" woman. The components of womanhood, and especially of gentleness and ever have been and must ever be the same. Different times, different places, different social structures put to different tests and uses the fundamental femininity, but the principle is always the same. She is the same good, true-hearted woman whether she is battling with men in the business world, or tending to domestic affairs at home; and anyway, in most cases, she veers around to the latter state in the end. In such a manner Miss Clara E. Laughlin, in a paper in the February *Delineator* considers some of the problems of womanhood, especially the industrial problem; and the paper is well worth reading.

Conference Notices

WINSTON DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Walnut Cove, Jan. 24-25; Madison, Jan. 31-Feb. 1; Madison Ct., Feb. 7-8; Summerfield, 14-15; St. Paul, 19-22; Mt. Pleasant, 20-22; Rocky Mt. (Va.), Feb. 28-March 1; Elkin, March 7-8; Mt. Airy, 14-15; Hight Point, 21-22; Lexington, 28-29; Midway, April 4-5; Kernesville, 11-12; Asheboro, 14; Fairview, 15; Liberty Grove, 16; Winston Ct., 18-19; Randleman, 21-22; Advance, 23-24; Jefferson, 25-26.

My dear brethren: Let the benevolences and the SOUTHWESTERN be our battle cry this second round, as well as all the subsequent rounds. Keep the Epworth League and Sunday work uppermost in your thought, remember-

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ing that our first duty in the ministry is to save souls. To save souls ought to be the passion of every pastor in the ministry. Application, tact and success—this last item in the above enumeration is an unmistakable evidence of one's call to the ministry; and the other two are not less or wanting in importance. Be sure you don't fail to evidence your fitness by raising your full apportionment, which amount will appear in the minutes.

J. P. FRANKLIN, P. E.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Wiley Memorial, Feb. 5-8; Churchville, 6-8; Sherman Heights, 13-15; Tannery Flat, 14-15; Athens, 21-22; Cleveland Ct., Feb. 28-March 1; Cleveland, March 1-2; Georgetown, 7-8; Rockwood, 14-15; Dayton, 20-22; Coulterville, 28-29; Soddy Cir., April 4-5; Jasper, 11-12; South Pittsburg, 18-19.

Dear Brethren: Our first quarter has been marked by signs of improvement in some instances, but we must put increased zeal and persistent endeavor in our work of the second quarter. Prompt attention must be given to the plan for raising the benevolent collections. Earnest appeals come to us from our missionary committee and corresponding secretaries asking that our contributions be more liberal and our collections made larger. We cannot fail to respond. Every dollar assessed must be raised. The Epworth League work must be kept in an active and vigorous state throughout the district. The Sunday schools must be made more modern and the work more inviting. Subscribers must be vigorously sought for our SOUTHWESTERN. Every department of the work must be carefully watched over and skillfully directed. Let us pray and work for sweeping revivals in every church on the district.

J. B. L. WILLIAMS, P. E.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Gastonia, Jan. 31-Feb. 1; Mount Holley, Feb. 5; Rock Hill, 7-8; Crouse Station, 12; Shelby, 13-15; Forest City, 14-15; Mayhew, 21-22; Sherrill's Ford, 28-March 1; Marion, March 7-8; Asheville, 14-15; West Asheville, 14-15; Patterson, 18; Lenoir, 21-22; Caldwell, 23; Hickory, 28-29; Statesville, April 4-5.

Dear Brethren—Please note the above dates. Come to the quarterly conference with good reports. Meet the committees on benevolences and have them report to the quarterly the work done each quarter. Make Easter Sunday a rally day for the missionary cause in every Sunday school and every church. Let us have two hundred subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN by the District Conference. Plan for great revivals. Let us not fall short in anything. We will with great care examine the work done each quarter. And remember that diligent labor will have its reward. May God bless you in all the work of the church.

Fraternally yours,

M. M. JONES, P. E.,
522 Center St., Greensboro, N. C.

NOTICE.

To the Brethren in the Various Studies of the Missionary Conference: The brethren in the various studies and those wishing to enter the studies required by the Discipline will take due notice that they are to be at the seat of the conference on the day preceding the opening of the conference for examination, so as not to delay

the committees in their work. Let each member of the committees be on hand.
J. C. HOUSTON.
Vicksburg, Miss.

We will have a District Union at the new church in Alexandria on the evening of Jan. 27, to which all the pastors of the district are invited, and all the conference members coming this way.
P. W. CLARK.

All persons attending the Louisiana Annual Conference at Natchitoches Jan. 29 will be carried over the Southern Pacific, Texas and Pacific, Queen and Crescent, Illinois Central and other principal roads at the rate of one and one-third fare. Tickets on sale Jan. 26, 27 and 28, good until Feb. 4, 1903. Get a certificate when purchasing ticket at each starting point.
E. P. HARRIS, Asst. Secretary.

LOST BROTHER.

Sunflower Co., Miss.—I wish to find my brother. His name was Frank Taylor; his father's name was Frank Taylor; mother's name, Alice Taylor; sister's name Martha Taylor and my name, Deltha Taylor, but my marriage name is now Deltha Tyson. We children were raised in Montgomery county, Miss., and brother Frank left home in 1881, and we have not heard from him since. Any information of my brother will be greatly appreciated. My address is Mrs. Deltha Tyson, Saint Rest, Miss.

W. H. M. SOCIETY OF INDIANA DISTRICT.

I would like very much to have all reports from every auxiliary on our district some time during the month of January, not any later, as our anniversary will be in March. We led in numbers and finance at the last session, and it is to be hoped we will exceed that report. Please send them in due time. Yours for the cause,

ANNABELLE VEST,
Cor. Secty. of Indiana District.
555 Sherman avenue, Troy, Ohio.

Pastors of Louisiana Conference, please read this to your auxiliary:

To the Presidents of Each Auxiliary of the W. H. M. S.: Dear Sisters, I do hope that you will have your assessment raised by conference. Give it to your pastor and get his receipt and I will give him a voucher at conference. Let us rally as never before. Do something. The Lord blesses a cheerful giver. Your co-worker,

D. M. WALKER.

The committee that was appointed by the last conference to consider the advisability of organizing a conference relief association for the benefit of

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the widows and children of our ministers who may depart this life in the future, will meet at the seat of the conference, Natchitoches, La., 12 a. m. Jan. 28, 1903.

Committee—Revs. Marshall, Butler, Duncan, Taylor, Shallowhorne, Albert, Walker, James; William S. Harris, chairman.

WEST NASHVILLE DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Lawrenceburg Cir., Feb. 1; Ricks and Cumberland, 7-8; Nashville, Seay's Chapel, 13-15; Spring Hill and Duplex Cir., 21-22; Farmington Cir., March 1-2; Petersburg Cir., 7-8; Lewisburg Sta., 14-15; Brentwood Sta., 21-22; Lunsder Chapel, 28-29; Franklin Sta., April 4-8; Charlotte and Promised Land, 11-12; White Bluff Cir., 18-19; City Mission, Nashville, 22; Nashville, West End, Gordon Chapel, 24-25; Flat Rock Sta., 23-26; West Mission, Nashville, 28-29.

Brethren, get all of your members to work in the church and Sunday school and Epworth League. Tell them how to work. Plan for them. Have them to read the SOUTHWESTERN. Push the work.
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NOTICE.

Preachers of the N. O. North District will please remember that in addition to the benevolent collections, there is a small assessment for printing the conference minutes for 1903. Brethren, as this plan to insure an early publication of the minutes originated with you in our District Conference last July, we cannot afford to have one come up short. Your premise is to have the whole amount in the hands of the presiding elder by conference. The time is short and whatever balance is to be raised on the benevolences with this should be attended to at once. Let us all try to be at the seat of conference not later than the morning of the 28th inst., that we may have everything in readiness for

the opening of the session the next day.
Yours for the cause,
J. F. MARSHALL.

Program for District Stewards' Meeting, at Hempstead, Texas, Feb. 19-20, 1903:

Welcome address, Rev. J. O. Williams; response, Rev. W. Hartly Jackson. "The Idea of District Stewards' Meeting," Rev. A. Taylor; "Duty of a District Steward," to be discussed by all District Stewards of the district; "The Pastor and the Preacher," Rev. S. M. Bolden and Rev. W. Hartley Jackson; "The Lazy Pastor and his Success," Revs. J. A. Tillory, J. O. Williams, M. M. Muldrew, and R. U. Doakes; "The Pastor and his Benevolences," Revs. A. Alexander, A. Britton, E. M. Alexander, Wm. Mack and A. E. Gibbs; "The Pastor and Preacher of To-Day," Revs. Jas. Jordan and J. H. Kelly.

Committee on program for District Conference will please come prepared with good subjects for our next District Conference.

Brethren, please come prepared to finish the work assigned to your hearts and hands, and do not be in a hurry. Begin your rally for your benevolences. Urge our people to take the SOUTHWESTERN and learn of the great church and its doings. We held second or third place in the Conference for Wiley University last year; let us go to the first rank this year.

Yours for success,
J. E. BRYANT.

THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY

Sherrill's Ford, N. C.—Sister Martha McCorkle, a member of Brevard's Chapel and the wife of William McCorkle, was visited by the death angel Dec. 27, 1902, and she passed from this life to her reward. She was a faithful young member and a good Sunday school teacher. She leaves a husband, father, a number of sisters and brothers to mourn her loss. The remains were laid to rest Sunday, the 28th, about 5 p. m.

W. M. CRAWFORD, Pastor.

Pecan Point, La.—Brother Simon Thomas, a member of Corinth M. E. Church, died Dec. 25, 1902, in full triumph of faith, aged 43 years. He was

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a member of the church for 24 years. He was leader of Class No. 3, also a steward and trustee. "Rest on we shall meet thee where parting is no more." His funeral was conducted by his pastor, William Harrison.

New Orleans.—Whereas, it has pleased Divine Providence, in His ineffable wisdom, to call from our midst our beloved fellow-student, E. R. Johnson; and whereas, he has endeared himself, by his many virtues, to all, and has proved himself a faithful friend, an earnest student and a devout Christian, be it

Resolved, That we, the students of Flint Medical College, and especially the junior class, of which he was a member, do deplore his untimely loss; be it further

Resolved, That we sympathize with his relatives in their bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, to the press, and that a copy be kept on record in this institution.

R. W. Billups, president; F. M. Nelson, vice president; J. A. Barnes, secretary; M. J. Marmillion, J. A. Hardin, S. C. Green, W. H. Dorsey.

Natchez, Miss.—On the 19th day of December, 1902, about 2 p. m., Brother George Bess, the beloved husband of Sister Sarah Bess, departed this life. We are told that Brother Bess had, for many years, been a member of the Baptist Church, but five days before he died he sent for the pastor of St. John M. E. Church. On going, we learned he wanted to become a member of the said St. John Church, the church of which his wife and daughter were members. He told us many things he had recently experienced of God. He died in full triumph of faith. The funeral was attended by the writer.

Sister Lucy Daniel departed this life Jan. 1, 1903. Sister Daniel was 75 years old, and had been a member of the M. E. Church since she was 12 years old. She lived a consistent Christian. She was true to her church. She was stricken with paralysis a few days before she died. Sleep on, Sister Daniel, and take thy rest. God called thee home. He knew it was best.

W. L. MARSHALL, Pastor.

Allendale, S. C.—Brother J. H. Barker, who departed this life Dec. 29, was fairly educated in the common schools and spent several sessions at Cladin University. He was a young

man of great moral worth, well thought of by both white and colored. He came to his untimely death by a gunshot wound inflicted by one Joe Prester, a dastardly coward, without the least provocation. The community is greatly stirred. The murderer escaped, but it is thought that he will be overtaken in a few days. Truly the blood of this amiable young man will follow the assassin's foot-steps, and will ultimately justly mark his last resting place. New Hope M. E. Church has lost a worthy member, the Sunday school a faithful superintendent, the community a beautiful example, and state an industrious citizen. We laid him to rest in the Barker Cemetery. He leaves a grief-stricken wife, mother, sister, brother, relatives and a host of friends to mourn. Peace be to his sacred dust. Reva. A. D. Brown, pastor, and W. G. White officiated.

Marion, N. C.—Sister Martha Hinton, wife of Rev. M. H. Hinton, departed this life Dec. 27, 1902, at 8 o'clock a. m., of consumption. Sister Hinton had been a member of the church ever since she was ten years old. It pays to be a Christian. She died in the faith. Her last words were to Rev. Hinton. They were: "Go on with your work. Preach on." She was loved by all who knew her. Her funeral was preached in the Hopewell M. E. Church in Marion, at 2:30 p. m. Dec. 28. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. M. Catineau, pastor of the A. M. E. Zion Church. She leaves a husband and two children to mourn.

C. W. WALTON, Pastor.

Complete, Miss.—Rosehill M. E. Church.—On Sunday the 28th, after having attended the funeral of Ora D. Allen, the little daughter of Brother O. H. Allen, one of our leading officers, I made my way to the above named place. I preached at 3 o'clock and when I got about half through services, it was reported that little Ed. Thrash, son of Sister Thrash, had died. He held services with them all, and conducted prayers himself, after which he went to sleep in death. He was ten years of age and was loved by all. He told a Mr. Sims that came in just before he died that he wanted to be baptized. His funeral was attended at his home. W. H. SMITH.

Meridian, Miss.—Ora D. Allen, one whom we loved so much and a member of our Junior League and Sunday school, caught fire at 10 o'clock Decem-

ber 27, 1902, and died at 6 o'clock that morning. Ora D. was a good, sweet girl. We will miss her, but my dear little sisters and brothers, we may see her again if we do the Lord's will. Ora D. was only ten years of age. Her funeral was preached by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Smith, at the church, on the 28th at 10:30 o'clock. Six little boys from the Sunday school were pall-bearers.

Mary A. H. Smith, treasurer; A. Mott, secretary; Mrs. E. L., superintendent and teacher of O. D. Allen.

On December 7, when the shadows of evening were falling, the death angel rapped and entered the door of Brother Joseph Barrett and summoned him to his final reward. Brother Barrett said that all was well and that he was ready and willing to go. A loving wife, three children and many friends are left to grieve. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved wife and children and point them to Him who can heal every wounded heart. J. W. Lewis, pastor, conducted the funeral services.

New Orleans, La.

"Not long ago he filled his place,
And sat with us to learn;
But he has run his mortal race
And never to return."

Whereas, It has pleased the Great Creator to take from us one of our most studious and dearly beloved classmates, Mr. E. R. Johnson, leaving us in most bitter recognition of our untimely loss and with deeper appreciation of the inevitable will of Him who does all things well; and,

Whereas, His intermingling among us has stamped indelibly upon our memory his true manly qualities, congenial fellowship and Christian character, which time can never efface; and,

Whereas, We humbly admit that the fate of our friend and brother is the fate of us all, and that our loss is heaven's gain,

Be it Resolved, That the Freshman and Sophomore classes of Flint Medical College, in body assembled, do hereby tender their condolence to the sorrowing friends and bereaved relatives of the deceased;

Be it Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and that a duplicate of the original be forwarded to the relatives of the deceased and a copy be placed within the archives of the School Record.

Committee—A. W. Brozler, secretary; C. M. Wilson, I. J. Washington, J. H. Roby, I. J. Kane, chairman.
J. W. WILEY, President Class '05.
A. W. JACKSON, Secretary Class '05.

Holly Springs, Miss.—Sister Maggie Wilkins Johnson, a member of Asbury M. E. Church, died Dec. 31, 1902. She was born May 24, 1867, converted during the pastorate of the Rev. A. M. Trotter, of the Mississippi Conference. Sister Johnson was once a student of Rust University, also a teacher in Marshall county, Mississippi. She leaves three children, father, mother-in-law and many friends and relatives to mourn. Her remains were laid away to rest in the Holly Springs Cemetery, on Thursday, Jan. 1, 1903. Sleep on, dear sister, we will meet you in heaven where we shall part never more. The funeral services were conducted by W. Winbush, pastor.

S. D. Troupe, Goodman, Miss.—On the 10th of December the Angel of

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Death came to the home of Brother S. M. Gulleges and took their loving son, H. E. Gulleges, after suffering many days. He said he was willing to go. He was a local preacher of the Greenwood Charge.

Slidell, La.—Mr. James Ebenezer Cloud, eldest son of Frank Cloud, aged 27 years, departed this life on Tuesday, December 23. Brother Frank Cloud was one of the trustees of Hartzell Chapel, Pearlville, La., and a recent convert of that church. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. J. F. Marshall, P. E. C. D. CROCKETT, Pastor.

LaGrange, Ga.—Sister Julia Smith, the wife of Rev. William Smith, member of the Warren M. E. Church, of LaGrange, passed away Jan. 4 at 9 o'clock. She died in full triumph of faith. JOHN CROTTY, Pastor.

Bolton, Miss.—Within the past three months death has robbed our church of three members. Sister Betsy Walden served the church faithfully 39 years. At the command of the good Master she went home to rest. Next to follow was Brother Charlie Barnes, who had been a member for 23 years. He went to get his reward. He leaves a wife and children to mourn.

Sister Nena Adam, aged 28, served the church faithfully for 16 years. She died in full triumph of the blessed faith. She said to her mother and father, "You have done all you can for me; the Master has come for me. I want you to meet me in heaven."

B. L. CRUMP.

Darrow, La.—Little Willie Carroll, the five-year-old son of Brother Paul Carroll, one of our local preachers, died Dec. 30, 1902. He was buried from Haven Chapel.

A. B. HARRIS, Pastor.

Clarksdale, Miss.—Eddie Blewett, the daughter of Rev. A. B. Blewett, pastor of Clarksdale, Miss., departed this life Dec. 27, 1902, aged 13.

S. E. HENDERSON.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Sherrill's Ford, N. C.—Miss Florence Gable and Mr. John Goodsel were united in marriage at the home of the bride Dec. 24, 1902. The writer officiated. W. M. CRAWFORD, Pastor.

Clarence, La.—At the home of the bride, on Bayou Bourbox, Dec. 31, I celebrated the marriage of Mr. James E. Harrison and Miss Anna Chapman. Mr. Harrison is a local preacher and also a public school teacher of this parish, while Miss Chapman comes from one of the best families. We bespeak

for them a happy life. Rev. William Harrison, father of the groom, officiated.

West Point Circuit, Miss.—Dec. 24th, at the residence of Mr. L. Mimms and wife, their two daughters were married—Miss Ida Mimms to Mr. Samuel Meeks, and Miss Maria Mimms to Mr. Dock Addison. Both of the young ladies are faithful members of the M. E. Church.

At the residence of Mr. A. Hareld and wife, their daughter, Miss Maudean Hareld, was married to Mr. Lee Spivy. This marriage was one among the nicest we ever saw. Miss Maudean is a great lover of her church.

W. H. H. GALLIAN.

Tullahoma, Tenn.—Mr. Willie Culie was married to Miss Anna Halburton at the residence of Brother Jasper, Dec. 31, 1902. J. L. MASSEY, Pastor.

Many, La.—At the parsonage, Dec. 18, 1902, in the presence of a large number of friends, Mr. J. W. Hightower and Miss Selena Smith were united in the bonds of holy wedlock. Mr. and Mrs. Hightower are members of the Baptist Church.

At the residence of Brother and Sister Prier Porter, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1902, their daughter, Miss Cassie L. Porter, and Mr. Henry Woods, both of Bayou Sell, were joined in the bonds of holy matrimony. Miss Porter is one of our young converts and a first-class young lady. The ceremonies were performed by J. W. Lewis.

Chilhowie, Va.—On Dec. 24, Mr. Lee W. Waugh, of Pulaski county, Va., who is an energetic and skillful young man, was married to Miss Anna R. Fields, who is one of our best young girls of this place. The ceremony was performed by H. Harris, pastor.

Durant, Miss.—At the M. E. Church, Dec. 28, 1902, Mr. Anthony Harris and Miss Lennie Harrington were united in marriage at the parsonage. Jan. 1, 1903, Mr. Lewis Crawford and Miss Mollie Derrick were united in marriage. The pastor, C. F. Troupe, performed the ceremonies.

Holly Springs, Miss.—Dec. 31, 1902, at Hebron C. M. E. Church, Mr. Geo. W. Roberts, a member of Asbury M. E. Church, and Miss Dicie C. Harris, of Hebron C. M. E. Church, were united in marriage. Brother Roberts is a staunch member of the C. M. E. Church and Miss Harris is a member of the C. M. E. Church and also Sunday school teacher. J. W. Winbush officiated. Rev. Harris, the bride's father, assisted.

Crawfordsville, Ark.—Mr. Geary Jones was united in wedlock to Miss Williams. Mr. Jones is a thrifty, thoroughgoing young man, who has by patient and constant labor accumulated some property. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. Phillip Owens.

Pulaski, Va.—Mr. Thomas Callway, of Shawsville, Va., was married to Miss Pinky E. Buford, at her home, Dec. 28. Miss Pinky is a member of Clark's Chapel M. E. Church and president on church music. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, J. M. Watson.

Marshall, Tex.—On Christmas night Mr. Heskiah Johnson and Miss Erbie Williams, two popular young people of the Lodi work, were married. Mr. Thos. Steward and Mrs. Virgie Green received each other as a new year's



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CRESCENT CITY NOTES

Wheeler M. Washington, the half-brother of Dr. H. P. Camphor, left on the 1st for Tuskegee, Ala.

Thursday, Jan. 1, the Woman's Relief Corps Progressive Union League celebrated the fortieth year of emancipation at Wesley Chapel M. E. Church.

Emancipation Day was befittingly celebrated at First Street M. E. Church Jan. 1. A fine program was well rendered. Among those present and who

spoke were Rev. H. James, Mr. Clifford Hall, Mrs. Ella Boyd and F. B. Smith, Esq. The music by the choir was very appropriate.

Queen Ann Temple No. 18, S. M. T., held their installation at Masonic headquarters Monday, Jan. 5, at 8 p. m. The welcome address was delivered by Miss Lydia Dunbar. Miss T. Liston next entertained by singing a beautiful solo. "Curfew Bells" was eloquently and gracefully rendered by Miss Lillian Armstrong. The duet by Misses Bernard and Washington was very pleasing, as was also the recitation by Miss A. Wilson. Rev. Simms of Tulane Avenue Baptist Church addressed the audience as only Rev. Simms can. The W. P., Mrs. E. Toddy, made some very encouraging remarks to her sisters and friends gathered, and thanked them for the confidence and trust that was manifested by her re-election. The W. S., Mrs. M. T. Wells, read her annual report, which was well received, and she expressed her wishes to the Temple as to their appreciation of her services by the sixth re-election. The state grand princess, Mrs. Laura Williams, addressed the Temple in an able and forcible manner. The officers are: W. P., Mrs. E. J. Toddy; W. V., Mrs. L. A. Dunbar; W. Secretary, Mrs. M. T. Wells; W. Treasurer, Mrs. H. White; chaplain, B. Armstrong; Joshua, C. Henderson; Caleb, A. Wilson; Zilla, R. Washington; S. M., J. Porter; J. M., L. Bernard.



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MRS. CUDDY.

they nevertheless spend much time preaching and lecturing in colored churches and working among colored people. They have no regular salary for their services, living on what those interested in the work they are doing are pleased to contribute. These friends are now making an effort to raise money to purchase a gospel wagon for open air mission work and will appreciate any amount their friends may see fit to give them for the purpose. They are entirely trustworthy and deserving of any assistance our churches or friends may see fit to contribute. They may be reached at "Door of Hope Mission," 325 Marais Street, this city.

Rev. B. M. Hubbard writes that Mal-lieu M. E. Church of this city was favored Sunday night with the presence of Drs. E. E. Jones of the Sunday School Union, and I. B. Scott, of the SOUTHWESTERN.

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The latter preached very acceptably to an appreciative audience at 7:30 p. m. We desire to have them visit us again.

In our notes of last week we omitted the name of Rev. Hubbard Daniel, presiding elder of the Shreveport District, as one who assisted in looking after First Street Church the Sunday the pastor was ill. Elder Daniel was in the city at the time visiting his family.

New Orleans University is not only enjoying an unusually large attendance but is now in the midst of a successful revival. Upward of one hundred have already been converted and the interest continues. President Knight has also been having some much needed repairs made and painting done about the building. Both teachers and pupils are hard at work but all are happy.

P. H. Rembert, Pastor, Bowerton, Miss.—The Bowerton Circuit had many blessings bestowed upon it during the year 1902, for which the pastor, members and friends are grateful to Almighty God. First, we are thankful to know the Holy Spirit was in every service; glad to know the members and friends attended the church services so well. We had some great men among us during the year. On the fifth Sunday in June Dr. J. L. Wilson, president of the Meridian Academy and Industrial College, brought many good things to us. First Sunday in September Dr. R. E. Jones, Sunday school field agent, preached two wonderful sermons and lectured twice. October 2nd and 3rd Sundays, Sister Katie Hall of Summit, Miss., by special request, did great work in our midst. May the Lord continue to bless these Christian educated workers. Sister Hall is truly a great woman. Eighty-six have been added to the church this year. One annual subscriber for New Year's gift.

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Editorial Notes

You'd feel better if you'd look up oftener.

"Right may sometimes lose a battle but never a war."

To overestimate yourself is to be underestimated by others.

Can't you do something to shorten your method of taking the collection?

Every pastor should make an effort to keep the people from talking aloud while in the church.

The more thoroughly you know yourself the better you will be able to understand those about you.

The way the collections are taken is destroying the people's reverence for the house of God. Watch it!

The record of lynchings in this country for 1902 shows that out of a total of 96 only 19 were accused of criminal assault. Surely this will be accepted even by those who have advocated lynching as an argument against this crime, which is so clearly destructive of law and order. It is proving a demoralization to the entire country. To lynch for rape is to lynch for everything and sometimes for nothing. The only sure remedy is to substitute a trial by the court instead of using a method which is destructive of all law.

"Your method of educating the Negro is spoiling him as a laborer," declared an irate white planter a few days ago, and we have about concluded he's right. In the first place the educated laborer wants decent wages; second, he wants proper treatment, and, third, he wants a just settlement. Some planters desire to make slaves of their hands. They pay them starvation wages and then beat them out of a large part of that. Thousands of poor, ignorant Negroes never know what their cotton brings nor how many bales they make. To educate the Negro is certainly to spoil him to be handled thus.

For the third time the Legislature of the State of Georgia has voted down a proposition to disfranchise the Negroes of that state. In each case it has been done by a decisive majority. Whether our democratic friends of Georgia mean by this act that they are already as fully disfranchised by various devices used for such purposes as they would be should the law be changed, or that they are actually opposed to a law that discriminates against the colored citizens of the commonwealth, we cannot say. We hope, however, it is the latter. Nevertheless, Georgia sets a good example to other states that seem wild in their efforts to enact laws that simply indicate the superiority of the white man and discriminate against a worthy element of their citizenship.

His Bitterness Leads Him into Error

About the time we had concluded that the style of attack which was formerly so generally practiced by those who desired to assail the colored membership of the M. E. Church had passed away entirely we are made to see our mistake. The *Sunday School Monitor*, official organ of the Sunday School Union of the African M. E. Church, revives this time-worn method. We find on the editorial page of that paper a reference to the last session of our South Carolina Conference that is not complimentary to that body or to the colored membership of the church as a whole. Feeling sure that our readers will be interested in the matter we present two or three excerpts from the writing referred to. It begins as follows:

"'HELP YOURSELVES' SAYS THE BISHOP OF M. E. CONFERENCE.

"Just what we have been saying to our Methodist Episcopal brethren! We told them that the day would come when their benefactors North would become tired of feeding and clothing them to preach the Gospel to their people, and would tell them so. In the last Annual Conference, which met in Orangeburg, the Bishop told his colored brethren that they must help themselves, and that this was the last year that he, the Bishop, would bring any money to them."

Somehow it is difficult for us to believe that the dignified, and, as we take it, scholarly Christian gentleman who has charge of the religious training of the children of his church, wrote any such flimsy stuff. Both as to its construction and the matter contained it impresses us that the office boy has been meddling with matters too high for him. This editor intended to have attended the South Carolina Conference but could not because it convened on the same day on which his own conference began its session. Not being present, therefore, we can base our reply only on what we know of the bishops and polity of the church, and the facts that obtain in every such case. Now the bishop presiding may have exhorted the brethren to help themselves; it is wholesome doctrine and seldom out of place. At the same time there was little need for such an exhortation before the conference in question. The only money to which the *Monitor* can possibly have reference is the missionary money, for which the Bishop presiding issues quarterly drafts on the Society. The South Carolina Conference put into the treasury of the Missionary Society for the fiscal year, which closed a few days previous to the assembling of the conference, \$2,228.20. At the meeting of the General Committee just afterward this conference was authorized to draw on the treasury for \$2,800, of \$571.80 more than she had just paid into the treasury. Why should such a conference be exhorted to 'help itself'? Still, while we can see no good reason for it we only say it might have been done. But we cannot be as charitable regarding the next assertion. In this the *Monitor* draws on its imagination or a faulty memory and quotes the Bishop as saying "this was the last year he would

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The People Do Not Object

We have recently made an effort to have the conditions following the nomination of Dr. W. D. Crum as collector of the port of Charleston, S. C., investigated, so as to give our readers reliable information, as we feel confident they are interested in everything touching the same. Relative to the matter our correspondent writes as follows:

"In reference to the Crum appointment will say that the people are doing nothing to prevent his confirmation. The fact is he is acceptable to them. Whatever opposition there is comes from what is locally known as the 'Broad street ring,' headed and backed by the daily *News and Courier*. This same ring is the source from which has sprung all the evils that have come to the colored people of South Carolina. It is but natural that it would oppose Crum's confirmation."

We are not in the least surprised to learn of the conditions thus portrayed. There is a large element of the people—the best people, too—who not only do not object to seeing a competent Negro occupy official position, but welcome every evidence of his well-being and development. This element is not composed entirely of the wealthy or the poorer classes. Those who, just at this time, are making such a vigorous outcry against the black man are most certainly aided and abetted by that class of Republicans who expect to profit most by getting rid of the Negro official. If those who believe in justice and fair dealing will only stand firm we are sure everything will come out all right in the end.

Field Secretary of the Missionary Society

For a number of years prominent colored men of the Methodist Episcopal Church have urged upon the authorities of the Missionary Society the appointment of some one to give special attention to the colored conferences of the church. They have not attained their wish exactly, but through the open door emergency movement which has brought so much good to the missionary cause during the last year, these conferences are now to have a field secretary who is to devote his entire time to the work of helping pastors, and others interested, in raising money for missions and conducting a campaign throughout the territory that will be educative to the people along this line.

Last week the Open Door Emergency Committee named the Rev. Griffin G. Logan, A. M., D. D., a member of the Upper Mississippi Conference, for this responsible post. Brother Logan will be remembered as a member of the last General Conference, by which body he was elected to the Book Committee for the present quadrennium. He is a graduate of Rust University, Holly Springs, Miss., in which institution he afterward spent a number of years as professor of Greek and Latin. He also served one year as principal of Meridian Academy, Meridian, Miss. As a member of the conference he has served

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Our Contributors

American Patriotism

It has been said that if one wishes to see a country, to obtain a proper estimate of its size, the average trend of its rivers, the thickness of its inhabited area; in a word to see with the material eye, as if displayed on a chart or map, it is best to go up in a balloon and from this point of vantage see the desired country displayed to the fullest advantage, or disadvantage, as the case may be.

Such a method of isolation has also the advantage of enabling the beholder to pursue his investigations undisturbed by factious feeling; it has one disadvantage: it causes a feeling of disgust at the littleness of humanity and the major part of its aims.

I am led into this stream of thought by the contemplation of American patriotism, more particularly as applied to the African portion of its population. I have hardly written the words ere I am struck with the wild absurdity of an African, looking back upon the history of his race in America, having such a feeling as patriotism, and for America!

Patriotism is defined as "love of one's fatherland" (so far, good), "devotion to the interests and welfare of one's country" (also good), "the passion which aims to serve one's country and to maintain its laws and institutions" (aye! there's the rub).

Now, can any African-American feel that passion? If he can, he is not fit to be an American or any other countryman.

The feeling of patriotism is supposed to be felt strongest by Gothic, Keltic, Iberian, Teutonic and other races of European nations; and no doubt when these nations intermingle on the American continent there arises with the new mixed nation a new, very new patriotism, but it is not the real article; far from it. How can it be genuine when it is conceded that if it were not for the enormous wave of immigration that for so many years has flooded America, not to speak of the want of fecundity of the average (so-called) American, there would not be enough of Americans of the third generation to swear by. Now, where's your patriotism?

Signs are not wanting that the wealthy Americans will, as they accumulate their enormous hoards, retire to Europe; or what, from a patriotic point of view, is worse—marry their daughters to the over-sea patriot—and their children will hardly care further for America than as a place where money has to come from, and whose free and enlightened citizens are engaged within the ring of protection industriously working to keep them in "leisurely ease" in Paris or London.

The African has not been credited with a love of his country. Perhaps it is because he has none; for the worst joke that is usually made about him is that he steals; chickens are supposed to be his weakness, but he is supposed not to be particular. Well, I have no brief to defend him in the mass, but in common justice I think it will be admitted he has not stolen anyone's country from them, although that has been done to him. The grandest opportunity for America to repatriate its African descended people was allowed to slip when the partition of the dark continent took place. At that time the Monroe doctrine was "your only wear," and the solution of the African problem if not settled would, at any rate, have been attempted. America has a debt to the African people it can never pay. I do not suppose it ever seriously thinks of attempting to do so, but the debt is there nevertheless, and a

high-spirited, patriotic (?) people would not tolerate it for a moment.

We know the fine-spun sentences that rang across the ocean when England was expected to pay the Alabama claims, and how the country with a national conscience nobly paid, and like the noblest form of man, an honest one.

America as a world power, and, further, with an African population, had more right to a word in the cutting up of Africa than almost any other nation, but she was silent and patriotic.

The horrible outrages on Africans by burning them alive, only too often on perfectly unsupported charges or the general wanton denial of common rights, are not likely to make patriotic citizens of these people as a body. No doubt the great portion of the American public are quite indifferent as to the feelings or aspirations of this part of the body corporate, but there is fortunately, a greater part of the population right-minded than otherwise, and it is for these we write. Do justice and fear not. I go further and say, do as they do in England and take no notice; treat the African citizen like any other and make no noise about it. I venture to say nothing will occur; the earth will not open, the sky will not fall, to-morrow will be like to-day.

It may be forgiven me if I refer to an article I saw in *Scribner's Magazine* some time ago on this subject. The writer said: "And if by reason of strength and capacity we have come as a nation to stand in a parental relation to some of earth's children that are not of our breed, our good-will toward them is not to be impugned because we decline to treat them in all respects as though they were competent and responsible adults."

I do not quarrel with this writer, although I for one would like, simply as a matter of curiosity, to know how long period of apprenticeship the different breed will have to serve? That's only fair. Jacob was told by Laban how long he would have to serve to get Rachel, and, fatal objection, suppose "the different breed" is unable to change. There are a lot of "different breeds" in America, far and away more wild and savage than the Africans have ever been. I refer to the lowest sypes of Russians, Poles, Magyars and other nationalities almost too numerous to mention, who in another generation will claim in their children the full franchise, and, what is more, get it. Their patriotism will be not quite the orthodox American or African-American.

The real America is a country to be profoundly proud of; words will not properly picture forth the feeling of pride a genuine American will feel when he thinks of the long connection his family has had with the country of his birth; the battles that have been fought in gaining one liberty after another either for himself or on behalf of the oppressed.

My final word is to the African of the first, second or later generations: *Try to conduct yourselves as to give no offense to anyone.* I know perfectly well it is a difficult task, but it has to be done. In your own land you are apparently again on trial before, let us hope, an impartial tribunal, amongst whom are men and women who have hung at the breast of your womankind when they were babes; who have up to a certain age been your playfellows, and who have no greater rights than yourselves, save one—they are solid and combined for their rights.

I have purposely not touched upon the American war of rebellion, for although it has been mis-called the war for freedom, the freedom that was aimed at and the object achieved was to free the Northern States from the domination of the

South. There had to be a cry, call it freedom for the slave, and do not inquire too closely as to which—the black or the white one!

WILLIAM A. ALDRIDGE.

England.

How Happiness Came

There are thousands of people in the world who remain unhappy just because years ago they committed some criminal act of which they have not repented. Perhaps some of them defrauded a person and ever since then they have kept the ill-gotten gain, and this fact has continued to make them watched much of the time. What they need now to do is to restore the amount of dishonest gain to the one they defrauded. The following incident is told in "Association Men" of New York: "For some reason I cannot pray; the heavens seem like brass; I go through the form of devotion in private, and, as you know, I take part in public Christian work, but there is no joy nor peace in my life; what shall I do?" said a member of the religious work committee and a leader in the young people's society of his church to a state secretary. He replied: "There must be something in your life which has broken communion. Make a clean breast of it and put it out of your life." After a few moments the young man replied: "Well, when I was a boy I beat a man out of two dollars. What shall I do?" "Do? There is nothing to do, but send him the amount, with interest to date. That is the easiest thing, for you are a man with salary, and to raise that small amount of money is no trouble. What you want to do is to confess the thing, thus giving your pride a stab." After meditation he said he would write him, and send him the money with interest. At the next service he attended his face was shining with joy. The young man graduated in one of the Virginia colleges next year, and entered the ministry. The real turning point in his life was his confession of sin."

Sparkling happiness came to the heart of this young man as soon as he had confessed that particular sin and had made restitution of the money which he had unjustly taken. There are those who will say that, as he had committed that sin when he was only a boy, and had since then entered upon a better life, he ought not to have been troubled by any reflections upon the affair, nor condemned the deed. Besides, had he not repented of all past sins and been forgiven by God? Such a view seems plausible, and yet it remains true that he still owed the man the amount of money which he defrauded him of. God's forgiveness of one's sins does not release him from his obligation to pay all past debts, so far as possible. Let us not dodge behind God's grace to save our credit!

C. H. WETTERBE.

A Pastor's Anniversary—Sixteen Years in the Christian Ministry

By E. R. HARVEY.

The members and friends of Augusta Street M. E. Church, Staunton, Va., celebrated the sixteenth anniversary of their pastor, Rev. C. I. Withrow's, work in the ministry, December 28-29, 1902.

A large congregation assembled Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. to enjoy the special music rendered by the Ebenezer and Augusta Street church choirs, also a solo by Miss Willie A. Anderson, and to hear the splendid anniversary sermon preached by Rev. R. C. Pannell of the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Rev. Pannell preached from Romans xii, 18, and selected for his subject "Self Control."

By far the greatest feature of the anniversary was the literary celebration on Monday, Dec. 29,

at 7:30 p. m. Mr. W. J. Pryor was master of ceremonies. The Augusta Street Church choir furnished music. After prayer by Rev. S. M. Tate, Mrs. S. Virginia Bolden sang a solo entitled, "Sing, Sweet Bird," which was well received. Miss L. M. Anderson then read an excellent essay, subject, "An Aim in Life." Miss Anderson, among other things, said: "The three great keys to success are aim, energy and honesty. Without these all efforts are in vain."

Mrs. R. C. Pannell read a very fine paper on the birth, life, and work of Rev. Withrow.

Miss Olive Crawford read a very good paper on "What Shall We Read?" As happiness is the highest aim in life, she urged us to read those books which are written by men and women whose names are cherished because of the real soul quality which they possessed, and who presented the bright side of life.

Rev. W. T. H. Addison made some very fitting remarks in which he characterized Rev. Withrow's work as eminently successful and said he

briefly the things for which Rev. Withrow has been struggling these sixteen years in the Christian pulpit. Many have been the struggles and sacrifices to that end during these sixteen years of service. In spite of obstacles, his efforts have been rewarded with a splendid degree of success. He comes forth with a splendid record. A man with great natural ability, with splendid self-control, with a wonderful gift of speech; well trained in the art of expression, with an easy flow of choice English, a profound and devoted student of the Bible, a gifted preacher who believes in thorough preparation and who preaches every time he attempts to do so.

"For sixteen years, in the cities of Charlotte, N. C., Pittsburg, Pa., and Lexington and Staunton, Va., he has been doing duty in the world's life-saving stations."

Rev. Moses asked permission to read a communication from Dr. W. P. Thirkield, corresponding secretary of the F. A. and S. E. S. He did so for two reasons: First, because the communication illustrated the fact that Rev. Withrow stood in close personal relations with the leading men of his church, and that meant with the leading men of the world; and, second, because it was a very forcible reminder that the eyes of the world are constantly upon us and eagerly following our career with deepest interest.

Dr. W. T. Pannell, our enterprising and most efficient druggist, and a prince of bass soloists, closed the exercises with the song, "A Hundred Fathoms Deep."

Staunton, Va.

Church Officers and Church Organizations

That the Methodist Episcopal Church is a great organization is seen from many view-points. Withal, the church is no more nor less in moral, intellectual and religious influence and power with God and mankind anywhere than what her officers, characterized by optimism, enthusiasm, energy and good humor, have made it.

The duties of each church officer among us from the humble leader to the much honored and exalted bishop are well laid out and defined in our Methodist discipline. Upon the point of position in the church and the duty devolving on each elected and authorized officer is distinct and clear. It sometimes turns out, however, that some one officer overreaches his bounds and thereby infringes upon the legal and sacred rights of another, which invariably results in more harm than good. Experience teaches us that it is always best for one to mind his or her own post of duty in great faith and earnest prayer and in fear and trembling. Then, to do away with all possible clashing among church officials, I feel all that is necessary for me to do at this point is to refer the many readers of your paper to the little book of church government, as I believe that a prayerful and constant reading of the same will throw sufficient light and knowledge upon their pathway of duty. I feel that no officer can intelligently and successfully serve his church without a fair understanding of the Scriptures, disciplined and a constant reader of one or more of our church papers which are published weekly and which can be had cheaply for cash. I know of no one of the *Advocates* which would better conserve this purpose among us than the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, whose weekly columns are found to be replete with carefully prepared and high-toned editorials and wholesome news. It demands a wide circulation. I feel that the every Methodist minister is well provided with books of church history, doctrines and pol-

ity, you must agree with me that even then the SOUTHWESTERN is an indispensable adjunct.

It is obviously seen that the success of a minister greatly depends on how well he organizes his church officers and manages these organizations with good and easy plans, methods and systems, as no organization, religious or otherwise, amounts to much without system, method and plans.

The plain duty of a pastor on entering his appointment is to seek out his church officials, organizations and standing committees, and kindly lay before them his plans for his year's campaign, well mixed with his timely advice and counsel. He will seek their counsel and advice on matters spiritual and temporal. No Methodist minister can succeed independently of his church officers and church organizations. We should keep together. "The devil divides us that he may prevail against us." The minister is expected to take an optimistic view of men and things, void of all grumblings, growls and snarls. A pessimist proves a bad leader, commander or general. "It is better to set ten people at work than to do the work of ten people."

The one great aim of every minister and church officer should be to "study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth."

A financier, or some person of financial ability, should be placed at the head of each organization. An analysis of "save now, I beseech thee, O Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity," would lead one into the ideas of church unity, activity and spirituality. Let us bear daily in mind that a well regulated and ordered church proves to be a source of pleasure and delight to its members and friends.

FREEMAN PARKER.

Life of Faith

Use What You Have

"What is in thine hand, Abel?"

"Nothing but one wee lamb, O God, taken from the flock. I purpose offering it to Thee, a willing sacrifice."

And so he did. And the sweet smell of the burning has been filling the air ever since, and constantly going up to God as a perpetual sacrifice of praise.

"What is it thou hast in thine hand, Moses?"

"Nothing but a staff, O God, with which I tend my flocks."

"Take it and use it for Me."

And he did, and with it wrought more wondrous things than Egypt and her proud king had seen before.

"Mary, what is it thou hast in thine hand?"

"Nothing but a pot of sweet-smelling ointment, O God, wherewith I would anoint Thine only One called Jesus."

And so she did; and not only did the perfume fill all the house in which they were, but the Bible-reading world has been fragrant with the memory of this blessed act of love, which has, ever since, been spoken of "for a memorial of her."

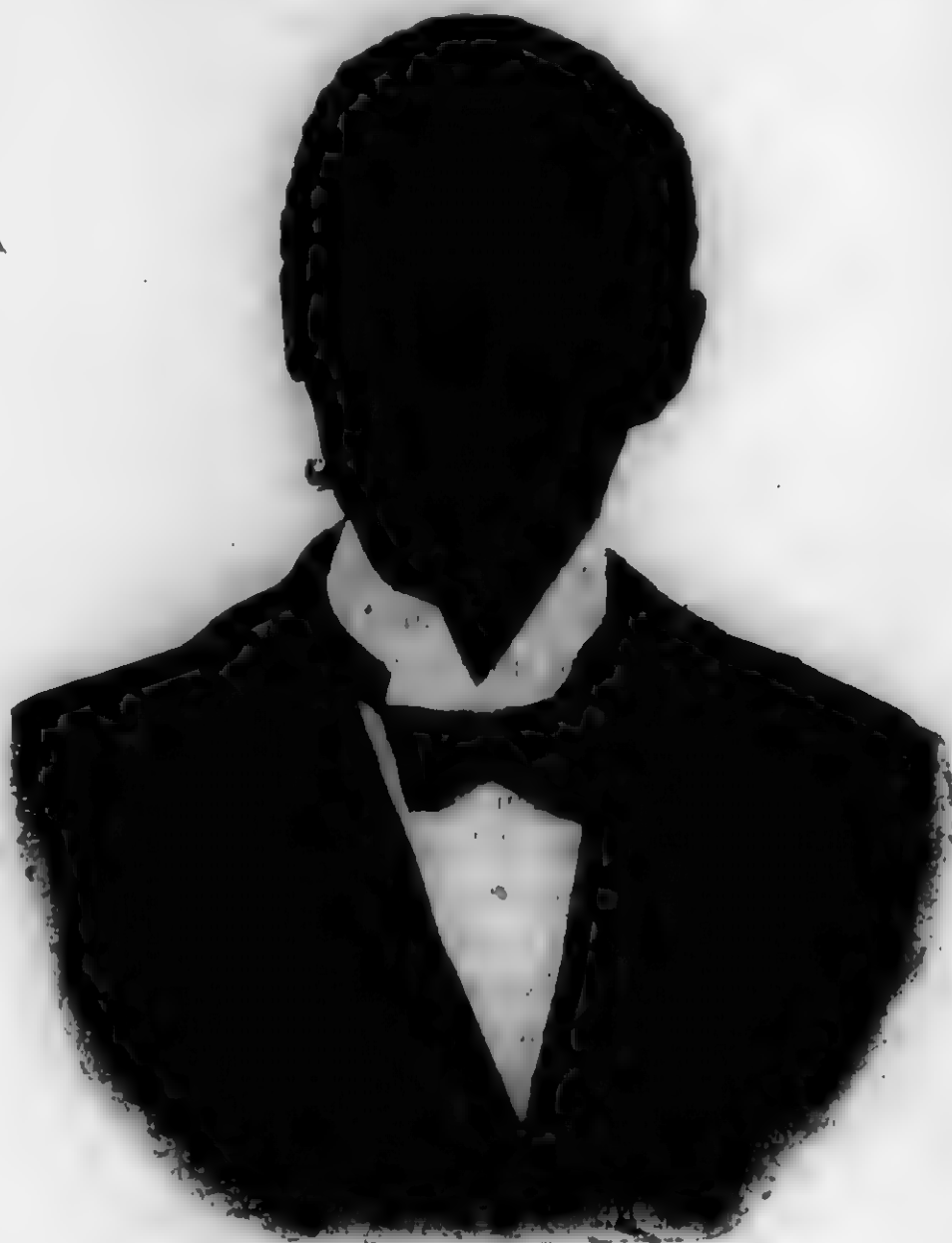
"Poor woman, what is it thou hast in thine hand?"

"Only two mites, Lord. It is very little, but then it is all I have, and I would put it into thy treasury."

And so she did; and the story of her generous giving has ever since wrought like a charm, prompting others to give to the Lord.

"What is it thou hast in thine hand, Dorcas?"

"Only a needle, Lord."



REV. C. J. WITHROW, A. M.

had always known him as a Christian gentleman of the highest type.

Miss Effie A. Johnson rendered the hymn and recitation, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Miss Johnson displayed remarkable talent as an elocutionist and her recitation was attended with almost breathless attention.

Mr. R. H. Jackson read an interesting anniversary paper. He said: "We are the creatures of our environment. Man is made and developed by environment, and all that influences him, conscious or unconscious, is environment." Mr. Jackson closed with the hope that the success which had attended Rev. Withrow through life might each day grow brighter and brighter until he should reach that "haven of rest."

Mrs. M. E. Dawsey then treated the audience to an original poem, which we should be glad to give entire.

The last address of the evening was that by Rev. W. H. Moses, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and was withal a masterly effort, replete with forceful logic and at times thrilling in brilliant outbursts of oratory.

He said in part: "Let us pause here and note

"Take it and use it for Me."

And so she did; and not only were the suffering poor of Joppa warmly clad, but, inspired by her loving life, "Dorcas Societies" even now continue their benign mission to the poor throughout the earth.—*Christian Budget*.

A True Saying

"I have endeavored," said the learned Selden when upon his deathbed, "I have endeavored to know all things that are esteemed worth knowing amongst men; but in all my readings and disquisitions I find nothing like that declaration of St. Paul: 'This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. To this I cleave, and herein I find rest.'" It is God in Christ, God revealed in the teachings and work and person of Christ, who meets and satisfies all human wants and aspirations. Knowing Him, partakers of His life, human life is a reality, one of success, of peace, of joy, of endless satisfaction. In the fulfillment of his own assurance they have eternal life, perfect and endless, with Him in His heavenly kingdom.

Terribly True

"One Sunday morning," says Rev. Harry B. White, "I was requested to teach the lesson to a class of convicts in the prison chapel. I consented. The subject of the lesson was 'Christian Courage.' Scarcely had I opened the topic when a young prisoner raised his hand for permission to speak.

"'Are you a Christian?' he asked.

"'Yes,' I replied, somewhat surprised by the abrupt question.

"'You are a minister of the Gospel?'

"'I am.'

"'And you have come down here to tell us the meaning of Christian courage,' he continued with a shade of irony. 'Now, see here; most of us fellows have been brought to this place by strong drink. You lock us up and let strong drink go free. You don't lock strong drink up, and let us go free. And the reason you don't do it is because you have not got the Christian courage!'

"The young fellow told the truth—the terrible truth. Is it not about time we were locking the doors of the rum holes, and giving the boys a chance for freedom and honor? Oh, for release from the shackles of political partisanship, and the courage to do what we know to be right!"

Woman's Dominion

Woman's Work in Georgia

At the late session of the Atlanta Conference held in Griffin Dec. 11-15, The Woman's Home Missionary Society held its third anniversary exercises on Friday evening Dec. 12. The following program was rendered.

Reading of the Scripture, Miss S. E. Abbott. Prayer, Mrs. Mary Melton. Singing, Congregation. Opening remarks, Mrs. M. E. Rush. Report of Corresponding Secretary, Miss Flora Mitchell.

Mrs. Oliver was very happy in her opening address, and left no doubt in the minds of her hearers, as to the fact that the W. H. M. S. is destined to be a vital force in the community and conference.

On Saturday afternoon the women met in business session in the A. M. E. Church, whose doors were opened for us through the courtesy of its pastor, Rev. King. After the devotional exercises reports from the various auxiliaries were read.

Six delegates were present, others were represented by written reports; some sent in their contributions by their pastors without report. Of special mention is the report of the auxiliary from South Atlanta, by their delegate, Miss Cloe White, which report you will find elsewhere. They have doubled their work of the preceding year, and are a recognized force for good in their community.

Miss Mary Thompson from Gate City reported the resignation of late President Mrs. Mattie Dukes owing to illness, and since the election of her successor, Mrs. Cummings, a vigorous growth and most encouraging results. Following the reports from the auxiliaries, Mrs. Lucas spoke on the literature of the society and showed sample copies of the two organs published by the society.

A committee was appointed to draft resolutions and forward same. Following is a copy:

WHEREAS, God in his good Providence, has seen fit to bring bereavement to some of our faithful conference officers, taking unto himself the husband of Mrs. A. S. Kane one of our vice-presidents and the mother of our recording secretary, Mrs. J. B. Wragg, and treasurer, Mrs. A. B. Allen;

Resolved, That we the members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Atlanta Conference, do extend to them our appreciation of their labors in this good cause and our hearty sympathy in their affliction.

Resolved, That we remember them in our prayers, asking the good Father that, through the sorrow He may bring them nearer to himself, give them the peace that passeth understanding and the joy that no man taketh from them.

Resolved, That we wish for them many years of great usefulness in the Master's vineyard and here, and many stars in their course of rejoicing in the Home beyond.

SIBYL E. ABBOTT,
MRS. M. J. RUSH,
FLORA MITCHELL,
MARY THOMPSON.

Following is the list of conference officers elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. G. A. Oliver; 1st vice-president, Miss Josie Holmes; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. G. A. Arnold; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. Harriet Malone; 4th vice-president, Mrs. S. A. Kane; 5th vice president, Mrs. J. E. Watkins; recording secretary, Mrs. J. P. Wragg; corresponding secretary, Miss Flora Mitchell; treasurer, Mrs. Amelia Allen; Conference Organizer, Mrs. Mary Melton; secretary Young People's Department, Mrs. W. W. Lucas. FLORA MITCHELL.
South Atlanta, Ga.

Crusts for Tarts

Rub one teacupful of lard into three teacupfuls of flour and a pinch of salt. Beat the white of one egg slightly, add five tablespoonfuls of water to it, and mix it into the flour. Do not mix more than necessary, and it will be a flaky crust.

Young Friends

(The following essay was written by a little Missouri girl not yet eleven years old.)

Good Opportunities

VIOLA MAE TOLEY.

There is a small town in the state of M— called A— in which is a large brick school building for the colored children. More than 400 children attend. If all the children that loaf around in the streets would go there would be more than 500 children to attend this school.

All children have good opportunities to learn, but some throw them away. Many act foolish in school instead of trying to learn, and if they

don't learn anything the teacher is blamed. Of course the teachers are not hurt if they don't learn. They have their education and are trying to give the children theirs.

When mothers work hard to send children to school and buy books, the children often go to school and sit up and grin instead of learning. They may think they are spiting somebody else, but they are not, they are slighting themselves. When they get big they will regret it. Their playmates will be educated and the children who didn't study will say of them, "I used to be in their class." Yes! but someone else will say, "Where are you now."

Sedalia, Mo.

Educational

Divine Desires for Men

One listens to a true prayer with reverence and in silence. If the prayer is overheard, not being intended for human ears, the reverence is increased. If one in such a prayer hears his own name mentioned the moment becomes sacramental. A young pastor once told me that, on his first visit to his first circuit, he overheard his host praying for him by name, and his whole ministry was affected by it. It moves us all profoundly to this day to read Paul's prayers for the Ephesians and Colossians and the others. It is not hard to imagine persons in those early churches resolving that they would so relate themselves to God as that those prayers should be answered. Men often strive to live up to the prayers of friends in their behalf. So must the disciples of Jesus have felt after the great prayer of intercession in which their names and ours are included. It sanctifies and uplifts life just to be in the presence of such utterances.

But when these great petitions to God are known to have come from God the subject of them is lifted far beyond the heights of his own resolution. Then one sees that the prayers of a good man descend from God in inspiration and impulse, rise to God in believing desire and fervent wish, and come down again from God in abundant blessing and almighty power. For there is far more in prayer than a man's requests and the good resolution to live up to our friend's desires. One cannot lift himself very high, but he can lay hold of eternal life. He can be clothed upon with light and power. God who has promised is able. His greatness flows round our incompleteness. Strength comes not from the stretching up of "the feeble hands and helpless," but from "God's right hand, touched in that darkness."

Men have always felt it so. True prayer is real power. "Behold, he prayeth," is the sign that a man is laying hold of—ashrdluetaoicmfwp aman is laying hold of the Eternal and being laid hold of by the Eternal. The tyrant forced the slave lower and lower until, as Brownings puts it, the slave

"Stood erect,
Caught at God's skirts and prayed,
So I was afraid."

Nothing has happened to discount the value of true prayer. Our later studies have all gone to the re-enthroning of prayer as a real power in the life of man. We read the character of God in the person of Jesus Christ, and no longer wonder whether God will answer prayer. We interpret the attitude of God toward men by the relations of Jesus to men and the law of prayer becomes a natural law. The better understanding of personality, and how one personality affects another,

has put the Christian doctrine of prayer into the highest realm of scientific, as it was always in the loftiest place of religious, reality. The better understanding of natural law and the nature of the supernatural has distinctly ministered to a new confidence in real prayer. The intellectual life is not violated, but exalted and perfected, by the use of prayer.

In this high conformity to the divine desires for men all Christians are earnestly called to intercessory prayer for all students, and all students to fervent prayer for themselves and for the world, which, with Christ and in His name, they are called to serve. The Lord of youth makes new and mighty call to youth, that, being saved by Him, they may become with Him saviors of all men. Charles Wagner declares that France is to be saved by its youth. The world is thus to be saved. The salvation of the nations waits upon the redemption of the colleges. Men and women are not called by Christ to be educated alone, but that in them the nations may be blessed. This is being baptized with his baptism. This is reigning with Him in kingly service. Pray, then, for the students of our own and all colleges, universities, academies, and theological schools. These are centers of power. Charles Simeon, preaching in Chambridge, saw an undergraduate enter his congregation, and humbly said, "Here come 600 people."

John Wesley was urged to accept a curacy in connection with the Church of England rather than to hold the fellowship that had been offered him at Oxford University. He declined to accept the curacy, giving as his reason, "Is it not a more exceeding benefit to purify the fountain than to sweeten a particular stream?" "The colleges and universities teach the teachers, they preach to the preachers, and they govern the governors. They are the strategic positions in civilization, and it is not putting it too strongly to assert that as go these institutions of higher learning so go the nations." Italy is still under the hood of Dante; Waterloos are still being won at Eaton, Rugby, Oxford and Cambridge.

Never did the non-Christian world, including the non-Christian student world, make such appeal as today to the Christian student world. We are bound together in one great duty and boundless opportunity for service in Christ's name. Thursday Jan. 29, is the Day of Prayer for Colleges—prayer of the Church for the colleges, prayer of the colleges for themselves and the Church, that they being saved the world may be saved. In many colleges there will be many conversions and new consecrations. Pray that the number may be thousands; that the youth of the world may be given to the Lord of the youth.

The appeal from the World's Student Christian Federation contains these items. Let them be made the specific objects of prayer on Jan. 29 and all other days:

"Pray for students in all parts of the world, that in larger numbers than ever they may devote themselves to the reverent, thorough study of the Scriptures."

"Pray for a growing missionary interest among students, an increase in the number studying Missions, in volunteering for foreign service, in pressing to the fields, in the deepening sense of responsibility among students who are not volunteers to promote the evangelization of the world."

"Pray that the Christian organizations in the universities and colleges may do more to lead students, as they go out into the world, to bring to bear the teachings and spirit of Christ upon the problems of social and notional life."

"Pray that Christian students of non-Christian

nations may be thrust forth by the Spirit of God in greater numbers into the work of evangelizing their own people.

"Pray that a much larger number of students may be led to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord."

"Pray that the Christian student movements of the world may be saved from the perils of counting themselves as having attained, of being content with achieving small things, of dependence upon human energy, of superficiality and narrowness."

Pray that all teachers everywhere may have the spirit and follow the example of the great Teacher.

And to the students this word from Phillips Brooks: "Do not pray for easy lives! Pray to be stronger men! Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers; pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle. But you shall be a miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come in you by the grace of God!"

WILLIAM F. McDOWELL, . . .

Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education.

The Book Committee will meet in annual session at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, 10 o'clock a.m. February 11, 1903.

The Eastern and Western sections will meet in separate sessions in the same building, February 10, 2 o'clock p.m.

W. F. WHITLOCK, Chairman.

W. L. McDOWELL, Secretary.

Tuskegee Institute Notes

The new year has started out very well indeed with the school. During the week of prayer quite a number of students were converted.

Dr. Frank H. Sanders, Dean of the Yale Divinity school, Yale University, is spending a while with us. He is lecturing to the young men of the Phelps Hall Bible Training school in the morning; and to the student body at night in the chapel.

It has become known that Mr. Andrew Carnegie is to visit the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute sometime during the latter part of February or March to inspect the new library building at the school, for which he gave the money some time ago. Several photographs of this building have been sent Mr. Carnegie and he has become very much interested in the building especially in view of the fact that the plans were drawn by one of the instructors of the school, and practically built by students of the school.

ROBT R. WALLACE.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

Industrial Work in Africa

The following letter has been received by Bishop Hartzell:

ST. PAUL RIVER INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
November 27, 1902.

Bishop J. C. Hartzell:

DEAR BISHOP—The addition to shops is complete; the engine, boiler and shafting are up and in good running order. The shop is now 130 feet long from one end of blacksmithing shop to end of carpenter's shop. The grounds on the water side have been all cleared off, and everything is in good condition. I am now busy getting material for the dormitory building. We have now eight men busy getting durable plank and timber; also men, the apprentices and myself have gotten nearly sufficient rocks for the foundation. These rocks are obtained from the Missionary Society lot in Millsburg, the basement of the Methodist

School. They are just the thing for the foundation of that dormitory. But Bishop, you did not decide where you would have it built—whether on the hill or the waterside. Brother Sherrill and I think on the hill, nearly opposite to the Mission dwelling. Thus I have decided to get all the material ready that I can by the time of your coming, and let you select the spot for the building. The size of the house is to be 36x50 feet, with an upper and lower piazza ten feet wide. Brother Sherrill and myself think it would be quickest and cheapest to make this building one-story brick, and the other frame and zinc. We have sufficient bricks for one story and perhaps a little more, but not sufficient for two stories. Hence I am going to get materials for that purpose. It will take 600 pieces more or less of timber. This is what men are working at now. We are sawing all timbers and plank at the De Coursey Mission, which costs the Mission only the expense of paying men for sawing. Then we carry it in the boat to the Mission. I am truly sorry that you did not send any money when you were in England, as you intended, but I received your letter explaining the reason "why." I sent an order to Edward Bros. for goods for the same purpose. They wrote me they were advised by you to send the goods that we might not be kept back. These goods are to pay for sawing plank and timber. Already we have cut over a thousand feet of plank. Men are busy, and when goods come I expect to employ more hands. They have not reached me yet, but I learned they passed down the coast. I was in hopes you would pay over to Edwards Bros. something for building purposes. Now that the goods have been sent we will go right on with the work of the building. By the time you come to Conference we will need lime and cement and nails and zinc. It will be cheaper to get this from England. In your last letter you promised to send us money from America as soon as you heard from us. Please to send to Edward Bros., England, \$350 or \$400.

If you can send more, please do so. The goods already sent to us by them amount to 61 pounds, 18 shillings and 2 pence. These goods are not paid for. I will make them go as far as possible. I have always tried to be economical and to put up durable buildings with as little expense to the Mission. Please don't fail to send to Edward Bros. this amount of money, as I will give them an order on you for the same. Yours,

J. B. MCGILL.

To Methodist Printers

A foreman printer is required immediately for a large mission press employing over forty hands. Applicants must have served their time as compositors, and must be thoroughly competent to do high-class job work. New hands need not apply. Men with some knowledge of the general work of a printing office will be given the preference. Much of the work of the office is done in the different native languages, so that some facility for acquiring foreign languages and for adapting one's self to new conditions would be an important qualification.

The office is equipped with modern machinery, with the management of which the foreman would be required to acquaint himself if not already experienced in that department of the work. It is hoped that some young man will volunteer for this post for the sake of the missionary opportunity thus afforded to one having the necessary qualifications to do important missionary service in the foreign field. Those interested should correspond with the Rev. W. G. Shellabear, 1515 Maple street, Spokane, Washington, for further particulars.

Epworth League

A Young Christian's Battle Ground

February 1.

SELF-MASTERY OR SLAVERY.

(1 Cor. 9: 24-27.)

DAILY READINGS.

Monday—Advice and warning. Prov. 9.

Tuesday—The inner life and the outer life. Prov. 4: 23-27.

Wednesday—A prayer from the depths. Psa. 142.

Thursday—Fruits of the flesh and fruits of the Spirit. Gal. 5: 19-25.

Friday—Armed for battle. Eph. 6: 13-18.

Saturday—Advice of Paul. 2 Tim. 2: 22.

The silent battles are sometimes the greatest, the ones we talk the least about sometimes the most terrible. And, down beneath the surface, many a young man is fighting a great battle, the battle for manhood. It is a great battle, and an awful one. Sometimes one feels as if it were an impossible one, this struggle for self-mastery. There is little said about it, and perhaps the young man has not realized fully how his Master is to strengthen him here. And I want to give that young man a message. The message is this: that Jesus Christ is ready to help in just the battles he has to fight; that Christianity is a power to help one to win self-mastery.

How many are fighting a losing battle here. How many young men in the early school days learned the sad secrets of vice, which have taken color from the cheek and light from the eye. How many, while parents were careless or thoughtless of the stages of development through which they were passing, have come to the place where they awoke to what physical manhood meant, and with little attempt at self-mastery have opened the flood gates of indulgence. How many young men, even in Christian homes, and perhaps within the Church, have dark memories of black struggles with a demon in their own lives. And, worst of all, many of them know, when they face the past frankly, that not only their own lives have been soiled, but other lives which they found unsullied they have left with the petals of the white flower of purity torn and scattered. These are the battles being silently fought out in every city, in every town, and in every country settlement in the land.

What is to be done for those in the fight? In the first place they must *know*. What a weight of responsibility rests on the parents, the pastors and those who are nearest the boys who are just passing from childhood to youth! How often a sad man says, "No one told me. I never knew what it all meant." Not a lad but should be taught the danger, should know the weakened mind, body, and will that follow in the wake of vice. If he knows that it means a wrecked life, and is made to feel it, that will be one point gained. But what message has Christianity to a boy because he is a boy? What message has Christianity to a young man because he is a man? I have started it already—the message of help, the message of victory. If his fresh, innocent boyhood is yet unsullied it comes as a power to help him understand every dark temptation. If some chains of vice have been fastening around him it comes as a power to break them and set them free. If he is a young man and there is even a dark record behind him it offers him forgiveness and victory yet. If he is a young man whose life is clean and true it will support him and keep him so, and its spirit will make him a help to others in their struggles.

Christianity is not a power which is impotent in life's most fundamental battles. The Savior stands at the door of boyhood with all its physical battles; he stands at the door of youth as the tides of life rise high; he stands at the door of young manhood with warm red blood rushing through his veins, and as the battle which makes a man a master, or reduces him to slavery, is fought the Savior proffers help. We are not to go to the Master with surface battles and leave others to be fought out alone. Let us take every battle to Him, tell him the whole struggle, the whole defeat, it may be, and in him find help and the power that gives victory. Thus manhood will be virile, strong, and masterful, none of its powers will be wasted. To be a man—to fight man's battles and win a man's victory—this is possible with the help of Him who, though a man, never suffered defeat.—*Notes on the Epworth League Devotional Meeting Topics.*

Sunday School Helps

By Rev. G. N. Jolly, D. D.

Lesson V.—Feb. 1st, 1903. Title—Paul at Athens (Acts 17: 22-38). Golden Text.—He preached unto them Jesus and the resurrection (Acts 17: 18). Time—A. D. 52. Place Athens.

The Jews stirred up the people at Berea against Paul. The brethren sent him away by night. He came to Athens. His soul was stirred within him when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. In the synagogue he reasoned with the Jews, and devout persons, that assembled there. In the market, or place of exchange, he reasoned daily with those who resorted there. There he met philosophers of the Epicureans and Stoics. A philosopher is one profoundly versed in natural, moral, and intellectual science. The Epicureans got the most possible out of this life; they gave a loose reign to every appetite and passion. The Stoics taught that man should live free from passion, unmoved by joy or sorrow, and submit without complaint to the decrees of fate. These philosophers conducted Paul to the Areopagus, or place where the highest court of Athens was held, to hear more of his strange doctrine. This court was composed of their ablest men of state. Among its duties was the one of judging the lawfulness of any religious rite or dogma. Paul was not arraigned before it, but invited to speak in that place. The chief desire of the Athenian mind was to tell or hear some new story.

I. *The unknown God.* (23) Paul did not begin his address, to the highest court of Athens, by rushing into their temples, tearing down their altars, demolishing their images and flying into their priests, but by telling them they were too superstitious, or too much devoted to demon worship. In passing through their streets he had observed their devotions, or objects of worship. Among them he had seen an altar dedicated "To the unknown God." This God Paul declared unto them. He introduced no new religion. They had an altar and inscription to the true God, but worshiped Him ignorantly. They had wrong ideas of their Creator.

II. *This unknown God made the world and governs the same.* (24) The Epicureans taught that matter had existed from eternity, and by laws of its own, had passed through various stages, until it reached its present proportions. But Paul told them God made the world, and all that is in it. He commanded and it was done. He spoke and it stood fast. Paul also told them that Jeho-

vah was "Lord of heaven and earth," or governs the work of His hands. The world is not ruled by fate as the Stoics teach, but by a wise, kind and loving Creator, who can be touched with a feeling of man's infirmities.

III. *This unknown God "dwells not in temples made with hands."* (25) He does not abide in buildings erected and dedicated to idol worship. But He did dwell in the tabernacle built by Moses and in the temple constructed by Solomon. He abides to-day in the human soul, for the body of man is the temple of God. Neither is the Lord worshiped with man's hands as though He needed anything of man. This was a fatal blow at the whole of pagan worship, which taught that their sacrifices and incense went to gratify the appetites and senses of their gods. But the true God is not a receiver of favors from the people, but a giver of blessings to them. He gives to all life, and breath, and all things. Life, or existence, is from God. Breath, or the continuation of life, is also from the Lord. Food and raiment are farther visible expressions of His goodness.

IV. *This unknown God "has made of one blood all nations of men, and set the bounds of their habitation."* (26) There are many proofs of this. *Physical:* the construction of the human body is the same throughout the world, and the blood of the different nationalities will mix in generation. *Mental:* all have the same intellectual faculties. *Spiritually:* the entire race is devotional. Man will worship. God has set the bounds of man's habitation. Nations and individuals rise, flourish, decline, and pass away, about as God has decreed they should. Boundary lines between governments and individuals should be clearly drawn. Wars for territory are wrong. All should be satisfied where God has placed them.

V. *Men should seek this unknown God.* (27) They should seek along the way of faith, prayer, self-denial, and consecration. Seek now, and with a whole heart, and continue to seek until He is found of them. They should also "feel after God." Man should realize that he is in the darkness of sin, and should strive to feel his way out into the light of truth. He may learn of God from self, from nature, and from revelation. God is not far from those who seek Him. He is everywhere present. His eye is upon us, and He knows us altogether. Idolaters made their gods and kept them ever near. Jehovah is ever near to receive homage, show mercy and grant blessings. Nothing but sin separates between God and man.

VI. *This unknown God is man's Creator and benefactor.* (28) Aratus, Cilicia, and Cleanthes had centuries before taught that man is the "offspring of God." Therefore, man shall not think the Godhead, or that which is divine, is "like unto gold, silver, or stone, graven by art or man's device." No idol can represent God. He cannot be impersonated. Man should resemble Him in spirituality, wisdom, power, righteousness and true holiness. But God is also our benefactor. In Him we live and move and have our being. The continuation of life is through the constant influence of God's providence. The power to go out, pursue our course in life, and return is from God. The mind that controls the body is subject to His laws. We are indebted to God for our existence, and surroundings. He has cast our lives in pleasant places, and continued them with every comfort.

VII. *This unknown God will call man to account for his conduct.* (30-31) 1. *The time of this ignorance God winked at.* The lack of a clear

knowledge of the true God caused the gentiles to go off into idolatry. But God overlooked, or passed by unnoticed, their sins; their opportunities were such that but little could be expected of them. 2. *But now God commandeth all men everywhere to repent.* Since Christ has come, and His gospel has been preached, God will no longer excuse idolatry. He commands every one to change his mind, confess his sins, be sorry for same, give them up, and lead a holy life. 3. *Because God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world.* See here (1) *The world will be judged.* The justice and mercy of God demands it. Vice cannot go unpunished, nor virtue unrewarded. (2) *It will be judged at a certain period.* The time has been fixed by the decree of heaven. When that period comes, time will cease, the dead will be raised, and Jesus will return to earth again. (3) *The judgment will be conducted in righteousness.* The courts of this world do not always give justice, but the judge of the whole earth will do right. (4) *The Lord Jesus will be judge.* By Him, God made and redeemed the world; by Him He governs it, and will, when time is no more judge it. (5) God has given assurance of this in the fact that He raised Jesus from the dead. Thus He proved that the dead will be raised, called to judgment, and Christ will be their judge. At the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, others promised to hear him again, and a third class believed.

Sunday School Periodicals

BY THE REV. THOMAS B. NEELY, D. D.

The Methodist Episcopal Church proposes to furnish the best Sunday school periodical literature that can possibly be made, and at the most reasonable figures. The Church appreciates this, and is nobly sustaining the editorial and publishing departments in the effort by commendatory words and by greatly increased subscriptions, the circulation being greater than ever before, and at the present time amounting to over four millions, and is steadily growing, notwithstanding the strenuous efforts which have been and are being made by others to control the education of our Sunday school scholars and to diminish the income of needy supernumeraries.

At the present time the Methodist Episcopal Publishing House presents the completest list of graded lesson helps, and at prices not matched by any denominational house, and, on a fair comparison, at a price not equaled by any house.

As a matter of fact, general publishers are amazed that the Methodist Book Concern issues such a list of periodicals at such low figures, and anyone who considers their size, variety, and quality will be equally surprised. The house is able to do this not because there is any great margin, for little is made on a single number, but because its immense circulation enables it on a very small margin to pay expenses and put a profit into the fund for the Conference claimants.

Beginning with the primary department, there are "The Leaf Cluster," "The Picture Lesson Card," and "The Picture Lesson Paper." Then there is "The Primary and Beginner's Teacher," a new quarterly with two sets of lesson preparations, one for the beginners who cannot read, and the other, the ordinary uniform lessons, for the older pupils in this department. Besides this, there is much valuable matter for teachers.

For the grade above the primary department there is now the beautiful new "Boys' and Girls' Lesson Quarterly," for pupils from about nine to twelve years of age. This complete and beautiful quarterly is offered for only nine cents a year, and yet it more than matches any similar publication

at nearly twice that amount. Then for those who wish a cheaper publication there is "The Beginner's Quarterly," for four cents. There is also "The Lesson Leaf," at only four cents a year. In addition there is "The First Lesson Book," a well-bound book containing the lessons for the year and comments thereon, and this is sold at only fifteen cents.

For the second grade above the primary, or the grade just below the senior, there is "The Illustrated Quarterly," a high-class publication, which is furnished for twelve cents a year, but which will do the work of quarterlies published by other houses at a higher price. For those who wish a good but cheaper help there is "The Intermediate Quarterly," for only five and a half cents a year, and for those of still more limited means the "Lesson Leaf" may be used. Then there is a beautiful and well-bound book called "The Young People's Lesson Book," containing lesson preparations for the entire year, which is sold for fifteen cents. So this grade has four different lesson helps from which choice may be made, though some use both the quarterly and the book.

Ascending to the senior grade, there is "The Senior Quarterly," which now contains nearly double the number of pages per lesson it once had, and is offered at twenty cents. Besides, there is "The Lesson Hand Book," a compact little book which may be carried in the vest pocket, and yet contains quite a full treatment of the lessons for the year. In cloth this costs twenty cents, and in leather twenty-five cents.

For teachers, adults, and preachers there is "The Sunday School Journal and Bible Student's Magazine," which is conceded to be an unmatched monthly, making at the end of a year a unique volume of between 900 and 1,000 octavo pages, and yet this is furnished in quantities of six or more for the small sum of fifty cents a year. For the same persons is offered "The Illustrative Lesson Notes." Bishop Warren has pronounced this book "superior to any other" lesson help. The volume for 1903 is declared to be the best ever issued. Dr. Charles L. Goodell says: "After a thorough comparison" with other works, "I do not hesitate to say that in type and arrangement, in breadth of view, accurate scholarship, and devout spirit 'The Illustrative Lesson Notes' for 1903 is unsurpassed." This large volume of over 400 pages, with over 200 pictorial illustrations, is furnished pastors, teachers, and Sunday school workers for \$1, including postage, and less the postage if it is not mailed.

For the home department there is "The Bible Study Home Department Quarterly," for twenty cents, or "The Journal Magazine," as above described. "The Home Department Quarterly," though a new publication, has already a very large circulation.

As to Sunday school papers, it ought to be universally admitted that they should be of a high grade, and not trashy or sensational. "The Classmate" meets this test, and steadily grows in popularity. Though it is furnished for only fifty cents a year in quantities, some say it is as good a paper as one that sells for \$1.75, and very many say that it is by far the best young people's paper. While that is for the older scholars, the new "Sunday School Advocate for Boys and Girls" is provided for the younger pupils. From a four-paged paper it has been changed to an eight-paged paper, and the boys and girls are delighted with the new form and the color printing. Once a month there will be issued a magazine number of sixteen pages, and yet there will be no increase in price, but the old charge of twenty-five cents in quantities will be sustained. When the quality of the matter and

the quality of the paper and printing are considered, it must be said that these weeklies are very cheap.

Much more might be said in regard to these Church publications; space, however, will not permit; but from the facts outlined it must be evident that no Methodist Episcopalian need go beyond his own publishing house for the best Sunday school periodicals, and that at a fair price, and this thought is strengthened by the fact that people of other denominations come to the Methodist Book Concern for their supply.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation For 1903

Conference, Place and Time.	Bishop.
Central Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala.—Nov. 27.	Andrews.
South Carolina, Orangeburg, S. C.—Nov. 27.	Foss.
Texas, Paris, Tex.—Nov. 27.	Mallalieu.
Alabama, Cordova, Ala.—Dec. 4.	Andrews.
Savannah, Augusta, Ga.—Dec. 4.	Foss.
Austin, Dallas, Tex.—Dec. 4.	Mallalieu.
Mobile, Lafayette, Ala.—Dec. 11.	Andrews.
Atlanta, Griffin, Ga.—Dec. 11.	Foss.
Southern German, Lexington, Tex.—Dec. 11.	Mallalieu.
Georgia, Mt. Zion, Ga.—Dec. 18.	Foss.
West Texas, Luling, Tex.—Dec. 18.	Mallalieu.

Arkansas, Harrison, Ark.—Jan. 15.	Walden.
Upper Mississippi, Winona, Miss.—Jan. 15.	Mallalieu.
St. John's River, DeLand, Fla.—Jan. 22.	Goodsell.
Little Rock, Clow, Ark.—Jan. 22.	Walden.
Mississippi, Crystal Springs, Miss.—Jan. 22.	Mallalieu.
Florida, Jacksonville, Fla.—Jan. 29.	Goodsell.
Louisiana, Natchitoches, La.—Jan. 29.	Mallalieu.
Gulf Mission Conf., Port Arthur, Tex.—Feb. 5.	Mallalieu.
Central Missouri, Sedalia, Mo.—Mar. 11.	Hamilton.
Kansas, Holton, Kan.—Mar. 12.	Foss.
Lexington, Chicago, Ill.—Mar. 18.	Merrill.
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 18.	Mallalieu.
New Jersey, Asbury Park, N. J.—Mar. 18.	Fowler.
Wilmington, Easton, Md.—Mar. 18.	Cranston.
Missouri, Carrollton, Mo.—Mar. 18.	Hamilton.
South Kansas, Fort Scott, Kan.—Mar. 19.	Foss.
Cent. Pennsylvania, Altoona, Pa.—Mar. 25.	Merrill.
Virginia, Eagle Rock, Va.—Mar. 25.	Warren.
Delaware, Pocomoke City, Md.—Mar. 25.	Fowler.
Saint Louis, Marshall, Mo.—Mar. 25.	Hamilton.
Southwest Kansas, Sterling, Kan.—Mar. 26.	Foss.
Newark—Apr. 1.	Warren.
New Eng. Southern, Brockton, Mass.—Apr. 1.	Fowler.
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.—Apr. 1.	FitzGerald.
New York East—Apr. 1.	Goodsell.
New York—Apr. 1.	McCabe.
Northwest Kansas, Stockton, Kan.—Apr. 2.	Foss.
Okaneb, Guthrie, Okla.—Apr. 2.	Hamilton.
New England, Brookline, Mass.—Apr. 8.	Andrews.
North Indiana, Noblesville, Ind.—Apr. 8.	Walden.
Vermont, Northfield, Vt.—Apr. 9.	Warren.
Washington, Staunton, Va.—Apr. 9.	FitzGerald.
Troy, Saratoga Springs—Apr. 9.	McCabe.
Maine, Bridgeton, Me.—Apr. 15.	Andrews.
New Hampshire, Woodsville, N. H.—Apr. 15.	Warren.
East German, Philadelphia, Pa.—Apr. 16.	Fowler.
Wyoming, Binghamton, N. Y.—Apr. 16.	FitzGerald.
Northern New York, Carthage, N. Y.—Apr. 22.	Merrill.
East Maine, Newport, Me.—Apr. 22.	Andrews.
Eastern Swedish, Providence, R. I.—Apr. 23.	FitzGerald.

Porto Rico, San Juan	Warne.
Bombay, Bombay—Dec. 3, '02.	Warne.
South India, Kolar—Dec. 18, '02.	Thoburn.
North India, Lucknow—Jan. 2.	Thoburn.
West China Mission, Chentu—Jan. 7.	Moore.
Northwest India, Muttra—Jan. 14.	Thoburn.
Mexico, Pachuca—Jan. 15.	Cranston.
Bengal, Calcutta—Jan. 21.	Warne.
Burma Mission Conf., Rangoon—Jan. 28.	Thoburn.
Liberia, Cape Palmas—Jan. 28.	Hartzell.
Malaysia, Singapore—Feb. 10.	Warne.
W. S. A. Miss. Conf., Concepcion—Feb. 18.	Joyce.
Central China Miss., Nankin—Mar. 4.	Moore.
South America, Rosario—Mar. 18.	Joyce.
Japan, Nagoya—Apr. 1.	Moore.
S. Japan Miss. Conf., Nagasaki—Apr. 17.	Moore.
Bulgaria Miss. Conf., Loftcha—Apr. 22.	Vincent.
Korea Mission, Seoul—May 1.	Moore.
Italy—May 14.	Vincent.
Switzerland, Neuchatel—June 3.	Vincent.
North China, Pekin—June 3.	Moore.
South Germany, Pforzheim—June 10.	Vincent.
North Germany, Zwickau—June 17.	Vincent.
Denmark Miss. Conf., N. Bornholm—July 29.	Vincent.
E. C. Africa M. Conf., Umtali—July 30.	Walden.
Fin. & St. P'dg Miss., Tammerfors—Aug. 6.	Vincent.
Sweden, Helsingborg—Aug. 12.	Vincent.
Norway, Horten—Aug. 19.	Vincent.
Hinghua Miss. Conf., Hinghua—Nov. 5.	Moore.
Foochow, Foochow—Nov. 14.	Moore.
W. Cent. Afr. M. Conf., Quessua—Dec. 16.	Walden.

N. B.—Because of his impaired health, no Conferences have been assigned to Bishop Hurst.
By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.
J. N. FITZGERALD, Secretary.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

PLEASE NOTE THAT

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To have to drop a single one of our old subscribers will be a positive loss to us, and it will greatly pain us to do so. Therefore, let everyone whose time expires this month, send the price of his subscription at once, or at any rate before January 15. Do not fail us whatever you do. You do not want us to cut you off and we do not wish to do so. Stand by us and we'll stand by you. Remember the 2000 subscribers before January 31, 1903.

His Bitterness Leads Him into Error

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bring any money to them." Now, we declare without hesitation that the presiding Bishop did not say anything of the kind. We take it that the meaning is that the conference would never get another appropriation, and therefore we say Bishop Foss made no such wild declaration. There is not a bishop on the bench who is weak enough to be betrayed into speaking thus for a committee of about fifty of our ablest men, white and colored, representing every part of the church. Bishop Foss had no right, no authority to make such a statement and from what we know of him we are sure he didn't say it.

The *Monitor* says again:

"The Church Extension Secretary made a startling declaration. He said that they had built one hundred and seventy-five (175) churches for them, and it was time for them to do something for themselves. The Secretary is right, substantially right; it is time all Negroes were doing something for themselves, thereby developing self-respect and Negro manhood, which is so scarce in that class of our people, who have been and are still being led by such white men of the North."

We are sure it will be news to the party making such mean flings as the foregoing, for us to inform him that the Church Extension Society does not build churches for anyone; it is rather a church aid society; it helps to build churches. Therefore it may have helped in the erection of 175 of the churches of this conference. Sometimes a church gets \$100, \$200, \$500 or \$1,000, depending on what the church is planned to cost. As a rule the donation is only a fractional part of the total cost. Let it be remembered, too, that the Negroes in question not only pay the balance of the amount necessary to complete the church, but they contribute to that fund from which the donation comes, and can draw out of the treasury only an amount proportionate to what they pay into it. They are helping themselves, or like their white brethren they would get nothing. For the present year the South Carolina Conference may draw \$800 from this fund for church building, provided it raises and pays into the treasury \$750. The *Monitor* should know the truth before making such assertions. The closing thrust reads as follows:

"A big body of Negro men who act as 'Mums' before their masters, is the M. E. Conference. They can't discuss anything, nor can they treat their brethren from other denominations with becoming courtesy. We admit that these white brethren have done a deal of good for our people,

but they have kept our people from doing any good for themselves, and the question is, whether the evil has not outweighed the good. The ambition of our men have been, to a great extent destroyed; they can never hope to reach the first place in their church."

This is strange indeed! For while our Bishops do try to expedite business, they are never rough in their manner of dealing with the brethren and never try to suppress debate. In all the conferences we have attended we can number the arbitrary rulings witnessed on the fingers of one hand and have one or two fingers to spare. With all due respect, we simply desire to say that if the Bishops of the *Monitor's* Church are as considerate and gentlemanly in their manner of ruling as are ours they are deserving of the highest commendation. We regret exceedingly if the representative of the *Monitor* was not courteously received and presented to the South Carolina Conference. We never saw one of our Bishops object to introducing any Christian minister; if he was neglected it must have been an oversight.

In conclusion we can positively assure the *Monitor* that the ambition of our men "have" not been destroyed. It is thoroughly intact.

Field Secretary of the Missionary Society

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the following charges: Holly Springs, Hernando, Elliott, Corinth, and goes from presiding elder of the Tupelo district to the position to which he has just been elected.

Brother Logan is highly esteemed by the church at large and greatly beloved by the members of his own conference. At the recent session of the conference just closed the announcement of his selection was received with most hearty applause and enthusiasm. We are not prepared at present to announce where he will make his headquarters, but we dare say either in New Orleans or Atlanta.

At the session of the Louisiana Conference to assemble in Natchitoches on the 29th inst., Rev. Frank Walker, presiding elder of the Alexandria district, will make his sixth annual report in that capacity. His administration has been marked by unusual success on some lines. When he went to the district it contained a membership of 2,268 and collected for benevolent purposes the year previous to his taking charge about \$350. It now has a membership of 3,600 and at the last session of the conference reported \$1,007 for benevolence. In addition to this every church and parsonage on the district has been remodeled; 14 churches and 5 parsonages have been built, thus developing the territory covered by the district. He and his brethren have also secured a good deal of new church property in the way of building lots. One of the new churches, that built of brick in Alexandria, is said to be the finest in the conference. Brother Walker will retire from the district with the approval of all who wish our Methodism well and with the consciousness in his own breast that he has done a most excellent work.

Rev. and Mrs. Shallowhorne have just received from Bishop J. C. Hartzell a fine photograph of himself, to hang on the walls of Hartzell Industrial Academy, the school named in honor of the Bishop, of which Mrs. Lucille J. Shallowhorne is principal. They highly appreciate the gift.

Nine religious denominations are engaged in Christian work in Porto Rico.

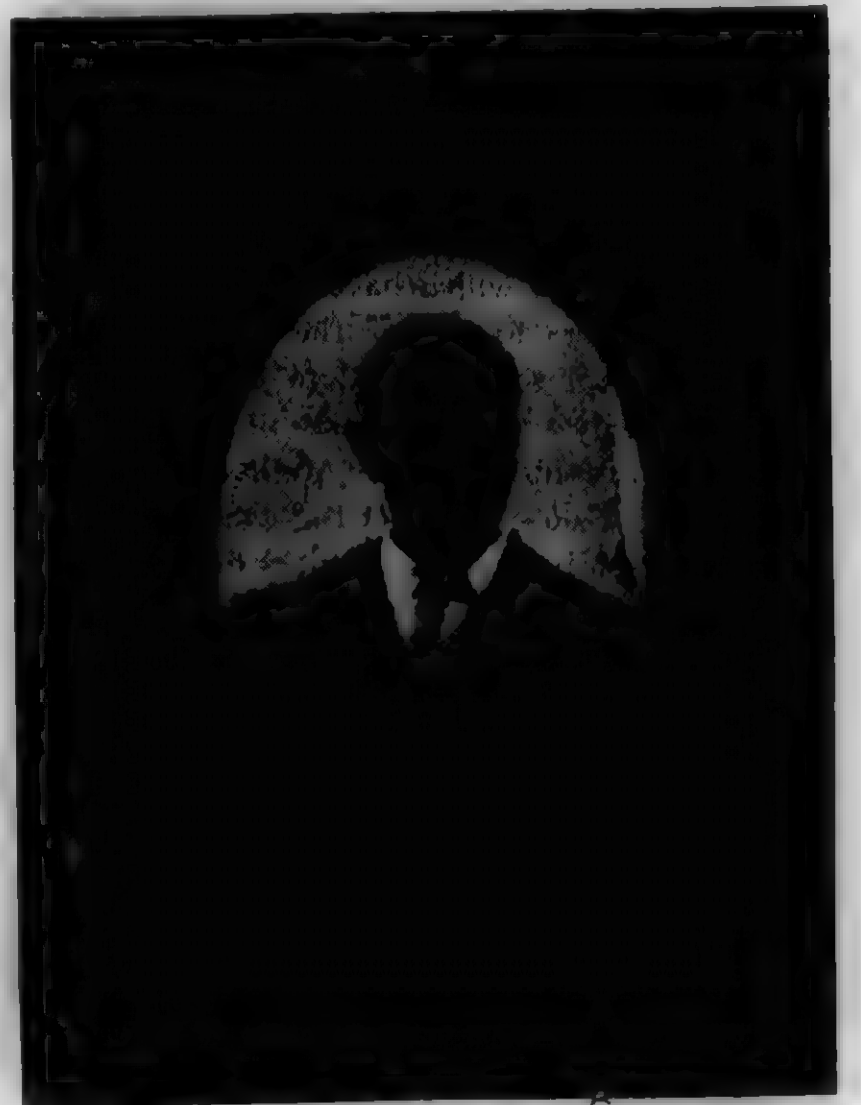
Rev. Dr. D. Lee Aultman, Field Agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern, has been elected a member of the Board of Managers of the Freedmen's Aid Society to succeed the late Dr. Wm. Runyan, who had so long been a member of that body. Dr. Aultman was in the employ of the society some years ago, and is not only thoroughly familiar with, but greatly interested in, its work.

Rev. L. F. White, who has just closed his term as presiding elder of the Greenwood district, has been a firm friend of the SOUTHWESTERN, and we wish him success in his new charge at Itta Bena. He was highly esteemed by his brethren as a presiding elder.

Rev. W. H. Jernagin, pastor Baptist Church, Winona, Miss., took hold most heartily to assist Rev. H. B. Hart to entertain the Upper Mississippi Conference, which has just closed its session at Winona. He is State President of the Baptist Young People's Union and a member of the national board of the same. Brother Jernagin entertained Prof. I. G. Penn and Rev. D. A. Bragg during the conference session, and a number of the conference brethren found homes among his members.

Rev. L. J. S. Bell, pastor at Pearlinton, Miss., passed through the city this week enroute to the session of the Mississippi Conference at Crystal Springs.

Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, who is this week presiding over the Mississippi Conference at Crystal Springs, spent Wednesday visiting Rust University.



REV. J. H. THOMPSON,

PASTOR HAVEN CHAPEL, NEW ORLEANS.

The cut accompanying this note is a good picture of Rev. J. H. Thompson, one of the most enterprising and faithful young ministers in the Louisiana Conference. Rev. Thompson is a good church worker. In his revivals this year he has had a number of conversions. His church has been repaired and the large debt diminished. He has given to the SOUTHWESTERN more than thirty annual cash subscribers. This, too, notwithstanding the fact that the church, Haven Chapel, of which he is the efficient pastor, has a comparatively small membership.

Personal and General

Bishop Mallalieu carries with him constantly the Book of St. John and the Book of Job, and thinks every Bishop ought to do so—John for sweetness and Job for patience.

Mr. Charles Stewart, who reports for numerous papers throughout the country, came to the city Tuesday morning to report the proceedings of the A. M. E. Conference, which assembled on Wednesday in Algiers, La.

Among our recent visitors were Rev. John H. Ryan, presiding elder of the Galesburg district, in Illinois, and Rev. Harry B. Gough, president of Hedding College, Abingdon, Ill., who passed through the city last week enroute to Cuba.

The splendid article headed "Woman and Woman's Work," which appeared on page 2 of our issue of Jan. 8th, should have been credited to Mrs. E. S. Williams instead of Mrs. R. S. Williams. Mrs. Williams is the wife of the talented pastor of our church at Roanoke, Va.

Rev. Stephen Duncan, pastor First Street M. E. Church, closes his year in most excellent shape. The church has raised \$3,100 for all purposes. For the benevolent collections proper, \$215; for all conference collection, \$285. When other collections are included the total is \$443. They have paid on the indebtedness of the church \$1,059 and kept up all the current expenses.

Upper Mississippi Conference

The Upper Mississippi Annual Conference convened in its thirteenth annual session Thursday, Jan. 15th. Bishop W. F. Mallalieu presided, but was not present on the first day of the session. He missed connection at Birmingham and wired the brethren to elect a president and proceed with the business. Rev. B. F. Woolfolk, presiding elder of the Greenwood District, was chosen president and presided with ease, exhibiting marked ability as an executive officer. The roll was called by N. R. Clay, secretary of the previous session. Peter Johnson was reported deceased; W. H. Scott and J. D. Gibson withdrawn. N. R. Clay was elected secretary and chose as his assistants J. W. Winbush, J. M. Thompson, J. M. Walton, G. W. Baker and J. M. Marsh.

G. J. Dobson was chosen statistical secretary and F. G. Wilbon, J. W. Terrell, E. C. F. Troupe, W. C. Wetherall and G. W. Williams were named as his assistants.

Donalson Green was selected as treasurer, his assistants being N. C. Clay, G. Orange, A. J. Trice, C. W. Butler, R. Sewell and J. B. Starkey. The standing committees were read and other action taken necessary to the comfort and convenience of the conference. The presiding elders, preferring not to report in the absence of the bishop, no minute business was taken up, the time being consumed in listening to the addresses of the visiting officials and others. There was a large number of visitors present, including the following officials: Prof. I. G. Penn, A. M., representing the Epworth League, and Revs. R. E. Jones, D. D., the Sunday school work; W. D. Parr, D. D., the Church Extension Society; W. P. Thirkield, D. D., the F. A. and S. E. Society; D. L. Aultman, D. D., the Book Concern; E. B. Caldwell, D. D., the Missionary Society; J. P. Wragg, B. D., American Bible Society; W. W. Foster, Jr., D. D., Rust University, and the editor of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The chair appointed Rev. Warren McDonald to preside at the statistical session. After announcements the conference adjourned.

Bishop Mallalieu came in Thursday night and

began the minute work of the conference Friday morning. The character of all preachers was passed, except that of S. R. Gibson and C. C. Smith, whose cases were placed in the hands of a select number. By them S. R. Gibson was acquitted and C. C. Smith was referred back to the presiding elder of the district. The presiding elders' reports indicated considerable advancement on all lines and greatly interested the Bishop and the conference. Their names are C. W. Walton, L. F. White, B. F. Woolfolk, N. H. Williams, T. W. Davis and G. G. Logan.

A large class was received on trial, consisting of S. T. Walker, W. N. Bolton, Andrew J. Pippin, B. L. Roberts, D. D. Shelby, C. E. Lemon, W. F. Isaac, J. H. Tolbert, F. J. Tolbert, P. H. Jackson and S. W. Drane. Received into full connection, W. M. Thompson, N. B. Bell, A. D. Geron, D. Vanderford, D. D. Reid and Felix Compton. The following were ordained elders: W. C. Hilliard, P. A. Lemon, G. W. Williams, J. C. McGhee, N. H. Isom and E. M. Byrd. Deacons: S. T. Walker, J. B. F. Shaw, W. F. Isaiah, J. H. Tolbert, Richmond Dembry, A. P. Parker, C. R. Cannon, J. K. Halfacre and S. W. Drane. Those received from other churches are: D. R. Reid, from the C. M. E. Church, and Felix Compton, from the Presbyterian.

Okolona was selected as the seat of the next conference. W. E. Mask, formerly presiding elder in this conference, and now conducting revival meetings in the North, was granted supernumerary relations. The conference was greatly delighted with Bishop Mallalieu's presidency and passed resolutions in recognition of the same and asked his return for another year. The people of Winona entertained the conference royally. The houses of the Baptists as well as Methodists being opened to the brethren. Rev. W. H. Jernagin, pastor of the Baptist Church, united most heartily with Rev. H. B. Hart, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to make it pleasant for all. Our church had been burned during the year, but Brother Hart and his energetic people had succeeded in rebuilding. The new church is one of the best in the State, and the conference seemed greatly gratified with Brother Hart's success. The usual resolution, thanking the people for their entertainment and the railroads for reduced rates, were passed.

There was a large number of lay members, both male and female, in attendance on the conference, the church being crowded at every session. The addresses by the visiting officials were unusually enthusiastic and effective. The Bishop's sermon on Sunday moved his audience to tears, and many shouted for joy. Two new presiding elders were made, J. W. Winbush and W. C. Clay. L. F. White had served out his six years and G. G. Logan had been chosen by the Missionary Society a field secretary. The benevolent collections show an increase over last year.

COLLECTIONS.

	This year.	Last year.
Missions	\$977	\$771
Church Extension	217	178
Freedmen's Aid Society	816	755
Sunday School Union	108	52
Tract Society	22	16
Educational Society	175	100
American Bible Society	24	5
Woman's Foreign Missions	20	3
Woman's Home Missions	26	3
General Conference Expenses	34	5
Conference Claimants	154	154
Episcopal Fund	94	68
Twentieth Century Fund	598	618

Totals

The appointments follow:

APPOINTMENTS.

Aberdeen District—C. W. Walton, P. E., post-office Aberdeen, Miss.; Aberdeen, W. McDonald; Aberdeen circuit, H. A. Robinson; Athens, A. E. Franklin; Brooksville, W. H. Golden; Caledonia, W. H. H. Gallion; Centeridge, supplied by G. W. Walton; Columbus, J. M. Thompson; Columbus circuit, S. T. Walker; Columbus Mission, Drew Vanderford; Crawford, J. J. Johnson; Hickory Grove, W. S. Gillespie; Macon, J. H. Everett; Macon circuit, C. W. Butler; Mashulaville, D. L. Tubbs; Shuqualak, G. J. Dobson; Strong's, S. M. McLeod; West Point, Jesse Burton; West Point circuit, Wm. Belle; West Point Mission, B. F. Penny.

Greenville District—J. W. Winbush, presiding elder, postoffice Holly Springs; Baird and South Side, E. D. Reed; Bedford, C. E. Lamar; Belzonia, supplied by Jas. Rollins; Bobo, W. M. Bolton; Clarksdale, A. B. Blewitt; Coahoma, N. H. Isom; Dahomey, W. H. Perkins; Doddsville, A. J. Pippin; Greenville, J. M. Walton; Greenville circuit, C. A. Jordan; Gunison and Mission, supplied by I. G. Hall; Indianola, W. M. Thompson; Itta Bena, L. F. White; Moorhead, B. L. Roberts; Ruleville, E. H. Holmes; Shelby, J. B. Starkey; Stevensville, E. M. Byrd; Tribute, supplied by B. L. Tynes; Tunica and Lula, J. W. Johnson; Tutwiler, D. D. Shelley; Webb, R. Sewell.

Greenwood District—B. F. Woolfolk, presiding elder, postoffice Holly Springs; Carrollton, H. N. York; Durant, M. C. McEwen; Ebenezer, F. G. Wilburn; Goodman, S. D. Troupe; Greenwood, B. H. S. Ferguson; Greenwood circuit, L. F. Jones; Hesterville, Wm. Lester; Lexington, W. S. Leake; Minter City, Grant Orange; Money, G. W. Hunt; North Carrollton, G. H. Harvey; Owens, J. W. Parks; Pickens, J. M. Marsh; Sallis, W. H. Gilliam; Shellmound, S. H. Nevils; Tchula, Greene Spencer; Vaiden, H. Y. Saulter; Vaiden circuit, J. O. Jamison; Wimaona, H. B. Hart; N. L. Lackey, conference evangelist, member of Greenwood Quarterly Conference.

Holly Springs District—N. H. Williams, presiding elder, postoffice Holly Springs, Miss.; Abbeville, I. C. McGee; Ailesville, T. L. Ingram; Batesville, I. W. Terrell; Bvhalia, L. I. Terrell; Elliot, D. P. Shaw; Grenada, E. C. F. Troupe; Grenada circuit, F. J. Talbert; Hernando, C. E. Moody; Hickory Flat, W. F. Isaiah; Holcomb, to be supplied; Holly Springs, N. R. Clay; Millers, P. H. Jackson; Oxford, F. H. Henry; Oxford circuit, L. W. Moselev; Sardis, J. A. Slate; Senatobia, J. H. Tolbert; Taylor, to be supplied; Victoria, P. A. Lemons; Water Ford, B. T. McEwen; Water Valley, M. H. Wilkins; J. B. Redmond left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Starkville District—T. W. Davis, presiding elder, postoffice Durant; Ackerman, Obediah Gillespie; Bellefontaine, G. W. Williams; Bradley F. H. Bunton; Cedar Bluff, D. W. Calvert; Eupora, C. L. Walls; French Camp, J. M. Nevils; Friendship, Jno. Mayo; Kilmichael, E. A. Boyd; Kosciusko and Ethel, Wm. Campbell; Kosciusko circuit, B. I. Roberson; Liberty Hill, J. E. Everett; Louisville, I. W. Byrd; Mathiston, A. W. Wright; Rock Hill, A. J. Trice; Starkville, D. Greene; Starkville circuit, G. W. Baker; Stewart, S. H. Draul; Spring Hill, A. D. Geron; Walnut Grove and Sand Creek, A. D. Sherman; Wier, W. T. Wright.

Tubelo District—W. C. Clay, presiding elder, postoffice Holly Springs; Amory, W. H. Whitlock; Amory circuit, N. B. Belle; Belle, N. B. Blackman; Corinth, Wm. Roberts; Corinth circuit, D. D. Reed; Cotton Plant, H. A. Johnson; Houston, S. R. Gipson; Houston circuit, F. Compton; New Albany, E. D. Cameron; Okolona, D. A. Bragg; Okolona circuit, W. C. Weatherall; Pontotoc, O. W. Crump; Pontotoc circuit, W. C. Conwell; Pontotoc, supplied by Robert Buchanan; Ripley, J. H. Bynum; Ripley circuit, L. D. Hutson; Shannon, W. C. Hilliard; Tupelo, P. S. Bowie; Union Grove, J. T. Cannon; Griffin G. Logan, Field Secretary Missionary Society, member New Ashbury quarterly conference, Holly Springs.

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FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. O. Marshall Editor

Breaking land for the cotton and corn crops should be quickened in order to have the fallow moist and pulverized to receive the seed and sustain the tender plants.

Deep plowing in the beginning of the season will save much hard work later on, and increase the yield. Do not turn the land, tho, in large clods that can not dissolve; for this carelessness may cause you to hop clods throughout the season.

The time is at hand to select seed for the planting of your crops, and this important part of farming ought to receive the proper attention. Good grains of corn, improved cotton seeds, and selected garden seeds will repay you in yield for all the time and patience expended on them.

The date on which to plant a particular crop is not nearly so important as is the condition of the soil in which the tiny seed is to germinate. The plows, rollers and harrows must be employed over and over again to reduce the clods of earth to powder and dust. Plant the crops early, but be

sure to place them after the earth has been prepared. Hasten the plows and harrows.

The southern farms continue to produce unprofitable cotton crops because of the destructiveness of the boll weevil, and there can be no prospect of money making in growing cotton as long as this pest is unchecked. The farms, however, need not lie idle. There is a wonderful chance for profits by planting the fertile southern soil in corn, cane, potatoes and numerous other crops. These crops can be marketed to advantage by selling them in their vegetable forms; or they may be converted into flesh of cattle, swine, poultry, mules, horses and lambs. There is no room for discouragement. Resort to diversity, and make farming pay you.

OUR MAGNITUDE AND DIVERSITY.

"The gopher drew his head into his shell as soon as I touched him," said the Alabama man who was telling the story. "His shell!" exclaimed one of the listeners, a Nebraskan. "I never knew that rats had shells." "Rats?" said a third man, from Georgia. "He isn't talking about rats, but about a snake." "No, I'm talking about a gopher—what you Yankees call a turtle, I believe," declared the first speaker. Then the air was cleared by explanations which made it evident that the meaning of the word gopher depends upon the region where it is used. To the philosopher who overheard it, says the *Youth's Companion*, the conversation carried an amusing illustration of the magnitude of the United States, and suggested the diversity of interests which that magnitude creates. It is a fact not always kept in mind by those who study the progress of national legislation, or even by those who make the laws. New England is a great manufacturing section. There are farmers and merchants, and sailors, and preachers, and barbers, to be sure, as there are in every complex community, but manufacturing is the mainstay. In the middle states and the great middle west coal oil, iron, natural gas and splendid waterways foreordained the character of the occupation of the people. Further west, again, the limitless prairies, and beyond them the mountains, with their hidden store of mineral wealth, have built up states which feed the nation and pour streams of gold and silver into her lap. In the south rich soil, abundant rainfall, tropical heat, mean cotton and rice and fruit and vegetables, not merely for that region, but for the north as well, and to the spinners of Manchester and Oldham the opportunity to labor. Each of these great sections of the country has its own needs, its own wants, which are not always, nor often, the needs and wants of the other sections. When all this diversity of interests is considered, the wonder is, not that legislation is not always satisfactory to all parts of the country, but that so many statesmen do remember that a gopher is not always a ground-squirrel nor always a snake.

HELPFUL HINTS.

Camphor put in drawers or trunks will keep away mice.

Rub hinges with a feather dipped in oil, and they will not creak.

A small bag of sulphur kept in a drawer or cupboard will drive away red ants.

Boil three or four onions in a pint of water, apply with a soft brush to

gilt frames, and flies will keep off them.

A spoonful of vinegar put into the water in which meats or fowls are boiled makes them tender.

Equal parts of ammonia and spirits of turpentine will take paint out of clothing, no matter how hard or dry the paint may be. Saturate the spot two or three times, then wash out in soap suds.

A little charcoal mixed with clear water thrown into a sink will disinfect and deodorize it.

The odor of sweet peas is so offensive to flies that it will drive them out of a sick room.

A fever patient can be made cool and comfortable by being frequently sponged with water in which a little soda has been dissolved.

Brass work can be kept beautifully bright by occasionally rubbing with salt and vinegar.

Stain of fruit, etc., may be taken out of wash-goods by first saturating the spot with coal oil, then washing as usual.

To make sugar syrup so that it will not crystalize, add a pinch of grated alum the size of a small pea to each pint of sugar. Cover with hot water, and let boil five minutes. This can be flavored if desired.

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DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

Allie W. Greene, Murfreesboro, Tenn.—Christmas was a glorious day with us. At 4 o'clock a. m. we had Christmas prayer meeting. At 5 o'clock our pastor, Rev. D. C. Ransom, preached a most excellent sermon on "The Child Christ." Our hearts did burn within us while he preached. After the sermon we had a "good old Methodist hand-shake." The climax of spiritual height was reached on "watch-night." The congregation gathered at an early hour and after a service of prayer, for "The conversion of the world" our pastor exhorted us on "Watchfulness." The dawning of the New Year found us on our knees at the feet of Jesus in the "School of Prayer." We arose spirit filled and spirit thrilled. Both saint and sinner then and there resolved that the Lord shall be their leader and His Christ shall be their counselor for the year 1903. Our pastor is filled with Methodist fervor, Wesleyan zeal and Apostolic piety. Therefore our prayer is that this will be a fruitful year.

Jesse P. Price, Pastor Centenary M. E. Church, Memphis, Tenn.—I entered on my work soon after the last Annual Conference held at Franklin, Tenn., Oct. 15-20, with double zeal for the cause of Christ. I was cheerfully received. The trend of our services is growing to the spiritual life of the church. Thanksgiving day was grand. We had our Christmas tree on Dec. 24 and our own church program was carried out to a letter by Superintendent Dr. D. W. Fields, and officers. Our watch night service, Wednesday night was a success. One convert, two backsliders reclaimed; three joined the church. January 1 at 8 p. m. occurred the celebration of the emancipation proclamation. Prof. J. Beverly Shaw,



of Rust University, delivered an able address on this occasion, under the auspices of Epworth League, J. E. Land, president; A. D. Ivy in charge of the social department. Revs. W. W. Lucas and Prof. I. G. Penn passed through the city and gave us cheer by a wonderful sermon by Rev. Lucas and lecture by Prof. Penn. The latter delivered an able address to Home Institute and Lemoyne Normal Institute. We are coming. Pray to meet us there.

C. Brady, S. S. Supt., Bowerton, Miss.—I desire to say a few words concerning the Bowerton Circuit. Bowerton is alive along all lines. The spiritual condition of the work was never better than now and the financial condition is above high water mark. Our beloved pastor, Rev. P. H. Rembert, is loved and respected by all. His pastoral charge is his birthplace. This is his third year as pastor on this circuit and we trust he will be returned by the Bishop Jan. 22 at Crystal Springs, Miss. Up to this writing, Dec. 30, 86 souls have been added to the church; \$32 benevolent money raised; paid presiding elder in full, \$68; on pastor's salary \$451.65; on church improvements \$62.10; raised for the needy \$18.30; for High School purposes by cash and subscription, \$489. Through the influence of Rev. Rembert we have organized a grand school on this circuit, known as the Bowerton Normal and Industrial College. Prof. R. C. Hicks, a graduate of Rust University, is principal, assisted by other competent teachers. The school has been organized two months and is doing most excellent. The sewing department under the management of Miss M. K. McGowan, a student of Tuskegee, Ala., is doing a great work.

J. H. Gardener, Pastor, Glade Spring, Va.—Our first quarterly conference was held Dec. 27-28. Rev. R. A. Swan, presiding elder, was on time to look after every condition of the church. Reports from the officers and pastor showed that they have discharged their duty faithfully. One feature in the pastor's report which showed that he had manifested much zeal was the special interest shown in looking after the Sunday schools, Epworth League Chapters and all committees on the benevolent causes. Raised for and paid pastor \$29; on moving expenses, \$24.75; paid presiding elder, \$9.12; total, \$62.87. Sunday, the 28th, Rev. R. A. Swan, presiding elder, preached two logical and spiritual sermons at the hour of 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. Rev. J. H. Gardener at 7:30 p. m. preached one of his Holy Ghost sermons. We have three good and faithful local preachers, F. A. Hatcher, W. B. Waugh and T. S. Reddix, that show a spirit to stand by the church and pastor. May God bless them in their noble calling. Mrs. J. H. Gardener is doing a great work through the W. H. M. S., which she has reorganized since she came here. Her work is highly appreciated on the en-

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tire district. She will start on her tour on Jan. 1. May God help her. Last but not least the elder got many to say they would subscribe for the SOUTHWESTERN.

Muskogee, I. T. Spencer Chapel M. E. Church—Rev. D. G. Franklin was present and held our fourth quarterly meeting Jan. 2-4, 1903. Notwithstanding the inclement weather the services were a success. The presiding elder preached two profitable and soul-reviving sermons and lectured on his trip to the Cleveland Missionary Convention. The lecture was enthusiastic and well received. Three persons were received into the church on the Sabbath, making for the fourth-quarter 11. Total received for the conference year up to fourth quarter, 41 members, 2 probationers. The trustees also have labored hard to build a parsonage and repair the church and as a result of their labors can point with pride to a beautiful little parsonage and neatly painted church. The looks of things about the church were so changed that

the presiding elder scarcely knew where he was when he arrived. I venture the assertion that there is not a church in the Oklahoma district which has a better set of trustees than Spencer Chapel. They are worthy of honorable mention in these columns. They are G. W. Williams, F. Looper, Prof. J. B. McCulloch, Dr. J. M. Davis, D. E. Woolridge, Rev. D. G. Franklin, P. E., left the church greatly enthused. The colored people are pouring into the Indian Territory from Texas and elsewhere, many of whom are falling in line with us for the conquest of this great field for Christ. The presiding elder is forming a new organization all over the Territory. Mrs. M. E. Talbert and little son arrived Dec. 29 from Fort Scott, Kans., to take charge of the new parsonage and on Dec. 30 Mrs. J. M. Davis led a jolly crowd to the parsonage, where they pounded and pounded the pastor and wife with a number of good things. Prof. J. B. McCulloch and Dr. J. M. Davis made nice speeches which were well received, to which the pastor responded, giving the party the Y. M. C. A.—that is, on this occasion, "You must come again." The pastor and wife wish, through these columns, to thank the party for their kindness. The following persons were present: Mrs. Dorsey, Miss Daisy Smith, Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. Looper, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCulloch, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. M. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thompson, Miss Essie Brownson, Miss M. Smith, Rev. S. M. Decard, Mrs. E. W. Norris, Mrs. Rivers, F. Looper and a number of others. Yours for the Master's cause.

ALBERT W. TALBERT, Pastor.

C. D. Crockett, Pastor, Slidell, La.—On Wednesday, Dec. 17, at about 10 p. m., we were aroused from our slumbers by the sound of many voices singing, "Nearer My God to Thee." On opening the door in rushed a large crowd of friends, led by Sister M. Burden, of Mt. Zion M. E. Church; Sister C. Winslow and E. Guillaume of Starlight Baptist Church, and Mrs. J. Dowery, of Mt. Olive A. M. E. Church. After enjoying a few social hours refreshments were served. Then the guests

WHEN LIFE'S AT STAKE

The most timid man will take any chance of escape. The slender rope dropped down the precipice, the slippery log over the abyss, anything that offers a chance of life, is eagerly snatched at. The end the man seeks is safety. He cares nothing for the means to that end.

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departed, leaving about 50 pounds of groceries. We heartily thank the members and friends for their kindness.

Dan Sims, Italy, Tex.—We held our first quarterly conference on the 3rd. We had a good time. J. H. Richardson, our presiding elder, preached three sermons that cannot be forgotten. He is loved by all. We will not know how to give him up. We are glad to see him come and sorry to see him go away. The more we hear him preach the more we want to hear him. The Milford people say the same about him. We are glad to have our pastor, Rev. T. D. Huff, back for another year and we think we can do better by him this year than we did last. I think we have the best preacher on the district and will do all we can to keep him. I hope the Lord will be with us this year.

Samuel Delaney, Pastor, Knoxville, Tenn.—At Seenev Chapel on the Knoxville Circuit last Sunday we had with us the presiding elder, Rev. W. T. Marley. At 3 o'clock he preached to us a strong sermon, after which the Lord's Supper was administered, and we received a great blessing. The following Wednesday night watch meeting was observed. Two persons were happily converted. Our collection was fair.

Miss Kittie C. House, Tullahoma, Tenn.—Rev. J. L. Massey, pastor.—The members assembled at the church on Christmas morning for the purpose of returning thanks to God, and a glorious meeting was enjoyed. At 11 o'clock the pastor preached a wonderful sermon to an appreciative congregation. On Wednesday night, Dec. 31, an excellent program was rendered by the little folks and afterwards all hearts were turned to the New Year's ladder, which was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens and filled with presents for the Sunday

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school members. After the closing of the program the audience remained in the church in humbleness to God, to watch the old year 1902 as she rapidly stole away, and the New Year as she merrily stepped in. On Tuesday night, Dec. 29, 1902, the Extempo and Excelsior Clubs, of Tullahoma public high school, gave their annual social at the residence of Prof. and Mrs. J. W. House. The house was beautifully decorated with potted ferns and holly. After partaking of the many refreshments and enjoying many games and plays a program was delightfully rendered. Those participating were: Miss Cora Hale, Mr. R. C. Jamison, Miss Ramsey, Miss Tolley, Mr. H. Clendenen, Miss M. Sharfner, Messrs. Bert. Holdmon, R. C. Jamison, H. Clendenen and Tressie Wakefield. Mr. H. L. House, of Murfreesboro, was also present.

William Grass, Recording Steward, Deerford, La.—Under the leadership of Rev. John Tutson, our pastor, we are marching on successfully. He is closing up his second year. The members and friends request the presiding elder and Bishop to return our pastor for another year. He is doing a grand work here and the people love him. We have our best white people with us.

I. R. Hill, Pastor, Marion, Va.—Our first quarterly conference convened Jan. 3, 1903. Rev. R. A. Swan, presiding elder, was in the chair. The prompt response with written reports when called for guaranteed a year of success under the auspices of her present leadership. My people were as much delighted to see the presiding elder as their pastor. Sunday was a glorious day. In the two sermons preached by the Rev. Swan some thoughts were presented that will not soon be forgotten. The sacrament was administered to 50 communicants. Monday the sacrament was given to three sick members. Two joined the church. I am making up a club of subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. You will hear from us soon.

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F. L. Bost, Pastor, Ramser Charge, N. C.—This being my first year on this charge, I found the work in a splendid condition, yet I see no reason why it should not be made better. I shall not spare any pains, the Lord being my helper, to raise her banners higher. I have a fine people here, and I have learned to love them and I believe they will learn to love me. Pray for us that we may be up on all lines. I here present to you three cash subscribers.

Rev. A. J. Johnson, of Edgard, La., called and reported a good year. Improved the church, built parsonage and fenced the property, and only a debt of \$17.55 remains on the outlay.

S. A. Hunter, Recording Steward, Navasota, Tex.—Rev. W. Hartley Jackson, the ideal pastor of Lee Tabernacle M. E. Church, raised his assessment of \$13 for church extension ordered by the annual conference to be raised in January, and \$3.75 on other

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benevolent causes. The total collection for the day was \$23.10. Navasota is quite proud of Rev. Jackson. His return to us for the fifth year scores a passing victory for Lee Tabernacle. We have only had three preachers in 13 years, viz., Revs. J. A. Featherston, three years; E. Lee, five, and W. Hartley Jackson. We love our pastors and treat them right. Rev. Jackson is a pastor in every sense of the term. Dr. W. W. Lucas said that he was one of the best hustlers that he had met in the South. Pray for us.

Mrs. L. A. Richie, Pelham, Tex.—Our first quarterly conference was held Jan. 10-11. Rev. L. H. Richardson, presiding elder, was with us, altho the weather was very cold. He preached an able sermon. Several came forward for prayer. Paid the presiding elder in full this quarter. Raised for all purposes \$90.25. When Rev. Geo. Waters, our pastor, came to use from the annual conference, we had no parsonage. Now we have a parsonage, and we think we have the right man. He is able and full of push. New life has been infused into the church. Every one is pleased with him. We are going to lead the district this conference year. On Jan. 8, while the pastor was moving into the parsonage, a storm was gathering. At 9:30 p. m. it struck the parsonage. With ringing of bells, blowing horns, shooting roman candles, the pastor opened the door, and the parsonage was soon filled with members and friends with their pounds. A song, and prayer by the pastor, also a few brief remarks thanking the members and friends for their kindness and inviting them to call again soon followed. A pleasant evening was spent with pastor and family. We are praying for success.

J. R. Reasonover, Pastor, Dickson, Tenn.—Dr. T. H. Wilkins is a graduate of Meharry Medical College and came to Dickson last March and began his practice. Since then the death rate among the colored people is 10 per cent. less than it was before he came. Before he began his practice here there

were about two deaths among colored people to one white, but it is not so now. This shows the difference in having our own doctors instead of white doctors. Dr. Wilkins has had over 500 cases since he has been here and has lost only four. He has cured chronic cases that white doctors had pronounced fatal, and three of the cases that died were chronic cases of long duration. He has a large practice now and is doing well. He is a member of the M. E. Church of which the writer is pastor, and he does his Christian duty. I must not fail to say a few words in reference to his wife, for she is a sweet Christian lady and everybody in Dickson loves her.

A. C. Culbreath, Pastor, Huntsville, Tex.—The St. James parsonage was stormed last night, Jan. 8, by 40 of some of the best members and friends of all the churches in the city; both Methodist and Baptist, and each one left from one to 20 pounds of groceries and other valuables, which were quite a surprise to the pastor, but not so much to the wife, as she had heard something of the affair. These are the names of the stormers: Brothers S. J. S. Sandall, R. Kittrell, B. F. Carter, J. Jones, C. Wiley, B. Carter, Al Fische, Rev. W. W. Randall, Acey Williams, L. Cotton, W. H. Bain, Mmes. A. Graham, M. J. Flood, E. Jones, J. Baker, H. Hill, S. Blocksnee, A. Hendricks, S. Brown, M. Sandall, M. Kittrell, A. E. Watkins, L. Wiley, C. Green, B. Fisher, C. S. Wood, E. A. Spears, M. Graham, C. Jones, F. Cotton, L. Wilson, H. Steward, E. Carter, S. M. Crawford, Misses H. R. Jones, S. B. Jones, Minthe Hill, M. Hill, M. T. Jones, C. M. L. Numb.

M. C. Cavenas, Dallas, Tex.—My new field is St. Paul Chapel. I took charge of the work on Dec. 24. The people received me gladly. Rev. Mason was much loved here and the people regretted very much to give him up. We find Dallas to be a great city indeed; a good church with a set of very loyal and true officers and members. We feel that St. Paul has a very bright future. My correspondents may address me at 244 Burford street. Watchnight meeting was fairly good. The weather was against us, but one member gave \$2.15 for benevolent money.

E. D. Petty, Pastor, Carrollton, Ga.—Perhaps it is encouraging for me to say to the brethren of the Rome District and to the Atlanta Conference, that Carrollton is alive. Our first quarterly conference convened Jan. 9-11. Our much beloved presiding elder, Rev. Jenkins, was in the chair, and presided with usual dignity. On Sunday the weather was very inclement, but the good people rallied around the pastor and raised \$16.50, which was \$4 over the assessment. On Sunday night the presiding elder preached with force and eloquence. Afterwards he made some very encouraging remarks concerning the new church which we are planning to build.

H. C. Gair, Pastor, Houma, La.—I take this method to thank Mrs. Carrie Walker for presenting the church with a nice \$6 lamp on Christmas eve. On Jan. 8th a band of sisters came to the parsonage with a choice lot of groceries. Mrs. Lucy Singleton, Sarah Grant, Clarean Smith, Maria Granville and many other friends were among the number. We are always glad to have such calls.

W. R. Gardener, Secretary of Trustee Board, Mansfield, La.—A school was so much needed at this place that Mrs. L. E. Banks, a graduate of New Orleans University, and wife of Rev. A. H. Banks, opened school in Wesley Chapel. We anticipate making this the leading school on the Shreveport District. Mrs. Banks' work has met the approval of all. The trustees have donated land upon which to erect an academy to be known as the Mansfield Academy. The plans are laid and the money is being raised; \$200 has already been collected.

Moscow, Texas.—We little folks are doing nicely. We haven't been long organized. We are quite young yet, but we are making a rapid progress. Our regular literary night is Thursday night in every week. Members and officers, 27. The year's work is good. We keep all the departments of the chapter moving. Our League is chartered. We shall send in some subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN soon. We will be glad to see something concerning our work.

L. J. JONES, President.
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RECOLLECTIONS OF A FRIEND.

Born a slave in Kentucky in 1818, brought to Mississippi in 1821, taken to Alabama, married, and had three children. In 1839 was brought by road to Montgomery county, Tex; remained there and had seven more children before the war set them free. Came to Houston in 1865; lived on Trinity river one year; in 1866 settled in Houston with the baby girl she brought to Texas, and remained with her till God took her to Himself. She never saw her husband after leaving Montgomery county. She joined Mt. Vernon M. E. Church in 1870, and no church had a more faithful member than sister Rachel Gordon. She never used strong drink or tobacco in any form and was able to contribute to the church at all times. She was taken sick in December, 1901, but never gave up going around till three weeks before the end came. A few days before she died, as she held my hand I said: "I hope you will be better when I come again; if not, you can trust the Lord, can't you?" She answered, "Yes."

She continued to help herself, though she knew she was dying, to the last, and early on Easter morning she quietly passed away. God only knows how I miss her; she was a true helper of the W. H. M. Society and much loved by myself. The sister that superintended the draping of the church has met her on the other shore.

J. HOWELLS.

LOST FRIENDS.

Rome, Ga.—When I left my relatives I left them above Richmond, Va., near the Chesapeake bay. Mother at that time was named Maria. I left her with her owner. His name was Jeems Harvey. My father's name was Oliver, and I had three brothers and one sister. My sister was the oldest of three that were left. My brother Henry was older than any of us. My brothers I left were James and Milton. My brother Henry and I were carried to Richmond and placed in jail and remained there one week. I was sold when I was only 5 years of age. My brother Henry was 13; sold to a man by the name of Hill Mullins. I was carried to Florida. I go by the name of Tom Mullins. I re-

mained in Florida until seven years before the war, then we came back to La-Grange, Ga. I wish this letter to be read in all the churches by the pastors. Please aid me in finding my lost relatives. Especially do I want the pastors of Virginia and Maryland to read it to their congregations. Please give me any information received. Address Tom Mullins, 31 Gibson street, Rome, Ga.

I want to inquire for my son, Simon Yow. He was in Miccosukee, Fla., when I heard from him last. I saw him in Mobile, Ala., three years before I came to Texas, to his brother, Aaron Taylor. I left Simon's daughter, Frances Yow, with her mother, Martha Yow. I had a letter from him in 1886. It was misplaced before I could answer it.

RHODA TAYLOR,

Care I. Howells, Harrisburg, Tex.

CALENDARS.

There are calendars and calendars. There is one that we always hang in the same place, and when people come in and ask for it we give them another instead. We refer to that of N. W. Ayer & Son, the Philadelphia advertising agents, who have a national reputation for "keeping everlastingly at it," believe in sticking to a good thing when they have one. The dates are plainly readable at 50 feet, yet the calendar is not unpleasantly conspicuous; it is artistic, simple and useful and it is not surprising that it has become so popular an adjunct to business offices that the supply never equals the demand. While they last, one will be mailed to any address for 25 cents, which barely covers cost of postage.

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LITERARY NOTES

MAGAZINE NOTES.

Several years ago a suggestion was made to President Eliot of Harvard that, inasmuch as the first thing a young man ordinarily did on graduating from college was to choose his life-work, it was important that each student should have presented to him a thorough discussion as to the advantages, disadvantages and temptations of each of the leading professions, so that in determining his life-work he might act with the fullest knowledge attainable. The *Cosmopolitan* has begun this discussion in its January issue by taking up the legal profession. Besides pointing out what the young man has to encounter in entering upon a lawyer's career, the *Cosmopolitan*

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considers at length the revolution which has taken place in the legal profession because of the reorganization of business aggregations and modern business instruments, such as trust companies, title and guarantee companies, and fidelity insurance companies.

The romantic story of the four Nez Perce-Flathead Indians that made the journey to St. Louis in 1831-2 in search of the "White Man's Book to Heaven" has received new illumination from the pen of Eva Emery Dye, in "The Conquest, the True Story of Lewis and Clark," published by A. C. McClurg & Co., of Chicago. Mrs. Dye shows conclusively that these are the same Indians that Lewis and Clark met in their overland journey in 1804-6. As a result of this visit to St. Louis, missionaries were sent to Oregon. First the Methodists sent Jason Lee, whose mission resulted in the present Willamette University of Oregon. Next the Presbyterians sent Dr. Whitman, whose mission later resulted in Whitman College. Later the Catholics sent Father De Smet, at whose mission Christianity was first taught in the present Montana. This Macedonian call is one of the most remarkable in American annals, and the events leading up to it are fully set forth in "The Conquest."

Few chapters in history surpass in thrill and horror the sufferings endured by Arnold's men on their march to Quebec in the fall of 1775. The story of that battle fought against starvation and wilderness perils, bravely fought, only to find, when the shores of the St. Lawrence were reached, that "before them, not behind, lay the real struggle, after all," is told in *The Century's* February installment of Justin H. Smith's "The Prologue of the American Revolution."

The St. Nicholas League, which offers each month badges and cash prizes for clever stories, verse and pictures, seems to be proving a training school for more ambitious effort. At least one of the Leaguers, Miss Hilda B. Morris, a young girl of Michigan City, Ind., after taking all the honors and prizes one member can in the League, has had one story published and two others accepted by a well-known "grown-ups" magazine. Her parents have placed her under the training of a Chicago editor.

Conference Notices

Louisiana Annual Conference—The Texas and Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads advise me that open rates of one and one-third fare have been agreed upon on account of the Louisiana Annual Conference at Natchitoches, La. It will be necessary for all coming to conference over either of these roads to purchase round-trip tickets at starting point.

E. P. HARRIS, Assistant Secretary.

NOTICE.

Louisiana Annual Conference—To all who expect to attend the Louisiana Annual M. E. Conference, which will meet in Natchitoches, La., Jan. 29, notice is given that rates of one and one-third fare for the round trip have been granted on all the railroads in the state. Ask for certificates or receipt when you buy your ticket. Give your certificate to the Rev. C. W.

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To the Members of the Lexington Conference:

I have no doubt that all eyes are upon Chicago just now. Well, we are trying to make all necessary arrangements for your entertainment while here. Still, you please remember that we are in the midst of the "coal famine" and are among the worst sufferers. This makes it the more difficult to secure homes. Therefore I would advise that only those who have to come or those who expect to pay their expenses should be present. Let those brothers that are in Kentucky secure the clergy permit of the Central Passenger Association, which will permit them to travel on half-fare north of the Ohio river. This is very important. Let the presiding elders see that the ministers have this instruction. The matter of railroad expense will be quite an item and should be reduced all it can. May I ask if any brother has relatives or friends whose address he knows, he will confer a favor by giving us such address. It will help us to make the conference a success. Send us the letters of such members as you have living here. I remain, yours for His kingdom,
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THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY

MRS. EMELINE R. (MOODY) STERLING.

True greatness is of goodness born; and lives are greatest which hold, most largely, the eternal element of good.—*J. R. Morris.*

The subject of this sketch was born Aug. 16, 1817, at Wilbraham, Mass., of pious parents. (Father, Mr. Chester Moody, relative of Evangelist Dr. L. Moody; mother, a Miss Brewer, whose family was very favorably known in Hampden county, Mass.). Mrs. Sterling spent a happy childhood, without much care, till her father died. Her mother, a woman of capacity and ability, educated her children at Wesleyan Seminary, then recently founded, under the direction of the eminent scholar, Dr. Wilbur Fisk, at Wilbraham, Mass.

At 18 years of age Miss Emeline Moody, now efficient in music and with her seminary course completed, was tendered a position as teacher to a

family in Amelia, Amelia county, Va. She went, unaccompanied, to her position.

In times, when travel was attended with so much more of hazard and hardship than now, she went to the South, a mere girl, but with a heroism which dared to brave anything. On the way to the plantation home, after a long ride in a coach, she alighted at a country inn, where some of the family were to have met her. Heavy rains had swollen the streams so that the roads of that section were impassable by wagon.

A trusted slave had swam the stream on horseback, bringing an extra horse for Miss Moody. Her only alternative to swimming the stream on horseback, too, was to remain at the strange wayside inn till the floods subsided.

She swam the stream on the horse's back.

That same indomitable courage, coupled with a noble discretion of "the right thing," characterized all her life. *She was ever fearless for the right.*

Returning to the North, after a few years of teaching (while yet she, herself, was being taught truths of the Southland darker than she had dared to dream), she sought further instruction in the higher lines of education, and, in 1842, was installed as teacher in the Misses Kellogg's Young Ladies' Seminary at Great Barrington, Mass.

The fact of living in the same house where the famous poet, William Cullen Bryant, had wooed the muses and had given to the world his inimitable "Thanatopsis" must have lent an inspiration to her young life.

Here, too, she met and married the distinguished gentleman and wealthy young merchant, Mr. George W. Sterling. Retiring from mercantile pursuits, Mr. Sterling invested in mining interests and found large leisure for self-culture and devotion to philanthropic enterprises. He built a beautiful home upon the banks of the picturesque Hudson at Poughkeepsie and lived for others as well as for himself.

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Their elegant home was one of the principal stations on the underground railroad, and many a trembling fugitive has been kept in hiding there while the slave-hunter, armed with the law, stood waiting at the door of the mansion for the intelligence which he never obtained.

Then, with due precaution, Mr. Sterling would, personally, conduct his human charges to the next retreat, enroute to Canada and to freedom. What soul-trying times! Doubtless, they heard each other's hearts beat, as benefactor and refugee rode along the country highways, or rumbled over the city streets in dead silence and dense darkness, not knowing when they might encounter the picket lines of the enemy.

Such men as Gerritt Smith (the friend of John Brown), Charles Sumner, Horace Greeley, Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips and Henry Ward Beecher were frequent guests at this Poughkeepsie home. Here many of the plans were laid and much of the money raised in support of the anti-slavery movement, which culminated in the civil war.

Mr. Sterling's voice was frequently heard from the lecture platform; his cultured speech being a very suitable conveyance for his convincing argument. "Abolition" and "Prohibition" were his two greatest themes. John B. Gough found a friend and fellow-laborer in Mr. Sterling, and used, frequently, to visit him. Meanwhile Mrs. Sterling was actively engaged in temperance crusade, both by lecturing and organizing bands in the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She was the first president of that great organization in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

When the Emancipation Proclamation had been issued and enforced, the need of another work was conspicuously manifest. A free body, with a fettered mind, was a libel upon the name of freedom. In various ways and by different means she aided in large measure in the education of the freedmen, some of whom have made notable success of their opportunities thus afforded, and have furnished a continuous inspiration to their well-beloved benefactors.

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Since her husband's death, some 25 years ago, she has not ceased in her devotion to the cause which had been one of intensest interest to both. By voice and pen and material gifts she has helped to lift many black nuggets of real worth from the deep shades of despondency and despair; and by culture of education and the spirit of Christ they have shone with a brilliancy of the true light. Many of them are still shining here to brighten the way from earth to heaven, and when they shall, finally, be set in the New Jerusalem their scintillations of the reflected glory of the Lamb will irradiate her glorified being with a divine halo.

The "Inasmuch" spoken by the Master will be all sufficient reward to her loving soul for the life of sacrifice which she lived in the flesh.

It had long been her custom to collect magazines, books, papers, etc., to send to the various prisons, that the convicts might have a larger touch of goodness and of cheer. Many were the grateful acknowledgments she had received from the prison wardens and chaplains on behalf of the prisoners. The very week that she was called to her heavenly home she was thus engaged with bringing heaven into prison cells. She had just packed one barrel and sent it to Dannemora, N. Y., with a prayer for God's blessing upon the poor unfortunates, and had another barrel half-packed.

But God called other hands to finish what she had so lovingly begun.

Some who had learned of her through her thoughtful Christian ministrations rise up to-day "to call her blessed" and mourn because she is no longer one of earth's angels. May the afterglow which lingers with us since her life's sun has set draw our fixed gaze to the western hills, where her sun went down, and as the twilight deepens into night, may our vision catch the resplendent glory of the Holy City's battlements! May our listening ears hear again that first Christmas message, "Glory to God in the highest! On earth peace, good-will to men!"

When last I called upon her, in her home, we had prayer together at parting, as was our wont, and she said: "I cannot tell how long I shall be spared to earth—I sometimes feel that it cannot be much longer. I have had a long day and a good one. But somehow I think I shall be very near you, even after I am gone from this world."

On Nov. 18 her spirit passed quietly to God, and, three days later, when I stood beside the soulless house of clay, beautiful in death, I felt the truth of what she had said.

She had gone, but yet she did not seem far away.

After a simple service, such as we thought would accord with her sweet character, we laid her body to rest under the profusion of pure lilies and beautiful chrysanthemums, to await the resurrection call. May we all be ready to meet her then, in the breaking dawn of that eternal day!

Very sincerely, your brother in Christ with the mutual reverence to the memory of one of Christs,

J. RUSSELL MOWBRIS.

MEMOIRS OF MRS. ADDIE WHEELER.

Mrs. Addie Wheeler was born in Howard county, Md., about 38 years ago. Was translated to her heavenly home Dec. 25, 1902, at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. She was the daughter of Marie and Philip Boardley, both of whom preceded her to the tomb, her father about ten years ago, and the mother nearly four years. Mrs. Wheeler was taken with the grip, which left her with catarrhal affections, finally ending in death. She was converted about the age of 13 years, and for 25 years was a consistent Christian in the M. E. Church. During her illness of nearly a year, when the ministers and friends came to see her to comfort and cheer her by sacred songs, prayer and consoling words, she would rejoice in the God of her salvation and in hope of heaven.

She was married to Rev. Jos. Wheeler Jan. 4, 1883, by Rev. John H. Reddick, at Baltimore, Md. For nearly 20 years she shared with him the joys and sacrifices of the ministry. She was ever ready to work for the church, or minister to the needy. She was cheerful in spirit, joyful in hope, and resigned to the will of God, telling her husband that she felt all right for heaven. The funeral service was conducted at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., by Rev. J. H. E. Carter, of the M. E. Church at Shepherdstown, W. Va., assisted by Rev. Washington Murray, of the M. E. Church at Charlestown, W. Va., and Revs. Jenkins and Keets of the Freewill Baptist Church of Harper's Ferry. Rev. Carter preached a very appropriate sermon from the text, "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again; even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." The Christian life of Mrs. Wheeler was beautifully portrayed by Rev. Carter, and the hope of meeting her again was held out in tender and touching words. Revs. W. Murray, Jenkins and Keets also spoke words of sympathy and comfort to the family and friends. The hymns, "Servant of God, Well Done," "Lead, Kindly Light," and "When Peace Like a River," were sung.

A large congregation was present to express sympathy to the bereaved ones and to pay the last tribute of respect and esteem to Mrs. Wheeler. Her remains were taken to Brown's Chapel, Howard county, Md., where after a brief service conducted by Rev. J. H. Goodrich, of Ellicott's City, Md., they were deposited in the cemetery to sleep until the resurrection. She leaves one child, 13 years old, a devoted husband, three sisters, four brothers and a large number of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

Mt. Zion, Cedar Creek, Tex.—Once more death has come into our peaceful fold and taken from our midst one of our staunchest members, Sister Ellen Smith, who had been a member of the M. E. Church for thirty-three years, and who had lived a consistent Christian life, as was evidenced by the number of mourners who gathered around an open grave on Jan. 6th, 1903, to pay the last duty of respect to her remains. Sister Smith died as she lived. We are at a loss to give her up, but we bow in submission to Him who doeth all things well, and acknowledge that our loss is heaven's gain, and can only say, sleep on Sister Smith, until the judgment, then we will see you again and be at rest, where parting will be no more. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, J. C. Whitledge.

St. James M. E. Church, Whitehall, La.—Eugene Benn, the 16-year-old son of Brother and Sister Octave Benn, after lingering for some time, died in the faith, Dec. 4th, 1902. He was not a member of the church when he took sick, but was happily converted on his death bed. His mother and father are both members of our church. The funeral was conducted by the writer. Also on Jan. 6th, 1903, Brother Jerry Bowman fell asleep in Jesus. He was 55 years old at death. A few hours before he died he said to Elder M. H. Green and the writer that he was ready to go, he was only waiting on the Lord. He lived a consistent Christian. The funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder Green. On Jan. 6th, 1903, Sister Charlotte Martin, one of our steward sisters and a faithful worker for the church, died in full triumph of faith. She was happily converted when quite a child, and lived a Christian life throughout these years. As a Sunday school worker and a worker in the church, her place is hard to fill. She died as she lived, a consistent Christian. Just before she died she said: "I will soon be out of trouble, Jesus is coming to take me home, Oh sweet heaven, I shall soon be there." The funeral was largely attended. Friends and relatives came from afar to see the last of Sister Charlotte Martin.

J. O. RICHARDS, Pastor.

Navasota, Tex. — Brother Richard Bass, a good and loyal member of the Tabernacle M. E. Church, died on Jan. 2. Mr. James Lee, a white friend of the old brother, bore the funeral expenses. Brother Bass was 65 years old. He now rests from his labors. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, W. Hartley Jackson.

Mr. Pompey Austin died Jan. 11, aged 70 years. He left three daughters to mourn his loss. He was buried at the Greer graveyard, four miles from town.

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Ackerman, Miss.—Sister Brazella

Spencer departed this life Nov. 28, 1902. She died as she lived, a consistent Christian. She was a class leader and an Epworth League president and a Sunday school scholar. She was loved by all who knew her. She leaves a mother, father, one sister, several brothers and a host of friends.

Sister Julia Hunt and Brother Willie Ashford, members of the M. E. Church, departed this life Dec. 3, 1902.

Sister Maggie Woodlards departed this life Dec. 18. O. GILLESPIE, Pastor.

[Received Jan. 14.—Ed.]

Houma, La.—On Wednesday, Dec. 10, Sister Sealey Singleton was found dead in her home. She had not been seen since the previous Sunday evening. She was a good and faithful member of our church.

H. C. GAIR, Pastor.

[Received Jan. 14.—Ed.]

A FAITHFUL MINISTER'S WIFE.

Hig Point, N. C.—On Dec. 16, 1902, death came to the home of Rev. John E. Champlin and took away his wife, with whom he had lived in the bonds of holy wedlock for 39 years. Sister Lovy Jane Champlin was a faithful member of Morris Chapel M. E. Church of High Point, N. C. She was converted when young, and the soundness of her conversion was attested by her devotion to her God and to His church, to her husband and to their home. She was 58 years old. Her death was not a surprise to herself or to her friends, for she had been lingering for several months, gradually growing worse, but in all of her sickness her faith failed not. She would always express herself as being satisfied with Christ. She died in the full triumph of faith. Sister Champlin was the mother of 13 children, seven of whom still live, four sons and three daughters. All of the children but one could visit and comfort their mother during her sickness. The funeral was conducted at Morris Chapel, where she had been a member so long, and her body laid away in the High Point cemetery to await the trumpet sound. W. R. ZIEGLER, Pastor.

[Received Jan. 15.—Ed.]

Hensley, Charge, Ark.—Brother Samuel Sprot, who has been a member of the M. E. Church for many years, passed away peacefully to his heavenly rest Sunday morning, Jan. 4, leaving testimony that all is well.

H. C. DUNLAP, Pastor.

Ebenezer, Miss.—Brother Robert Rule, aged 80, passed to his reward in heaven after two weeks' illness, Dec. 24. He leaves a wife, four sons, five daughters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

Sister Mary Thornton passed to her reward in heaven after five months' illness, Dec. 31, aged 26 years. She leaves a husband, a host of relatives and friends to mourn. We bow to Him who doeth all things well.

The death angel has visited our community and taken away from our ranks Brother Cap Williams, a member of Newport Baptist Church. He professed a hope in Christ in 1895, under the administration of H. L. Young. He still held on to the promises of Jesus until Jan. 3, when death summoned him. He leaves a wife and mother and one sister and one brother and a host of friends to mourn. God bless the bereaved ones.

S. E. SIMMONS.

Josserand, Tex.—Sister Serena Holland, a probationer in our church, departed this life Dec. 29. She leaves a

mother, father, three brothers and one sister and a host of friends to mourn. Sister Ann Philips, one of the oldest members of our church here, departed this life Dec. 22. She leaves five sons, one daughter and a host of friends to mourn. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, C. Davenport.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Meridian, Miss.—On Dec. 31, 1902, at 8 p. m., in St. Paul M. E. Church, one of the prettiest and most interesting marriages of the season took place. The church was literally packed with friends of the happy couple. The contracting parties were Mr. James H. Cook, son of one of the ministers of the Mississippi Conference, and Miss Jeanetta E. Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Coleman, of Meridian. Mr. J. H. Cook, whose home is in Crystal Springs, Miss., is very well known and very recently he returned from Chicago to become the husband of Miss Coleman. Miss Coleman is a lady of rare attainments. She is a graduate of Meridian Academy. The church was beautifully decorated. Mrs. M. E. Wilson furnished the music. The bride was accompanied by Dr. E. E. Howard, a noted physician of the town, and the groom by Miss Binetta L. Crump, of Bolton. The reception was one of the largest known to our people in Meridian. The presents were too numerous to mention. The couple left next day for Crystal Springs. The writer, assisted by Rev. A. J. McNair, officiated. J. L. WILSON.

Navasota, Tex.—Mr. James Stoney and Miss Viola Adkins were happily married in this city Dec. 18, at the residence of the bride's parents.

Mr. Bill Nevels and Mrs. Nancy Neblett were united in marriage on Jan. 8 in this city. W. Hartley Jackson, pastor, officiated.

Shreveport, La.—At the Odd Fellows' Hall, Thursday, Jan. 8, Mr. Henry LaCalle, of New Orleans, La., and Mrs. Bettie Parson, of Shreveport, were married. The hall was beautifully decorated by the ladies of the "Courts Calentier." Prof. Jos. Oger's orchestra furnished the music. Mr. LaCalle is well known here as well as in his own city. His friends are many. Mrs. Parson is one of the strong women of the race, holding good property and standing high among all who know her. From her farm and fruit garden she furnishes vegetables and fruit to this market. The hall was crowded by both races, some of the best people of the city attending. The presents were many. Rev. H. J. Wright performed the ceremony under three links.

Cheneyville, La.—A large and representative gathering of friends assembled in St. Paul M. E. Church on Dec. 27 at 5:30 p. m. to witness the marriage of Mr. Richmond Morris and Miss Mary Jane Hallman. Mrs. Janie Chiman presided at the organ. She played the Recessional March while the bride, groom and party marched to the altar. On Dec. 11 Mr. Washie Nimble and Miss Ella Johnson were married at the groom's house. S. M. Haynes officiated.

Aberdeen, Miss.—On the night of Jan. 6 quite a brilliant affair took place at Pleasant Valley M. E. Church, on the Union Grove circuit. Rev. P. S. Bowie, the pastor of this leading charge, led the beautiful and charming Miss Annie Crawford to the hymenal



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altar and the two were made one in the holy bonds of matrimony. Brother Bowie is one of our aggressive and progressive preachers, and the young lady of his choice is a school teacher and a shining light in society. The ceremony was performed by the writer, W. H. Whitlock.

Ebenezer, Miss.—Mr. Andrew Patton was married, on Dec. 21, to Miss Sammie Montgomery.

Mr. Henry Redmond was married on Dec. 23 to Miss Roberta B. Brooks. They are all members of our church. S. E. SIMMONS.

Rosedale, La.—At Hart Chapel M. E. Church Mr. John Sanders and Miss Maria Steward were married Dec. 24.

Mr. George Walker and Miss Harriet Wainwright were married Jan. 8. A. Green officiated.

Cotton Port, La.—Mr. William L. Amos, Jr., and Miss Leana Lacotte were joined in holy wedlock at the

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CRESCENT CITY NOTES

Mr. M. R. Jackson has just returned from St. Martinville, La., where he went to visit his sick brother.

Rev. C. D. C. Bryan of Lake Providence Island, La., is in the city for medical treatment.

Rev. D. S. Smith and family of

Good Samaritan Mission, were happily surprised by some of their members recently. Mr. Fred Bernard and Miss G. Moore were married by Rev. D. S. Smith. Brother Smith says Rev. N. Burton preached an excellent sermon at his fourth quarterly conference, held by Dr. Marshall.

Rev. B. Mack Hubbard, D. D., pastor of Mallalieu M. E. Church, Sixth street, near Laurel, will deliver his fourth annual sermon January 25, at 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Constancy in Faith, Following Jesus Amidst Reproaches." The choir, under the management of Dr. Hubbard's accomplished wife, will be an important and pleasing feature of this anniversary. Dr. Hubbard will leave the following week for his annual conference, which meets in Natchitoches, La.

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G. G. Golston, Pastor, Baldwin, La.—Winsted charge is alive and abreast of the times. The second hand, minute hand and hour hand all in concert and pointing toward high 12. Our church is spiritually and financially alive. We propose to come to conference in good shape. The leaders and stewards are zealously at work, while the stewardesses and willing workers are sparing no time nor pains to assure success. The stewardesses are led by Mother Augustus and Sister Dright, who know nothing but success. Mrs. F. A. Landry, matron of Gilbert College, has raised \$20 on benevolence and says she proposes to make another round before conference. The Dean and whole faculty are with us heart, hand and purse. We feel proud to welcome Mrs. McDonald, a Christian gem happily added to the family by our esteemed principal, Prof. McDonald. Bro. A. W. Williams, an indefatigable worker, has outlined a beautiful and successful policy of which we will write you later. Brother Williams says that his church must and will succeed. Many of the ministers and friends will be glad to know that the Johnsons still stand by the church and pastor. We will bring our quota of subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN. Race pride as well as church pride actuates us. Presiding Elder Butler has been here and done all things well. May God bless and prosper him through life. Dr. Scott has been in our community and left a good and lasting impression.

J. White and C. H. Bonard, Eola, La.—Mrs. Gertrude Ford has charge of the public school here. She has a nice school. She boards at Mrs. H. Jace's, where she is well cared for. I would and could say more.

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ed in having distinguished visitors come to her. On the 3rd of January the Rev. Samuel Beck, D. D., and wife, from the Northwest Indiana Conference, on a trip to Florida, stopped over a few days in the city. Learning from the superintendent of the Allen Industrial School of their being in the city, we were not slow in finding them and securing Rev. Beck to preach for us at the College Street Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday at 11 o'clock. The Doctor was present at the hour, accompanied by his wife and Prof. H. H. Freer of Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa. He preached a very able sermon from the subject, "The coming of the kingdom of God, and His will being done on earth as it is in heaven." O! how it inspired us to do more this year to bring it in than ever before. These friends seemed to be greatly in sympathy with us, in our struggles and efforts to build a church. We hope to have them again.

The Tuskegee Summer Normal Institute for colored teachers will be in session from June 29 to August 7. Rabbi Levy of New York City, Professors L. B. Moore and Kelly Miller of Howard University, and Dr. Lucy Moten, principal of the Negro Normal School, Washington, D. C.; Dr. W. E. B. DuBois of Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga., and Prof. Chas. H. Albert of the State Normal School, Bloomsburg, Pa., will be among the lecturers and teachers of the school. For full information regarding courses offered, tuition, expenses, railway rates, etc., address Booker T. Washington, Principal, Tuskegee, Alabama.

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Editorial Notes

Do not forget the subscribers promised.

Remember the Lincoln birthday offering.

The new subscribers add to the list while the renewals keep it up. Look after both!

For some time the question was asked by those who are opposed to the Negro's holding official positions in the South, Why doesn't the President appoint some Negro to office at the North? A few days since, W. H. Lewis, Esq., of Boston, was, through the President's influence as it is understood, made assistant district attorney in the Hub city. Now many southern journals are anxious to impress the South that the Negro is unacceptable as a Federal official at the North and are trying to make it appear that Boston is greatly agitated over Mr. Lewis' appointment. Now the information comes that the influence of Harvard University is back of the appointment and therefore the opposition has no foundation in fact.

Up to this writing the Indianola postoffice trouble has not yet been adjusted. A delegation of white citizens went on to Washington to present the matter to the President and Postmaster General Payne. The result of their visit will doubtless be announced in a few days. Altho it has been asserted again and again that the postmistress was not intimidated, we have definite and reliable information to the contrary. Not only so, but it is evident she is not alone, for already a young colored man named Burnett, employed by a Jewish merchant as a clerk in his store, had been ordered from the town because he held a "white man's job." A little later on Dr. B. F. Fulton, whose practice was confined to his own people, was also ordered to leave. The dismissal of the postmistress was simply a part of the program.

When the call for \$20,000,000 was made by our church four years ago, there was coupled with it another for 2,000,000 converts, the two to constitute the twentieth century thank offering of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The attention of our readers has already been called to the fact the financial offering was realized. Now the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* presents figures to show that during the period mentioned there were received into the membership of the church 1,500,000 probationers, or converts. These figures are of course based on the reports of pastors to the annual conferences which are known to include only those still on probation when the annual conference is held, it being entirely probable that thousands had been read into full membership during the conference year. We dare say if the full list were presented it would appear that the number asked for was secured.

The Lincoln Birthday Offering

We are sure our readers will be interested in the cause to which we give special space and consideration in this number of the *SOUTHWESTERN*. The Freedman's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has set aside Sunday, February 15th, which is the nearest Sunday to the birthday of the immortal Lincoln as the day on which the whole church is asked to make a contribution toward the support of this organization. No one will, we are sure, question the appropriateness of such a movement. Lincoln is the great emancipator of the race; through him the work of building a race was begun and nothing would be more in keeping with the purposes of freedom than to have his name connected with an effort to advance the interests of the emancipated. The fact is the effort now is to hasten the coming of a second emancipation, and there is no doubt that if the martyr President could be consulted he would not only be willing that his name be associated with it, but would do anything possible to assist the cause.

The pastors of the church are urged to take a lively interest in the matter and push the collections. A new eight-page song service can be had for the asking, provided the pastor requesting them will take the collection asked. When the purpose and importance of the occasion is considered, surely no one will fail to do this. This organization is not only working for the uplift of a people, but for the good of the Nation. The strength of the nation is largely measured by the intelligence and patriotism of its citizens, and their development along these lines depends largely upon the effort put forth on their behalf by those qualified to assist them. There are thousands of people throughout the nation who will never be reached by any other influence than that of the Christian school, at any rate no other influence that may reach them is calculated to do as much for them.

It is well to remember too that what is done by the institutions of the M. E. Church is not simply for the young people of that church or any one race; not at all, for our Methodism has always been and is yet broader than this. "The world is my parish," was the motto of its now world-famed leader. Such has ever been the spirit pervading the work of the church. Just as its parish includes all lands, so too does it strive to reach all men of whatever nationality. Those who contribute to the cause herein presented, contribute to the uplift of the people regardless of race or nationality, for while its field of operation is confined to this country, no one is turned away who desires to avail himself of the opportunities offered. Therefore we appeal to the pastors throughout the church to do their best for this great and all important cause. To do so they owe it to the Nation, to themselves and to their posterity. We would urge upon them that whatever is collected be sent immediately to the office at Cincinnati, and we also ask that they bear in

mind that all that is raised over and above the regular apportionment goes toward cancelling the debt of the Society. Begin at once and work up a good collection.

"Inter-Racial Relations"

At a time like this when many southern journals seem to think that the best way to "even up" with their political opponents is to emphasize the inferiority and despicableness of the Negro, the faintest note of encouragement is listened to by the thoughtful Negro with gratification. Knowing this to be true we take occasion to reproduce the editorial reference of the daily *Atlanta Constitution*, in its issue of Jan. 17, to the editorial entitled, "We Prefer to Stay; Will You Help Us?" as published in the *SOUTHWESTERN* of Jan. 15. That paper does us the honor of publishing our editorial in full and says:

"We are pleased to call attention to an editorial article on Negro colonization and inter-racial relations, elsewhere in these columns, reproduced from *THE SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*, a well-known colored religious paper of New Orleans.

"The *ADVOCATE* takes an eminently sane and dispassionate view of the vexed matter under discussion—a view which, if entertained and consistently lived up to by the Negro population of the South, would wonderfully redound to the well-being and happiness of the race. As Judge Speer declared in his recent Buffalo address, it is doing the Negro a grave injustice to refuse to recognize the same temperament and moral differences in him that we meet in the individual white man, and it is just that that many southerners, familiar with the Negro from infancy, seemingly fail to do. Of course, there are universal characteristics of the African race which may be calculated to incite a degree of prejudice in the Caucasian, but the broad-minded and well-disposed white man is bound to admit that all Negroes are not alike. There are good Negroes as well as bad Negroes, and it is but justice to the former to acknowledge that he is wanted right where he is for his worth, as a citizen and as a worker. The South has plenty of room for the black man described in *The Constitution* editorial upon which *THE ADVOCATE* comments, and we have no hesitancy in saying that we voice the sentiments of the good white people of this great section when we respond to our contemporary's title query with a frank affirmative."

The 20th Century Thank Offering

Our Methodism now rejoices in the fact that she has just succeeded in raising in pledges and cash the \$20,000,000, proposed as a 20th century thank offering. Rev. Dr. E. M. Mills, of the Central New York Conference, was in charge of the movement and in the outcome has scored a great triumph. In a general way the money was secured for the following purposes:

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Our Contributors

The True Elevation

Let us lift the race up higher,
From the haunts of vice and sin,
Point to them the better pathway,
Show to them the way to win.

Lift the race up higher, brothers;
Give to them the hand of aid,
If you've reached a higher level
And a nobler record made.

Think of those who are below you,
Struggling to win the race,
Fighting hard against oppressions,
In the world to make a place.

Though the waves of persecution
Constantly around us roll,
And our trials seem to tell us
We will never reach the goal;

See! the star of Hope arises,
As we press the upward way:
If we lift the race up higher,
We shall see a better day.

Education is a blessing
Which we never should ignore,
And the mind with useful knowledge
We should ever seek to store,

Not alone by education,
Nor by wealth will we succeed;
These will not bring elevation—
There is something else we need.

Set before them noble ideals,
Pure in thought, and true in deed,
If we would have others follow
In the highway that we lead.

Train the hand to useful labor,
Train the mind to seek the light,
And above all other training
Train the heart to follow right.

"Righteousness exalts a nation,"
Sin will surely cast us down,
If we follow its false leadings
We will never wear a crown.

Right though crushed by Error's power,
Will arise again some day;
On the throne with Truth and Justice
Will assert her lawful sway.

'Tis ability and goodness
That will win in church and state;
We must press these noble ideas—
That's the way to elevate.

Jos. WHEELER.

Bolivar, W. Va., January, 1903.

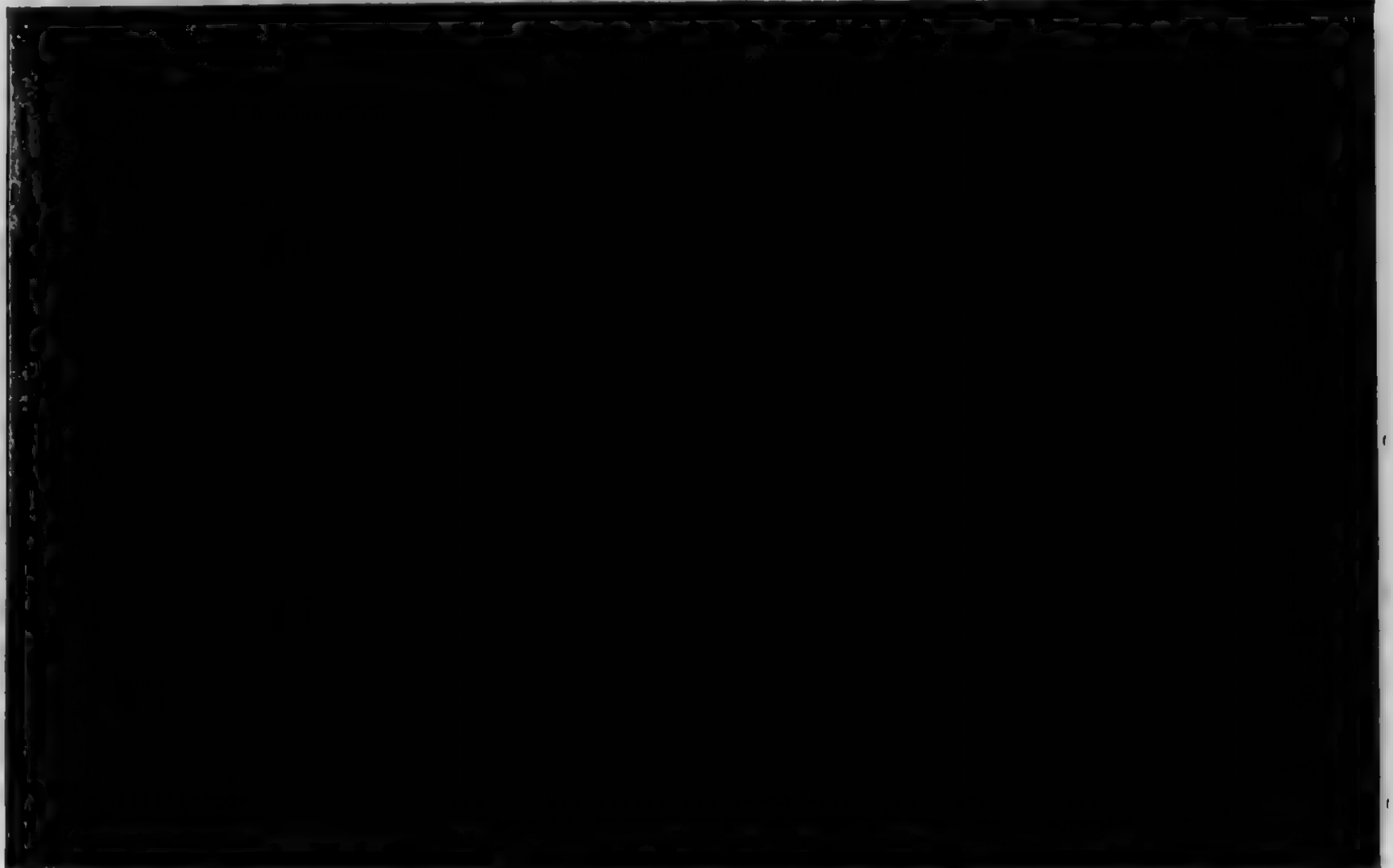
Shall the Enfranchised be Robbed?

BY W. P. THIRKIELD, D. D.

The ballot in the hand of the Negro has been a mighty educative force. It has made him a citizen. It has lifted him out of the slave-herd. It has made him count as one. This concerted ef-

untrustworthiness under a black skin, and yet honors the same in unworthy citizens of other races. It is all wrong. The dictum of Bancroft needs to be sounded in the ears of this generation, "The fears of one class are no measure of the rights of another."

The average Southerner is hysterical on the Negro question. He reads facts not through his



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eyes, but through his prejudices. This may be human nature. Sidney Smith's trenchant words are applicable to many Southern people: "The moment Ireland is mentioned the English seem to bid adieu to common sense, and act with the barbarity of tyrants and the fatuity of idiots."

The solution of the problem is in trusting the Negro. Bring him into active sympathy with every law and institution of the South. Lend him a hand. He is in the South to stay. Lift him up or he will drag his neighbors down. Make a citizen of him. Give him a white man's chance. Saving him is saving the South.

Niebuhr, sixty years ago, expressed the truth involved in speaking of the Italians:

"No one feels himself a citizen. Not only are the people destitute of hope, but they have not

What Becomes of Our Graduates?

Here is a partial record from one school—Clafin University:

Ten of our graduates are principals of graded schools in leading towns in South Carolina; *seventeen* are professors in colleges in South Carolina; *thirteen* are teachers in South Carolina; *eighty-five* are teachers in graded schools.

We have graduates teaching in colleges in different states as follows:

Four in Georgia; one in Delaware; five in Texas, and one in Texas State College; one in South Carolina State College; two in Florida State College; one president of Wilberforce; one, superintendent of Clafin Manual Training School; one, superintendent of Tome Poly. Inst., Maryland.

The above was for four years superintendent of Elmira Reformatory Poly. School, and resigned for the above move—important place.

Seventy-five of our graduates are teachers of trades; *seven* hold high positions as Poly. teachers; one teaches nurse training in Chicago Methodist Hospital and Training School; two trained nurses from Clafin in Dixie Hospital at Washington; one, superintendent of one of the New York schools at a salary of \$3,000.

We do not mention ministers and physicians, which are graduates of Clafin, and a very large number there are, but we only mention those who completed their training in the various departments at Clafin, before entering professions.

What We are Doing

The work of this society is to aid in the establishment of Christian schools in the sixteen southern states. In the North we have the general intelligence produced by a well-managed system of public schools, supplemented on the moral side by the Sunday school and family training. Among the people in the South with whom we labor the public schools reach only a part of the people, the Sunday schools touch a much less number, and the family training is still more deficient. In the South among millions of colored and poorer white people, the Christian school stands almost the sole effective agent in building a Christian civilization.

Hence, our schools stand for the education of the Christian normal training, the source of sup-



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fort in the South to rob him of this evidence of citizenship means much. It is the first step back towards serfdom. The very framing of the new ballot law makes every white man or dark-skinned Mexican or Indian in Texas or the border states, no matter how ignorant or vicious, count for more than any Negro. And why all this? The South pretends to fear ignorance and

even wishes touching the world's affairs; and hence all the springs of great and noble thoughts are choked up."

Our schools educate the Negro to claim the rights of citizenship, to be prepared for its duties. No educational work has deeper significance for the Nation and its future than the work of our Society.

ply of Christian medical men, and the development of the great and efficient factor of civilization—the Christian trade school.

Our work is supplemental. We collect from our students and their friends all they can possibly pay, and then we supplement by giving to each school the least amount that will secure teachers on a very limited salary. We do only that, which, if we did not do, the school would fail. This society, therefore, stands for all our church is doing educationally in the South; for if we were to withdraw from the field, our church would have nothing left but the preaching of the Gospel by men illy qualified, and sooner or later the work would be abandoned. To neglect the work of this society is to weaken and finally destroy the greatest missionary movement undertaken by her in her first century.

To meet the demands of this society upon the church is to strengthen every department of church work. The school must first be built and sustained before the aid of the educational board can be applied. It is this society that stands back of the supply of intelligent young men for the ministry, without which the missionary money would be well-nigh wasted. Close up our schools, and the necessity of building churches would soon cease, and the Sunday schools would practically become inefficient. The life and continued success of this great missionary movement depends on our continuing the work of Christian education.

The Duty of the Government to Negro Teachers

If the government can vote aid and give transports for teachers for the Filipinos, why not give aid for the teachers of our own colored people at home? If a great summer school at Harvard can open its doors to our Cuban teachers, why not bring to such a center of culture and opportunity a thousand of our Negro teachers? They stand in sore need of just the culture and inspiration that such instruction and environment would give to them. And the 28,560 teachers of our Negro schools are teaching the future citizens of our own republic here at home. Here they live.



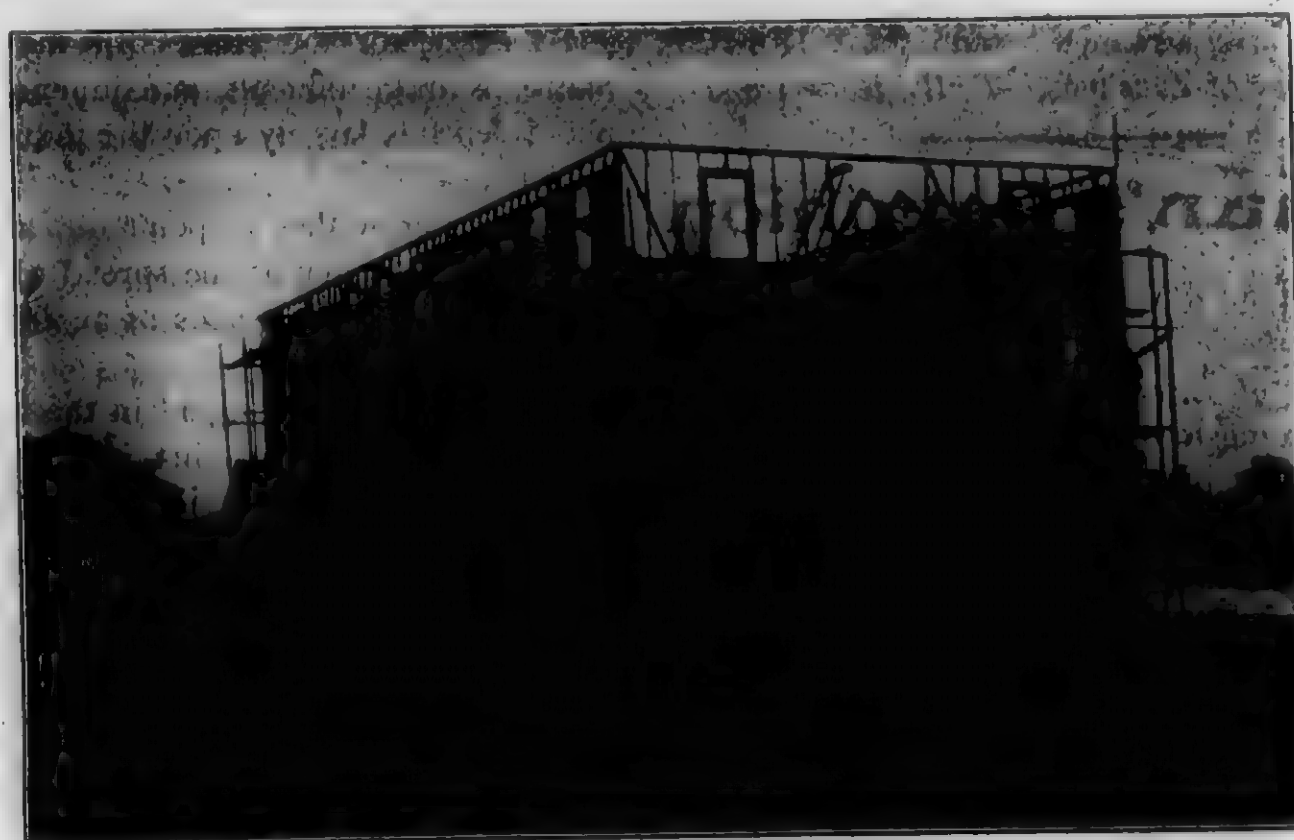
CABIN FROM WHICH ONE OF THE GRADUATES OF CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY (ORANGEBURG, S. C.) CAME.

Here they will vote. If the Nation does not lift them up, they will drag down the Nation.

If this form of beneficence is not practicable, then why not help this people by helping our society in its work that keeps over 400 teachers in the field among the spiritually destitute and ignorant and degraded millions here in our home land? W. P. T.

Life of Faith

"As a psychologist," says President G. Stanley Hall, "I believe in the Sabbath day. One day in seven should be kept holy from work and sacred to man's primitive paradise of leisure. I am no Puritan pietist or even Sabbatarian in any severe



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sense, but hold that this is one of the greatest of all human institutions, and that the command to keep it as a day of rest is written in our physiological constitutions. If need be it may be kept in sleep, man's great restorer. Monday our nerves and brain must be refreshed, and we must start a new weekly rhythm on a higher plane than we closed the old one."

We know little what will become of our knowledge; we do know what will become of our power. One thing only never faileth: the charity which seeks the good of all to whom it can do good; the charity which detects good whenever it is to be found or to be advanced.—Dean Church.

Want Christ

See the little two-year-old in the hands of the nurse. The mother has gone uptown shopping,

Christ." "Don't want cards, want Christ." "Don't want praise of men, want Christ."—Selected.

The Human Heart

We may, if we choose, make the worst of one another. Every person has his weak points; everyone has his faults; we may make the worst of

these; we may fix our attention constantly upon these. But we may also make the best of one another. We may forgive even as we hope to be forgiven. We may put ourselves in the place of others and ask what we should wish to be done to us, and thought of us, were we in their place. By loving whatever is lovable in those around us, love will flow back from them to us, and life will become a pleasure instead of a pain; and earth will become like heaven; and we shall become not unworthy followers of Him whose name is Love.

There is a story of a German baron who made a great Aeolian harp by stretching wires from tower to tower of his castle. When the harp was ready he listened for the music. But it was in the calm of summer and in the still air the wires hung



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silent. Autumn came, with its gentle breezes, and there were faint whispers of song. At length the winter winds swept over the castle, and now the harp answered in majestic music.

Such a harp is the human heart. It does not yield its noblest music in the summer days of joy, but in the winter of trial. The sweetest songs on earth have been sung in sorrow. The richest things in character have been reached through pain. Even of Jesus we read that he was made perfect through suffering.—Selected.

Power and Purity

It is a marvelous thing to see how a pure and innocent heart purifies all that it approaches. The most ferocious natures are soothed and tamed by innocence. And so with human beings, there is a delicacy so pure that vicious men in its presence become almost pure; all of purity which is in them is brought out; like attracts itself to like. The

and the little one twists and cries and writhes. The nurse offers it toys. "Don't want toys, want mamma." Then marbles. "Don't want marbles, want mamma." And at last, when the mother returns, it rushes to her arms as quiet and sweet as an angel. And so with a true Christian. Offer him the ballroom, and he says: "Don't want ballroom, want Christ." "Don't want theatres, want

pure heart becomes a center of attraction, round which similar atoms gather, and from which dissimilar ones are repelled. A corrupt heart elicits in an hour all that is bad in us; a spiritual one brings out and draws to itself all that is best and purest. Such was Christ. He stood in the world, the Light of the World, to which all sparks of light gradually gathered. He stood in the presence of impurity and men became pure. Note this in the history of Zaccheus.—*F. W. Robertson.*

Woman's Dominion

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Jan. 10, 1903.

To the Auxiliaries to Woman's Home Missionary Society of Lexington Conference:

We are going to be able to make a much better financial report of the Woman's Home Missionary Society this year than ever before. This is a natural consequence, of course, as we are one year older and should progress with time. In my annual report to the Lexington Conference W. H. M. S. I hope to report the work from every district. Up to the present time, however, many places are blank. While it is only a short time until I must conclude my report, yet many other auxiliaries will have an opportunity to redeem themselves.

For fear some of the auxiliaries in the conference are not thoroughly informed as to their financial duty, I have written each presiding elder in the conference to furnish me with the names and addresses of the auxiliary presidents, that I may know of their work along a financial line and furnish them with the necessary blanks. I wish every district to have the same opportunity in the race for first place in my report, that shall be published through the columns of this paper after conference. Yours for the cause,

TREAS. OF LEX. CONF. W. H. M. S.

Dainty Rugs

The very nicest way to use pieces of old dress goods and scraps of all kinds is to cut them into fine, narrow strips, then crochet them into rugs of the desired size and one can soon have enough balls for several rugs by preparing the material in leisure moments. The crocheted rug offers more varieties of forms than any other, and they are very neat and durable. A pretty one is made by making a chain five inches long and working all around in single stitch, widening here and there to keep it flat, and one can use their own taste and ingenuity in arranging the colors, and any one who understands using the crochet hook can make one of these rugs. Another lovely rug is made by cutting the pieces a little wider than for carpet rags, then gathering lengthwise through the center of the strips so they will be closely shirred; when there is enough strips prepared for a rug begin in the center to sew them on the foundation, taking care to roll or twist the shirred strip every few stitches. All kinds of pieces can be used in these rugs as old white cotton and faded calicoes can be colored any of the rich dark shades with the Diamond dyes for cotton and the woolen pieces with the dyes for wool, and you will be surprised how quickly such a rug can be made, and I am sure you will be pleased with the result of your labor.

A. M. H.

Methods of Protection From Typhoid Fever

In cities possessing a common water supply and modern sanitary plumbing there is no excuse for the presence of typhoid in the household. Even the city water must be filtered, which can

be done by the use of any one of the cheap filters now on the market. The milk which is drunk by children must be sterilized, and the excreta of persons returning to the city, after contracting typhoid fever in the country, must be disinfected with the utmost care. These three measures, systematically followed, will result in the abolition of typhoid fever within the city boundaries.

So much for the cities. In the country the matter is more difficult, and immunity from typhoid depends largely upon the individual household.

The writer wishes to point out as forcibly as possible the danger of the spread of this disease by insects and the methods of avoiding this danger.

The principal insect agent in this spread is the common housefly, and this insect is especially abundant in country houses in the vicinity of stables in which horses are kept. The reason for this is that the preferred food of the larvæ of houseflies is horse manure. Twelve hundred houseflies, and perhaps more, will issue from a pound of horse manure. Ten days completes a generation of houseflies in the summer. The number of eggs laid by each female fly averages 120. Thus, under favorable conditions, the offspring of a single over-wintering housefly may in the course of a summer reach a figure almost beyond belief. They are attracted to, and will lay their eggs in human excrement. Under favorable conditions they will breed, to some extent, in this excrement. They swarm in kitchens and dining rooms where food supplies are exposed. Therefore, with an abundance of flies, and with a perhaps unsuspected or not yet fully developed case of typhoid in the immediate neighborhood, there is no reason why, through the agency of contaminated flies alighting upon food supplies, the disease should not be spread to healthy individuals. That it is to spread is not to be questioned. And the remedy is plain. It consists of two courses of procedure: proper care of excreta; the destruction of flies.—*From Bulletin of United States Department of Agriculture.*

Weights and Measures

- One teaspoonful equals one dram.
- One dessertspoonful equals two spoonfuls or two drams.
- One tablespoonful equals two dessertspoonfuls or four spoonfuls.
- Two tablespoonfuls equal eight teaspoonfuls or one ounce.
- One common size wineglassful equals two ounces or one-half gill.
- A teacup is estimated to hold four fluid-ounces or one gill.
- Ten ordinary-sized eggs weigh one pound.
- Soft butter the size of an egg weighs one ounce.
- One quart of sifted flour, well heaped, weighs one pound.
- One pint of best brown sugar weighs thirteen ounces.
- Two teacupfuls, level, of granulated sugar, weigh one pound.
- Two teaspoonfuls of soft butter, well packed, weigh one pound.
- One and a third pints of powdered sugar weigh one pound.
- Two tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar or flour weigh one ounce.
- One tablespoonful, well-rounded, of soft butter weighs one ounce.
- One pint, heaped, of granulated sugar weighs fourteen ounces.
- Two and a half teacupfuls, level, of the best brown sugar weigh one pound.

Two and three-fourths teacupfuls, level, of the best brown sugar weigh one pound.

Two and three-fourths teacupfuls, level, of powdered sugar weigh one pound.

Miss Parloa says one generous pint of liquid, or one pint of finely chopped meat, packed solidly, weighs one pound.

Liquid Measure.—Four ounces equal one gill, four gills equal one pint, two pints equal one quart, four quarts equal one gallon.—*Ledger Monthly.*

Young Friends

A Sisterhood Worth While

Some years ago, as I sat on the piazza of a summer hotel, I noticed among the crowd a party of young people, two or three pretty girls and as many bright young men, all "waiting for the mail."

"Oh, dear!" said the prettiest of the girls, impatiently, "why don't they hurry? Are you expecting a letter, Mr. Allison?" and she turned to a tall youth standing near.

He smiled. "I'll get one, surely," he said. "It's my day. Just this particular letter always comes. Nell is awfully good—she's my sister, you know, and no fellow ever had a better one."

The pretty girl laughed, saying, as he received his letter: "Harry would think he was blessed if I wrote once a year."

Gradually the others drifted away, but Frank Allison kept his place, scanning eagerly the closely written sheets, now and again laughing quietly. Finally, he slipped the letter into his pocket and, rising, saw me.

"Good morning, Miss Williams," he said cordially, for he always had a pleasant word for us older people as well as for the young.

"Good news?" I questioned, smiling.

"My sister's letters always bring good news," he answered. "She writes such jolly letters."

And, unfolding this one, he read me scraps of it—bright nothings, with here and there a little sentence full of sisterly love and earnestness. There was a steady light in his eyes as, half apologizing for "boring" me, he looked up and said quietly: "Miss Williams, if I ever make anything of a man, it will be sister Nell's doing."

And, as I looked at him, I felt strongly what a mighty power "Sister Nell" held in her hands—just a woman's hands, like yours, dear girls, and perhaps no stronger or better; but it made me wonder how many girls stop to consider how they are using their influence over these boys, growing so fast toward manhood, unworthy or noble, as the sisters choose.—*Selected.*

The Big Red Apple

Percy and Jesse were friends.

They were both a little hard for other people to understand, and the fact that they understood each other was the secret of their constant companionship.

But one hot Saturday in May they had their first serious trouble. They were walking homeward on the railroad, the very place where neither had a right to be, and were airing their somewhat limited knowledge of swimming. Jesse made some simple remark, and Percy disputed it.

"You don't know how to swim, anyhow."

Quick as a flash Percy gave him a sharp, stinging blow on the mouth and turned on his heel.

Jesse stood a minute, half dazed, and then being too hurt and angry to do anything else, went home, where he sat down on the back porch and gave himself up to bitter weeping.

"Percy hit me," he sobbed to his mother, "and I'll never forgive him; I'll never, never forgive him."

Nor would he be comforted. Not even the tempting shortcake for supper—and Jesse boasted that no one could beat his mother making shortcakes—brought any diversion from his sorrow.

Nor was Percy any happier. He hadn't gone two yards from Jesse before he felt ashamed, and wanted to go back and ask forgiveness.

But he was afraid Jesse would not believe him sincere, and so he took a roundabout way home also.

Like Jesse, he found that a troubled conscience impairs the appetite.

"You look as if you had lost your best friend!" said his sister.

"Have," briefly.

Nor could he be comforted.

The next day was Sunday. For at least a year it had been the custom for Jesse to take Sunday supper at Percy's. But, though Percy waited an hour after Sunday school in the hope, which his common sense told him was vain, Jesse did not come. Instead, he went straight home and sat down in the most uncomfortable chair in the parlor, with a sense of desolation that was pathetic.

But when Percy found that Jesse wasn't really coming he went to his mother with a look of determination on his face.

"Haven't you something nice I can take down to Jesse?" he said, shortly.

"Something for a peace offering?" asked his mother.

"Yes; I've stood this thing as long as I can."

"I haven't a thing but this big apple. You can have that."

"All right," and in his haste he seized it and started.

So, while Jesse sat in the stiff chair in the big, darkened parlor, he saw Percy coming down the street, and his heart began to jump.

He wanted to rush out to meet him, but felt powerless even to leave the room. Perhaps Percy would pass by, after all. No; there he turned in at the gate and now he heard him say, "Where's Jesse?"

He was trying very hard to appear quite unconscious to Percy's presence when he came in and, sidling up awkwardly, but sincerely, said, "Here, take this, Jesse. I'm awful sorry."

"O, that's all right; 'twas all my fault. That's a beauty of an apple for this time o' year. Have a bite?"

"I don't mind if I do," said Percy, offhandedly. "Don't you want to take a walk?"

"Where are you going?" asked Jesse's mother as they started down the walk.

"Only up to our house," answered Percy.

Though that was nearly four years ago, they have never missed taking Sunday tea together since, and no one has ever known them to disagree. But if they live to be old, old men they will never forget that big red apple, how beautiful it looked and how good it tasted.—H. E. Rasmusen, in *Sunday School Advocate*.

The Greatest Blunders of Life

In the Crerar Library, Chicago, is a book in which 500 men, out of work, have written of "the greatest blunders of their life." It is a collection made by Dr. Earl Pratt. Here are some of them:

1. "Didn't save what I earned."
2. "Did not as a boy realize the value of an education."
3. "If I had taken better care of my money I would be better in health and morals."

4. "Did not realize the importance of sticking to one kind of employment."

5. "The greatest blunder of my life was when I took my first drink."

6. "One of the greatest blunders of my life was not to perfect myself in one of the lines of business I started out to learn."

7. "My greatest blunder was when I left school in the fifth grade."

8. "The turning point in my life was when, at the age of fifteen, I ran away from home."

9. "Spent my money foolishly when I was earning good wages."

10. "When I let myself be misled into thinking that I need not stick to one thing."

11. "Self-conceit and not listening to my parents."

12. "Was to fool away my time when at school."—*Selected*.

Tested His Strength.

Charley M. was at home from college, spending his summer vacation. The M.'s were people fairly well-to-do and Charley was passing the forenoon very comfortably on the cool and shady veranda, says an exchange.

Down by the barnyard fence, in a neglected place, a crop of strong, healthy weeds had sprung up and flourished under the summer sun. Left unmolested in the rush of work on the farm, they were fast becoming a blot on the otherwise orderly premises and that morning Charley's father had sallied forth and was now making a vigorous assault upon the patch.

Suddenly he left his work and came up into the yard. Taking a broomstick which happened to be leaning against the veranda he laid it on the grass, then turned to Charley and said:

"Git down here and see if you can pull me over that stick."

He held in his hand a small chain, in each end of which was inserted a stout stick to serve as a handle. Then the tug began and developed into quite a spirited contest. But at last Charley succeeded in dragging the old man across the line.

"There, that'll do," he said, dropping his end of the chain. "I guess you've got strength to pull them weeds down there by the barn."

"I never said a word," said Charley, telling the story afterward, "but before noon there weren't any weeds left standing."—*Exchange*.

Educational

Every boy born in the world should be put in the way of maintaining himself in honest independence. No education that does not make this its first aim is worth anything at all. The being able to do something is of infinitely more value than the ability to answer questions. More and more is it coming to be seen that the industrial hope of the South is in a wider dissemination of scientific, technical and manual education, in making universal, so far as may be, that knowledge of the forces of mechanics that will lead to the development and mastery of the material resources that still lie slumbering in the depths of our hills and fields and forests—this is the supreme need of our impoverished Southland.—*Prof. C. C. Thach of Alabama Polytechnic Institute*.

The Southern Passenger Association, comprising all the railway lines south of the Ohio and Potomac and east of the Mississippi rivers has granted a rate of one and one-third fare for the Tuskegee Negro Conference to be held at Tuske-

gee, Ala., February 18-19. This Tuskegee Negro Conference has grown year by year increasingly in interest and influence. Those who would study the problem of the crop lien system and the conditions under which most of the Negro farmers of the South live, can find a valuable opportunity for such study at Tuskegee. A cordial invitation is extended to the general public to attend the Conference session next month. Persons desiring further information can address Principal Booker T. Washington, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala.

We must educate the rising generation. It is the highest duty and the loftiest privilege. Let education be neglected and all that we hold dear is lost; pursue the policy of advanced education for one generation and a new life will be seen.—*Henry Louis Smith*.

Who Are the Eight Thousand and Why?

According to an estimate made from the latest census returns there are in the United States 40,782,007 persons over twenty-one years old. These are divided educationally about as follows:

Class 1. Without school training....	4,682,498
Class 2. With only common school training	32,862,591
Class 3. With common and high school training	2,165,357
Class 4. With college or higher education added	1,071,201

Who's Who in America gives a list of 8,000 persons now living in the United States who have become famous for some work of importance to the people of the country at large or of some considerable portion of it; and an effort has been made to determine how many of these 8,000 distinguished citizens belong to each of these classes. The 4,682,498 of class 1 furnish..... 31
The 32,862,591 of class 2 furnish..... 808
The 2,165,357 of class 3 furnish..... 1,245
The 1,071,201 of class 4 furnish..... 5,768

It thus appears:

1st. That an uneducated child has one chance in 150,000 of attaining distinction as a factor in the progress of the age.

2nd. That a common school education will increase his chances nearly four times.

3rd. That a high school training will increase the chances of the common school boy twenty-three times, giving him eighty-seven times the chance of the uneducated.

4th. That a college education increases the chances of the high school boy nine times, giving him 219 times the chance of the common school boy and more than 800 times the chance of the untrained.

Is it a surprising fact that of 7,852 "notables" thus gathered together 4,810 proved to be full graduates of colleges?—*Southern Education Notes*.

The Need for Higher Education in the South

In recognizing our duty to provide common school education for the masses and manual and industrial education for those for whom such education may be best, let us not suppose that we may abandon the study of the pure sciences, the languages, the higher forms of literature, history, or the divine philosophy which unites all other arts and sciences in the one great art of living. These must ever inspire and guide and quicken all other studies and arts. There must be great leaders and directors—interpreters of the tendencies, thoughts and aspirations of the people—men and women able to see the present in the light of the past, and to divine the future. "A people must

have rulers and teachers and prophets. The greater the people, the more complex their life, the freer their institutions, the greater the need for these and the greater their responsibilities. Our future leaders must know the roots of the World Tree; they must have drunk deeply from the Ancient Mimir's well. Our toiling millions must find a voice. They must have spokesmen who can give their message to the world and record it for posterity.

Indeed, we must have some great universities with endowments for equipment, teaching, and living that will enable those who will and can do so to advantage to withdraw from the mill of active, productive life and the grind of lesson hearing, that they may listen to the still small voices and weigh the finer problems of existence, catching new inspiration of life for a world otherwise soon straying and dying in the dust and din of trade. Our institutions of church and state must be preserved and refined and constantly adjusted anew to the new truth and new social and civic needs. Men with the insight, power, and poise that come from broad knowledge and deep reflection are alone fitted for these tasks.—*Atlantic Educational Journal*.

A Serious Problem

The Negro furnishes one of the serious problems of the South. It is no wonder to those who are familiar with the facts. For years, through the convict-lease system, they have been sowing the wind, and are bound to reap the whirlwind. The investigations of Miss Frances A. Kellor, as given in a series of articles on the criminal Negro in the *Arena*, "show that with reference to climate, soil, food and social conditions, in general, the Negro is more disadvantageously placed than any other class in America; that southern penal institutions are conducted with a view to revenue rather than to lessening crime; that the physical and mental conditions of the race should not discourage educational effort, and that the environment in the South is favorable to the commission of crime by Negroes."

In connection with this is a striking incident given in *The Outlook* regarding conditions that help to make crime among the ignorant blacks of the South:

"Within the past two years a colored man was tried, condemned and hung for murder in the state of Maryland. The crime was a brutal and aggravated one. A few days before the execution the prisoner, who was undoubtedly a man of brutal nature, was asked whether he had anything to say in extenuation of his crime. His reply was: 'No; I presume that I ought to be hung, but I have only to say that in all my life no white man has ever tried to make me better than I was. Whenever I got any money there were plenty of white men who would sell me beer and whiskey, but none tried to influence me to be a good man.'"

There are the thousands of little children of the race with whom the efforts should be begun, the remnant only of which will ever reach the state of needing or being able to take industrial training. Unless these children are saved in bulk, the Negro race will never be saved, or in any general or far-reaching way, uplifted.

In the city of Atlanta arrests among minors were made according to color during six years as follows:

1893—	
White boys.....	256
Negro boys.....	1248
White girls.....	5
Negro girls.....	96
1894—	
White boys.....	187

Negro boys.....	1074
White girls.....	21
Negro girls.....	119
1895 (Exposition Year)—	
White boys.....	562
Negro boys.....	2254
White girls.....	44
Negro girls.....	590
1896—	
White boys.....	513
Negro boys.....	2124
White girls.....	29
Negro girls.....	558
1897—	
White boys.....	548
Negro boys.....	2243
White girls.....	55
Negro girls.....	654
1898—	
White boys.....	481
Negro boys.....	2250
White girls.....	67
Negro girls.....	773

These figures must be read with the remembrance that Atlanta's population is about evenly divided between white and colored. If they mean anything it is that the Negro child is in great need of the best moral suggestion at the earliest possible moment of his life, a moment earlier than the public schools provided by the South are giving it to him. Wise words those of Dr. J. C. M. Curry:

"For every dollar saved in education by a miserable parsimony, five will be required in prosecutions, prisons, punishments."

Would that the South might heed this warning.
W. P. T.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

Africa

BY BISHOP HARTZELL.

Rich reward she offers us,
And then we treat her thus,
A land of gold.
Those heathens are suffering pain,
It seems we then disdain.

May we show them the tenderest love,
May we pray for Christ to send the heavenly dove,
Let us pull them out of the wilderness of night,
And lift them up to the dawn of light."

O God, with faith the churches bless—
To work and give and pray!
And clothe thy saints with righteousness;
And take all sins away!
And every Christian land baptize,
And every heart and home!
And let the prayer like incense rise—
O Lord—"Thy kingdom come!"

The United Study of Missions for 1903.

The splendid success of the movement for united study among all the Women's Missionary Societies in the world during the past year and the appreciation of the text-book, "*Via Christi*," and the other helps provided, is a promise for the success of the movement for 1903. The subject for this year is "India," and the text-book, "*Lux Christi*," written by Mrs. Carline Atwater Mason, the author of "*Lily of France*," "*A Little Green God*," and other books has been highly praised by specialists on India who have examined its carefully prepared pages.

India, the great mission field of the world, is set forth as a twilight land, in which through the dim centuries the primitive history of the Hindus is given. The study of the development of Hinduism and Buddhism, India's invaders and the oft-conquered people gives the student an understanding of the conditions existing within the greatest mission of the world at the beginning of the century. The entrance of Christian missions is entitled "*The Invasion of Love*," and so it is shown to be through the century of work for women and the forces of the Christian work in

action to-day. The book is published by Macmillan & Co., 66 Fifth avenue, New York city. The price, bound in cloth, is 50 cents; in paper, 30 cents.

Epworth League

February 8.

Truth and Lies

(Eph. 4: 25; Prov. 12: 19; Psa. 51: 6.)

Monday—God, a God of truth. Deut. 32: 4.

Tuesday—The commandment. Exod. 20: 16.

Wednesday—Falsehood of Israel. Hos. 7: 1-3.

Thursday—Choosing the way of truth. Psa.

119: 29, 30.

Friday—Speaking the truth. Zech. 8: 16, 17.

Saturday—Speaking the truth in love. Eph. 4: 11-16.

It is a sad thing to see an earnest man do superficial work. Yet that is just what we sometimes do ourselves, even when we are very much in earnest. And one of our places of failure, one of the things that keep our work from being as vital as it should be, is that we assume too much. When we work for people we sometimes assume the foundation, and proceed to go on building, never stopping to notice that the foundation, as a matter of fact, had not been laid. We assume that the fundamental things of truthfulness, honesty, and virtue have all been settled, and go on to talk of other things, leaving these important foundation stones of life unaid.

The subject "Truth and Lies" gives us a chance to get down at one of the basal places—indeed, the very corner stone of character—and so we need to think candidly and earnestly about it.

Truthfulness, at the root of it, is deeper than the things we say, or the things we do. It gets down into the part of our lives where our desires and motives live. The very basis of all the greatest things of life comes when a young man gathers himself up and says, "I am going to fight for truthfulness in my life." When he declares to himself that whatever comes or goes *he will be true*, then he has laid a corner stone worthy of a man. This is all down out of sight. But it is very important, and it is very great. One is getting ready for the Gospel to do wonderful things for him when he makes this decision. As long as one is playing fast and loose with his own sincerity, the Gospel cannot do very much for him. It is a terrible thing to decide to go through life on a continued journey of *seeming*, a never-ending drama of pretense. Yet how many are deceived into attempting to reach the goal of life by the pretender's way!

Down in the deep places of life let us resolve that it shall not be so with us. Whatever it costs, we are going to have truthfulness at the very center of things.

Then, when it comes to the outside, how bewilderingly many the ways in which we may tell falsehoods! The lie of silence when we ought to speak; the lie of a fleeting expression which is not true to the deeper self; the falsehoods the eyes can tell—ah, how those windows of the soul which were meant to shine forth heavenly brightness can gleam falsely!—the phrases with double meaning; the downright falsehood; the conventional social lies which slip so easily from the lip—all these are foul winds that blow up black storm clouds over our lives.

Now let us face this fact: Whatever little bit of falseness we let into our lives; however, even in the small social ways, we change color chameleon-like, when we are with different people; however innocent we may try to persuade ourselves our

particular falsehood is, it is robbing us of the power to be useful, it is robbing us of the power to appreciate the best things of life, it is robbing us of the strength to fight life's battles, it is robbing us of reality in our lives.

To be true inside, to be true outside, to be true in desire and motive, to be true in the "doings and sayings" that express the inner life, this is the message we are to receive—a message from one of the deep places of life, a message which many a man and woman weakened and palsied by unreality needs to hear. May we hear and may we heed!

There are many things we need to study. There are books we need to master. There are men and women we need to understand. But one great study we must not neglect—the study of our own lives. May we study them with a fearless honesty, that we may learn if their interest is truthful, and if their deeds express the desire for truthness at the root of the life. So shall truthness become the basis of our lives, so shall falseness be conquered.—Notes on the Epworth League Devotional Meeting Topics.

Sunday School Helps

By Rev. G. N. Jolly, D. D.

Lesson VI.—Feb. 8th, 1903. Title—The Church at Corinth Founded. (Acts 18:1-11) Golden Text—"Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 3:11) Time—A. D. 53. Place—Corinth.

I. *Departing from Athens.* (v. 1) Paul was not satisfied with his effort in that great city. He was not thrust out, yet he went away feeling his weakness, and realizing that all efforts were vain without the help of God. He had not gained the signal victories there which had crowned his efforts at Philip, Thessalonica, and Berea, yet his work was not a failure. One of the most intellectual, eloquent, and powerful sermons he ever delivered was preached at Athens and some "clave unto the Lord and believed." Note—A minister is not always the best judge of his own preaching. Sometimes when he thinks he has failed the very best results have been accomplished.

II. *Entering Corinth.* (v. 1) This city is about forty miles south of Athens. It stands on the isthmus connecting Peloponnesus with Attica. It was one of the most populous and wealthy cities in Greece. Lasciviousness was deified in the worship of Venus. No city of ancient time was more profligate. It was the Paris of antiquity. Paul likely made the journey from Athens to Corinth by sea. He entered Corinth "in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling." He felt that everything depended on the favor of God. Without Him he could do nothing, and with Him he could do all things. Note—Cities are the greatest missionary fields. They are hotbeds of vice, and rule the countries about them. God's children are laborers together with Him.

III. *Laboring in Corinth.* (vs. 2-3) Paul entered the home of Aquila and Priscilla. These were Jews born in Pontus, a province of Asia Minor, emigrated to Italy, and banished from Rome by the decree of Claudius Caesar. They came to Corinth and Aquila began work at his trade. Paul abode with them, because he was of the same craft. They were tent-makers. Tents were in large demand. They were used by travelers, soldiers, and myriads of Arab nomads. Aquila and his wife were no doubt Christians converted from Judaism. By some they were supposed to have founded the church at Rome.

Note—Labor is honorable, and should be taught and practised by every one. Paul was humble, he came not to be ministered unto but to minister. He was *industrious*, at Thessalonica, Corinth, and Ephesus, he labored to support himself. He did not live on any man's sponge cake, but in the sweat of his face he ate bread. He was *careful*, while he taught "that they which preach the gospel, should live of the gospel," yet he labored to support himself that he might "be free from all men," and prevent the gospel from being "burdensome to others."

IV. *Preaching to the Jews.* (vs. 4-6) 1. *His manner:* he reasoned with them out of the Scriptures, and persuaded them. He showed them that Jesus was the seed of the woman that should bruise the serpent's head; the Shiloh that should come; the Prophet the Lord would raise up unto Israel; and the Prince on whose shoulders the government would rest. He persuaded them to accept this Savior and live. Note—The thoughts of a sermon should be clear and strong, its words chaste and pure, its logic and rhetoric weighty and beautiful. 2. *His place for preaching* was the synagogue. Where ten or more Jews could be found they would erect a house of worship. Come together, read their Scriptures, sing psalms and offer prayers. Note—We should have houses of devotion, and assemble in them at stated times to worship God. We should at every coming together take some humble part in the services. 3. *The time of worship* was the Sabbath day. This was the last day of the week, and was to them a day of rest and devotion. Note—The Sabbath should be to us a day of rest, or remembrance, of meditation, of devotion, and of anticipation. 4. *The congregation* was composed of Jews, and Greeks converted to the Jewish religion. Note—Congregations to-day are made up of saints and sinners. Each of the classes may be subdivided. The minister should have something for all, that will lead them closer to God. 5. *His subject was*, "Christ crucified." He affirmed that "Jesus was the Christ," and he preached Him though to the Jews He was a stumbling block, and to the Greeks foolishness. Note—Jesus is the theme of the gospel, and He should be preached, though He be a cause of offence to some, and a subject of folly to others. 6. *His preaching* was not well received. They set themselves against him, and blasphemed the name of Jesus. To preach longer to them was to cast pearls before swine. Note—The gospel produces not the same result on all. To one it is a savor of life unto life, and to another it is a savor of death unto death. It is foolishness to those who perish, but the power of God unto salvation to those who believe.

When Silas and Timothy came to Corinth, and told how the work was prospering in Macedonia, Paul was "pressed in spirit," and not only testified that "Jesus was the Christ," but wrote two letters to the church at Thessalonica. (A. D. 53) These are his first canonical epistles, and are likely the first written documents of the entire New Testament.

V. *Preaching to the Gentiles.* (vs. 7-8) 1. *Turning from the Jews.* When they set themselves against Paul, he shook his raiment, as an expression that he brushed from his soul all guilt of their condemnation. He had done his part, and they had chosen death. Note—The mercy of God has bounds, and when man goes beyond them his destiny is fixed. God then says to his Spirit and His servants, "come away." 2. *Turning to the Gentiles.* Paul entered the house of Justus, and for a year and six months preached the word

of life to the heathen. Among those who believed were Crispus and his household, and many Corinthians. Note—Ministers may fail in one congregation and succeed in another. The gospel is for all races. All are saved through faith in Jesus. Disciples should be baptized.

VI. *The vision of Paul.* (vs. 9-11) A vision is a revelation from God, usually made while one is in a waking condition. He is not sleeping soundly, yet he is not fully awake, but is perfectly conscious of all that is passing on about him. The Lord removed fear from Paul, exhorted him to speak, encouraged him by saying he would be with him, and by letting him know He had much people in that city. Note—God's written word is the revelation He has made to man. It is the sufficient rule of our faith and practice. In it He urges us to speak out boldly and tell what "great things the Lord has done for us." We sometimes, like Elijah, feel that we are the only true disciples that remain, but God often has much people where we think He has none.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation For 1903

Florida, Jacksonville, Fla.—Jan. 29.....	Goodsell.
Louisiana, Natchitoches, La.—Jan. 29.....	Mallalieu.
Gulf Mission Conf., Port Arthur, Tex.—Feb. 5....	
Central Missouri, Sedalia, Mo.—Mar. 11.....	Hamilton.
Kansas, Holton, Kan.—Mar. 12.....	Foss.
Lexington, Chicago, Ill.—Mar. 18.....	Merrill.
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 18.....	Mallalieu.
New Jersey, Asbury Park, N. J.—Mar. 18.....	Fowler.
Wilmington, Easton, Md.—Mar. 18.....	Cranston.
Missouri, Carrollton, Mo.—Mar. 18.....	Hamilton.
South Kansas, Fort Scott, Kan.—Mar. 19.....	Foss.
Cent. Pennsylvania, Altoona, Pa.—Mar. 25.....	Merrill.
Virginia, Eagle Rock, Va.—Mar. 25.....	Warren.
Delaware, Pocomoke City, Md.—Mar. 25.....	Fowler.
Saint Louis, Marshall, Mo.—Mar. 25.....	Hamilton.
Southwest Kansas, Sterling, K., a.—Mar. 26.....	Foss.
Newark—Apr. 1.....	Warren.
New Eng. Southern, Brockton, Mass.—Apr. 1.....	Fowler.
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.—Apr. 1.....	FitzGerald.
New York East—Apr. 1.....	Goodsell.
New York—Apr. 1.....	McCabe.
Northwest Kansas, Stockton, Kan.—Apr. 2.....	Foss.
Okaneb, Guthrie, Okla.—Apr. 2.....	Hamilton.
New England, Brookline, Mass.—Apr. 8.....	Andrews.
North Indiana, Noblesville, Ind.—Apr. 8.....	Walden.
Vermont, Northfield, Vt.—Apr. 9.....	Warren.
Washington, Staunton, Va.—Apr. 9.....	FitzGerald.
Troy, Saratoga Springs—Apr. 9.....	McCabe.
Maine, Bridgeton, Me.—Apr. 15.....	Andrews.
New Hampshire, Woodsville, N. H.—Apr. 15.....	Warren.
East German, Philadelphia, Pa.—Apr. 16.....	Fowler.
Wyoming, Binghamton, N. Y.—Apr. 16.....	FitzGerald.
Northern New York, Carthage, N. Y.—Apr. 22.....	Merrill.
East Maine, Newport, Me.—Apr. 22.....	Andrews.
Eastern Swedish, Providence, R. I.—Apr. 23.....	FitzGerald.
Porto Rico, San Juan.....	
Bombay, Bombay—Dec. 3, '02.....	Warne.
South India, Kolar—Dec. 18, '02.....	Thoburn.
North India, Lucknow—Jan. 2.....	Thoburn.
West China Mission, Chentu—Jan. 7.....	Moore.
Northwest India, Muttra—Jan. 14.....	Thoburn.
Mexico, Pachuca—Jan. 15.....	Cranston.
Bengal, Calcutta—Jan. 21.....	Warne.
Burma Mission Conf., Rangoon—Jan. 28.....	Thoburn.
Liberia, Cape Palmas—Jan. 28.....	Hartzell.
Malaysia, Singapore—Feb. 10.....	Warne.
W. S. A. Miss. Conf., Concepcion—Feb. 18.....	Joyce.
Central China Miss., Nankin—Mar. 4.....	Moore.
South America, Rosario—Mar. 18.....	Joyce.
Japan, Nagoya—Apr. 1.....	Moore.
S. Japan Miss. Conf., Nagasaki—Apr. 17.....	Moore.
Bulgaria Miss. Conf., Loftcha—Apr. 22.....	Vincent.
Korea Mission, Seoul—May 1.....	Moore.
Italy—May 14.....	Vincent.
Switzerland, Neuchatel—June 3.....	Vincent.
North China, Pekin—June 3.....	Moore.
South Germany, Pforzheim—June 10.....	Vincent.
North Germany, Zwickau—June 17.....	Vincent.
Denmark Miss. Conf., N. Boraholm—July 29.....	Vincent.
E. C. Africa M. Conf., Umtali—July 30.....	Walden.
Fin. & St. P'b'g Miss., Tammerfors—Aug. 6.....	Vincent.
Sweden, Helsingborg—Aug. 12.....	Vincent.
Norway, Horten—Aug. 19.....	Vincent.
Hinghua Miss. Conf., Hinghua—Nov. 5.....	Moore.
Foochow, Foochow—Nov. 14.....	Moore.
W. Cent. Afr. M. Conf., Quessua—Dec. 16.....	Walden.

N. B.—Because of his impaired health, no Conferences have been assigned to Bishop Hurst.
By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.
J. N. FITZGERALD, Secretary.

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The 20th Century Thank Offering

[CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE.]

Church schools	\$ 8,150,613
Debts on church property (paid or subscribed)	9,003,596
Philanthropies and charities	2,519,761
Permanent Fund (Conference claimants)	604,000
Churches in destitute communities...	379,000

Grand total for Thank Offering reported to date.....\$20,656,970

In an editorial on this subject the *Christian Advocate* gives the following information as to the origination of the movement:

"In 1896 the Rev. J. N. Fradenburgh, of the Erie Conference, brought the matter to public notice and presented it to the General Conference of that year. The proposition to have a Twentieth Century Thank Offering was sent to a committee, but so far as the records show nothing came of it, as no report was made. In 1898 the late Dr. Charles H. Payne, then corresponding secretary of the Board of Education, in his individual capacity wrote several effective articles, and in October, 1898, the college presidents took up the matter and appointed a committee to wait on their bishops at the next ensuing semi-annual meeting. However, before the committee appeared the bishops had taken it up. Bishop Fowler, who had been present at the Wesleyan Conference at Hull, England, in the summer of 1898, when the munificent proposition of Robert W. Perks, M. P., that the Wesleyan Church should raise one million guineas as a thank offering fund was under discussion, and that the money so raised be a memorial of the gratitude of the Church to God and be used for the advancement of the work of God in its various phases in the Wesleyan Church, was so impressed at that time that he then formed a determination to present a modification of it to the semi-annual meeting of the bishops, and had opened the matter prior to the arrival of the committee of college presidents. The bishops had all of them heard of the proposition in England, which was cabled and telegraphed around the world, and were a unit except upon the question of how much the Church should be asked to give. Some thought ten millions would be preferable, but it was finally fixed at twenty millions. This was a very wise conclusion, as, though the average wealth per member of the Wesleyan denomination probably exceeds that of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the latter body has nearly four times as many members.

The bishops then sent forth a stirring appeal.

Influence of the Negro Vote

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good," is an adage that men learn to consider more and more seriously as the years come and go. The scriptures put it this way: "All things work together for good to them that love God." In this connection we could enumerate a number of instances in which the things meant to harm the black man in this country have turned out to his good. At this time, however, we simply desire to call attention to the disturbing elements that have caused him to feel that it would be to his advantage to move from the South to some one of the northern or western states. Sometimes he has been prompted to this by an unusual display of mob violence and at others by the enactment of some law meant to disfranchise him or deprive him of rights for which he is forced to pay yet not allowed to enjoy them. Back of all such things, tho evidently the outgrowth of these movements, is the feeling that there is a constantly growing spirit of hostility against the Negro in the South. The result is that the race is to-day more widely scattered in this country than ever before in its history. Therefore the race has more political influence on certain lines that it has had since the day the ballot was given. As to whether this influence is being or will be properly used depends upon the Negro himself. At any rate it looks as tho the ill winds which have been encountered from time to time have blown the race some good without which, just at this time, it would be in a deplorable condition. The voting strength of the race in the states mentioned will be indicated by the figures that follow:

States—	Negro population, 1900.	Negro vote, 1900.
Massachusetts	31,974	10,456
Rhode Island	9,092	2,765
Connecticut	15,226	4,576
New York	99,232	31,425
New Jersey	69,844	21,474
Delaware	30,697	8,374
Maryland	235,064	60,406
Pennsylvania	156,845	51,668
Ohio	96,901	31,235
Indiana	57,505	18,186
Illinois	85,078	29,762
Michigan	15,816	5,193
Iowa	12,693	4,441
Missouri	161,234	46,418
Kansas	52,003	14,695
Nebraska	6,269	2,298
Oklahoma	18,831	4,827
Indian Territory	36,853	9,146
Colorado	8,350	3,215
California	11,045	3,711
Kentucky	284,706	74,728
West Virginia	43,499	14,786

"It will be seen by the above," comments *The Courier Journal*, "that in nine elections out of ten the republicans could not carry the states of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Indiana or West Virginia without the aid of the Negro vote, and these states, with the southern and democratic states, would elect a president and carry the house of representatives."

Indeed, and as it seems to us the South could just as well have averted this condition as otherwise. But, again, why has the Negro gone North? While it cannot be denied that he encounters disadvantages of various kinds at the North, it is nevertheless a fact that he has some advantages as well. Among these is the spirit of freedom which comes over the individual, and this has caused many to choose the North for their home. The Negro's services are in greater demand at the South, property is cheaper and more easily accumulated, he is better known, has a larger number of personal friends, and it is

easier for him to secure favors on any line. But there are some things for which any and every freeman yearns and without which he finds it impossible to be contented. He does not expect to and does not want to control the South, the Negro simply wants to be treated as are other men. Take for example the South as compared with the North. Every southern statesman knows that it is impossible for him to be elected President of his country; but it is evident it would not add to his happiness to be constantly reminded of it; neither would it increase his contentment to be hedged about on all sides by prescriptive laws in a section of country to the development of which he has been such a large and faithful contributor and whose flag he may at any time be called upon to defend with his life. Surely, if left alone to work out his salvation, the Negro can be expected to accept his lot as cheerfully at least as does the southern white man his. That the South led him to feel it best for him to go elsewhere was not to his liking, but since he has gone it is gratifying that he is able to assist his brethren who remained.

At the January meeting of the board of managers of the Missionary Society, the Rev. J. B. Trimble, presiding elder of the Sioux City district, Northwest Iowa Conference, and the Rev. J. C. Floyd, presiding elder of the Kalamazoo district, Detroit conference, were elected field secretaries of the Missionary Society.

Mr. Charles O. Miller, of Stamford, Conn., was elected a member of the board of managers, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William Hoyt.

David G. Downey, D. D., of Brooklyn, was elected a member of the board of managers, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Benjamin M. Adams.

The Open Door Emergency Commission has elected Mr. S. Earl Taylor as its executive secretary.

The field secretaries are to meet in New York, Feb. 3d and 4th, to make preliminary plans for their work for the year.

The Rebecca McCabe Orphanage has about fifty children blind, lame, cast-out baby girls and Christian boys and girls left orphans. Epworth Leagues, Junior Leagues and Sunday schools are specially requested to take note of this, and that patrons to support some of these children are much needed; \$15 for well orphans, or \$35 for blind children, one year. Send money to the Mission Rooms for Rebecca McCabe Orphanage. Letters written to all patrons.

MRS. W. N. BREWSTER, Superintendent.

By some means a letter announcing the death of the father of Rev. J. H. Blake, of Montclair, N. J., which came to us last fall, was overlooked. We can give no other reason for it, except the fact that it reached us about the time that we were in the midst of our own severe afflictions. Suffice it to say we regret this very much. Brother Blake's father was a devoted Christian man, and highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was first watchman in the Interior Department, Washington, D. C., under Presidents Harrison, McKinley and Roosevelt. He was a soldier in the civil war and fought in many of the severest battles. Rev. J. H. Blake is a prominent member of the Delaware conference, and his brethren of that body sympathized with him very greatly in his loss, and quite a number of them took part in the funeral ceremony.

There are 5,215 scholars in Mr. John Wana-maker's Sunday school.

Personal and General

Aguinaldo asks of the United States a loan of \$100,000,000 with which to develop the Philippines.

Alex. Dumas Watkins, the only colored instructor ever connected with Princeton University, is dead.

We have just received from Presiding Elder A. B. Allen a neat calendar of the Waycross district, Savannah conference.

We learn through Rev. R. A. Swan that Rev. W. T. Anderson of Franklin Street Church, Wytheville, Va., is sick.

Rev. Samuel Gurney, M. D., and his wife sailed for Umtali, East Africa, January 7, under appointment of Bishop Hartzell.

Mr. P. W. Watts, a brilliant young Texan, completes his course in pharmacy next month in Flint Medical School, this city.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Addie Wheeler, the devoted wife of Brother Jos. Wheeler, in Harper's Ferry, W. Va.

Dr. Harry Jordan of Meharry Medical School has been elected valedictorian of his class. Dr. Jordan is a graduate of Rust University.

President James of Northwestern University is making great preparations for the celebration of the bicentennial of John Wesley's birth, in June.

It will be a real pleasure to the many friends of Bishop Foster and the church to learn that Bishop Foster's health has so improved that he is considered out of immediate danger.

Bishop Hartzell is expected to leave this country in April enroute to Africa, but stopping long enough in England to look after business affairs connected with his work to be overtaken there by Bishop Walden a month later.

The Rev. Drs. H. C. Jennings and Geo. P. Mains of the Western and Eastern Book Concerns respectively, returned from their trip to Europe, Saturday, Jan. 17, and landed at New York.

Bishop C. C. McCabe is now the chancellor of the American University at Washington, D. C. Bishop Hurst resigned this position on account of ill health and Bishop McCabe was at once elected.

The many friends of Rev. Manley S. Hard, D. D., one of the secretaries of the Board of Church Extension, will be delighted to learn that he is improving and that hopes are held out for his full recovery.

Rev. M. C. Cavenas, of the West Texas conference, desires his friends to address him at 244 Buford street, Dallas, Texas; and Rev. J. T. Jacobs of the same conference asks correspondents to write him at Goliad, Texas.

J. P. Faulkner, a sophomore in Northwestern University, is one of the five men selected by that institution to contest for the privilege of representing Northwestern in the finals of the Northwestern Oratorical Leagues. Mr. Faulkner is a Negro.

Rev. Samuel Beck, of the Northwest Indiana conference, enroute with his wife to Florida, stopped in Asheville, N. C., and preached a very helpful and inspiring sermon in the College Street Methodist Church, of which Rev. S. M. Daniel is pastor.

At the close of a lecture by Rev. W. W. Lucas of Gammon Theological School in Lee Tabernacle, Navasota, Texas, Captain P. A. Smith, a white gentleman, contributed one dollar, saying the speech was worth more than that to him.—*Navasota Bugle.*

Mrs. Mary Haven Thirkield, wife of Dr. Wil-

bur Thirkield, one of the Freedman's Aid secretaries and daughter of the sainted Bishop Gilbert Haven, has written the beautiful life story of Mrs. Elizabeth L. Rust. We reviewed the work in our issue of Jan. 15.

Probably it is not generally known that the Hoffman Improved Seedling Strawberry is named for its contributor to the numerous variety of strawberries, Prof. John Wesley Hoffman, Ph. D., who is gaining much attention as a scientist. Prof. Hoffman belongs to the Negro race.

One of the latest orders of the Mississippi whitecaps was to notify the Cumberland Telephone Company at Osyka and Magnolia to take all telephones out of Negro houses. The request was not complied with and the manager of the company has offered \$100 for the arrest of the party who sent the notice.

Bishop Hartzell addressed a large audience in Burns Chapel, Rev. J. M. Harris, pastor, Kansas City, Mo., recently. He was introduced by Dr. C. B. Spencer, editor of the *Central Christian Advocate*. Dr. A. O. Coffin, who was connected for many years with the Freedman's Aid work, was also one of the speakers.

Mr. R. N. Hyde, a colored carpet cleaner of Des Moines, Iowa, has succeeded in making and getting a patent on an H and H soap which is said to revolutionize the carpet cleaning business. By the use of this soap and his electric carpet cleaner an old, dirty, faded carpet can be perfectly cleaned and the original colors fully restored.

The Hinghua Mission desires to open a home and school for leper women and girls. Everything is ready except \$1,500 to get the property. Gifts large and small earnestly solicited. Send money to Mission Rooms for Hinghua leper work. All gifts acknowledged. For further information write Mrs. W. N. Brewster, Hinghua, China, via Foochow.

The Capital City Savings Bank is the name of a banking institution recently organized by the colored citizens of Little Rock, Ark. The capital stock is \$25,000, all paid in, as we learn, except a few thousand dollars. Judge M. W. Gibbs, the veteran citizen and statesman is the president and has associated with him the leading men of the city. We wish the enterprise the best possible success.

Mr. Geo. Harvey, formerly a prominent merchant in New York, and a member of Summerfield M. E. Church, died recently, leaving to Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C., property valued at \$6,000. At the request of Mr. Harvey, this amount will form the nucleus of a memorial in honor of Rev. Edward E. Cooke, D. D., who for ten years was the honorary president of Claflin University.

Rev. J. H. Talbert, of Ballentine, Miss., has lost a very valuable black horse mule about 15 hands high and five years old. He has a split in his left ear and a mouse-colored mouth. He will pay a liberal reward even for any information which will lead to his recovery, or for the return of the mule himself, to Anthony Spikener, Star Place, Miss., or to Rice's livery stable, Sardis, Miss.

Rev. A. Luster, our pastor at Lettsworth, La., was in the city last week visiting his family. He called at the office for a pleasant word with the editor, but he was in Clow, Ark., attending the Little Rock conference. Brother Luster brought in three annual subscribers. At the Louisiana conference while many of the brethren will report churches or parsonages built this year, Rev. Luster will report a new schoolhouse he has erected.

News Notes

Eleven states prohibit the killing of birds for millinery purposes.

Thirty-five white women married colored men in Boston last year.

John N. Clark, an authority on ornithology, died in Old Saybrook, Conn., at the age of 72.

The bubonic plague is increasing in Mexico.

The English language is to be systematically taught in the schools of Mexico.

An exchange says of the 25,000 colored preachers in this country only 300 are college graduates.

The death rate in Chicago has been increased by the coal famine. There is said to be much suffering.

The government is soon to issue a new five-cent stamp, which will represent union between the North and South.

There are 150,000 children and 10,000 adults enrolled in the schools established in the Philippines by the United States.

In Lewisburg, Tenn., two white men who had been arrested for lynching a colored man were released by force from the jail.

Under the new liquor law in England, habitual drunkenness is considered grounds for a legal separation of husband and wife.

Miss Cora Carl, a novice in a convent in San Antonio, Texas, died of starvation while doing penance for the salvation of drunkards.

A federation has been formed among the churches of Chicago to hold a two-weeks' revival all over the city just before Easter.

A mob entered the jail at Angleton, Texas, January 13, and shot to death two colored men who had been accused of killing a white man.

An immense panel made from specimens of eighty-six varieties of wood grown in Mississippi will be exhibited at the St. Louis World's Fair.

Governor Taft has been appealed to by the regular archbishop of Manila and demanded by him to drive out the rebellious priests from every parish church.

A colored man in Shelbyville, Ky., was convicted of vagrancy in the county court and sold by the sheriff into servitude for twelve months. He was bought by another colored man.

Of 28 lynchings indicted by the grand jury in Attala county, Mississippi, at the September term of the court, only 11 have been arrested and placed in jail. The other 17 getting news of these arrests skipped the state. Some are said to have sold their property at a loss. All these men were charged with lynching two colored men, Jim Gaston and Monroe Hollum, at the crossroads, 13 miles from Kosciusko, Miss.

It has been announced that Judge Wm. R. Day, Secretary of State in President McKinley's first Cabinet, will be appointed to succeed Associate Justice George Shiras of the United States Supreme Court, who is soon to retire. It is also said that Judge Taft, now civil governor of the Philippines, will shortly succeed Mr. Root, Secretary of the War Department, in President Roosevelt's Cabinet.

Mrs. D. L. Williams, corresponding secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society; Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson, treasurer, and Mrs. R. V. Falley, bureau secretary for the West Southern States, visited the city last December in the interest of Peck Memorial Home. While here they gave Mrs. D. M. Walker a pleasant visit.

Rev. W. T. Stokes, pastor, Clarkson, Miss., is a member of the Alabama Conference and the only white pastor of the M. E. Church in the State of Mississippi. He was an interested visitor at the recent session of the Upper Mississippi Conference and delivered a brief but thoroughly fraternal address before that body.

Among the interested visitors to the session of the Upper Mississippi Conference were Revs. J. M. Shumpert, D. D., and R. P. Threlkeld, of the Mississippi Conference.

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FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. C. Marshall Editor

February is a month for early corn planting in the extreme Southern states.

Your crops of grain and forage ought to be as large as your means will permit. No farmer ever raises too much corn, wheat or oats.

Hasten the plows and harrows during the next nine weeks. The yield of the crops will depend very largely upon the work done now.

The farmer ought to balance his books at the close of the year and strike a balance sheet. Some crops have paid and some of your work has been unprofitable. Your accounts would show you the useless toil if you will study them carefully. Time spent in reviewing the work of the day or the year is well spent. At the outset of the year, come to the decision to abandon the undertakings that do not help you.

FOUR LETTERS.

During last December we did our utmost to have a large number of our readers write us letters from the farms and workshops and marts of

trade to tell us about their success and also about the obstacles that impede their progress. We were gratified to receive communications from two farmers in Arkansas and two in Texas. We expected to get expressions from the older states where we have believed the more intelligent and thoughtful of our farmers live; and to receive letters from the West only, is quite a surprise. The letters from Texas were from Prof. J. B. Robinson and John Fisher, both of San Felipe. These friends are among the most reliable and thrifty people of Waller county, and are very successful in their farm work, as well as in educational and church matters. The two letters from Arkansas were from David Moore of Polk County, and A. Z. Mitchell of Plummerville. Mr. Moore in his letter betrayed signs of being an up-to-date farmer who knows the value of diversifying his crops. He is the owner of 120 acres which he has improved, and leases a 100 acres more. We have read Mr. Mitchell's letters before, and we felt certain he would write us when we made our December appeal. This man is a splendid type of our new men. He owns a fine farm with a beautiful house on it. He raises corn, oats, cotton, forage, mules, horses, poultry and everything else that belongs to a well equipped farm. The house is papered and painted. It contains beautiful furniture, an organ, a model wife and happy children. He has a bank account; and what we consider remarkable is that he is capable of constructing his own buildings. We are forced to believe Mr. Mitchell is a product of a school like Tuskegee or Hampton.

It is a rare treat to get a word from such useful men. If we had no other reward for the work of a year on the Farm and Fireside columns of this paper, we would be satisfied with the compensation that the pleasures of these four letters give us. It is true that this is an extremely small percentage of the thousands who read this weekly, but it is the largest number who have ever sought to come to our assistance, and we believe it is a beginning of an awakening among our farmers.

Farmers must read farm papers; write letters to them; and attend farmers' institutes to discuss farm questions, and to hear lectures on agricultural topics. There is no other path to progress. You may refuse to enter it, but if you do, we warn you that in a few years you will find yourself in the rear of the procession.

BANANA CAKE.

Three bananas, one cup of currant jelly, half a pint of whipped cream, one-third cup of butter, three-fourths of a cup of sugar, one and one-half cups of flour, one teaspoon of baking powder, the whites of three eggs beaten stiff, half a cup of milk, juice and grated rind of half a lemon; sift flour and baking powder together, cream butter, add sugar, then add rind and juice of lemon; alternate adding flour, milk and beaten whites of eggs; butter two jelly tins, turn in the mixture and bake in a quick oven ten minutes; remove from tins; when cold spread over one cake half the jelly, cover with sliced bananas, put the second layer over, put over that the remaining jelly and banana; cover the whole cake with sweetened whipped cream.

CALF'S BRAINS WITH TOMATOES.

Dip in cold water one set of calf's brains; tie them in a piece of cheese

cloth; cover with boiling water; let them simmer fifteen minutes; pour off the water, and when cold cut them in slices; put one tablespoonful of butter in a frying pan, when hot add one teaspoonful of chopped onion; cook slowly for five minutes without coloring; add one tablespoonful of flour and stir until boiling; peel two tomatoes; cut them in small pieces; add them, with one teaspoonful each of salt and sugar; let cook five minutes; put two tablespoonfuls of butter in a small pan; when hot add the sliced brains; cook slowly ten minutes; butter a baking dish or individual shells; put in some of the brains and pour over some of the tomatoes; sprinkle with grated cheese, brown, and serve hot.

FRIED CHEESE SQUARES.

Make a thick white sauce with three level tablespoonfuls of butter, quarter cup of flour, two-thirds cup of milk, salt, pepper; add a little cayenne; stir over the fire until boiling; then add the yolk of one egg unbeaten; mix well; add half a cup of grated Gruyere and one cup of American cream cheese; when this is melted turn into a greased shallow pan, and when cold turn out on a board; cut in strips or squares; roll in bread crumbs, beaten egg, then crumbs again; fry in deep fat; drain on paper, serve as a cheese course.

DOMESTIC POINTERS.

To keep seed-beans from being eaten by weevils, put in a sieve and pour boiling water over them; dry in the sunshine.

Lemon pies and lemonade can be made without lemons by the use of acid phosphate and lemon essence. The difference cannot be detected.

To tone down and beautify the complexion, bathe the face in bran-water to which has been added a few drops of ammonia.

For neuralgia, cut a thick slice of bread, soak one side for a minute in boiling water, rapidly sprinkle cayenne pepper over the hot side, and apply to face. It will not blister as mustard does.

A spoonful of ox-gall in a gallon of water will set the colors of almost any goods. Soak before washing.

A teacupful of lye in a pailful of water will improve the color of black goods.

Take a new flower-pot, wrap in a wet cloth, put over butter, and the butter will keep as upon ice.

A raw onion bruised and applied as soon as possible to a bite of any venomous thing, snakes included, will cure the wound.—November Woman's Home Companion.

"A LITTLE COLD, YOU KNOW" will become a great danger if it be allowed to reach down from the throat to the lungs. Nip the peril in the bud with Allen's Lung Balsam, a sure remedy containing no opium.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

B. J. Meredith, Pastor, McCabe Temple, Martin, Tenn.—When we last wrote, our conference had just closed and our Temple walls stood looking at each other like two great mountains. Much over a thousand dollars worth of work was needed before the Temple was completed. This was the state of affairs last Oct. 28. But by a miracle of Providence we have succeeded in doing all this work and paying cash all this money except \$190, and ere you



read this a great deal of that will be paid. Two years this temple has been in building at a cost, when completed of \$5,000. All outside work is finished and we have been inside now six weeks; let all the world know we are inside the Temple. Debtless and happy, a new church and a new year find us. Unstinted energy has brought us to this happy condition. The work was pushed night and day, rain or shine, hot or cold; these gallant, courageous faithful few labored on and on until success was obtained. Their courage and loyalty surmounted all difficulties. The Temple is on the modern style, double tower, best masonry hard brick self-supporting roof, 70 feet long 4 feet wide, 38 feet high. When the writer began the Temple last July one year ago he was called a fake by some and a crank by others. It was claimed that a town whose population did not exceed 3,500 people counting men, women and children and only one-fourth of them colored could not—and some said should not—build so costly a church; but I saw that unless we built a representative church somewhere in the West it would be useless to send men and money where another church had the monopoly in membership and first-class churches. It is true we made many sacrifices, yet still we live, and as we come to think, our members who gave most liberally have (they say) fared better these two years than usual; more real estate bought and improved than had ever been. We are now canvassing for the Southwestern and will send in a list of subscribers soon. Conference is to convene with us in October, at which time we hope to see the editor, for whom we shall save a chief seat in the Temple. We will begin beautifying in early spring. All the various benevolent causes are being looked after under the leadership of Mrs. E. J. Meredith. Peace and prosperity prevails in our charge. No deaths to record since October. Three marriages, but no new visitors from the other world. The weather has been very cold, but church attendance has been above the average for this season of the year. The Temple is all the talk. Everybody seems to be surprised at the great work. Our white friends are more than amazed. It is the second best church in our city, although there are six white churches here while the colored have three. The fact is we lead in the Temple all nine, except the M. E. Church South, while at the same time our membership is much smaller than six of them. A torch has been made in the west which will send Gospel light and Methodist doctrine many miles around. Martin is centrally located, having Union City, Tenn., a flourishing town on the N. & C. R. R., lying ten miles west, and Fulton, Ky., ten miles north, and Dresden, Tenn., nine miles south.



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miles east, and Sharon, Tenn., seven miles south. We have no church at any of these places except Sharon, which is the least place of the four, hence the object of the temple is to be a Methodist fort, a bulwark. From this fortification Methodist cannons must incessantly send forth Methodist doctrine and Gospel light, fired by ardent zeal and the spirit of Christ.

"Tell all the world the doors of the great Temple are open and the people are going in thereat; Amen. Praise the Lord, the doors are wide open." There isn't anything to do but come and see.

C. D. C. Bryan, Pastor, Lake Providence Island, La.—This island is situated five miles above Lake Providence. It is nine miles long and is the shape of a horseshoe. The people are very poor, not able to take care of a pastor. Yet we have toiled and accomplished something for the Lord. Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, our presiding elder, was up to hold our fourth quarterly conference. Rev. F. S. Brown, the brother of Rev. T. A. Brown, pastor of St. Peter's M. E. Church, assisted him. The brethren had written reports on which the elder complimented them. On Sunday we had a glorious time, for the love of God prevailed among the people. Their pastor, who is called John on the island, was sick, but was at his post. The pastor and the people are in love and at peace with each other. The so-called John on the Island is coming up with a round report. The presiding elder is paid up and benevolent money raised, and a first-class report from the Sunday school will be ready. When I went to this island it had been years since any Sunday school was held there. I went into the homes of the people, and on the highways and compelled them to attend the Sunday school. We have 65 scholars enrolled and an average of 52. The pastor found five and one-half members on the island, raised it up to eleven. One out of the five and a half members was shot by a man named Cyp Dyer. This Dyer wanted this member, a woman, to live with him, but she refused to do so. He watched his chance, and true to his word he killed her; shot her through the chest and abdomen. She lived three hours, left a good testimony, saying "I am glad my time has come; I am ready and prepared to go. Take care of my

children," and the wheels of life stood still. She left three small children, the oldest 8 years of age. Her husband had been dead three years. Cyp ran away but was caught and placed in jail. Dear editor, I went down the river twelve miles from my post to a place called Holly Brook, and gathered a branch of Methodists. We are having a good time down there with those newcomers from North Carolina, for they are a lovely set of people. We need men who are willing to go into the hedges and highways and compel men to come to Jesus. Pray for our success. More learning we want, that our feet may not stray from the path where the wise men have trod. A mind full we want and so full of faith we'll follow the footprints they've made.

R. C. Young, Secretary, Hoschton Charge; C. Blake, Pastor.—We had a glorious service on Xmas day, and the following night a beautiful Christmas tree with many presents on it. The pastor's wife received from the tree a present worth \$3.50. We also observed watch night and had fifty odd persons present. Twenty sinners came to the altar for prayer. We had a revival service. The Lord was with us and blessed us. The pastor preached an able sermon. We had one sinner to stand up and say, God being his helper he intended to be a child of God this year. Our pastor was cordially received the people. We are moving on nicely. Pray for us.

J. H. Pierre, Asst. Sec., Jeanerette, La.—The N. O. South District Louisiana Annual Conference Preachers' Meeting met in regular session at Trinity Chapel, Baldwin, La., Jan. 2, the president, Rev. T. J. Johnson, in the chair. The meeting was opened in due form. The president made some very timely suggestions and remarks which met the hearty approbation of the whole body. This was one of the most pleasant as well as interesting meetings of the year. Among the most important resolutions the following may be mentioned below. The ministers visited the various industrial departments of the college and the Orphan's Home and were very favorably impressed with the state of affairs. Among the most important industries was the printing department, which has as its motive power a steam engine, running other departments also. The printing department is conducted by Masters O. W. Landry and A. G. Goldston. The following officers of the Eureka Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of the State of Louisiana, Jno. G. Lewis, Grand Master; W. D. Morris, Grand Lecturer; J. E. L. Hoskins, Senior Grand Warden, and Henry White, Treasurer of Leonidas Lodge, were introduced to the Preachers' Meeting. The Hon. Jno. G. Lewis delivered a splendid address to the students of the college.

C. A., McMinnville, Tenn.—As several readers of the grand old Southwestern are from this very worthy little town, we know they would like to know how the church and people are. I think it a foregone conclusion that McMinnville's people and church are models in some things for good. They have good congregations at every service, rain or clear, cold or hot. Under the pastorate of Rev. S. M. Utley the church is one well organized. The weekly collections started with \$5 and steadily increased to \$15. The pastor stated to the congregation that the

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members did not owe him one cent and that they were paying from \$3 up on old accounts. The audience is very appreciative. The church is a very neat brick, nicely carpeted, electric lights, a first-class pastor and people. Too much can not be said for them. The church is a model that others could well pattern after. We live in a pure atmosphere, physical and moral. Our church has the town. The city school, no better anywhere, is manned by us. We believe we are in the lead and will try to stay. No deaths, no sickness, thank God no trouble. Pours for Christ.

J. S. Medlock, Pastor, Simpson Tabernacle, Austin, Texas.—This is my second year at Simpson and it was a joyful meeting when I returned from the conference. The last Sunday in the old year was a Sunday that will not be forgotten by saints and sinners who listened to the sermon. On last Sunday our presiding elder was with us and we were wonderfully blessed. The people turned out so that I was reminded of the old time camp meeting. There was not standing room. Rev. Johnson preached to the satisfaction of all. We are alive and in good faith and are expecting large results this year.

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ence year. Prof. J. W. Byers' school closed its fall term Dec. 19th, with flattering prospects for the future. We wish him and Miss L. M. Sharber a long life in our community, as teachers and substantial citizens. Our church and Sabbath school are doing better work than has been performed in a number of years. Our town is coming to the front and the citizens have put their minds together to build up spiritually and financially. The citizens came together Jan. 1st and celebrated the emancipation day with lectures by local and foreign talent; also, Rev. J. S. R. W. Summerhill of Duplex Circuit had a similar exercise the same day. Spring Hill wishes the Advocate a long and happy life.

H. C. Dunlap, Pastor, Hensley Charge, Ark.—We were appointed to this charge February, 1902. Have been hard at work and have succeeded in doing much good. Our fourth quarterly conference was held on the 3rd and 4th inst. Rev. W. R. R. Duncan, D. D., our presiding elder, preached a sermon at 11 o'clock. More than fifty communed. Collection, \$17. We are coming up well on our benevolence. By the help of God we will have no blanks. This charge is spiritually alive. The Southwestern is taken by three only; sorry that I can not say twenty-three; hope to get it up to that in the near future.

E. J. Bell, Elberton, Ga.—Rev. A. C. Cheerless, pastor of our church, has come and Elberton was so glad to receive him. We think the right man has come to us. The leading men of the town tendered a reception to Rev. Cheerless. Find enclosed one more subscriber for the Southwestern.

G. A. Payne, Pleasant Hill, La.—We are closing our second year. Our presiding elder, Rev. Daniels, has a keen eye to every interest of the general church; he seems well pleased with our work. The indebtedness of the two new churches built last year has been paid. Aside from another church and parsonage repaired and paid for this year. Our services are not very much through the winter months, and as for Sunday schools, they close in August to reopen in the spring. The Sunday school and our Southwestern are taking hold of the people. The Sunday school at this point now runs through the whole year, and here is another new subscriber for the year. Mrs. G. A. Payne proves to be a strengthener in my work, and thereby enables me to do much more. With the aid of Mrs. Ellen Taylor and Mrs. F. Dugas, Mrs. Payne on last Thanksgiving prepared a dinner for the old people, who came gladly, except old father Barnes, who replied thus: No, I'd bin bit by dem t'ings tu mut now." This is one among the many queer replies we received from those of whom we attempt to help. In this section of the state these so-called camp meetings or the closing days of revival meetings, and these district associations and our district conferences have, on account of the selling stands even on the Sabbath, lost their power of soul-saving. We are glad to say that our last district conference held at Mansfield, La., had no selling on the grounds. We



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wish to prove loyal and trustworthy to our beloved Zion:

Emma G. Hall, Princeton, W. Va., F. D. Johnson, Pastor.—Our second quarterly conference was held the 3rd and 4th inst., with our worthy presiding elder, W. E. Mitchell, presiding. Owing to the weather being somewhat stormy all of the officers were not present, but those that were had good reports. Sunday was a high day; the elder preached to the delight of all. Many souls were made to feel that the Lord was very near them. On Tuesday night the elder gave an address on the Epworth League work. His talk was inspiring. Raised this quarter for the pastor, \$22; for presiding elder, \$10; for benevolence, \$4. May the Lord

bless our good pastor and presiding elder.

M. F., Tyler, Texas.—I have started out on my mission for a new year's labor for the winning of souls for the Master's kingdom and to do all I can for the paper and for all the departments of the church in general. Our membership in this city is small but I have faith in the Lord to believe that He will bring me out in all my plans for good. He has never let me fail yet. He has been with me and without him I can do nothing. I have learned to put Him in the lead. The writer visited the Texas college of the A. M. E. Church of this city and found the president and his teachers hard at work trying to impart the word of wis-

dom to the students. I secured two new subscribers for the paper while there. The school is crowded. My presiding elder was with me on the 17th and 18th of this month.

D. Scott, Pastor, Union City, Tenn.—My first quarterly conference convened Jan. 3-4, with the Rev. W. R. Smith, presiding elder, in the chair. The brethren were present with their reports which bid fair for a year of success. The presiding elder is a wide-awake young man and full of push. He looks after every interest of the church. His sermon and lectures were grand and highly prized by all that heard them. We have no church here in Union City, yet we say we must have one and are praying and asking our heavenly Father to use us this year in erecting a Methodist Episcopal Church here. We ask the members and friends of the Tennessee conference and others to help us so that we may have a place to worship God. Union City has a population of between 1,500 and 1,800 colored people and has one Presbyterian church, two Baptist, one A. M. E., one C. M. E., and a Christian church, all having a membership ranging from 100 to 300, and we have a membership of 20. I have had four additions to the church since conference, so you see that we need a Methodist Episcopal Church here. Who will be the first one to help us? Address F. Douglass, Union City, Tenn. Listen to the words of our beloved Lord: "who so stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself but shall not be heard." Brethren, send over in Union City and help us. If we had a Methodist Episcopal Church here it would soon be a self-supporting one. Your humble servant and brother in Christ.

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Wesley D. Riggan, Pastor, Olivier, La.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held on the 8th of December, by Rev. W. R. Butler, whom we paid in full. Rev. Butler preached a grand sermon. Rev. Fairfax was present. I was not able to be out, but felt the holy fire burning on the altar of my heart. I was very sick. Thank God I am able to be up now and am preparing for the conference the best I can.

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Yours truly,

Rosa Lee Mitchell, Vanceville, La.—High water and rain prevailed at this place for two months and a half. This sad condition of affairs will cause a shortage in the collections this conference year. Church service has been and collections are very meagre. The pastor is uneasy. An excellent reception was given in honor of the Rev. Sanders Carroll and family last Saturday evening, Jan. 17, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Veal. The table was artistically prepared.

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H. H. Hinton, Pastor, Nolensville, Tenn.—Our first quarterly conference was held on the 17th inst. Presiding Elder Williams in the chair. A good number of officers were present with written reports, which showed progress along all lines. Sunday was a high day. At 11 o'clock the elder, being at his best, preached a soul-stirring sermon, taking as his theme, "The right must win." The sacrament was then administered to a large number of anxious souls. At 7:30 p. m. was the love feast. Many testified for the Lord. We paid the presiding elder in full, \$12.50, and had \$4.50 for the pastor. The quarterly reports showed that we have raised \$2 for missions; \$84.55 for pastor and paid on repairs \$184.40. Total for all purposes \$281.45. We expect at a very early date to send a large subscription list for the South.

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of Christ through the church, is to get brimfull of the love of Christ, and must have missionary information, such as we can get from our missionary books and periodicals, and we must have a burning zeal to do the work. This is the only way to success.

With the approval of the presiding elder we have begun visiting the charges on the District and shall visit every one. We began last night with Bryan, Tex. At this place we found Rev. C. G. Curtis and wife hard at work. Rev. Curtis made an opening for us, and after putting before the members the plans of our Missionary Society we effected an auxiliary Missionary Society, with the following officers: Prof. P. Landry, president; Miss G. D. Polk, vice president; Mr. Robert Reed, recording secretary; Prof. M. V. Burgess, corresponding secretary; Miss M. D. Miner, treasurer. The pastor appointed the following collectors: Sisters Emma Ford, Ineze Curtis, Ida Polk, Fannie Reid, Maggie Demasters. Sister F. J. Burgess was appointed to represent the World Wide Mission and the Gospel in All Lands. Pray for our success.

P. H. JENKINS,
District Missionary Secretary.

BISHOP HARTZELL AT BURNS M. E. CHURCH.

Bishop J. C. Hartzell, whose field of labor is in Africa, spoke in the Burns M. E. Church, Kansas City, Mo., Tuesday evening, Jan. 20, to a large audience. The Bishop's words were greeted with the greatest of applause and outbreaks of amen. The evening was one of the greatest in the history of the church. The fire of inspiration ran high. The Rev. Dr. C. B. Spencer, editor of the *Central Christian Advocate*, was present and introduced the Bishop. Among the good things said by Dr. Spencer were these: "Prepare yourselves, young men, and no one can keep you down. It is as hard for a white boy as it is for a black boy. The fact is, life is a struggle for us all."

Prof. B. F. Adams, of Springfield, read an able paper on the race problem. The paper was highly commended by the Bishop and Dr. Spencer. Prof. A. O. Coffin was present and made some telling remarks concerning his relation to Bishop Hartzell during his connection with our Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education schools. In the audience was a young lady, a native of Africa, who was called forward and, at the request of the Bishop, sang "Come to Jesus" in the native language. She also took a collection of \$7 for missions.

The Bishop has great hopes for Africa, and says: "God is using the white man to prepare the way, and the black man is to become the great factor in solving the problem." "The three great needs of the black man of this country are money, morals and mind."

The Bishop also says it is nonsense to talk of sending all of the Negroes to Africa. We are to stay here and work out our salvation as other races. The impression left by the Bishop will long remain in the minds of those who heard him.

Rev. James M. Harris, who is now pastor in charge, came here last March. He is a graduate of Gammon and also Christian University (a white institution). Altho a young man, he knows how to make things go. Rev. Harris seeks to have his people hear the leading men of our church. Among those who have spoken in the church this

year may be mentioned Rev. I. L. Lowe, president George R. Smith College; Rev. W. H. Riley, of Cincinnati; Dr. R. E. Gillum, of St. Louis; Dr. W. A. Quale, Kansas City, Mo. There have been 36 added to the church. The collections to date amount to \$764.50. Our motto is, "The battle is the Lord's."

Mrs. L. M. STEELE, Rec. Sec.

Conference Notices

COLUMBUS RIVER DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Gallatin, Feb. 8-9; Mitchellville, 7-8; Gordonsville, 14-15; Algood, 21-22; Cookville, 22-23; Alexandria, Feb. 28-Mar. 1; Liberty, Mar. 1-2; Carthage, 7-8; Cherry Valley, 14-15; Lebanon, 21-22; Seays, 21-22; Hartsville, 28-29; North Lebanon, April 4-5; Springfield, 11-12; Payne's, 25-26.

If the weather is favorable I trust each preacher will hold his own meeting. Brother F. Smith will hold Bro. N. Betty's. H. W. KEY, P. E.

STARKVILLE DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Ackerman, Feb. 14-15; Bellefontaine, April 9; Bradley, March 5; Cedar Bluff, April 18-19; Eupora, April 11-12; French Camp, Feb. 2; Friendship, March 7-8; Kilmichael, April 4-5; Kosciusko, Feb. 7-8; Kosciusko circuit, Feb. 6; Liberty Hill, Feb. 28-March 1; Louisville, Feb. 21-22; Mathiston, April 13; Rock Hill, March 6-8; Starkville circuit, March 14-15; Spring Hill, March 16; Stewart, April 14; Weir, Jan. 31-Feb. 1; Walnut Grove and Sand Creek, March 23. District Stewards' meeting Feb. 13, at Ackerman. Now, brethren, let us begin at once to raise our benevolent money. Send for your Easter programmes. Do not wait till fall to raise your conference claims. Get all the students you can for Rust University. Let us make Dr. Scott happy before he goes to the general conference by a large number of subscribers.

THOS. W. DAVIS, P. E.

BRISTOL DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Tip Top, Va., Jan. 24-25; Tazewell C. H., Va., Jan. 31-Feb. 1; North Tazewell, Va., Feb. 7-8; Castle Wood, Va., 14-15; Gate City, Va., 21-22; Mountain City, Tenn., Feb. 28-March 1; Johnson City, Tenn., March 7-8; Bristol, Tenn., 14-15; Abingdon, Va., 21-22; Glade Spring, Va., 28-29; Marlon, Va., April 4-5; Rural Retreat, Va., 11-12; Wytheville, Va., 18-19.

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Yours for Christ,

B. F. WOOLFOLK, P. E.

NOTICE.

The District Stewards of the Greenwood District will meet in their annual meeting in Winona, Miss., Jan. 28, 1903, at 2 o'clock p. m.

B. F. WOOLFOLK, P. E.

CENTRAL ALABAMA CONFERENCE

The Church Extension Board of the Central Alabama Conference will meet at St. Paul M. E. Church, Birmingham, Feb. 17, at 8 o'clock p. m.

R. J. BUCKNER, President.
W. C. DAVIS, Secretary.

Dear Pastors and Brethren of the Holly Springs District: Allow me to exhort you to earnest and faithful work this year for a great harvest temporally and spiritually. Our success the past year exceeds all the years in the history of the district. Let us sustain the encouraging record achieved, and, if possible, advance the district a step higher. Begin to arrange for Easter, April 12, and make the day a financial rally for missions. By this is meant, raise all your apportionment for benevolence that day. The following are the visits for the first round, concerning which arrange for full conferences: Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, Byhalla; Feb. 2, Miller's Mission, 7-8, Victoria; 14-15, Hickory Flat; 20-22, Holly Springs and Waterford; Feb. 28-March 1, Abbeville; March 6-8, Oxford and Oxford circuit; 14-15, Alesville and Taylors; 19, Water Valley; 21-22, Elliott; 27-29, Grenada and Grenada circuit; April 3-5, Batesville; 4-5, Sardis; 11-12, Hernando; 18-19, Holcomb Mission. May the Lord bless your labors. I am, as ever, yours faithfully,
N. H. WILLIAMS, P. E.

TO PASTORS.

I wish to call attention to the fact that many of our members are coming to the Territory from Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and other Southern States. The pastors of these members will greatly help us by putting themselves in touch with the pastors in the Territory in order that we may know where these members locate. In some cases they come where we have a church, and it is no trouble to get them. In other cases they locate in some remote region, and unless we happen to run up on them they are lost to our church. Pastors, please help us. Write me or any pastor on the district. Yours truly,

D. G. FRANKLIN, P. E.,
Guthrie, O. T.

THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY

New Orleans, La.—Death took Mrs. Sophia Gardner, blessed mother of Brother Henry Vining and Sister Hattie Harris; both are members of Haven M. E. Church. Sister Gardner was 57 years old and a member of the A. M. E. Church at Cross Road, St. Helena parish, La. She was the mother of seven children. They are all Christians but two. Her last words were: "I shall soon be done with the troubles of this world. I am trusting in the Lord; He is all my hope. I am living to live again." Her children all promised to meet her in glory.

New Orleans, La.—Sister May Pearce died Jan. 18 in full assurance of heaven. She was a faithful Christian. She was about 80 years old. She leaves several children and grandchildren to mourn. Mrs. Josephine Wade died Jan. 18. She was converted on her dying bed Jan. 16 and received on probation in Haven Chapel after profession of faith in Christ. She died rejoicing in the Lord.

J. H. THOMPSON.

Pelahatchie, Miss.—Sister Nettie McKey departed this life Dec. 15th, 1902, in full triumph of faith. She said that she was ready and willing to go. She said: "I am waiting on the Lord. I thank all who have waited upon me while sick." She leaves a devoted husband and five little children to

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mourn her loss. But her loss was heaven's gain. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. J. Jackson and S. Jossel, pastor.

Scooba, Miss.—On the 2d day of January, Sister Caroline Hurst, one of the old members of Pseair Star M. E. Church, passed from labor to her home of rest. She suffered much for twelve months. She was 65 years old. She leaves one daughter, two sisters, one brother and a host of friends to mourn her loss. The church has lost a faithful member.

P. R. CRUMP, Pastor.

Simpson Chapel, New Orleans, La.—Sister Martha Dechaise departed this life Dec. 22, 1902. She lived a consistent Christian and crossed the river to be at rest with her blessed Master. She leaves two sons, two daughters, and a host of relatives to mourn her loss. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. F. T. Chinn.

Rev. T. F. Robinson has our heartfelt sympathy in the death of his baby boy, aged three and a half months, Dec. 24, 1902. M. McNEAL.

Rural Retreat, Va.—Sister Ollie Gertrude Richardson, born Feb. 12, 1879, died Jan. 9, 1903. She had been a member of the M. E. Church for ten years. She died in full triumph of a living faith. Her funeral was conducted by the pastor, H. Harris.

IN MEMORY OF MY MOTHER.

Mrs. R. Hillary died October 17, 1902, in Marshall, Texas.

Rest on, darling mamma, thy trouble all is o'er,
Thy voice that sounded so sweet to me is silent ever more.
Farewell, dear angel mamma, no more shall I see your face
Until we meet in heaven, that fair and happy place.
"When we asunder part it gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.
This glorious hope revives our courage by the way,
While each in expectation lives, and longs to see the day."

MISS EMMA R. HILLARY.

Oakland, Tex.—Mollie L. Isaacs was born near Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 30th, 1870. Baptized in infancy, was converted in 1884, April 9th, under the pastorate of her father, Rev. E. E. Cooper. She was a great singer until her throat failed her. Sister Isaacs

was always a devoted Christian, ready at any and all times to do whatever was her lot for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom. She was secretary of the Sunday school for many years. She was happily married to Wm. H. Isaac, Jr., Dec. 27th, 1891, by Rev. Dr. G. R. Townsend which obligation she faithfully observed. She was a loving wife and faithful mother. Having lost her mother in 1891, she was a true mother to her sisters and brothers. She was loved by all who knew her. She was an obliging neighbor and a devoted member of the Farmers' Improvement Society. The community has lost a good Christian, the husband a devoted wife, the children a devoted mother. But thanks be to God our earthly loss is heaven's gain.

Manchac, La.—Mrs. Josephine Reed, a member of Daily Chapel M. E. Church, died in her home at Gays, Dec. 31, 1902. She had a stroke of paralysis two days before the end came and never regained the power of speech, though she seemed to be conscious. She was born in Louisiana in St. James parish, 115 years ago. She was converted at an early age and was an exemplary Christian. She united with Daily Chapel during the pastorate of Rev. Hardy Ryan in 1867, and was a loyal member until her death. Sister Reed leaves 11 children, 46 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, 12 great-great-grandchildren. J. H. Reed, D. D., of the Little Rock Conference, is one of her grandchildren. Her friends in Manchac and especially in Daily Church are legion. The remains were interred in Conrad cemetery. Her last words were: "Death may dissolve this body now, and bear my spirit home. Why do my moments move so slow?" Rev. L. Walters, B. J. Reddix and H. Franklin assisted at the funeral.

Jeanerette, La.—Sister Sidney Pierre, the wife of Brother Paul Pierre, departed this life January 19, 1903. She was faithful to her church. She died as she lived, a faithful servant to the master. She leaves a husband, three little children, father and mother to mourn her loss. The funeral was conducted by the writer.

J. H. PIERRE.

Alexandria, La.—Sister Mary Thomas, mother of Miss M. A. E. Thomas, teacher of Alexandria Academy, died at the home of her daughter on Jan. 20, aged 74 years. She was converted in the old St. James M. E. Church here during the pastorate of Rev. S.

Dodge, and has been a faithful Christian ever since. She died in full hope of heaven, saying "I am satisfied." The funeral was attended by the writer at 11 a. m. the 21st. May the God of all grace comfort her loved ones.

P. W. CLARK.

Sylacauga, Ala.—This is my third year at this place, and it has pleased God in his wise providence to take from our fold three faithful members of Spring Hill M. E. Church, all of the same family: Nox Pattson, on the 27th of November; Mollie Pattson, on the third Sunday in December, and Lucy Pattson, on the fourth Sunday in December. Sister Lucy Pattson was loved by all who knew her. She loved God and the church and Sunday school, and will be greatly missed. She died shouting. J. W. WRIGHT, Pastor.

Winteler, Tex.—Brother L. H. Titus departed this life Dec. 14, 1902. He leaves a wife and many friends to mourn for him.

Brother Sam Kever, a member of Hilley's Chapel, departed this life on the 15th of January, 1903, aged about 72. He had been a member of the M. E. Church for 40 years. He leaves a host of friends to mourn.

P. L. JACKSON, Pastor.

Richland, La.—After twelve months' suffering Sister Virginia Gage departed this life in the triumph of faith. Her last words were: "Tell all the church farewell, auntie, until we meet again. I am going home to heaven to live forever with my Lord." She leaves a husband, mother, two sisters, three brothers and a host of friends to mourn. The remains were laid to rest in the New Hope Cemetery. Jos. Randle assisted J. H. Bridgett in conducting the funeral.

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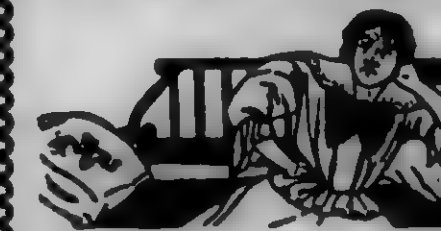
Colbert, I. T.—Rev. R. N. Thompson, ex-pastor of Colbert Mission of the M. E. Church, on Jan. 18, 1903, was married to Miss Mary E. Shepard, a popular lady of this town. Rev. Thompson is now enroute to his work at Fort Worth, Tex. Rev. S. L. McCain, of the A. M. E. Church, was the officiating clergyman.

Miss Clark, daughter of Rev. J. M. Clark, of the Little Rock Conference, was married Jan. 19 at Auvergne, Ark. The church was crowded with both white and colored. Miss Clark is a graduate of Philander Smith College and has been teaching in the public schools of Arkansas for some years. Mr. John Love, to whom she was married, is an excellent young man, who owns a nice farm at the above named place. Rev. B. J. Griffin, presiding elder, officiated.

Manchac, La.—On Dec. 25 Mr. Philip Reed, Jr., of Manchac, La., who is an energetic and helpful young man, was married to Miss Delphine Miller, who is one of our best young girls of this place. The ceremony was performed by Wm. Harrell.

Baton Rouge, La.—On December 2 Mr. Bibbs and Miss Ollie Sadler were united in matrimony. December 11 Mr. W. H. Riley and Miss L. Cannon were married. January 3 Mr. Ed Porter and Miss Elia Hubo were united in marriage. The church was beautifully decorated and a host of friends wit-

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nessed the occasion. The press many. B. J. Reddix officiated.

Mr. W. P. Clardy and Mrs. Dumas, prominent members M. E. Church, were married, nee, O. T., at 8 o'clock p. m. day, Jan. 15. The affair was one in every sense of the word. D. G. Franklin, presiding elder, officiated.

Brookshine, Tex.—The were married by the writer: Jamin Brown to Miss Maria Mr. Cornelius Palmer to Miss Crumbo. Mr. Mose Williams Leona Crumbo. J. A. T.

Longview, Tex.—On Jan. 18 o'clock Mr. Jno. H. McClure and Mattie L. Harris were married. McClure is a very promising man in the church and indeed a full member. He marries a lady of best character. The writer on Monday night, the 19th banquet was tendered them at Fellows' Hall. Many were the who came and many were the given. W. D. LEWIS,

Natchitoches, La.—On Dec. 1902, at the residence of Mr. J. lor, the uncle of the bride, Mr. Lacaze and Miss Annie Moore joined by the writer in holy

On Jan. 20, 1903, at the A. E. Church, the marriage of Mr. Kinsler and Miss Eunice Bell was solemnized in the presence of a diocese. The church was filled flowing. The ceremony was ed by W. J. M. Price and J. W.

Sylacauga, Ala.—On Dec. Mr. Will Hill and Miss Sall were united in marriage. William Trannell and Mr. Brown, and Mr. Will Hale and Roxie Whetstone were married. Wright officiated.

Ouachita, La.—On Dec. Miss Ollie Fergusson and M. Nathian were joined in the ho

of matrimony. The ceremony took place at Beulah M. E. Church, of which the bride, her mother and father are members. The church was beautifully decorated by my wife, Mrs. D. Harrison. The groom is a member of Mount Avria Baptist Church. D. Harrison, pastor, officiated.

Wilson, La.—At the home of the bride's parents Mr. J. H. Lannon and Miss Alice Cannon, both of East Feliciana parish, La., were happily united in the bonds of holy matrimony on the 15th inst. Brother Lannon is one of our local preachers, and Sister Cannon is one of the young members of the Galilee Baptist Church. E. H. Clark officiated.

Fowlkes Station, La.—The M. E. Church at Fowlkes has decreased in membership. Mr. H. Pitts and Mr. and Mrs. F. Wade have moved from here. United for life, Mr. Sam Vincent and Miss Darthania Stone, and Mr. James and Nonella Stanfield, in November. W. A. Rogers, Pastor.

Monroe, La.—Mr. Charles Williams and Miss Ophelia Loles were united in marriage Jan. 11, at the bride's residence. C. W. Reeves.

Leona, Tex.—At the home of the bride, Mr. William Washington and Miss Viola Culton were married on Jan. 4, 1903, in the presence of a large crowd. They are both active members of the M. E. Church.

On Jan. 8 Mr. Jackson Washington and Miss Texanna Lusk were married at the home of the groom's sister, who is a strong member of the M. E. Church. F. R. Morton.

Jewett, Tex.—On Dec. 22, 1902, Mr. Bruno Carson and Miss Maggie Harrison were married, at the residence of Brother Cooper. They are both of the Baptist Church. F. R. Morton.

Marion, Va.—A large and representative gathering of friends, both white and colored, assembled in Mt. Pleasant M. E. Church on Jan. 15, at 6:30 p. m., to witness the marriage of Mr. Charles Seals and Miss Susan Jennings. A special committee of ladies very artistically decorated the edifice for the occasion. Mr. D. E. Richardson presided at the organ while the bride, groom and party marched to the altar, where Rev. J. R. Hill, the pastor, performed the ceremony, after which the guests went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Lash, where a superb wedding supper was served. The many costly presents show the high esteem in which Mr. Seals and Miss Jennings are held by their friends. J. Fowler.

Sunnyside, Tex.—Mr. James Brown and Miss Ophelia Toles were united in holy wedlock on the night of the 31st at the home of the bride. They are both highly respected. The ceremony was performed by A. E. Gibbs, pastor Waller circuit.

Pelahatchie, Miss.—Mr. Louis L. Jackson and Miss Mary Hill were united in the bonds of matrimony Jan. 11, at the home of the bride. S. Jossel officiated.

Mr. Sylvester Fortune and Miss Estelle Harris, a good and faithful young lady of our church, were married on the 18th inst. at Little Zion M. E. Church. A large crowd, both white and colored, witnessed the ceremonies, which were conducted by the pastor, S. Jossel.



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Scobba, Miss.—At the residence of
the bride, Jan. 4, 1903, Mr. R. C. Mc-
Connell and Miss Mariah Jane Cotton
were married. They are faithful mem-
bers of Keys Chapel M. E. Church.
Brother McConnell is the superintend-
ent of the Sunday school.
P. R. CRUMP.

On Jan. 5, 1903, at the home of the
bride's parents, Mr. Henry Lane, of
Greenwood, Miss., and Miss Lula La-
tham, of Sturgis, Miss., were united
in holy wedlock. Miss Lula is one of
the leading ladies of our community.
She is a teacher in the public school.
Rev. A. Bell performed the ceremony.

C. W. Ivey, Pastor, DeKalb, Miss.—
At the residence of the bride's parents,
Jan. 10, 1903, Mr. Moses Burrage and
Miss Levy Jane Neely were joined to-
gether in holy matrimony. Also Mr.
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were joined in holy matrimony. They
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Editorial Notes

Yours is a ministry of love.

You can't suppress prejudice, but it has already been demonstrated that you can succeed in spite of it.

The fact that you are a leader does not exempt you from obedience to law, and the obligation to set the people you serve a godly example.

If you as pastor will give more attention to pushing the financial interests of the church and less to your own, you will find that the people will give more both for you and the church. This method gives you better opportunity to train the people without their thinking your zeal is prompted by your selfishness.

The labor agents who seek to induce laborers to go with them to some section where special inducements are offered for their services have met with so much opposition on part of land-owners that they are now resorting to the expedient of securing the assistance of colored women to offer the inducements. Whether these will meet with any better success or not we cannot say, but it seems to us rather risky business.

This time the Bishop of London says just about what Lady Henry Somerset said sometime since relative to English women's tendency to drunkenness. She declared this vice to be on the increase among them and that it is now more common among them than among men. He says that not only is the drink habit on the increase, but the use of drugs as well. From the American standpoint this is surprising indeed, but there is no doubt that the drink habit is more general in England than in America and of course not viewed in the same light.

The bitter discussions on the race question presented in many Southern papers during the last week or two emphasize in our mind the thought which we have long entertained, namely that if the Negro editors were as indiscreet in their utterances relative to matters which appertain to the relation of the races in the South, as are a few of the Southern white editors, the feeling of mutual interest and goodwill would be absolutely destroyed. Not only so but as an intelligent colored man remarked to us not long since, if the ministers and other public speakers among the whites made as earnest effort to influence and control the lower element of their race as do the leaders among the Negroes, much of the lawlessness and bad feeling between the races would cease. We take it for granted that in some respects they have the same difficulty in reaching certain classes of their people that we have and yet the effort would bear some fruit.

Incendiary Utterances Should Not Be Made By Either Race

The Executive Committee of the Afro-American Council convened in Washington, D. C., recently under the call of its chairman, Bishop Alexander Walters, of Jersey City, N. J., for the purpose of considering matters of interest to the Negroes of this country. Tho a member of that body we were not able to be present because of the pressing engagements that are upon us as usual at this season of the year. Up to the present we have no official information as to what was done; we have learned, however, through the secular press that an address to the country was issued. Following the meeting of the committee a mass meeting was held, at which one of the principal speakers was J. H. Hayes, Esq., of Richmond, Va., Mr. Hayes is a lawyer and, it seems, is interested in the effort being made by colored citizens of his state to test the recently framed constitution of Virginia by means of which they have been disfranchised. During the course of his address Lawyer Hayes is credited with making the following remarks:

"Negroes are leaving the state of Virginia because of the treatment they are receiving. What we want to do is to start something and keep it up until the white people stop something. We don't intend to be oppressed any longer. We don't intend to be crushed. I am afraid we are anarchistic, that we are anarchists, and I give the warning that if this oppression in the south continues, the Negro must resort to the torch, and that the southland will become a land of blood and desolation.

"I want to make the assertion right here that we are not going to be disfranchised in Virginia. It is written in the heavens and engraved upon the stars that the Virginia Negro does not intend to submit to disfranchisement. We are told: 'Let the Negro obtain education and wealth if he would gain the political equality which he desires.' I say that never was a bigger lie uttered. The more the Negro advances, the more will political rights be denied him. It is not the common Negro in the South who is cut off the registration lists. It is not the ditch digger. It is the educated Negro, the doctor, the lawyer and preacher, who are deprived unlawfully of political rights and manhood by the iniquitous constitution of Virginia, which cost half a million dollars to frame. And I want to say that, by the time we get through punching holes in the constitution, it will cost the state of Virginia half a million more."

These utterances by Mr. Hayes have called forth some extremely fierce denunciations from certain southern papers. They condemn what he is credited with saying, which is to be expected; but their replies are for the most part as wild and bitter as are his words. It all reminds us of an incident which occurred in the office of the bitterest of the respectable southern dailies, published in this city. It not only lets no opportunity pass to belabor the Negro and present him to its readers as a despised and hopeless being, but seems to make opportunities for such. On a certain occasion, in company with two prominent gentlemen of the race, we had an interview

with the editor of the paper referred to in his private office. During the interview he spoke of Editor T. Thomas Fortune and declared his paper ought to be suppressed. Now the fact is he and Mr. Fortune write very much in the same strain, the latter being the less radical of the two. He, however, seemed to labor under the same difficulty common to many southern editors and politicians. He didn't realize that he is constantly saying things that are incendiary and keep an element of both races restless and embittered. The fact is, if the Negro orators and newspapers did one-half as much wild talk as do these two classes of whites, there would be trouble between the races all the time. But those of us who give vent to such utterances are very few indeed. This is why the words imputed to Mr. Hayes attract so much attention and comment. Still, is it not a fact that one has as much right to do so as the other?

As to Mr. Hayes' remarks, we do not approve them. We do not approve them coming from him any more than we do when statements of a similar character are made by white men. We do not sympathize with his view but we do sympathize with the man. We know what has led him up to such a declaration. He has reached that point that many of his fellows do from time to time, the point of desperation. It is the point that Peter had reached when he used the sword. While it is natural, it is not the reasonable view to take. His people cannot win by pursuing any such course. The work cannot triumph by adopting the means or the methods of the strong. The difference in their strength and circumstances make it necessary that they use different methods. David could not use Saul's armor and knew better than to try. The course being pursued by the Negro may seem long and tedious to some, but it is nevertheless the right course. He'll win if he pres forward and faint not. We say we sympathize with Mr. Hayes, and we do; we sympathize with any man who is interested in—who loves his people. His heart is all right, it's his judgment that is at fault. He needs a change of location for a spell and a change of reading matter. We know what such a change does for us. We write this in a southern city, 'tis true, but our people here are not contending with the same questions they are in Virginia. The sentiment seems different, the surroundings helpful. The intelligent, progressive members of the race are not treated as Mr. Hayes says they are in his city and state. The whites here have things in their hands but seem too strong to be cowardly and mean. May the day soon come when they will be so everywhere.

The President Follows the Example of His Predecessors

It is not only an easy matter to find fault, but it is equally easy to find cause for doing so when one is already so disposed. We do not know that we have seen this truth more fully demonstrated

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Our Contributors

The Negro in the Colleges of the North

By MR. DENNIS A. BETHEA.

The first American Negro to graduate from an American college was John Brown Russwurm, of Bowdoin College, Maine, class of 1826. From that time till the present Negro students have been gradually finding their way into the Northern institutions, where they have been received, in most cases, very cordially. The records of the various colleges show that very many black students have graduated with the highest honors.

Professor W. E. B. DuBois, of Atlanta University, the greatest Negro sociologist living, who has made an extensive study of the subject, makes this summary in his "College-Bred Negro": "Negroes have graduated from Northern institutions. In most of the large universities they have been welcomed, and, on a whole, made good records. In nearly all the Western colleges they are admitted freely and have done well in some cases and poorly in others. In one or two larger institutions and in some of the women's colleges, Negroes, while not exactly refused admission, are strongly advised not to apply. The summer schools of Harvard, Clark and the University of Chicago have several Negro students.

It is interesting to note that more than 400 Negroes have graduated from the institutions of higher learning at the North. This takes in Harvard, Yale, Cornell, the University of Michigan, the University of Chicago, the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia, Leland Stanford, and even aristocratic Princeton conferred a degree upon a Negro last summer. In fact there can hardly be found a college or a university of any prominence from Cambridge to Palo Alto, or from Baltimore to Ann Arbor, which has not matriculated some young colored man or woman, even if it has not graduated any.

The record of the Negro in the white college has on a whole been good. At Harvard many have held scholarships, been class orator, commencement speaker, Phi Beta Kappa men, held fellowships. Among those who have been honored by the "crimson" we will mention DuBois, Steward, Bruce and Mathews. When Dr. DuBois was there, he was a hard student, for he won the fellowship which entitled him to two years' study and travel in Europe. He was the first Negro to obtain a Ph. D. from this grand old university. Ferdinand A. Stewart, a Fisk University graduate, finished the four years' medical course in three years and graduated at the head of his class, which was composed of 100 white young men.

In athletics the colored students are not without honor, for often they are seen on Harvard's varsity teams. Mathews, who played on the last year's football and baseball teams, was a phenomenal player. He is a general favorite of all the fellows:

Roscoe Conkling Bruce made a record which might well be coveted by any American youth of any race. From the day of his matriculation at Harvard he found nothing but encouragement. His marked oratorical ability was recognized at once, and not only his instructors but his classmates as well showed their appreciation of his merits. For two years he represented Harvard in the intercollegiate debates with Yale and Princeton, winning each time. He was the only colored member of the graduating class last spring, and out of more than 200 he was chosen class orator. Bruce was very popular among

students and faculty. He was received freely into the social life of the university.

At Brown, the most brilliant student for years is said to have been a Negro. He was among the junior eight elected to the Phi Epsilon Kappa, a purely scholastic fraternity.

At Amherst the record has been good both in scholarship and athletics. A colored man was captain of the football team one year. The University of Pennsylvania has had colored students for a long time. The first Negro to enter the medical department was a young man from Lincoln University, named Nathan F. Mossell. At first there was some prejudice against him, but in less than a year he had gained their confidence. He did good work and at his graduation he was photographed with his class. Since that time no one hears of color prejudice at the University of Pennsylvania. One of the strongest men turned out from the academic department of recent years was Rev. P. O'Connell, Ph. D., D. D., pastor of Egion M. E. Church, Wilmington, Del. Dr. O'Connell pastored one of the largest colored churches while in college, and did much lecturing. At the same time he stood high in his college work, and finally graduated with high honor.

Colored students have always been received very cordially at Allegheny College. There have been several in this college, all of whom have done well. At present there is but one colored student. Allegheny is proud of her one colored graduate, the Rev. Dr. W. C. Jason, president of the Delaware State College. President Crawford, in speaking of him, said: "Any college may be proud to have graduated a man like him." Mr. Jason was regarded as the brightest young man in college. He won several prizes while a student. Tyler at the University of Indiana won the medal in the oratorical contest held last winter, of all the colleges of that state. Edward C. Williams was such an able student and so popular at Adelbert College that he was appointed librarian when he graduated from that college.

There has been some color prejudice in the women's colleges, yet we know of no cases where colored women have been refused, although in two or three colleges they are advised not to apply. There are large numbers of girls from aristocratic families of the South who are students in the North, so whenever there is any discrimination it usually comes from them. However, there are some newspapers which misrepresent the colored girl's position. These papers seem to have no regard whatever for truth. Last season much was said about Miss Ellis at the Northwestern University. By investigation it was found that there was no foundation to the report. The same is true about Miss Portia Washington at Wellesley. Some pernicious persons who were envious of Mr. Washington, determined to create unpleasant reports about his only daughter—how base and cruel. Miss Washington, in an interview with the *North American* representative, said the reports were untrue.

Miss Washington is exceedingly popular at the Bradford Seminary, where she is studying this year. Miss Knox, the principal of the seminary, in speaking of her said: "She is one of my most promising students. In addition to being adept at the piano, she is bright and vivacious. There can be no doubt as to her popularity here. Without exception the girls all like her, and, indeed, they could not help doing so, for her color has in no sense interfered with her refinement."

Smith's Female College has had many colored students, three of whom have graduated. Some have been very popular. One of them was Miss

Ethel Perry Chestnut, daughter of the celebrated Negro author, Mr. Charles W. Chestnut, of Cleveland, O. Miss Chestnut was a favorite in social circles of the college.

Vassar had one colored student, but it was not generally known that she was colored until about the middle of her senior year. There was no girl more charming than she. Her beauty and refinement were irresistible. She accepted a lucrative position in the Boston Public Library immediately after her graduation. Colored women have made good records at the University of Michigan and other institutions. They have often been social figures as well as literary magnets in the various colleges in which they have been.

Thus it can be seen that the colored student in the white college has been a great power. They have been an integral part of the college which they have attended. Boston University shall always remember her Bowen and Lucas, Harvard her DuBois and Bruce, Allegheny her Jason, the University of Pennsylvania her O'Connell, Oberlin her Longston and Scarborough and Johns Hopkins its Kelly Miller. The Negroes in the Northern colleges to-day are no longer a curiosity but a potent factor. None can surpass them in real college spirit.

Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.

Confessing Christ---When and How

By REV. JERRE M. LYTE.

Man as a pilgrim is wandering through this world; his existence is made possible for a purpose. While this purpose is not so obscure as men often perceive it to be, or so immaterial to their eternal good as their actions often infer, yet it is of such a nature that none but the deep spiritual minded, those willing to think on and understand God, can comprehend it in a true sense.

The garden of Eden was not made that man should dwell therein, and feast on the delicious products of its productive plants for the development of his natural being. Eden was made as a palace in the new earth for its Maker or King; and man was made as a dresser and as a representative or agent of the King's to beautify, arrange and prepare it according to the ordinances of his Creator. Not without hope of reward nor recognition of his Lord. He is to have dominion over every living thing; he is to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth, and subdue it. He is to live on the product thereof, and yet remember that "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof the world and they that dwell therein," and that "God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved." * * *

We live not for our own glory, but to glorify God. And "Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit." Christ, when He had finished His work upon earth, prayed, "Now, Father, glorify thy Son as I have glorified Thee." He had lived for God and had spoken in His name. St. Paul sought the idea, and said: "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." We are here to glorify God. A life of glorification is a life of confession.

II. We are to confess Christ in our youth. It used to be the act of Methodist mothers to carry their children to the house of God and present them to God. And the present condition of our race is caused largely by the overlooking of this great duty.

The Catholic says, Give me your child for twelve years and you may have him the remainder of his life. Teachings upon a child's brain-matter is like dragging a piece of diamond stone over

a window pane: it leaves an impression that cannot be overcome. Train the child in the way it should go, and when it is old it will not depart from it. Give the devil your child twelve years and you may have it afterwards, if you can get it. Why wait? "O sleep not, dream not, but arise; the judge is at the door!"

2. We are to confess Christ in the days of health and strength. This electric age seems to have effect upon the nature of diseases: lingering is rare; men are hurried into eternity with electric speed faster than men are hurried to and fro through this land. Sometimes without a moment's warning, when the mind has become impaired by a stroke of paralysis there is no time to think on eternal life.

How to confess Christ is a question that requires deep and earnest consideration.

3. We should confess Christ by word of mouth, "For with the Lord man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Your thoughts are known by your conversations and your works.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. "I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies." A man's feet carry him to where the treasures of his heart are.

4. We confess Christ by the work we do for Him. It is too often said, "No man has hired us," and so we wander off into the ways of sin and leave men dying for want of some one only to say "Look and live!" The harvest truly is ripe, but laborers are few.

"Hark the voice of Jesus calling;
Who will go and work to-day?" 2

For you shall receive your eternal reward if you will labor and faint not. Subdue the earth, conquer sin, beat back the impelling forces. Let us labor till the Master comes.

5. By keeping our various vows. Did you not promise God that if He would free you, you would serve Him the balance of your days? One of the truest tests of a religious character is the daily home life.

6. Confess Him with our money. "Half of my goods I will give to the poor and if I have wronged any man I will restore him four-fold." If we will do this, the world will be brought to Christ, and He will confess us before His Father which is in heaven. Our reward will be a crown of eternal life.

Mississippi Conference

By W. FELIX WATERS.

The thirty-fifth session of the Mississippi Annual Conference met at Crystal Springs, Miss., January 22. It was presided over by Bishop Mallalieu, whom the brethren are always glad to have with them. Most all members were present at the calling of the roll. G. W. Smith was re-elected secretary with the following assistants: L. W. Price, N. Toole, D. F. Dudley, N. N. Sidney and L. S. J. Bell. R. P. Threlkeld was elected statistical secretary, with P. W. Baldwin, F. Jossell, R. N. Jones, P. F. Robinson and J. E. Coleman assistants. J. I. Garrett was elected treasurer.

Mr. C. M. Huber, one of the leading merchants of the city, delivered the welcome address in behalf of the white citizens; Mrs. A. M. Trotter in behalf of the church, to which Dr. W. P. Thirkield, secretary of Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, responded.

The following visitors were present and addressed the conference: Drs. W. P. Thirkield, J. P. Wragg, D. Lee Aultman, R. E. Jones, J. G. Penn, J. L. Wilson, L. G. Atkinson, E. B. Cald-

well, T. C. Hiff, L. W. Manaway and the assistant manager of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The conference gave the largest list of subscribers to this paper that has been given by any conference up to this writing. All pastors had heeded the call to bring with them a list of subscribers, hence this magnificent result.

Methodism is intense in this great conference. During the year great advances were made in all interests of the church.

The following were ordained deacons: A. Johnson, D. D. Armstrong, J. W. Little, P. A. Taylor, D. R. Bentley, J. E. Holmes; ordained elders, N. Collier, B. W. Robinson; admitted on trial, A. Jackson into full connection, N. E. Goodloe, H. J. Jordan, E. H. Langston, W. L. Marshall, F. Smith, A. Britton, L. Speed. Rev. R. P. Threlkeld was appointed presiding elder over the Vicksburg district.

The financial results of the year as announced by the treasurer are: Missionary Society, \$663; Church Extension, \$133; Sunday School Union, \$132; Tract Society, \$31; Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society, \$1,064; Education, \$157; American Bible Society, \$16; W. F. Missionary Society, \$7; W. H. Missionary Society, \$9; General Conference expenses, \$14; Conference Claimants, \$109; Episcopal fund, \$95. Total, \$2,430. Raised for benevolence last year, \$1,802; increase this year, \$628.

In another issue we hope to make some other mention of this great conference. Following are the appointments:

Brookhaven District.—Aaron Davis, presiding elder, postoffice Crystal Springs, Miss.; Barlow, Neshback Dockman; Bowerton, P. H. Rembert; Bridgeville, W. N. G. Lipscomb; Brookhaven, L. W. Price; Brookhaven circuit, D. D. Dukes; Buford, Annis Jackson; Chatawa, Edward Ford; China Grove and Tylertown, H. J. Jordan; Columbia circuit, supplied by E. D. Dukes; Crystal Springs, A. M. Trotter; Crystal Springs circuit, J. B. Smith; Florence, Melvin Cooper; Hazelhurst, I. S. Thomas; Hub circuit, G. W. Moody; Kennolia, to be supplied; King, Alfred Handy; Rockport circuit, J. A. Tatum; Summit and Magnolia, L. J. S. Bell; Weatherby, T. B. Barnes; Zion Ridge and New Zion, Haney May, postoffice Hub.

Jackson District.—J. M. Shumpert, presiding elder, postoffice Columbus, Miss.; Anding, Jesse E. Holmes; Benton, J. C. Houston; Brandon, N. H. Sidney; Canton, L. L. Shumpert; Canton circuit, J. E. Coleman; Carthage, R. M. Phillips; Clinton, Handy Roundtree; Couparle, N. D. Hopkins; Forest, Nelson Toole; Goodhope, W. H. White; Green Hill, W. L. Lamb; Jackson, William McMorris; Lenwood, supplied by Jerry Butler; Madison, W. L. Mills; Morton, Henry Henderson; Pelahatchie, Simpson Jossell; Polkville, to be supplied; Roseneath, William Payne; Saratoga and Mt. Olive, R. B. Davis; Taylorsville, J. W. Little; Vaughn, A. D. Smith; West Jackson, I. L. Pratt; Yazoo City, G. W. Smith; Yazoo, Lentonla, J. W. Hill; Yazoo circuit, P. H. Davis. C. G. Taylor and R. L. Tate left without appointments to attend one of our schools.

Meridian District.—I. C. Hibbler, presiding elder, postoffice Vicksburg, Miss.; Bay Spring, C. W. Jones; Chunkey, Andrew Butler; Collinsville, P. A. Taylor; Daleville, N. W. Ross; Decatur, supplied by June Williams; De Kalb, C. W. Ivy; Enterprise, C. H. Brown; Fort Stephen, R. B. Anderson; Garlandville, N. E. Goodloe; Handle, B. W. Robinson; Hickory, Nelson Collier; Lake, Nathan Cannon; Lake Como, J. E. Webb; Danderdale, R. L. Brooks; Lillian, C. G. Gavin; Haven (Meridian), W. H. Smith; St. Paul's (Meridian), A. J. McNair; Meridian Circuit, G. W. Arnold; Missionary, E. P. Chapman; Mount Jordan, Val Trotter; Paulding, H. R. S. Erby; Philadelphia, H. E. Morgan; Scooba, P. R. Crump; J. L. Wilson, principal of Meridian Academy, member of St. Paul Meridian quarterly conference.

Shubuta District.—S. A. Cowan, presiding elder, postoffice Vicksburg, Miss.; Augusta, G. W. Coleman; Basin, A. C. Lacy; Bay St. Louis, W. L. Marshall; Biloxi, James Ford; Bond, Richard Roberts; Collins, R. S. Hammond; De Sota, Cornelius Washington; Ellisville, J. K. Comfort; Ellisville circuit, Anderson Lee; Escutawpa, William Herman; Handsboro, J. I. Garrett; Hattiesburg, D. F. Dudley; Heidelberg, James Jordan; Laurel, D. D. Armstrong; McDaurein, D. R. Bentley; McNeill, S. B. Blakeley; Merrill, supplied; Moss Point, R. M. Jones; Ocean Springs, H. D. Kennedy; Pass Christian, J. B. Brooks; Pearlinton, A. M. Quinn; Perkinson and Gulfport, Frank Smith; Poplarville, David Ray; Quitman, Stebuta, circuit, Alfred Britton; Stateline, R. L. Carpenter; Waynesboro, Wiley McNeil; Wiggins, F. L. Woods.

Vicksburg District.—R. P. Threlkeld, presiding elder; Anguilla and Mayersville, supplied by Amos Holland; Bolton, B. L. Crump; Bolton circuit, Calvin Williams; Bonace, E. H. Langston, postoffice Perth; Curry, J. D. Gilbert; Centerville, J. A. Patterson; Edwards, Andrew Reid; Fayette, S. H. Cannon; Fayette circuit, supplied by Wm. Thornas; Gloster, Limus Speed; Hamburg, P. F. Robinson; Harriston, Alex. Howze; Meadville, I. C. Rucker; Natchez, W. P. C. Morrison; Union Church, R. H. Patton; Vicksburg, Moses White; Vicksburg circuit, P. W. Baldwin.

Life of Faith

The Memory Guild

FOR LEARNING BEST HYMNS FOR SABBATH SERVICE,
FAMILY WORSHIP AND PRIVATE PROFIT.

BISHOP H. W. WARREN.

We have the words of the angel song. Would that we had the music. On necessary occasions one angel has come with his message before; but now the occasion draws a multitude of the heavenly host. The message to the shepherds is scarcely finished when the choir breaks out "suddenly."

Space is not simply desert. That would be a great waste. It is populous with beings in love with God and man. They will break into song again when Christ comes, not in humiliation but in glory.

All humanly-devised theology made God an object of fear. This divine revelation shows his uttermost love. The echoes of that song have never died away.

THE ANGEL SONG.

"Peace on earth, good-will to men."
Hark! what mean those holy voices,
Sweetly sounding through the skies?
Lo! the angelic host rejoices;
Heavenly hallelujahs rise.

Listen to the wondrous story,
Which they chant in hymns of joy:
"Glory in the highest! glory,
Glory be to God most high!"

"Peace on earth, good-will from heaven,
Reaching far as man is found;
Souls redeemed and sins forgiven!
Loud golden harps shall sound.

"Christ is born, the great Anointed;
Heaven and earth his praises sing;
O receive whom God appointed,
For your Prophet, Priest, and King.

"Hasten, mortals, to adore him;
Learn his name, and taste his joy;
Till in heaven ye sing before him,
"Glory be to God most high!"
The best hymn of John Cawood (b. 1775, d. 1852).

Family Prayer

Many fathers excuse themselves from holding family worship by saying that they are so hurried that they do not have time. There is certainly some time during the whole twenty-four hours of each day when the entire family could be gathered together for five or ten minutes. Pre-

sumably it is just before breakfast or just after the evening meal. Let all assemble gravely for a little time. Let a passage of scripture be read aloud by the father, or by the family alternately, or in unison, kneeling down, let a short prayer be addressed to God, thanking him for his mercies and beseeching him for continued protection, forgiveness, guidance and grace, closing, if desirable, with the Lord's prayer in unison. Such scenes as this, depicted, as we find it, in Burns' "Cotter's Saturday Night," made Scotland great as a God-fearing people, or occurred because her people were and have been God-fearing. We must make a new effort to establish, or re-establish, family worship in all our families. We cannot afford to do without it in one single Christian home.—*Herald and Presbyterian.*

Woman's Dominion

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

Dear Sisters of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the West Texas Conference:

I congratulate you on your excellent reports rendered at our annual meeting held in Luling, Tex., Dec. 17th, 1902. Never did our work show up to such good advantage. We are going forward, thank God for it, but let us not forget to lift up as we go. At our last session the conference granted us the fifth Sunday in May for Woman's Home Missions. We must make the very best use of it possible in every charge, circuit and preaching point. There will be no uniform program; each auxiliary is asked to make arrangement suited to the place. Sisters, let us begin now to raise our money, so in case of rain on that day, we will be able to report to the conference on the following Monday any way. We must not fall less than five hundred dollars in this grand rally. Remember, we have the entire conference with us. *My dear sisters, I know you all and know what you can do if you will. Now for the sake of your children, let it be the will of all to make the fifth Sunday in May one strong and grand pull. Pull together for our cause. We have led all the Southern conferences for two years. Shall we not do so again? I tell you of a truth, it is further better on. Let each officer bring up in full the \$7 plan. Miss D. N. Walker is our literature agent and box secretary. Her address is box 15, Gonzales, Tex. Mrs. Annie E. Stone, Gonzales, Texas, is our supply secretary. She wants bed covering and good books for Sam Houston College. Also clothes for our poor women and children. Sisters, there are friends who are watching us, holding a hundred dollar bill to give to us. Let 1903 be a year of work and prayer.*

Yours in His name,
MRS. E. S. SPRIGGS,
Conf. Cor. Secy. and Treasurer.

Care of the Lamp

It is surely true that the evening lamp, which should be a synonym of domestic cheer, is something quite the opposite in many homes.

A wealthy gentleman recently, in engaging a housekeeper to conduct a large, elaborately equipped country house, said that there were but two services which he and his wife would rather not have relegated to the servants, and these were the dusting of the bric-a-brac and the care of the house-lamps. The lady of the house remarked to her: "I always attend to these two duties myself if I am without a housekeeper."

Poor lights mean poor health and mean a great

deal more than we dream of. I had never thought so seriously upon this subject of poor lights and ill-kept lamps until a friend's family were all complaining and sick; and, on calling their physician in the night, he exclaimed as soon as he entered the sick-room from the pure outdoor air: "No wonder you are all sick." They had their lamp turned low and a disagreeable odor emanated from it and diffused itself over the room. She sometimes forgot and left it burning half the day or all day long. The doctor said it was very unhealthy to sleep in a room with a coal-oil lamp turned low, and said if one must have it, get a shade and turn it to full light. Never use cheap oils. They are unsafe and smell badly when burning. Use the very best headlight oil and keep your lamp immaculate. It must be as clean as care and attention can make it. So keep the burners and wicks clean; plunge the burner and wick, about twice a week, into a hot suds made of rainwater and pearline. This removes the gummy, sticky substance; also polish the chimney daily with tissue paper. KENTUCKIENNE.

Georgetown, Ky., Jan. 21, 1903.

Young Friends

The First Snowfall

"Poor little black sheep! poor little lamb!
Way down in the valley."

In the year 1829 the vast pine area of Middle Southern Mississippi, now being checkerboarded by modern railways and blossoming with prosperous towns and villages, was, save for a squatter's clearing and cabin here and there, an unbroken wilderness. In 1817 the Territory was made a State, and in that year Hiram Butterworth, a young Virginia farmer, and his wife Hepsy emigrated to the new and wild Southwest. Poor and unlettered were this couple; but they knew God, and lifted hands of faith and prayer to heaven. Butterworth's small grant was located nearly a dozen miles from the nearest settlement. There, with true pioneer courage, he set to work, cleared a little space in the pines, and built his castle, a log cabin with a clapboard roof. His possessions, besides the land, consisted of a cart, the jaded cart-horse which had brought him and his household their long journey, a few tattered-coated sheep in hourly peril from wolves, and a mongrel watch and trail dog of many descents.

The wilderness is the cradle of history and of faith. The evening silences which fell about Hiram Butterworth's cabin in the wild echoed with simple songs of faith and praise. Both he and his wife trusted beyond their ignorance the promises of the Book which they could not read. The first winter brought them irreparable loss in the death of their faithful cart horse. So Hiram must make himself beast of draught and burden. With a mattock, therefore, he contended single-handed with the rooty soil, sowed it, and reaped in autumn a scant harvest. Poverty stood sternly at his door, but his thanksgiving was from season to season.

A child was in time born to the squatter pair, a pining babe, and added both joy and anxious care to their lot. But, though frail, it grew, and at the age of ten went in and out with the father at his tasks. The parents taught their child to pray and suffer. They could teach him no more. With scarcely less childlike eyes, they often, with the lad, gazed on the wood-cut pictures, windows into strange and holy things, which they found on the pages of the Book, the one volume which they possessed. Because of his delicate frame, the

child got the name of "Scrap," and knew none other. Another had meant no more. The eleventh winter was come, and "Scrap" and his mother were called to pass through a night of sorrow in which their faith grew dumb. The father sickened and died. Had they not already known loneliness, they might have despaired; but after a time "Scrap" went bravely on to take his father's place of toil.

During all the previous years of "Scrap's" life the winters had brought no snow. What thrills, then, of unasserted surprise filled his being when, after a night of tempest, he awoke to find the world wrapped in white! But his first delight changed suddenly to dread. He remembered that the sheep were unprotected in the barrens, and amongst them, with its dam, was a young lamb. Muffled in his homespun great-coat, he plunged into the drifts. A mile or more he trudged, until through his thin blood the wind all but cracked his bones. "Grip," the mongrel, crept reluctantly behind. A sign in the snow arrested "Scrap's" attention. "Wolves!" he cried with a start, and quickened his pace to a run. His pulse rose and his blood grew warm. He felt twice his strength, when he stumbled on the dead and half-devoured carcass of the wether of his little flock. He reflected, and it came to him that the wether had died facing the wolves while the ewes and the lamb escaped. In his way, "Scrap" thought how noble a thing it was for the father sheep thus to die, and with tears of distress he pushed on. Closely huddled together he found the ewes, with the lamb in the center. All the tender stories which "Scrap" had ever heard about the Good Shepherd now came to him. For the first time life seemed real. He could help. So, taking the lamb in his arm, he started the ewes homeward, "Grip" helping in the task.

As "Scrap" felt the lamb lying against his breast his heart swelled, and he said: "O that I might be a shepherd of men, and help as the good and great have done! I will go out into the wide world and try." Then he remembered his ignorance. The thought had never before been bitter to him. "O God," he cried, "that one would come to teach me! God cares for sheep, and sent me for the lamb. Will he not send one to help me?" With these thoughts he went on, and came to the roadway, a blazed opening through the pines. A rudely scrawled guideboard stood at the crossing. "Scrap," though he could not read the legend on it, had long known that it said: "To Dickery's Mill, 20 Miles." Once he had gone thither with his father, and remembered something of the place—a mere shed covering a lazy wheel by a tumbling rill, where grist was made for the squatters from unthinkable distances around. An old African slave was the miller. Decrepit was old Joe; but his cabin was near by, and he tottered about, taking the tolls and watching the meal troughs. When "Scrap" had been at the mill with his father he noticed that old Joe with a bit of charcoal marked each of the meal bags with some sort of character which he took to be a letter of the alphabet. This had made the sable miller seem a great scholar in "Scrap's" eyes.

"I'll do it; I'll go," said "Scrap" earnestly to himself, as he drove the ewes homeward. "If I wait, none may ever come. I'll go."

"Mother," said "Scrap," after the sheep were secured in a shed by the barn, and their simple breakfast was over, "I can do no work while it snows, so I will take a 'turn' to Dickery's Mill."

The mother at first objected, but seeing he desired it, consented. She must trust him to go in his father's way. For herself she felt no fear.

"I'll take my blanket," said "Scrap," "for it will be to-morrow noon before I can return."

The winter day was closing in when his cart completed the twenty miles and rolled up at the mill.

"Hit too late to gin' cohn dis ev'nen', chile," exclaimed old oJe, the miller, as he regarded his belated customer.

"I knew that, Uncle Joe," replied "Scrap," and so I brought my blanket. May I sleep to-night in the mill shed?"

"In co'se you kin; but what de use freezin' when you kin sleep 'fo' he fiah in my cabin?"

"I'll do it," eagerly answered the boy, "if you don't object."

"Come 'long, den," responded old Joe, leading the way. A great log fire glowed in Joe's chimney, and "Scrap," after eating his cold lunch, watched thoughtfully the coals as they fell from the withered fagots. He was struggling to speak. At last, looking up into Joe's black face, he tremulously asked: "Uncle Joe, don't you know your A, B, C's?"

"I does, chile," was the brief answer.

"Would you teach a poor, ignorant little boy his A, B, C's?"

"Sho' I would."

Then began "Scrap's" first lesson. Henceforth his face was set toward the house of wisdom.

"Come back ag'in, chile, en' try hit over," said old Joe, comfortingly, as "Scrap's" cart rolled away next day.

"I will bring a 'turn' every week, Uncle Joe, if you will only help me to learn," gratefully added the boy. And never was mortal more faithful to promise or task. Week after week, on a Wednesday or a Thursday night, all winter the frail and undergrown lad sat beside his dsky master. At last he had conquered, and the whole rank of black giants yielded to his prowess. He knew the alphabet and was then as wise as his teacher.

"I wish we knew more, Uncle Joe," sighed "Scrap" when he saw that the knowledge of his teacher was exhausted.

"So does I, chile; but ole Joe don't kno mo," sorrowfully added the African. "But," he continued, his old eyes brightening a little, "I done heah 'em say es how a-b spell ab, en' b-a spell ba. Hit mout be dat way."

"Scrap" jumped at the suggestion. It was a step in the dark, but he took it. Old Joe's grimy "speller" became a gift to his little pupil, and with his treasure he repaired to his mother's cabin for victory. With a little help here and a little there, by the next winter "Scrap" had mastered the "speller," and every fortnight, while waiting for his "turn" at the mill he delighted old oJe with readings from the "fables" in "the pictures."

"You got to go to school, chile," said old Joe, overcome with joy at what he heard.

"But I can't, Uncle Joe. I have no money," objected "Scrap."

"But I's got er little," was Joe's sufficient answer. "I done save er little money to buy my freedom; but I ain't never git 'nough; en', sides, I ain't got more'n a year er two mo' to live, en den I be free widout enny price. I gwine mek you free wid dat money," and Joe laughed aloud.

The snow to-day is falling among the evergreens of a dim old cemetery to which no more comes any pall of the dead, and seldom the feet of the living. There are two graves there on which I think. One is that of a great scholar and divine of whom the world heard in his day. The other is that of one who was born and died a slave. They are near together. On a stone above is the name of the slave and of the scholar, and this also: "If the Son shall make you free, then shall you be free indeed."—HENRY MERLE DODSON, in *The Epworth Era*.

Educational

Good English

The number of educated persons who write poor English is appalling. If you are inclined to doubt that statement, just examine the manuscript which comes to any editor's table during any given week. The result of such an examination would

convince you that no part of the education of our young people is so much neglected.

For instance, here is a manuscript from a graduate of one of our large universities which contains no less than six glaring rhetorical errors! An alumnus of a university and at present a student at a postgraduate institution, interchanges the pronouns "I" and "we" (in referring to himself) four times in one paragraph. The teacher of English literature and rhetoric in a Western college spells two simple words incorrectly in the opening paragraph of her contribution. An eminent minister, a college graduate, and a man with a reputation for scholarly attainments, mixed his metaphors to such a degree that we were compelled to rewrite a portion of his article to render it intelligible. Each of these persons had spent several years studying physics and philosophy, but had neglected to give any adequate attention to common English!

Our colleges are making a great mistake in this matter. And our preparatory and high-schools are as much at fault. It is a shame to graduate a young person from one of these schools without the most thorough drilling in English. To write our language correctly, concisely, forcibly, is an accomplishment which every boy and girl should covet. No one should be permitted to enter college without it. No amount of "higher education" will compensate for a lack here. Indeed, the higher the education built upon a superficial mastery of the elements of English, the worse for the person who possesses it.

By the mastery of English we do not mean mere ability to write with technical correctness. We mean ability to put short words into short sentences. We mean capacity for superlative directness. We mean the power of pungency. Three-fourths of the articles which are returned to contributors by the *Epworth Herald* go back because of the lack of these qualities.

Why will not our teachers of grammar and rhetoric understand that they have a mission vastly more important than the professors who have to do with the "frills" of an education?—*Epworth Herald*.

Children's Day for 1903

The Board of Education, as already widely announced in print and elsewhere, will base its Children's Day Program on the school days of John Wesley, and thus add a unique feature to the universal celebration of the bi-centennial of Mr. Wesley's birth. The Program will be called, "School Days Old and New," and will be elaborately illustrated with actual scenes from Charterhouse School and Oxford University, together with several suggestive pictures of Mr. Wesley himself. The Program has been prepared by a graduate of one of our best colleges in connection with the Corresponding Secretary. For the first time in the history of the Board of Education, the Program will be distributed gratuitously to all our Sunday schools.

The Cokesbury Guild Certificate will also be a memorial worthy of the occasion, and will undoubtedly be the finest of the souvenirs of the bi-centennial. They will be ready for distribution directly after Easter.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.-C. Conference

The Gospel Message

In the distant East a brightening dawn is breaking
Out o'er those silent lands in joyous strains,

The sweet, glad sounds of "Gospel Bells" are ringing,
Winging the joyful news, "Messiah reigns."

By God's rich grace to us the Gospel invitation
In blessed rich effusion has been given;
Let us turn to every tribe and nation
Send the glad tidings of a Savior risen.

According to a dispatch from Constantinople, the Sultan is no lover of knowledge for his subjects. For, following the graduation of the first Turkish girl at the American Girls' College, the Turkish government has issued an edict prohibiting Turkish children from attending foreign schools, the employment of private teachers in Turkish households, or the appearance of Turkish women in public accompanied by Christian women companions. This edict deprives hundreds of foreign governesses of the means of livelihood.

In reply to a question, How many mission converts lapse? Dr. N. Macvicar, of Blantyre, British Central Africa, says in the *Church of Scotland Mission Record*, that out of a total of 314 men (with 5 exceptions young men) who have been baptized from the beginning of the African mission, up to December 31, 1899, only 26 have lapsed from membership.

There are in the empire of the Anglican communion in Japan 6 bishops, 51 missionaries, 15 lay-workers, 72 women—all drawn from England and America. In addition to these, there are 26 priests, 18 deacons, 137 catechists, and 60 female workers, all Japanese, and working with foreign workers hand in hand. There are nearly 9,000 native converts attached to the 75 churches and 138 outstations, all being bound together in one native church with its own constitution and synods.

Epworth League

February 15.

Selfish Ambition and Christ's Service

(Mark 10. 35-45; Matt. 16. 24-26.)

DAILY READINGS.

Monday.—The humility of Moses. Exod. 3. 11-12.

Tuesday.—The humility of Gideon. Judg. 6. 11, 15, 16.

Wednesday.—A false ambition and its condemnation. Acts 8. 18-24.

Thursday.—A living sacrifice. Rom. 12. 1-5.

Friday.—Unselfishness. Phil. 2. 1-3.

Saturday.—An antidote to selfish ambition. Phil. 2. 4-11.

A man with Anglo-Saxon blood in his veins has a throb of battle in him, and he not only likes to be a victor, but he likes to fight, and he fights to win.

This struggling, with the goal spurring us on, is the expression of one of the fine things about our manhood—ambition. A man without ambition is not likely to achieve very much. Many of the wheels of the world's activity would stop if ambition were taken out of it. And so we are inclined to glory in our ambition, and have an eager pride in it. Then our ambition and our Christianity meet—and what are we going to do about it? This is a vital enough question in our age, and to our lives. Is our ambition to be given up? Are we to do without the fine impetus it gives us? Are we to turn from the added color it gives to life? The answer if we understand it will mean much for us.

Ambition is not to be given up. It is to be related to our Christian motive, that it may help in its realization. All the warmth and energy and fire which our ambition has given us is to be kept, but it is to become Christian ambition, not selfish ambition. A man is not to have his blood made colorless because he is a Christian; he is to keep the fire of life, but to burn it upon a new altar. Once it burned upon the altar of self, now it is to burn upon the altar of Lord Christ.

Ambition! We cannot have too much of it—live, eager, enthusiastic ambition to be and do the most for Jesus Christ, and the children of men whom he loves. Becoming Christians is not to mean laying our powers or our energies away to be idle.

But what does it mean, this change of center, this change of selfish ambition to Christian ambition? It means a new emphasis upon service. Service becomes larger than self. The goal of our ambition is effective work in His kingdom; to serve our glory; to serve is our dignity; service itself a crown. To do the thing is more emphasized than to receive the reward.

Having caught the vision of this higher ambition, the young man in the store finds new meaning in the momentary touching with many human lives, and by gentle courtesy tries to make his little contribution to them. The student is eager not only to learn many things, but to give them out in such a way as to be of use to some one else. The young girl in the home finds a pure joy in adding to the charm of the home atmosphere, and the meaning of the home life. The preacher in the small town, which he might have been tempted to think uninteresting, pours his life out, and finds a fresh interest in his work that surprises himself. Men and women do battle in humble and obscure places with the fire of warfare in their hearts; and, though perhaps little noticed in the great world, they help to turn the tide of the conflict, and a part of the victor's joy is theirs. A purely selfish ambition is a soulless ambition, narrowing, poisoning, emptying life of its fullest beauty and its richest meaning. When Christianity finds an ambitious young man in the home, in college, at business, or on the farm, it would not take the ambition away, but would give it a soul—the Christ motive, the Christ love. With that ambition there are many worlds to conquer, words of commerce, words of thought, words of thronging human lives. With the consecrated ambition of youth and talent there shall be mighty conquests, and in these conquests we may have a part. May our ambition be touched with the fire from off the altar that fits it for His service.

Sunday School Helps

By Rev. G. N. Jolly, D. D.

Lesson VII.—Feb. 15th, 1903. Title—Christian Self-Control. (1 Cor. 5:4-13.) Study entire chapter. (A temperance lesson.) Golden Text—"Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace" (Rom. 14:19) Time—A. D. 37. Place of writing—Ephesus.

When Paul departed from Corinth he came to Ephesus, labored there a short while, and then sailed for Jerusalem. He, after the feast of the Passover, returned to Antioch, and from there set out to visit again the churches he had planted in Asia Minor. This was about ten years after he had first preached the gospel in that country. In the course of time he came down to Ephesus, and for more than two years proclaimed to them the "tidings concerning the kingdom of God." During this period the church at Corinth, founded by him some two years before, sent letters in which

they asked about marriage and divorce, meats offered to idols, the apostolic office, head-dress, the Lord's Supper, Spiritual gifts, the resurrection of the body, and collections for the saints. The lesson we study to-day is a part of his answer to their question concerning meat offered to idols. There may be some quotations in it from their letter to him.

I. *The true knowledge.* (1-3.) 1. *The assertions of the Corinthians:* "We know that we all have knowledge." These words ring like those of the young ruler who came to Jesus and said of the commandments: "All these have I kept from my youth up." Man is not a competent judge of himself. He is prejudiced in his own favor, and will conclude that he is good when he is bad, wise when he is ignorant, rich when he is poor, happy when he is miserable, and safe when he is in danger. But all knew an idol from the true God, and that which would please and displease the Lord. Our Creator makes piety and not knowledge a test of salvation. It is a great thing to be wise, but it is a greater thing to be good. 2. *The answer of Paul:* "Knowledge puffeth up." This knowledge which was closely allied to deceit makes one bold, rash, and careless about the feelings of others. It is the lack of knowledge that puffs up. It is the man who thinks he knows, but really does not, that is exalted above measure. True knowledge produces humility. The correct idea of God will cause man to love Him, and will constrain the Lord to approve of man. False knowledge gives very broad views of the Gospel, and feels that it may cast off many religious restraints without offending God. The church member who thinks he can drink intoxicating liquors, play at games of chance, and visit places of doubtful morals, and not displease the Lord, is proud, ignorant, and wicked.

II. *The true God* (4-6). 1. *There are false gods.* An idol is a representation of something visible or invisible, and worshiped by man. There can be no literal representation of God, therefore "an idol is nothing in the world." Yet they are worshiped in every part of the globe. It is likely the people did not in the beginning suppose their images had saving power. They worshiped the true God through them. But in the course of time, they saw only the object before them, and learned to adore it. They worshiped the creature instead of the Creator. The heavenly bodies have been deified, and almost everything on earth have been made objects of worship. Note—Man is a worshiping creature. He becomes like the God he adores. The worship of idols dwarfs the intellect and develops the instincts, appetites, and passions. Only the ignorant worship idols. 2. *There is the true God.* As counterfeit dollars imply a genuine dollar, so false gods teach the existence of the true God. The Lord is the creator of all things, and the tender, loving Father of the human family. Jesus is of the same nature and power of God, but stands in the relation to Him, that an earthly son does to an earthly father. It is Jesus alone, and not the dumb idols, that has revealed the Lord to the world. Atheism did not trouble the church at Corinth. It was not a fight for God or no god, but for the living God against the dead gods. Monotheism and Pantheism were the bones of contention. We may judge of worship by the affect it produces. Nations that have worshiped idols for thousands of years are no higher now in the scale of civilization than when they began. But where nations worship the true God, knowledge and piety advance, superstition disappears, ignorance melts away, and slavery vanishes.

III. *The true worship* (7-13). 1. *Offering meat to idols.* There was a Pagan custom of presenting the blood, which was the life, in sacrifice to an idol, the meat was sometimes eaten in a feast dedicated to the idol, at other times it was put on the market and sold, and at other times was taken to the home of the offerer and kept for future use. There was strife among the brethren about eating this meat. The strong thought it might be eaten, the weak thought it should not. Note—Can the dollar that has been secured by the sale of strong drink be used for the Lord's cause? 2. *Eating meat offered to idols.* (1) The effect on the individual. The meat had not been changed by offering the blood to an idol. It neither commends nor condemns the individual. He is not better because he refused to eat, nor worse because he ate. Note—This cannot be said of strong drink. We cannot use it without being made worse by it. (2) The effect on others. The liberality of the strong may become a stumbling block to the weak. Conscience is a faculty of the mind, and a creature of education. It will prove what we have been taught is right, and condemn what we think is wrong. A Christian who is informed may eat this meat and not be injured, while one with less knowledge feels that he will perish if he partakes of it. Note—The man who drinks is not the only one who suffers by the use of strong drink. (3) Christ died for all. He tasted death for those who enter heaven, and also for those who perish. Man's state in this life is not fixed. The sinner may pass from his present state into a better one. Note—Tampering with the appearance of evil is very dangerous. (4) To sin against a weak brother is to sin against Christ. Jesus dwells in him in the person of the Holy Spirit. All that is done to better his condition is done to the honor of Jesus, and all that is done to weaken his condition is done against Jesus. Note—What an eternal weight of sin the saloon keeper will have to answer for. 3. *Refusing to eat meat offered to idols.* "Wherefore" means for this cause. The reasons here given for total abstinence are: (1) We may offend the weak brother, for we know Christ died, and cause him to perish; (2) We may sin against Christ, and may thus destroy our own soul. Hence Paul said rather than do things he would "eat no flesh while the world standeth." Note—We must deny ourselves for the sake of others.

The Sunday School Lesson System

Which system of Sunday school lessons is the best? Let us look frankly and carefully into the subject.

1. The best system must first of all be adapted to the home, church and Sunday school—parents, pastor and lay-teachers—in its use. If these agencies for religious education are not employed in a co-operative work, no system of lessons can prove a perfect success; and no system designed for success that omits from its program any one of these three departments. A system that depends upon the three, and that does not depend upon them as to demand and secure the development of all, is a radically defective system and must fail—and deserves to fail. A true system will build up the "family" as a school of religion, connect it with "the church," and finally the "Sunday school" one of the helps—and more than that—in the work of biblical and religious instruction.

The Sunday school is not the one, and only, agency for biblical training; it never was, and ought to be, never can be. It is one of the departments through which the religious life

promoted by means of Bible study, pastoral care, and the preaching of the Gospel.

2. The best system must be one in which Christ is the theme and the Bible the text-book. The mission of the Bible is to set forth Christ. This is done through its doctrinal, ethical, experimental, historical and biographical contents—all of which point to Christ. The educational and spiritual force which comes from the Bible comes through the apprehension of Christ. From every page of the book a golden line of light reaches to him. He is the unifying principle. He is the Sun of that holy system.

The mission of the Bible is, therefore, to draw the thoughts and hearts and wills of men toward Christ and to fashion their lives through the power of his grace after his own blessed life and character. It is possible to forget all this and to make Bible study a curious inquiry into other matters—and apart from Christ the center of all.

When teachers and pupils see any lessons or series of lessons, the place, character, will and saving power of Christ, they have found the only radical and essential truth of that lesson or series; and that truth has in itself saving and illuminating power. When, therefore, a school sees Christ, as anticipated in Hebrew history, foreshadowed in Hebrew psalm, set forth in New Testament history, illustrated in New Testament church life, unfolded in the Epistles, and glorified in the Apocalypse—that school receives the central, vital, absolutely essential truth and aim of that lesson. The one all-important matter in the Christian sermon and the Christian school, and the Christian home, is to present Christ as Son of God, Son of man, Teacher, Example, Redeemer, King, Elder Brother, and Conqueror of the race! In this one great idea is unity. Here is the educating power and here the saving power of the Bible. And in the light of this central idea and ruling aim of church life, Sunday school life, and home life we have a key to the best "system" of lessons and the highest "training" of teachers and the true "success" all workers for Christ should covet.

3. The best lesson-system must embrace in addition to the regular Bible lessons a Supplemental Series (called by some an additional Series) a second lesson, to do for the Bible Study what the scientist does in systematizing, unifying, classifying the material which he collects as a student. The supplemental lessons in biography, history, doctrine etc. may thus be put into compact and permanent form (like Catechisms) for frequent repetition and easy memorizing of the contents of the Word of God and for the study of the organized work of the Church. Thus every school has two lessons; the one a lesson of general biblical, historical, doctrinal survey; the other a brief and systematic putting of Ecclesiastical and doctrinal principles, with memory drill, in the Holy Scriptures and in sacred hymns; and there will follow as a necessity graded studies in the separate books of the Bible, the leading characters of the Bible, the historic movements—migrations, exiles, evolutions, divine visitations—the utterance of men under stress of sorrow in speech and song—the voices of psalmists, prophets and apostles. But all this work must embrace week days and special classes as well as the Sunday school. And all of it is practicable, entirely so, under the lesson-system which gives the same lesson-theme on the same day to every class, fixing the thought of the whole church at the same time on the same manifestation of Christ.

4. The best lesson-system, fixing firmly in the mind of every student a general, simple, easily-acquired and easily remembered chronological

outline, enables any child in a moment to give the appointed lesson for the day its proper chronological adjustment. The mind at once sees the whole course of events. The lesson may be on Naaman to-day and on Mary Magdalene next Sunday. Any child rightly furnished in his memory with a chronological scale puts himself to-day in Palestine in the days of Elisha, and next Sunday is perfectly at home in the same old land nine centuries later. The unifying, the central element, the educating factor in these lessons is not in chronological sequence nor geographical contiguity, but in the person of Christ—in the anticipation of Christ in the healing of Naaman and in the realization of Christ in the saving of the Magdalene. Now, lessons thus widely apart in chronological relation do not occur in the International Lessons. But if they did, the unity of thought and spirit would still be preserved, just as in a series of sermons setting forth the power of the Gospel in which the texts are taken from all parts of the holy book. In fact, the International Lesson system devotes months consecutively to the study of the patriarchs. It gives months to the study of Israel. It gives months and years to the study of Christ and of Paul. The shifting from one period to another, out of chronological order, but with no sacrifice of the chronological advantage, does not lessen the interest of teachers or students, nor allow the sacrifice for one Sabbath, of the great central Christic idea and aim of all the lessons. Indeed, such shifting is a distinct advantage—if the school has been trained by "the additional lesson" in the general, historical, chronological and biographical outline of the Bible as a whole. In a sense, everything in Bible study is "fragmentary," and yet in the true educational sense (the aim of all this study being considered) nothing is "fragmentary" that gives glimpses of Christ from many points of view, and that emphasizes the spirit and ethics of Christ and his power over the human heart.

Let us not be disturbed by the sophistry of certain critics on this matter of "chronology" in Bible lessons. With the provision of a fixed series shelving or pigeon-holing in the mind there can be no "hop, skip and jump" in Bible study. The word "Elijah" at once opens the right mental compartment, and in the next minute the name of "Abel" or of "Peter" will effect a corresponding change. I repeat: The real unifying factor in Bible study is Christ. All lessons in the book point to Him. And this is far more effective than "time tables" or the "order of books." And let us appeal to the noble men who would help to carry out the dreams, aspirations and effects of our most advanced Sunday school leaders for the past thirty or forty years not to attack the system of lessons which now unites so nearly all branches of workers, all grades of pupils, all degrees of biblical scholarship; the system that now fixes the thought of Christendom on a single theme on the same day, and every day; that brings to the Church the wealth of biblical scholarship; that makes every Christian journal a biblical commentary; that inspires pulpit, home, prayer meeting, society of Christian endeavor, Epworth League, Y. M. C. A., to think unitedly every Lord's day on a common biblical topic and which thus aids to promote the true unity of all true branches of the Church of Christ.

The Wesley Bi-Centennial in the Sunday School

The Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church kindly requests all Sunday schools of the denomination to celebrate, on Sunday, June 28, the two hundredth anniversary of

the birth of the Rev. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism.

It is especially fitting that Sunday schools should avail themselves of this opportunity to commemorate the birth of the Rev. John Wesley in such a way as to impress the young people in the Sunday school with the importance of the great Methodist movement, and the indebtedness of the world to this great man.

As all the Sunday schools in the denomination are in the Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Board of Managers of the Sunday School Union is at the head of the Sunday school movements of the denomination, it is exceedingly proper that this call should issue from the Board.

It is probable that the Sunday School Union will prepare a program as a guide to the schools in preparing for this celebration.

It is to be hoped that on the 28th day of June, the bi-centennial of Wesley's birthday, every Methodist Episcopal Sunday school in the United States and in the foreign mission fields will have services appropriate to the occasion.

THOMAS B. NEELY.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation For 1903

Florida, Jacksonville, Fla.—Jan. 29.....	Goodsell.
Louisiana, Natchitoches, La.—Jan. 29.....	Mallalieu.
Gulf Mission Conf., Port Arthur, Tex.—Feb. 5.....	Mallalieu.
Central Missouri, Sedalia, Mo.—Mar. 11.....	Hamilton.
Kansas, Holton, Kan.—Mar. 12.....	Foss.
Lexington, Chicago, Ill.—Mar. 18.....	Merrill.
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 18.....	Mallalieu.
New Jersey, Asbury Park, N. J.—Mar. 18.....	Fowler.
Wilmington, Easton, Md.—Mar. 18.....	Cranston.
Missouri, Carrollton, Mo.—Mar. 18.....	Hamilton.
South Kansas, Fort Scott, Kan.—Mar. 19.....	Foss.
Cent. Pennsylvania, Altoona, Pa.—Mar. 25.....	Merrill.
Virginia, Eagle Rock, Va.—Mar. 25.....	Warren.
Delaware, Pocomoke City, Md.—Mar. 25.....	Fowler.
Saint Louis, Marshall, Mo.—Mar. 25.....	Hamilton.
Southwest Kansas, Sterling, Kan.—Mar. 26.....	Foss.
Newark—Apr. 1.....	Warren.
New Eng. Southern, Brockton, Mass.—Apr. 1.....	Fowler.
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.—Apr. 1.....	FitzGerald.
New York East—Apr. 1.....	Goodsell.
New York—Apr. 1.....	McCabe.
Northwest Kansas, Stockton, Kan.—Apr. 2.....	Foss.
Okaneb, Guthrie, Okla.—Apr. 2.....	Hamilton.
New England, Brookline, Mass.—Apr. 8.....	Andrews.
North Indiana, Noblesville, Ind.—Apr. 8.....	Walden.
Vermont, Northfield, Vt.—Apr. 9.....	Warren.
Washington, Staunton, Va.—Apr. 9.....	FitzGerald.
Troy, Saratoga Springs—Apr. 9.....	McCabe.
Maine, Bridgeton, Me.—Apr. 15.....	Andrews.
New Hampshire, Woodsville, N. H.—Apr. 15.....	Warren.
East German, Philadelphia, Pa.—Apr. 16.....	Fowler.
Wyoming, Binghamton, N. Y.—Apr. 16.....	FitzGerald.
Northern New York, Carthage, N. Y.—Apr. 22.....	Merrill.
East Maine, Newport, Me.—Apr. 22.....	Andrews.
Eastern Swedish, Providence, R. I.—Apr. 23.....	FitzGerald.
Porto Rico, San Juan.....	Warne.
Bombay, Bombay—Dec. 3, '02.....	Thoburn.
South India, Kolar—Dec. 18, '02.....	Thoburn.
North India, Lucknow—Jan. 2.....	Moore.
West China Mission, Chentu—Jan. 7.....	Thoburn.
Northwest India, Muttra—Jan. 14.....	Cranston.
Mexico, Pachuca—Jan. 15.....	Warne.
Bengal, Calcutta—Jan. 21.....	Thoburn.
Burma Mission Conf., Rangoon—Jan. 28.....	Hartzell.
Liberia, Cape Palmas—Jan. 28.....	Warne.
Malaysia, Singapore—Feb. 10.....	Joyce.
W. S. A. Miss. Conf., Concepcion—Feb. 18.....	Moore.
Central China Miss., Nankin—Mar. 4.....	Joyce.
South America, Rosario—Mar. 18.....	Moore.
Japan, Nagoya—Apr. 1.....	Vincent.
S. Japan Miss. Conf., Nagasaki—Apr. 17.....	Moore.
Bulgaria Miss. Conf., Loftcha—Apr. 22.....	Moore.
Korea Mission, Seoul—May 1.....	Vincent.
Italy—May 14.....	Vincent.
Switzerland, Neuchatel—June 3.....	Moore.
North China, Pekin—June 3.....	Vincent.
South Germany, Pforzheim—June 10.....	Vincent.
North Germany, Zwickau—June 17.....	Vincent.
Denmark Miss. Conf., N. Bornholm—July 29.....	Walden.
E. C. Africa M. Conf., Umtali—July 30.....	Hartzell.
Fin. & St. P'b's Miss., Tammerfors—Aug. 6.....	Vincent.
Sweden, Helsingborg—Aug. 12.....	Vincent.
Norway, Horten—Aug. 19.....	Moore.
Hinghua Miss. Conf., Hinghua—Nov. 5.....	Moore.
Foochow, Foochow—Nov. 14.....	Walden.
W. Cent. Afr. M. Conf., Quessua—Dec. 16.....	Hartzell.

N. B.—Because of his impaired health, no Conferences have been assigned to Bishop Hurst.
By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.
J. N. FITZGERALD, Secretary.

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The President Follows the Example of His Predecessors

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than in the case of unfavorable criticism urged of late against President Roosevelt. We dare say he is not losing any sleep over the matter, but the fact remains that those of his political critics who are seeking to make capital out of everything that comes to hand do not have far to seek for something to condemn and deplore. The most recent cause for the agitation of the southern critics is the fact that a few prominent Negroes were among those who attended a public reception at the White House a few evenings ago. As evidence that the President's critics are hard pressed for some real cause for fault-finding we cite the fact that prominent Negroes attended a reception at the White House to our certain knowledge during President McKinley's administration and there was not a single word uttered against it in the public print. And besides, we have heard of others doing so before his day. In addition to being present at the reception on President McKinley's invitation, they also joined with others in dispatching the refreshments provided for the occasion. These were not government officials, not members of the President's official family as were Messrs. Dancy, Lyons and others whose presence at the recent reception is so severely criticised. Still, aside from the mere mention of the fact in the Washington papers and a reference to it in a few of the Negro papers of the country, there was no attention paid to the affair. Hence the present occupant of the White House not only followed the example set by Mr. McKinley, but that of others even before his day. As far as we know, Fred Douglass was the first member of the race to enjoy such distinction, which was during the early years of freedom, but there have been a number of other cases since his time. Very little attention has been paid to these occurrences at any time, and the vast majority of the people, the southern people even, are not concerned about that of a few days since. Those who are now making most ado about it are doing so for political reasons; they hope to defeat Mr. Roosevelt's nomination and the Republican party in the elections of next year.

The *Philippine Christian Advocate* says: "Methodism in the United States had her leading seminary in an old mansion that was once used by a man who owned slaves. Now Methodism in the Philippines is housing a large congregation in a rented cock-pit."

The Negro in Professional Life

At Thompson Chapel M. E. Church, New Orleans, Rev. J. J. Obee, pastor, the congregations of Howard Congregational Church, Homestead Baptist Church and Thompson Chapel united for their emancipation celebration. Addresses were delivered by Revs. H. H. Dunn, J. F. Marshall, D. D., and G. W. Henderson, D. D.

We are pleased to present our readers a brief outline of Dr. Marshall's address. He discussed "The Negro in Professional Life."

He said: "The masses of the Negroes had not been able to rush into the avenues of life opened to them, yet the race had accomplished more in a given period than had ever been accomplished under the same circumstances by any other race. It was predicted at first that if the Negro could master reading, writing and ciphering he would have attained his maximum in intellectual effort. Ultra negrophobists had claimed that the Negro's head was too thick to get anything into it; but when it was demonstrated that through this supposedly impenetrable casing ideas common to thought life had entered, one white man said that if the Negro's skull was thick it seemed to be to his advantage, since it retained what went in."

"While the contention that the Negro was incapable of learning had been abandoned, there was at present a tendency to restrict the Negro's education to the industrial side. The speaker said that while he would advocate industrial education in all its branches, he would also emphasize the supreme importance of the Negro's making special preparation and entering the professions as rapidly as possible. In answer to the objection that there were no openings in professional life, it should be said that there were undoubtedly more places than the Negroes are prepared to fill. It has been said, perhaps with truth, that the Negro is imitative. It has been shown also, however, that he has originality. But if he were to copy the white man he should copy his virtues. In what he originated the Negro should give something that would command the white man's respect, and also invoke his commendation."

"The Negro should do more than clamor for his rights and liberties," he said. "He should show himself in some degree worthy and capable for the positions he might in time be called to occupy. It is to the credit of the Negro that in most of the professions men and women of the race hold high rank. At one time the ministry and school teaching about monopolized the professional life of the Negro. Now Negroes are to be found in nearly every walk of life. It should be the purpose of those in professional life to dignify and exalt their callings. The man who dishonors the cloth should be taught that he cannot persist in perverse ways and continue with his co-workers. The quack should be made to know that the practice of medicine does not consist in the boiling of a few roots and selling them as cure-alls. Neither is the race helped by that man who, because of educational advantages, becomes inflated with the idea of his great ability, and has created around him an air of superiority which repels many of whom he might attract and help."

The speaker presented the following statistics of his race: In the United States at large, 30,000 teachers, 600 physicians, 300 lawyers, 5 bankers, 300 authors, 400 editors, 1,400 book and pamphlet writers, 135,000 farms, 150,000 homes, \$37,000,000 church property, \$600,000,000 property, \$10,000,000 raised for his own education, 3,000,000 church members.

In Louisiana, teachers, colored, 628; clergymen, colored, 639; doctors, colored, 38; lawyers, colored, 30.

A Boy Hears the Call

Bishop Hartzell's call for men and women from among our colored people in the South to go to Africa, published in the SOUTHWESTERN some weeks since, has resulted in his receiving word from many who want to go, among them some of the leading men and women of the church.

The following letter from a boy in Lexington, Ky., dated January 10, 1903, has been received by the Bishop and indicates that the spirit of young America is inspiring our colored boys and girls with noble ambitions. The letter is as follows:

"Bishop Hartzell:

"DEAR SIR—I am a boy of eleven and gave my heart to Jesus at nine. I don't know why I am writing this letter, but God knows why. I have just finished reading an article in *The Kentucky Standard*, saying that you were looking for about eight or ten persons for Africa, and haven't found one. Well, if it were a demand like that for boys, I would certainly go. Jungles, alligators, cannibals, nor nothing else could prevent me from going if my parents would say the word. My father, Dr. ———, was educated for missionary work but drifted into medicine, and he says if he could find a way to educate me, poor excuse, he would go to Africa. My mother is desirous of being a missionary worker. Now I hope you will write to him about it. Good-by. From ———."

The Mob Spirit Grows

Lieutenant Governor James H. Tillman, a nephew of Senator Tillman of South Carolina, shot Mr. N. G. Gonzales, editor of the *The State*, Columbia, S. C., in the other week. There had been bad feeling existing between the men for some time; growing out of their political relation. Editor Gonzales had denounced Mr. Tillman as being untruthful and unworthy of the confidence of the people. This was last summer, but Mr. Tillman made no attempt to resent the insult until he shot the unarmed editor in the street. There is considerable feeling against Mr. Tillman, but we are confident that no violence will be offered him. Mr. Gonzales has since died.

This is another evidence of the development of the mob spirit in this country. To think of a high official on leaving the capitol of his state, in which he had just been presiding over a dignified body of senators, pausing in the street to shoot down a man without warning and without giving him any opportunity to defend himself! Surely this country will some day wake up to the mistake it is making in the toleration of mob law.

Rules For Those Who Write For the Press

Let those who have occasion to write for publication observe the following rules, which are said to have been framed by a celebrated teacher of rhetoric. They are:

- "1. Have something to say.
- "2. Say it as plainly and concisely as you can.
- "3. Be sure to stop when you are done.
- "4. Review carefully your production and strike out all your 'fine' sentences."

The Swedes of the United States have sent \$12,000 to Sweden for the relief of the famine sufferers of that country. It is claimed that \$6,300,000 will be necessary to save the population. The starving people are forced to eat pine bark, which after being dried is ground to powder, mixed with stewed island moss and made into a kind of famine bread.

Personal and General

Brother M. White requests all friends to address him at Vicksburg, Miss.

Rev. R. M. Thomas, recently of Jacksonville, Fla., is now located at Stamps, Ark.

Rev. E. H. Holmes desires his friends to know that he is living in Ruleville, Miss.

Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson has tendered his resignation as an officer of the navy.

Dr. H. R. Butler, of Atlanta, Ga., addressed the colored Y. M. C. A. of Savannah, Ga., January 20.

The assistant business manager, Rev. W. Felix Waters, attended the Louisiana Conference the past week.

The stork lately visited the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Parks, of Prairie Plain, Tex., and left a baby boy.

Rev. F. R. Bridges, of Griffin, Ga., has been invited to deliver the annual sermon of the colored union of that city.

The souvenir gold dollars struck off at the mint in honor of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition are selling at \$3 each.

The colored people of Savannah, Ga., says Dr. H. R. Butler, have a Wage-Earners' Loan and Investment Company with an authorized capital of \$50,000.

John M. Holsendorf has been nominated by President Roosevelt for collector of customs for the district of St. Mary's, Ga. Mr. Holsendorf is a colored man.

Benedict College, in South Carolina, has an endowment of \$120,000 and buildings worth \$200,000. It is a Baptist college for the education of colored youth.

A new school known as Epworth University, will be owned jointly by our church and the M. E. Church South. It is to be located at Oklahoma City, Okla.

Rust Hall, the new building of the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School for Missionaries and Deaconesses, located at Washington, D. C., was formally dedicated Jan. 23-30.

Mr. Matthews, a colored student of Harvard, is a member of the Harvard baseball team. Southern colleges refuse to play with Harvard if the ebony-hued second baseman is retained.

Dr. M. C. B. Mason, buoyant as ever, was in the office just for a few minutes, the other week with Presiding Elder Marshall. A host of New Orleans friends are always glad to see Dr. Mason.

Gilbert Academy and Industrial College has just had a long-distance telephone put in. Dean and Mrs. Landry would be delighted to have their friends call them up at any time for a pleasant chat.

By request of Rev. R. E. Jones, D. D., a Sunday school superintendents' council, composed of all Sunday school superintendents and their assistants, is called to meet in Mt. Zion M. E. Church, this city, February 12.

Dr. Daniel Williams, of Chicago, Ill., will lecture in the college chapel of Brown College, Atlanta, Ga., March 16. Dr. Williams has the reputation of being one of the leading surgeons of this country.

Before a gathering of students at the University of Chicago the other week, Ernest P. Bicknell stated that poor cooking and untidy housekeeping were the underlying causes of 400 couples being divorced in Chicago last year.

Drs. J. P. Wragg and R. E. Jones graced the office with their presence recently. They had just returned from the Mississippi Conference and were enthusiastic in their praise of the brethren who composed that large Christian body.

Bishop Vincent is thus spoken of by the *Nashville Christian Advocate*: "An orator, educator, preacher, traveler, son of the South, a bishop of the North, a citizen of the world, which has few who are better known or more generally loved."

Mr. S. H. Wallace, superintendent of the St. Paul M. E. Sunday school, Moss Point, Miss., must be very popular with his scholars. Recently they presented him a set of diamond shape gold shirt-studs. The presentation speech was made by Mrs. C. L. Dubra.

Bishop Thoburn has been heard from by Secretary Leonard, and we are pleased to say he had reached India in safety and was about to open a session of the North India Conference. The letter was dated from Lucknow, Jan. 1. The Bishop was in good health.

The Epworth Herald says a model chairman does four things, viz.: (1) Keeps order; (2) indulges in no extravagant eulogy of speakers upon introducing them; (3) does not assume the role of a prophet concerning the speeches which are to be delivered; (4) talks little.

If you are inclined to feel the thorns on every rose which you find lying in your path, think of the many who have nothing but stones and dust with never a flower to brighten the long and toilsome journey, and you will forget about the thorns and remember only the fragrance.—Selected.

Bishop Mallalieu, Dr. T. C. Iliff and L. W. Manaway brought something of the atmosphere of the North and West into the SOUTHWESTERN office the other day, much to the delight of the office force. The editor, to the regret of these distinguished visitors, had not returned from the Little Rock Conference.

Dr. H. L. Steele, an alumnus of Meharry Medical College, is located at Hope, Ark., and meeting with most excellent success. The relation existing between him and the best-citizens of the community is all that may be desired. He manufactures four different medicines that are ready sellers and are in general use.

The *New York Herald*, which politically is an independent paper, seems much disturbed because President Roosevelt nominated Dr. Crum collector of customs at Charleston, S. C. That paper contends that since more whites are opposed to such appointments than favor them, they should not be made. On that principle, what position above that of ordinary laborer could any colored man get in the South?

Dr. William F. Warren has resigned from the presidency of Boston University. He has taken this action in the belief that he can better serve the university in his professorship in the Theological School, a position which has been retained by him through all his years as president. President Warren desires that his resignation take effect at the end of the present academic year, and that he may continue in his professorship at the University. He also asks the trustees for a release from duty for the year 1903-04. During the year away from the university he will take a needful rest and devote a part of the time to new studies.

A Bible Institute, under the auspices of the John C. Martin Educational Fund, will be held at Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C., on March 24, 25, 26, 1903. The object of this Institute will be to awaken a wider interest among all denominations in Bible study. Bishops, distinguished ministers and laymen of both races, from various parts of the country, will participate in the exercises and will lecture on important themes. It is confidently expected that Mr. Martin, who is a distinguished layman in New York City, will

be present. No effort will be spared to make this one of the largest and most successful Bible Institutes held in the State. Further announcements will be made from time to time.

News Notes

The wife of John Murray Dowie, of Chicago, is seeking a divorce.

Within the past week there have been several railroad accidents with a fearful loss of life.

There is much talk of erecting an equestrian statue of General Robert E. Lee on the battlefield of Gettysburg.

President Roosevelt has declared his disapproval of the election of Reed Smoot, the Mormon, to the United States senate.

It is said that a colored man in Montgomery county, Ala., has discovered three very rich veins of silver on his farm, for which he is offered \$875,000.

A clay bust was made of Booker T. Washington by Miss Leila Usher, a New York sculptor. It has since been cast into plaster and also into bronze.

A case of blood poisoning has been cured by Dr. Charles C. Barrows, of New York, by an injection of a solution of formalin into the veins of the patient, a colored woman.

The death sentence passed upon Colonel Arthur Lynch, in London, England, for high treason has been commuted to penal servitude for life, subject to further consideration after a term of years.

A resolution was introduced in the Kansas legislature at Topeka recently to amend the state election law so as to exclude all Negroes from voting and to require all foreign-born persons to become fully naturalized before voting.

In St. Charles parish, Jan. 26, John Thomas, colored, killed Sheriff Orv. Thomas, wounded in the arm, escaped and hid in a drainage ditch a mile away. He was discovered by his pursuers, riddled with bullets, carried into his cabin and he and all his belongings burned.

A mob visited the home of Jim Pleasant, a Negro living near Nacogdoches, La., and, after shooting the house full of holes, took Pleasant away with them. There is no trace of the Negro, and it is believed that he was put to death.

In a widely published charge to the grand jury of Natchitoches, La., the district judge has declared that the white people of the state, who now make and execute the laws, must give the Negro legal protection or confess that the white race is "incapable of administering the government."

A "Jim Crow" car bill has been introduced into the Missouri legislature. The colored people of the state are doing what they can to defeat it. About 300 persons met in St. Louis this week and adopted a formal protest against the bill. A delegation to go to the capital, Jefferson City, to present the views of the colored people was also appointed.

There is a movement on foot in Chicago to improve the hospital conditions of that city so as to accommodate the children. This move is said to be one of the first fruits of the recent visit of Dr. Adolf Lorenz, the Austrian surgeon, to the United States. It was then discovered that Chicago contained no hospital in which children could be cared for.

Dr. George E. Parkin, of Toronto, representing the Trustees of the Cecil Rhodes Scholarship Trust Fund, met in Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 2, with educators from nine Southern States, and a plan outlined which shall apply to scholars from southern colleges who wish to take advantage of the Rhodes fund. It was determined that the chancellor of the state university of each southern state shall appoint a committee to select two candidates from the state in question. Each candidate must be between the ages of 19 and 24, and must have been for three years a student in the collegiate department of some American college whose studies are in accordance with the requirements of the trustees. The candidate must apply from the state of which he is a legal resident, and will be expected to be up to the level of "Oxford matriculation." The first elections to scholarships will probably be made early in 1904.

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FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. C. Marshall Editor

INDIAN CORN.

Corn is strictly a native of America, and was found by the earliest comers from European shores, the one dependence of American Indians of many races, from the coasts of New England to the South American Pacific. Do you know it has never been found wild, but is always a cultivated plant? It is found in the oldest ruins of the remotest races in all the Americas. In cliff dwellings and caves of Arizona, with strange pottery, we found the dry cobs beside the ancient grinding stones. One of the earliest of the strange peoples of America was the Mayas of Yucatan. Was the American corn called maize for the Mayas? Mr. Fiske writes of the maize and its universal presence as a cultivated plant among the American races in his "Discovery of America."—*Central Presbyterian*.

DRIED POTATO EXPERIMENTS.

AT THE GOVERNMENT STATIONS.

"Dried potatoes" is a new idea and industry, and, like many other successful experiments, promises to be a big thing. It is the product of the South Carolina agricultural experiment station. During the process the potatoes are boiled, peeled and evaporated in a

cannery, and will remain, it is claimed, in condition for years. The preserved potato becomes fit for eating after being soaked in warm water for an hour. Like many other new ideas, this promises to be a big thing. It insures to the farmer the perfect preservation of one of his most prolific and most important general food crops, at the same time fitting it for safe and economical shipment to distant markets heretofore closed to it, and effects these ends by a mode of preparation which is so simple and cheap that it can be employed on any farm. When it is noted that in one case stated in the table an acre of land yielded 357 bushels of raw potatoes, which in turn yielded 105 bushels of the dried product, the possibilities of the process in the way of developing the South and introducing it to the world's commerce and comfort begin to appear in truly vast proportions.—*Ex.*

TRY FOR YOURSELF.

Try kerosene on a gas range and see how fast it will eat away the dirt and grease. It is also good to clean the coal range, but in both cases one must be very careful that there is no heat in the stove.

A temporary relief for a squeaky door is to rub lard or butter on the parts that come in close contact with each other.

All vegetables go into boiling water for cooking, with one teaspoon of salt to one quart of boiling water.

Lemons are a necessary adjunct to every woman's toilet; besides their healthfulness, which is not to be questioned, they are also beautifiers. A teaspoonful of lemon juice to a cup of warm water will remove all stains from the hands and will make the nails soft and pliable, rendering them easy to polish.

USEFUL TO KNOW.

When making layer cake try baking it in the bread tins, instead of the round ones. It makes a much nicer shaped loaf to cut from.

KEEP UP THE SOIL-FERTILITY.

Easier said than done? That is true of many things in life; but it is a fact that many of us are fast bringing our farms to a point where some one will need to work long and hard to bring back the fertility we are using up so recklessly. We have been going on just as if the land we possess were of unbounded resource. Year after year we have taken off and put little back—so little that we cannot now get the crops we once could. We admit it, and yet we keep right on. The man who comes after us must look out for himself? True; but suppose that man be our own flesh and blood? Do we want to leave him a heritage of never-ending struggle with a poor, worn-out farm? But whether he be our son or not, we should not be entirely forgetful of the future.

But how can we do it? What shall be our plan of keeping up the farm? In a dairy country there certainly is no better way than to keep cows enough to eat up all the stuff produced. If not cows, then sheep or young cattle. This method gives us plenty of manure to put back in the place of hay and grain taken off. Sometimes it may be necessary to plow under a piece of clover or rye to help out. More than one man has found his best bank account in the clover field. I know of men who say they do not expect to do more than get the worth of their farms, and that is a point of pride with them. But many

do far better than this. For every dollar's worth of feed they get back two dollars for butter, milk or cheese.

With the great farms of the West the question is a more intricate one, and I am of the opinion that the day of the great wheat and corn-fields is fast passing away. Necessity will compel men to do more general farming, so that they may have something to give back to their land beside now and then a stack of straw. Commercial fertilizers will not suffice. They are too expensive. When we remember that every crop of twenty-five bushels of wheat takes from the soil not less than eight dollars worth of fertility an acre, we can see what it would cost to maintain soil fertility with commercial fertilizers.

The best policy for us to pursue, it seems to me, is to produce most of the grain we need on the farm, and feed everything out to stock of some kind that will return fertility to be given back to the land. If we do not begin this now, some one will be compelled to do it in the near future. I have heard of some men who were called cranks on the subject of soil fertility. They are daft in a good cause. Would that we had more such men!—*E. L. Vincent*.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

J. H. Holliday, Pastor, Dadeville, Ala.—The Mobile Annual Conference was presided over by our much beloved Bishop, A. G. Andrews. The conference was adjourned Dec. 14. I was assigned to Dadeville Station. I reached my appointment on Monday, the 15th of same month. Rev. R. B. Cobb, my predecessor, accompanied me. He was very kind to me; he went with me to the homes of a goodly number of the members and friends of the church. I was never more warmly received by a congregation in my life. The energetic board of steward sisters went to work at once with Mrs. Clara Chambers, chairman, and purchased more furniture for the parsonage. The trustees joined hands with me and we ceiled the room of the parsonage that needed it. My family is now with me, and we are out for the best year's work of our lives. We are planning to build a new church, and we will soon put our plans into effect. We have some as good people here as Methodism affords; some of our members are in the very best circumstances. Brother E. E. Clark is at the head of our Epworth League work. I am proud to say that he is the right man for the place. He is a blessing to the church in every way. Miss S. Phillips is superintendent of our Sunday school. She is quite an exceptional young lady. Father H. Rainie, a local deacon, and his wife are true and tried heralds of the cross. Pray for us. Brother J. Smith is blind, and has been for years, but I am proud to be able to say for him that he is as faithful to the church as he can be. He is a Christian gentleman in the strictest sense of that term. He lives, he prays, he pays as a Christian should.

Gabriel Felder, Pastor, Jacksonville, Tex.—This place was visited by a storming party, and the leaders were: Benson, Crockett and Martin of the C. M. E. Church, and Prof. Sanders, Earl and Brewer, of the M. E. Church and their wives and others of



the good friends. God bless them all. They brought groceries and money.

D. C. Quaw, Flemingsburg, Ky.—As I am a lay member of Stramerry M. E. Church, it may be gratifying to you to hear from this charge. At present we are in the midst of a revival under the management of Rev. D. E. Skelton, pastor. He began Jan. 2, 1903. Up to date we have 16 conversions, with 17 mourners seeking Christ. The pastor is closing up his fifth year with us, and there is no department in the church that is not being looked after with care. His aim is to go up to the conference without any blanks, and I am sure there will be none. Rev. Skelton is an honest pastor and a faithful worker for his church. His wife is just as faithful as he is, and they have done a work here that cannot be surpassed by any one in the Lexington Conference, and, above all, he is a Christian gentleman and his wife is a Christian lady; and as they blend their efforts together success is sure to be theirs. We have a good Sunday school. The pastor is always on hand, ready to give whatever instruction that may be needed. Never was the prospect of the church brighter for the future than it is at the present. The prospects are fair that we will have 50 conversions in this meeting. Jan. 17, 1903, Brother Dan Fant died. He was one of our faithful trustees.

B. I. Adams, Groesbeck Circuit, Tex.—After the annual conference at Luling, Tex., I returned to my charge with new aspirations from the noble sermon and fatherly advice of our worthy Bishop, W. F. Mallalieu. I have started to do more for Christ, our Savior, and the church. My people were glad of my return, and everything has caught new life. We have bought an acre of land and have the lumber for a new church on the ground and will begin building at an early date. We need some assistance from the Church Extension, which we hope to get. Our first quarterly conference convened on Jan. 11, with Rev. A. Brown, presiding elder, in the chair. Nearly all officers were present with good reports. Sunday was a high day. Although the wind was from the north and was very cold, the house was crowded, and the presiding elder preached two soul-stirring sermons, which lifted the church up. They will be planted in the hearts of the people. Paid Rev. Brown \$10.50. Benevolent collections, \$3.35; Pastor \$4.90. Total for the quarter, \$18.75. Look out for subscribers for SOUTHWESTERN. I have pledged 15.

P. H. Jenkins, Pastor, Calvert, Tex.—We were very cordially received in our new field of labor, East Calvert.

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The very night we moved into the parsonage the good members and friends of Chapel Hill M. E. Church, led by Brother J. S. Smith and Sister M. D. Gray, gave us a nice surprise party, which resulted in many good things for the family. Presiding Elder Blakeney successfully held our first quarterly conference. He preached a very able sermon to the edification of all present. He is alive to every interest of the church. We are always glad to see Brother Blakeney. Last Sunday night, Jan. 10th, as we were in the act of retiring we heard sweet strains of music. Opening the door, in filed another host of welcome guests, led by Brother J. S. Smith and Sister M. D. Gray. We are always glad to have them come, for they bring so many good things for the family.

L. L. Neal, Pastor, Brookston, Tex.—The pastor came to his work after the adjournment of conference. He found

a few loyal members with a church that needed repairing before church services could be held. We went to work at once to repair our church. The good brothers and sisters took hold and put new panes in the windows and a flue in the church, which was much needed. We began our regular services in the midst of cold winter days. We had a glorious meeting on Christmas morning. We were overwhelmed with a pentecostal shower; our hearts burned within us; and the same thing was repeated at watch meeting. On Christmas day I was glad to unite in holy wedlock Mr. Geo. Murray and Miss Sallie Hill. Both have great influence among our best people. We are planning to send, in the near future, some subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN.

Wm. Josey, Pastor, Heard, Tex.—Just before Christmas I was at a loss to know whether Santa Claus would visit the parsonage or not. The night before Christmas eve I was awakened about 10:30 o'clock by sweet singing, "Bringing in the Sheaves," led by Sister Willie Frazier, Kitty Hoffman, Martha Jackson, Angeline Bradford, Classie Sledge, Annie McCracken, Annie Cade and Malinda Davenport. We kindly thanked them for the many good things and groceries they brought us. You can look for some subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN soon.

CLARA A. JOSEY.

Joseph H. Augustus, St. Mark's M. E. Church, Opelousas, La.—Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather for the past month or more, our church is still on the move. God still sends His blessings upon us. We are now preparing our pastor, Rev. E. C. Goins, for the annual conference. Our young people are very much interested in him, and show it by many a good deed for the general welfare of the church. A number of them voluntarily contested for a grand prize, and much good accrued from the same. Those most active are: Misses Clara Gilbert, Augusta James, Eunice Bell, Gertrude Donata, Loise Lastrapes, E. Wilkerson,

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Stella Roos, Ida Goins, and Messrs. Russell Ferrand, Gussie Wilkins and others too numerous to mention. Each did well with his gleaner, and the neat sum gathered was highly appreciated by the pastor. We intend to send him with a good report and with the hope that he shall return as our pastor for another year. All who know him love him and honor his religious principles. His return means a prosperous year for the church, with God to help.

R. J. Buckner, Pastor St. Paul M. E. Church, Birmingham, Ala.—Since the last session of our conference we have been able to put a temporary roof on our building. Jan. 30th was a great night for St. Paul M. E. Church, and the citizens in general. Although the weather was very inclement the people came in great crowds to hear the talented and matchless Dr. M. C. B. Mason lecture; subject, "Africa in America, and Africa Beyond the Seas." Dr. Mason swayed the audience seemingly at will. The people laughed, they cried and shouted. The Chattanooga salute was given Dr. Mason at the close of his eloquent speech. The people did not want him to stop. They cried, "Don't stop!" A lady came forward and said: "Dr. Mason, do come back soon. If I am not in heaven I will be here." After the lecture the ladies served a great banquet in honor of the doctor, which was enjoyed by all. The ministers of the city were present to do him honor. Our brothers Penn and Wragg visited us and made promises to come and help us in our struggle. Too much cannot be said of the loyal members of St. Paul Church. The parsonage committee is refurbishing and frescoing the parsonage, and the people are saying: "Brother Pastor, lead; we will follow." The board of commissioners for the purpose of locating a central school for the Mobile and Central Alabama Conference

has been appointed. Birmingham is the place for a great school. They also appointed Revs. B. G. Smith, O. Townsend, Prof. W. C. Davis, Dr. U. G. Mason and the writer as the committee to select the site. We ask the public everywhere to pray for us that our great church will soon be completed. Lend us a helping hand.

Rev. H. W. Key, D. D., presiding elder of the Cumberland River District, Tennessee Conference, has been on wheels ever since the adjournment of the last session of our conference at Franklin, Tenn. He has been looking after the interests of his district and doing church work generally. He spent the Sabbath in the city Jan. 18, holding his quarterly conference at Braden's Chapel, East Nashville, Tenn. This being his first opportunity to be at home a Sabbath day this year, a feast was prepared for him by some of his friends. The following were the guests: Dr. and Mrs. E. W. S. Hammond, dean of Braden School of Theology, Walden University; Rev. A. Phillips, presiding elder of the West Nashville District, and wife; Miss Mamie E. Braden, dean of department of music, Walden University, and her mother Mrs. Braden; Jerre M. Lyte, pastor of Lumsden Chapel, Nashville, and wife, also Mrs. Nancy A. Anderson, of Gallatin, Tenn., who was in the city visiting her brother, Rev. Lyte; and Rev. G. W. White, of Seays Chapel, Nashville. Nothing was spared in making the occasion wholesome, rich and grand; the guests were all happy and the Doctor seemed overjoyed to see his friends enjoying themselves. Oh, for another treat like that one. God bless Dr. Key. J. M. L.

J. W. Whitaker, Steward, W. M. McNeil, Pastor, Waynesboro, Miss.—I have been the pastor of Waynesboro Circuit for the past three years and have enjoyed myself nicely, with the good people of Waynesboro during my stay. The people seem to do all they can to make my family happy and if the conference moves me from this circuit I shall forever remember the good people. Waynesboro church has paid out in full for the year and over. Waynesboro church pays the pastor \$138 a year. The following members have paid as below: Brothers J. W. Whitaker, \$10.17; W. W. Harris, \$1.26; Tom Roberson, \$6.50; H. Bradley, \$2.70; C. Hugh, \$2.45; A. J. Pacley, \$3.83; Doss Hardge, \$1.85; Peter Somlin, \$1.20; Sisters William McCarty, \$4.90; Lena West, \$3.45; Lizzie Whitaker, \$1; Emma Johnson, \$1.40; Emma Evans, \$3.85; Jimma Gates, \$3.45; Mamie Trotter, \$4.60; Lizzie McCarty, 60 cents; Peggie Powe, \$3.65; Commie Powe, 85 cents; Mollie Evans, \$1.30; Maria Williams, \$3.25; Vina Roberson, \$3.50; Annie Bradley, 85 cents; Susan Aaron, \$3.75; Mittie Moore, \$3.20; Missouri Ferguson, \$2.20; A. Harris, \$2.17; Annie Pacley, \$1.30; Laura Hardge, 60 cents; Hattie Somlin, \$1.85; Annie B. Somlin, \$2.05; Re-

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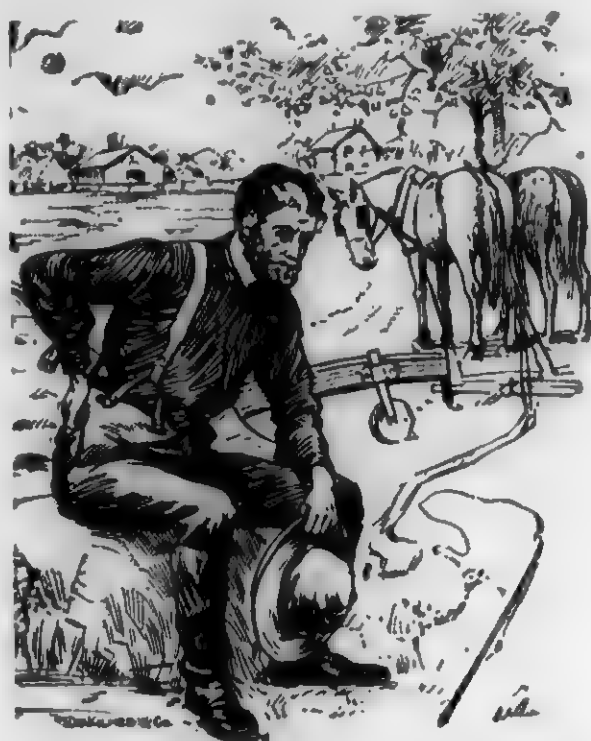
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T. D. Huff, Pastor, Milford, Texas.—Our first quarterly conference convened at Italy, Jan. 3-4. Our beloved elder, Richardson, was on time. Amid the stringent times our work was greatly increased over that of last year. Paid presiding elder \$15.60. Got four subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. This is my second year at this place and at Milford. We are doing a good work but our work and people at Italy are yet on the drag, but we are praying God for success all over the work. We have now begun our first revival and we hope to report great success. Our members and the members and pastor of the A. M. E. Church have united for one glorious fight against Satan. We are sorry to report the death of one of our noble stewards, Brother John Walker. He departed this life Jan. 19. He died in full triumph of faith. The pastor and church extend their sympathy to the bereaved wife and family. We have begun on the promise we made at Luling.

A. Ransom, Dover, Tenn.—Our first quarterly conference was held Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 17-18. Our worthy presiding elder, Rev. W. R. Smith, presided. The reports from the various departments of the church showed the work to be in a progressive state and considerably in advance

of the same time last year. A neat parsonage has been built since the return of our pastor and himself and family are cosily situated in the same. We have already begun to collect our benevolent claims and have a neat little sum on hand. We shall observe March 29 as Walden University day. The elder was paid in full for the first quarter. We shall not leave a stone unturned this year.

Our presiding elder of Lexington District, Tennessee Conference, narrowly escaped death in a railroad wreck between the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers, while en route to Dover, Tenn., to hold his first quarterly conference, on Saturday, Jan. 17. The elder was not seriously hurt, but was badly shaken up.

James W. Martin, Pastor, Hobson City, Ala.—Hobson City, which came into being a few years ago and inhabited exclusively by Negroes who have the municipal government in their own hands, is losing some of its good citizens; some have already gone to the Indian Territory, others are preparing to follow as soon as they can provide the means. Hobson City, in many respects is a model town. There have been no violent eruptions among its citizens since its incorporation. It is an unusually quiet place. Most of its citizens are busily engaged in some kind of profitable employment. No doubt this accounts for the general good order and peace of the town.

There is not an habitual drunkard within the corporate limits and stealing is a thing unheard of only in the adjacent towns. It was thought by some that a Negro town would be a rendezvous for thieves and murderers. Those who entertained such fears have been sadly disappointed. There have been a few fights but no murders to record. The police follow their daily vocation, there being no necessity of his constant service. There are three churches, two Methodist and one Baptist. Nearly the whole population is religious; some are intensely religious and have used up all the grace that the churches could furnish them, become sanctified, gone out of the "sects," formed themselves into holiness bands, and are making strenuous efforts to proselite the poor sinners that remain in the "sects." Every church in Hobson has lost many of its members in this "holiness" movement. We believe in and preach holiness, therefore, there has been no going out since we have been here. The territory excitement is becoming more interesting every day. Five or six families that belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church and about as many from the other churches will emigrate to the Territory. The taste of self-government these people have enjoyed in Hobson City has created a thirst for larger liberties. They want more room. The experience of forty years has taught them the value of space. They have learned that a twenty by forty town lot, especially when owned by some one else, is not enough space to settle on and bring up a growing family. However, many of our people, I fear, are selling their homes and leaving places where they might, by the proper management and economy, do well.

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MRS. EMELINE LEWIS,
President.

W. H. Bloomer, Pewee alley, Ky.—I have been hard at work since conference. Thank the Lord, Pewee alley is alive and moving on fairly well. This is my second year here, and the work is far in advance of last year; yet there is room for improvement. Our fourth and last quarterly conference is Feb. 14 and 15, and we hope to have with us our beloved presiding elder. We are struggling to have no blanks in our report at the end of this conference year, and we are all working to make the Lincoln birthday Sunday one to be remembered. The following program, arranged by Mrs. W. H. Bloomer, will be rendered:

Invocation, Chorus—"Gloria," Mozart; oration—But where are we now? Miss Zora E. Bloomer; answer, Mr. William Keller; alto solo—Let there be light, Miss R. L. Bloomer; oration—Slavery, Alex. K. Flournoy; Freedom, Miss Susie Hinkle; Duet—Eternal light, Foerester, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Bloomer; Oration—The dark day, Mrs. B. C. Jones; Chorus—God's love divine—Pascal; Recitation—Father Abraham, Aneata C. Bloomer; Solo bass—Beyond the gates of Paradise, Alex. K. Flournoy; Emancipation, Rev. J. H. Stanley, P. E.; Oration—Why not be thankful? Miss Eva Bloomer; Paper—Fruits of emancipation and education, Mrs. Lulu Hinkle; Chorus—Hosannah—Lincoln collection.

Griffin, Ga.—Our first quarterly conference was held in Hecks Chapel Jan. 25. Rev. M. M. Alston, D. D., in the chair. The reports of the officials showed some improvement on all lines, notwithstanding the weather has been very bad and has been ever since the adjournment of the annual conference. We had a good quarter. The trustees made a splendid report on finishing our new church. At 11 a. m. Rev. Alston preached to a large congregation one of his soul-stirring sermons.

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W. L. Williams, Bastrop, La.—On Sunday and Sunday night, Jan. 25, Rev. T. P. Norris, pastor at Mt. Nebo M. E. Church, preached his farewell sermon to a crowded house. We had a glorious time. The pastor is a heroic preacher. He left on the 26th inst. for conference, which will convene at Natchitoches, La. Collection raised on Sunday, \$30.05. Pray for our future success.

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W. R. Gardner, Secretary, Mansfield, La.—To the bishop and elders of the Louisiana Conference: We, the officers and members of Wesley Chapel, Mansfield, have been wonderfully blessed and revived by the administration of our pastor, Rev. A. H. Bank. He has got the church out of the dark condition in which it has been for several years, and on the road to success. Therefore, we humbly ask that Rev. Bank be reappointed to this charge. He has also planned to erect an academy at this place; the white friends have promised to assist in the same. They wish his return. The whole parish knows him as an upright man, a leader and a captain. The people are ready to assist him in battle. Therefore we desire his return.

P. A. Lemon, Victoria, Miss.—I desire to thank the good people here for their efforts in presenting me with a handsome little sum on a suit of clothes for conference. Joseph Taylor, Sr., 50c.; Manervia Taylor, 50c.; Jennie Burrow, 50c.; Thomas Burrow, 25c.; Katie Burrow, 25c.; Susie Rose, 65c.; Steve J. Johnson, 35c.; John Withers, 25c.; John H. Johnson, 25c.; Elizabeth B. Jackson, 30c.; Martin Barry, 25c.; Dan Williams, 25c.

STEWARDS AND PREACHERS' MEETING.

The sub-district Stewards and Preachers' meeting of the Paris District convened at Clarksville in obedience to the call of Rev. F. Parker, P. E. The meeting was one of no little interest from start to finish. Many important questions were considered and discussed. All present manifested a great interest in the topics under discussion. Mrs. A. B. Jamison rendered a paper on E. L. and spiritual work. The paper was well rendered. Mrs. Gilmore's paper on W. H. M. Society and its plan will be found in the columns of the SOUTHWESTERN, to speak for itself. Sunday morning opened with modern Sunday school, which was taught with great interest. After a review of school by the presiding elder, we gave way to love feast, which took place at 10 o'clock. In this meeting the spirit of God predominated. At 11 o'clock J. H. Anthony spoke to a quiet congregation for forty-five minutes on proficiency in all things for good. At 3 p. m. Rev. J. I. Gilmore held up to a large crowd the religion of God. All who heard the speaker could not but enjoy what he said. Rev. F. Parker preached at 8 o'clock p. m. The house was crowded to its utmost capacity. After song and prayer service, Rev. Parker spoke on the model revival. The central thought that impressed his hearers was that we must have a revival at any cost, and that sinners must come to Christ and we must get out of the way and let them come. At the close of the elder's sermon, the Lord's Supper was administered. Many were found feasting on the body and blood of the Savior of the world. Those who attended the meeting determined to do more for the fostering of the plan of salvation and for the edification of the kingdom of God in the hearts of men.

J. H. ANTHONY.

ATTENTION.

Dear Brethren of the West Tennessee District—The New Year opens to us with a wide field before us, waiting for you and me to thrust in the gospel

sickle, to reap the bright grain which is ripe for harvesting, and if we fail to do our whole duty the blessed Master will not be pleased with us for unfaithfulness in His vineyard. Brethren, Drs. Mason and Thirkield are trying to meet the many obligations pertaining to our Freedman's Aid schools and want you to write at once to Cincinnati and secure penny boxes, which will aid you in taking the collection on Lincoln's birthday. Make special preparations to preach a gospel sermon, and ask God to fill you full of the Holy Ghost, and I will assure you that the West Tennessee District will excel any previous record in its history. Dr. J. B. Hamilton, the worthy successor to the sainted John Braden, is placing Walden University among the leading colleges of our Freedman's Aid Society, and he will soon address letters to every brother asking you to co-operate with him in raising a thousand dollars for Walden University. Brethren, if you could see how hard our beloved president, Dr. Hamilton, is working to succeed, you would all say to him, "I am with you in every effort to make Walden University succeed." Just think of it, brethren, 900 students in all departments and scores of young men and women are asking for admission. I believe the Tennessee Conference should put itself on record as doing something for our conference school. I am aware that Dr. N. W. Key, Calvin Pickett and a few others have given liberally as individuals, but what have we done as a conference towards raising money for Central, now Walden University? Some want a colored Bishop, so do I, and here are some of the things that will aid us in securing what we want. Give Dr. Scott 20,000 cash subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN, and let him always have a surplus of from four to five thousand dollars. Give Dr. Mason enough money to cancel every debt; give Prof. Penn a larger cash circulation for the *Epworth Herald*; give Dr. Jones more money for our Sunday school work, and assist Dr. W. W. Lucas in his work to secure the right young men and women to bring Africa to Christ. Our motto for 1903 is "Every dollar assessed collected, every blank filled, and hundreds of souls converted to Christ!"

I am yours for Christ and the great Methodist Church. J. A. W. MOORE.
356 Calhoun St., Memphis, Tenn.

Conference Notices

FOREST CITY DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Crawfordsville, Feb. 14-15; Caldwell and Wynne, 21-22; Forest City, March 1-2; Haynes, 7-8; Bledsoe, 21-22; Rig-

gle, 25-26; Mariana, 28-29; Palestine, April 4-5; Oak Forest, 11-12; Brinkley, 21-22; Brinkley Circuit, 21-22; Cotton Plant, 25-26; Cotton Plant Circuit, 28-29; Auvergne and Augusta, May 2-3.

Dear Brethren: We begin another year's work for the Master. Let us set a pace for all by starting a revival on every charge and circuit. Commence the benevolent collection immediately. Start now your report for conference. Circulate the SOUTHWESTERN as never before. Do your best.

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Weathersby, Feb. 12; King, Feb. 13; Florence, Feb. 14-15; Crystal Springs Circuit, Feb. 16; Bridgeville, Feb. 21-22; Crystal Springs, Feb. 22-23; Hazlehurst, Feb. 27; Bowerton, Feb. 28, March 1; Barlow, March 3; Kennolia, March 7-8; Brookhaven Circuit, March 9; Brookhaven, March 10; Summit and Magnolia, March 14-15; Fernwood, March 12; Chatawa, March 13; China Grove and Tylertown, March 18; Buford, March 20; Zion Ridge and New Zion, March 21-22; Hub, March 23; Columbia, March 24; Rockport, March 26.

Brethren, begin now to collect your benevolent apportionment. Send for your Easter program and let us make April 12 a grand missionary rally day. Don't forget the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE; let us do our part to raise the 10,000 subscribers asked for.

A. DAVIS, P. E.

GRANVILLE DISTRICT.

My dear brother ministers of the Greenville District, Upper Mississippi: Please remember that Feb. 15th is an important day in our Methodism in the South, and Easter, April 12th, is known as the great Missionary Day. Let us get our forces together and rally for God and our beloved Zion. Let us bring up a thousand converts, and all benevolence in full. Please remember that I am your yoke-fellow for success. Brethren, the SOUTHWESTERN must be supported; stand by it. My headquarters will be in Winona, where all correspondence should be addressed.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. WINBUSH, P. E.

WEST TENNESSEE DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Kenton and Yorkville, Jan. 31-Feb. 1; Humboldt, Jan. 31-Feb. 1; Alamo and Hudson, Feb. 7-8; Mayes and Alice

Grove, 7-8; Friendship Cir., 14-15; Dyersburg Cir., 14-15; Fowlkes and Hall, 21-22; Millington and Woodstock, 21-22; Atoka and Covington, Feb. 28-Mar. 1; Lucy and Pierce, Mar. 7-8; Brownsville Cir., 7-8; Pleasant Grove, 14-15; Arlington and Braden, 14-15; Mason, 21-22; Gallaway Cir., 21-22; Armistead, Memphis, 28-29; Burdett's Chapel, 28-29; Memphis, North Mission, April 4-5; Memphis, Warner's Chapel, 11-12; Memphis, East Mission, 11-12; Memphis, Centenary, April 18-19.

Rev. H. E. Edwards will hold the following meetings for me: Kenton, Alice and Mayes, Dyersburg Cir., Millington and Woodstock, Brownsville Cir., Arlington and Braden, Gallaway Cir., Annesdale, Memphis, North Mission, and Memphis, East Mission.

J. A. W. MOORE, P. E.

NOTICE TO MOBILE CONFERENCE.

The conference minutes will be ready for distribution Feb. 20th. The presiding elders will please take notice and collect outstanding minute money and send same to me at once, that there may be no delay in sending minutes out. Whatever amount above expense, if any, will be returned to Rev. A. W. McKinney, treasurer. Yours,

N. H. SPEIGHT, Conf. Secy.,
Marion, Ala.

NOTICE.

District stewards of the Holly Springs District are requested to meet in Oxford, March 6th, at 10 a. m., at Bishop Burns M. E. Church. It is earnestly desired that the stewards represent each charge in person.

Program—

1. Song and prayer.
2. Address by the chairman.
3. The model district steward.
4. Best method for raising ministerial support.
5. District steward's duty and his relation to other stewards in the charge.

Faithfully yours,

N. H. WILLIAMS, P. E.

NOTICE.

FIRST ROUND.

White Cliffs, Feb. 7-8; Center Point, Feb. 14-15; Texarkana, Feb. 21-22; New Lewisville, Feb. 28-March 1; Nashville, March 7-8; Clow, March 14-15; DeQueen, March 21-22; Saratoga, March 28-29; St. Paul, April 4-5; Canfield, April 8-9; Fordyce, April 11-12; Camden, April 15-16; Fulton, April 18-19;

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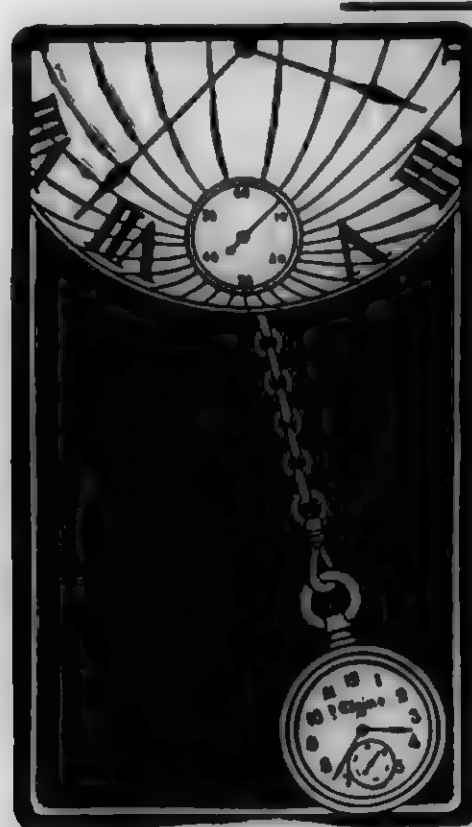


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To all of the brethren: We are beginning our fifth year on the district. Our four years' work only reveals to us how much we can do. Let us begin our work with more interest, let us live close to the Master and double our membership. Work among the young people and advance every cause. Our benevolences may be doubled, and put the SOUTHWESTERN in every home. Circulate our own church papers and literature to improve the people and thereby make our people helpful both to our work and to themselves. I want every brother to send in 25 names with the amount for one year for the SOUTHWESTERN, that Dr. Scott may be able to reach the highest point in the history of the paper. Yours,

T. R. WAMBLE,
Clow, Ark.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Spring, Feb. 21-22; Conroe, Feb. 20-22; Willis, Feb. 28, March 1; Montgomery, March 7-8; Dodge, March 14-15; Lovelady, March 21-22; Josseland, March 28-29; Corrigan, April 4-5; Colmesnell, April 11-12; Camilla, April 18-19; Livingston, April 25-26; Prairie Plains, May 2-3; Huntsville Circuit, May 9-10; Huntsville Station, May 16-17; Newton, May 21-22; Jasper, May 23-24.

Dear brethren, send to the Missionary Society, 150 Fifth avenue, New York, and get your mite boxes. Put them in the hands and homes of all, and make Easter Sunday, April 12, a great day. Yours,

W. A. FORTSON.

TUPELO DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Pontotoc, Jan. 31, Feb. 1; Pontotoc Circuit, Feb. 4; New Albany, Feb. 7-8; Cotton Plant, Feb. 14-15; Ripley Circuit, Feb. 18; Ripley, Feb. 21-22; Amory, Feb. 28, March 1; Amory Circuit, March 4; Shannon, March 7-8; Tupelo, March 14-15; Pontocola, March 18; Okolona, March 20-22; Okolona Circuit, March 21-22; Belle, March 25; Houston, March 28-29; Houston Circuit, April 1; Union Grove, April 4-5; Corinth, April 10-12; Corinth Circuit, April 11-12.

Dear brethren, we should begin this year with a determination to succeed. The year just closed was a successful one for the Tupelo District. The former presiding elder, Dr. Logan, read a report at the annual conference which showed much improvement on the district. The church is expecting much of us this year. I have great faith in you. Let us begin our work with re-

vivals in each charge. To do this we must be consecrated to God and the work. Elgin now to plan for Easter Sunday, which will be April 12th. Make this a great day for missions. We must raise every dollar of our benevolence this year. Again, remember, brethren, that you are agents for the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE; in this the church has intrusted to your hands great responsibilities. See to it that the SOUTHWESTERN be put in every home possible on the district. Be not forgetful of Rust University; you have been faithful to the school, but we want to be more faithful and assist Dr. Foster to make it the greatest school in the F. A. E. S. work.

Finally, my brethren, let us be faithful in all good work, and with a steady march as good soldiers for God let us gain a great victory this year.

I am your fellow laborer for Christ,
W. C. CLAY, P. E.

THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY

Harleton, Tex.—Mr. John Daniels of Pleasant Hill M. E. Church, near Coffeeville, Texas, died suddenly Jan. 20. He was the best financial steward of Harleton circuit. He leaves a wife and six children. Brother Daniels owned 200 acres of land and a sufficient amount of stock, etc., to keep the family above want if rightly managed.

Also Sister Mary Newton, a member of Smyrna M. E. Church, died at Harleton.

M. Q. A. FULLER, Pastor.

Louisiana, Mo.—Mrs. Valeria P. Cockfield, wife of Prof. J. M. Cockfield of this city, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sidnor, of Troy, Mo., was born in Troy, Mo., on the 25th day of November, 1867, and died at her home on Texas street at half past eleven o'clock, January 11, 1903, after four and a half months' lingering and suffering of consumption.

She was married to her husband, Prof. J. M. Cockfield, in Troy, Nov. 24, 1900, while her husband was principal of the public school at Fayette, Mo., and his wife was teaching as an assistant her home in Troy, Mo. In September, 1901, they moved to Louisiana, where her husband was appointed principal of the schools. At this place she lived with her husband until her death.

The deceased leaves a husband, a mother and father, and two brothers to mourn her loss.

She taught successfully in the public schools of this state for fifteen years;

six years of which were spent in schools in Missouri.

The deceased was a devoted Christian and always willing to assist in doing good for the church and community in which she lived. At the time of her death she was president of the Gleaners, an auxiliary of the Ninth Street M. E. Church of this city, for the purpose of raising money for the benefit of Geo. R. Smith College. Mrs. Cockfield was always cheerful and happy. During her lifetime she made a host of friends at her home in Troy, and wherever she went to labor for humanity. None knew her but to love her. Her married life was one of pleasure and happiness. She was a source of joy and comfort to her husband, who was truly devoted to his wife.

She prayed that she might die when the sun was shining, which prayer was heard and answered. At a time when the sun was in the zenith of his glory and not a cloud was in the sky, she departed this life for the happy life beyond.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. Hubbard, who was assisted by Rev. R. H. Smith, pastor of the Ninth Street M. E. Church of this city.

The funeral services were held from the Ninth Street Church and were largely attended. Miss Whitaker, superintendent of the public schools having ordered that the schools be closed, the pupils of Lincoln and Clinton schools attended the funeral services.

Mrs. Cockfield had a host of friends among the young people as well as among the older people, having been an enthusiastic worker in the M. E. Sunday school of this city.

Louisiana, Mo.—Maggie D. Harrington, daughter of Jerry and Sarah Harrington, was born near Louisiana, Mo., April 16, 1882, and died Jan. 21, 1903, aged 20 years. She leaves to mourn her death a mother, sister, two brothers, a host of relatives and friends. She joined the church under Rev. J. S. Burton at Soul's Chapel, Calumet, Mo., when she was about 10 years old. Miss Harrington lived a consistent Christian until death. She said to her mother a short while before she died: "Please do not weep, for I am prepared; the Lord will take care of me."

R. H. SMITH, Pastor.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Brother Jerry M. Field, who departed this life the 10th inst., was a member of E. Vine Avenue M. E. Church; was known and honored by many of the best people of the state as a public school teacher of no mean ability. For a number of years the deceased was an active choir member; a great church worker, and consistent Christian.

Among his last words he said: "I am willing and ready to die; I am only waiting on the Lord." He leaves a wife, five children, one brother, and a host of friends to mourn. The funeral was conducted by the writer.

J. C. ROBERTS.

Dallas, Tex.—Sister Dilsea Stanton, a faithful and useful member of St. Paul Church, Dallas, Tex., finished her work on earth, dropped the cross of self-denial and went to be with Jesus, Jan. 16, 1903.

Sister Fannie Bowen, one of St. Paul's faithful workers, according to her own testimony sustained by Bible truths, entered Beulah Land Jan. 24. Her funeral was preached to a large and sympathizing audience by the writer. One by one they are crossing



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M. C. CAVINES, Pastor.

Cedar Bluff, Ala.—Sister Nancy Perkins departed this life in full faith, Jan. 21, 1903. She joined the M. E. Church in 1877 and lived a good member of the same until death. She leaves a husband and a good many children and friends to mourn her loss. The funeral was attended by the pastor,

J. B. WEBB.

Luling, Tex.—Sister Mary Huff departed this life Jan. 28th, aged 34 years. She found peace with God twelve years ago and joined the M. E. Church, of which she was a faithful member up to the time of her death. She lingered in her illness about three months and fell asleep full of faith. Her funeral was preached by the writer, assisted by Revs. H. Swan and Lee Reed. She leaves a husband, mother, four sisters, four brothers and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

J. W. STONE.

Pass Christian, Miss.—Rev. E. E. Rousseau, one of our superannuated preachers, passed to his reward while our conference were in session at Crystal Springs. We had him to assist us in our last service before leaving for conference. He worded the hymn, "Hark My Soul; It Is the Lord." He seemed to be in usual health, though not well. He joined the conference at Handsboro in 1895 under Bishop Bowman. He has quit this mournful vale and gone to a world on high. He leaves a wife and many friends to mourn his loss.

J. B. BROOKS.

Pearisburg, Va.—Sister Jessie Thompson, one of our best young girls and a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, departed this life in full faith, aged 19 years. She is at rest with loved ones. She leaves a host of friends to mourn her loss.

C. H. HURN, Pastor.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Bermuda, La.—At the home of the bride quite a number of the best citizens witnessed the marriage of Mr. Ed. Davis and Miss Queen Annie S. Jones. The bride is one of the most talented and accomplished young ladies of the St. Paul graded public schools and a member of the St. Paul Baptist church. The bridesmaid was Miss Clara Emanuel, and the best man Mr. Sam Emanuel. The married couple were the recipients of many valuable gifts.

A. J. Toussaint officiated.

Rowland, N. C.—On Jan. 15, 1903, at the home of the bride, Mr. Erastus McGirt and Miss Arabella McCollum

were united in the holy bond of matrimony, Rev. McQueen of Montpella Presbyterian church and Rev. McRodgers, the pastor, officiating.

Kent's Store, La.—Mr. Andrew Bates was married to Miss Mary Thomas, Dec. 18th. Mr. Willie Johnson to Miss Florence Wagner, Dec. 25th. Mr. Eli Johnson to Miss Minnie Thomas, Jan. 15th, 1903. Mr. Louis Wilson to Miss Seraphim Homes, Jan. 18th. Mr. Frank to Miss Olivia Hays Beauchamp.

J. D. Banks officiated.

Bamberg, S. C.—At the bride's residence, the Rev. Mr. Edward Sims of Branchville, and Mrs. Janie L. Frederick of Bamberg, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Mr. Sims is a student of Benedict College, Columbia, and a rising young minister of the Baptist church. Mrs. Frederick is the widow of the late E. J. Frederick of the South Carolina conference.

On Jan. 8th, 1903, at the home of the bride near Bamberg, Mr. Samuel Bryant and Miss Alice Abel were married. Both are prominent members of our church.

W. G. Valentine, pastor, officiated.

Brenham Circuit.—Mr. Willie Allen of Rando Hill, and Miss M. Roberts, of Pleasant Grove, were united in holy wedlock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. M. Mock.

Huntsville Circuit.—Brother Wade Jones and Mrs. Thometter Roberson were joined in holy matrimony. Bro. Jones is a class leader in the M. E. Church. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, G. W. Blackman.

Kingston, La.—On Jan. 20th, at the residence of Sam Bates, Mr. Andrew Clark and Miss Catherine Bates were married by the Rev. Wm. Eaton. On Jan. 22nd, Mr. L. Shaudde was married to Miss Ida Williams, a member of the M. E. Church.

Wm. Eaton, pastor, officiated.

Jeanerette, La.—Jan. 23, 1903, at the residence of Miss Fanny Carroll, Mr. Willie Brann and Miss Carroll were joined in holy wedlock.

M. T. Fairfax performed the ceremony.

Mrs. E. V. McDuff, teacher and an energetic member of the Mt. Zion M. E. Church choir, notified a few of the choir members to call at her home at 7:30 p. m., Dec. 17th, 1902, on Rusk street. To their surprise she was married to Mr. Boze Baylor, and those that were late failed to see the ceremony performed.

Thos. Cole officiated.

Miss Mabel Wilson of Beaumont, Texas, and Mr. Charles Taylor of Columbus, Texas, were married at the home of the groom's father, Mr. Adam Taylor, on Jan. 7, 1903. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Gregory of the A. M. E. Church.

The marriage of Miss Mabel was followed on the 19th of January by that of her mother, Mrs. Mary J. Wilson, formerly of Mansfield, La., to Mr. B. M. Jones of Mobile, Ala. The vows were taken at the M. E. parsonage in Beaumont. Rev. Skilton officiated.

Mrs. Wilson-Jones is the sister of Mrs. Florence A. Landry, wife of Dean Landry of Gilbert Industrial College. She is at home to her friends at 1453 Pine street, Beaumont, Texas.

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were united in marriage at the Cycamore Chapel M. E. Church, Jan. 22nd, 1903. The bride is among Pewee's fairest young women. The groom is a member and worker of the First Baptist Church. A large and representative gathering of white and colored friends assembled to witness the ceremony. Miss Zara E. Bloomer presided at the organ. Miss Alice Cooper was bridesmaid and Dr. F. P. Lindsey groomsmen. The young ladies of the Lincoln Glee Club artistically decorated the chapel. After the marriage an elaborate luncheon was served at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Rosa Lindsey. The invited guests numbered fifty. The table decorations were white and pink. The parlor, white and green. The presents were many and costly.

Rev. W. H. Bloomer, pastor, performed the ceremony.

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J. C. Roberts, Pastor, East Vine Avenue M. E. Church, Knoxville, Tenn. —Our first quarterly meeting was held Dec. 25th, the Rev. W. T. Marley presiding. Our reports showed a decided progress along all lines of church work. The two edifying sermons preached by the presiding elder were characteristic of such a God-called and consecrated minister. The Epworth and Junior Leagues and Sunday school are thoroughly alive and active. The 40 children organized into a class for religious instruction are getting along nicely. Too much cannot be said of the official board and the co-operative membership which makes it possible to give every department of the church due attention. Not a note of discord has been heard within our ranks.

W. E. Pruitt, Pastor, Dumas, Ark. —We are doing a great work. The 4th Sunday in November, in a rally, we received \$57.55. The members gave the pastor a \$22 suit for conference. Pray for us. We are coming to the front, God leading.

W. M. Bailey, Summerville, Ga. —On Jan. 15, at about 9 o'clock p. m., the good people entered the parsonage and made wife and me happy. They brought a nice assortment of groceries.

T. W. Russell, Pastor, Freeman Circuit, W. Va. —My second quarterly conference was held Jan. 17. The presiding elder, Rev. W. E. Mitchell, was in the chair. He looked well after the interest of the church. The sisters of the W. H. M. Society have bought a new set of furniture for the parsonage. The reports show that things are in good condition. We have a number who read the SOUTHWESTERN. Sunday day was a high day in Zion. The elder preached to a crowded house. Collection, \$18.50; paid presiding elder, \$11.25; pastor, \$60.45; raised during the quarter, \$112.57.

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Editorial Notes

Louisiana Conference stands ahead!

The paper needs you, 'tis true, but you need it, too.

Read your paper; your laziness robs you of much.

We take off our hat to the North Carolina conference; the way the brethren are sending in subscribers pledged at the conference is remarkable. Some have already gone beyond their pledge.

Some diligent member of the legislature of Arkansas has introduced a bill in that body imposing a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 upon any officer, keeper, guard or jailer who handcuffs or chains white and Negro prisoners together. We doubt very seriously whether it would cost an official of that state anything for allowing his prisoner to be lynched.

The legislature of the state of Tennessee has passed a bill requiring the street railway company of the city of Memphis to separate its Negro patrons from other nationalities by placing wire screens in the cars. Other cities were included in the bill, but these cities objected so strenuously that they were finally excluded. Memphis, including its suburban settlements, has a few more than one hundred thousand inhabitants, hence is comparatively a small place. It will be interesting to note what the colored brother will do when the cages are ready for him.

If the Negroes of Illinois, and especially of Chicago are as bad as the correspondent of the *Times-Democrat* of this city would have them appear, it is rather strange that they have not long since been run out of the state. The fact is if the Negro in general does not become disgusted with himself and give up in despair as one without hope, it will not be the fault of the *T.-D.* Misdemeanors and weaknesses that are peculiar to no race are pointed out by the correspondent in question as tho they had never been heard of till he, the Argus-eyed, discovered them in the Negro of the North.

Shall the state of Mississippi have statutory prohibition instead of its present system of local option? This is the question now to the fore in that state. Every county in the state except about twelve has the local option law, but the friends of the cause have arranged for a state convention to be held at Jackson on the 17th inst., to consider the question of prohibition. Bishop Galloway of the M. E. Church, South, a champion of the cause of temperance and one of the most influential men of the entire state, is said to prefer the present system of local option to statutory prohibition. The forthcoming convention will be watched with interest.

There is No Uprising in the South

What is the purpose of all this discussion about the Negro? Well, it simply means the opening of the presidential campaign and the purpose, as we see it, is threefold. First, the purpose is to defeat Mr. Roosevelt for the nomination. Second, to defeat the Republican party, no matter who is nominated. Third, to destroy the Negro's standing and influence as a political factor in the North and in the nominating convention.

It is well to remember, too, that since Mr. Bryan and free silver have gone down, it comes pretty nearly leaving those who have been following him without a rallying cry by means of which to arouse the forces. The tariff question has some interest yet, but it does not stir the life-blood of the Nation as do such bogies as "Negro domination," "social equality," and the "rights of the superior race." Those southern editors who are belching forth such fiery editorials and are making the Negro such a hideous monster and so exceedingly objectionable to southern people do not mean it at all, only as the politician means to have such things serve their purpose. They don't despise the Negro, nor Mr. Roosevelt either, but it is now simply a question of how to get the "chestnuts out of the fire." The Negro question has been used for this purpose many a time and it is simply being tried again. As to this method, the principal danger lies in the fact that the North does not seem to understand the game; that is, if we are to judge from the tone of some of the northern papers. Some few of them seem to think the President has been guilty of some terrible offense in dealing with the South. What has he done? He insists on continuing a Negro woman in her position as postmistress of a little office, whereas there are right now in the same state, Negro postmasters in charge of much larger postoffices, to which they were appointed by his predecessors. What else has he done? He invited two or three Negro officials to a public reception at the White House, which has so long been the custom that ordinarily no attention is paid to it, and he nominated Dr. Crum for collector of the port of Charleston. President Harrison nominated the late lamented N. W. Cuney of Texas for collector of the port of Galveston and he was accepted almost without question. The fact is that while President Roosevelt makes more noise about what he does or intends to do, he is actually doing less for the Negro than either President McKinley or President Harrison. He makes so much ado about his proposed actions that every politician has his gun and is ready for him when he shows his head. He hasn't done anything to wound the South, except when coupled with what he's said.

Just now a great deal is being written of the Negro and "social equality"—how he is hankering after it, etc. We do not know how it is at the North, but in the South if the white man was as straight on this subject as is the Negro, there

would not be nearly as many heart aches as there are. His disregard for law and the propriety of things brings grief to both sides. We only wish he would join with the class of Negroes that are injured most by these silly discussions about "social equality," in the protection of the worthy and innocent women of both races. As it is, it is impossible that the white man can be sincere in his outcry against "social equality;" if he were, he would belabor the guilty man rather than the innocent. Why concern himself about the imaginary when the actual thing should command his attention? It's politics, pure and simple.

On the point of the Negro holding office, the southern white man stands where he has always stood; he has never favored it specially and doesn't now. But if let alone by his politicians and that class who think the Negro in his way, he will accept the appointment of a gentlemanly, qualified Negro, just as he has always done. There is no revolution or uprising on this point in the South except in the minds of the few who would have it so.

Another Pension Bill Introduced

We dare say few money-making schemes of the kind have paid their promoters better than have the ex-slave pension scheme. For a number of years those at the head of the movement have gone up and down through the land collecting money from ex-slaves with the promise that they were going to secure for them a pension, and it would cost so much to have their names enrolled. It has been estimated that in this way more than a hundred thousand dollars have been secured. The introduction of a bill in congress occasionally has had a tendency to quicken the business, and of course increase the income. Another of these bills was, on last week, introduced in the senate of the United States by Senator Hanna of Ohio, as he stated, by request.

Now as far as we are concerned, we should be only too glad to see every one of the aged ex-slaves pensioned and we sincerely hope the day may come when some provision may be made for them. But what we cannot understand is why it is necessary to continue to collect from the poor unfortunates who so greatly need assistance, money to support a company of well-fed officials. If money is being collected to the extent we learn it is, there is good reason to believe the parties concerned are not ex-slaves, but slaves of the present day.

Bishop Merrill's Proposed Amendment

Bishop S. M. Merrill has an article in the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* of Feb. 4th, on "More Constitutional Changes," in which he discusses in his usual clear and instructive style the necessity for two new amendments to the constitution of the church. One of these relates to the ratio of representation in the General Conference and the other to the Episcopacy. As to the lat-

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Our Contributors

The Glad Hand

By BISHOP W. F. MALLALIEU.

The conference has met and departed; the preachers have received their appointments, and with the faith and courage of real heroes they have set out to do the work of another year. Some of them go to the old fields of labor; others go to new and untried fields. There are no braver nor truer men than the seventeen thousand Methodist preachers of the grand old Methodist Episcopal Church. All the world over they possess the same esprit de corps. They know that they are soldiers, and so they dare and do their duty wherever they are sent. They know that they are the heralds of salvation, and so they are watchful and diligent. They know that they are the chosen ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ, and so with dignity and holy example they represent the Court of Heaven.

These are the preachers, but how about the people? Well, this may be said of them, that there are no better Christians, no more devoted and faithful followers of the Lord Jesus Christ than are to be found in our own church. With such preachers and such people, how can we make the most of the new year upon which so many have recently entered?

The question, as answered in the title of this article, is, It can be done by giving the glad hand. First of all, let every preacher warmly and cheerfully greet every one of his flock; give the glad hand to young and old, rich and poor, high and low, official and private members. When the preacher does this sincerely and earnestly, he kindles good feelings in the hearts of all his people. Let all the people know that he is glad to be with them, and most, if not all, the people will be glad to have him for a pastor. When we want friends we must show ourselves friendly.

Now as to the people, by all means let them extend to the preacher the glad hand. Never turn the cold shoulder to the preacher. He has his trials and troubles. He needs encouragement. He needs the love and prayers of his people. So let all strive to make him feel at home. Let all give him a hearty welcome. Let's stand by him. Let all help him to do the work of God in the church, in the social meetings, in the Sunday school, in the Epworth League, and in all the activities of church life. Give the preacher a public reception in the church, invite all the people to come. Do not make it a time of hilarity, but make it a time of Christian fellowship and consecration. In this way the year will start right, and trusting in God and united working in His cause, success and victory will surely crown all well directed efforts.

"Why Does Not President Roosevelt Appoint Negroes in the North?"

By MR CHARLES P. FORD.

In your number of the 15th inst. we noted your very wholesome answer to the question often arising as to why does not President Roosevelt appoint Negroes to office in the North. That the North elected Mr. Roosevelt President and that the state Republican organizations do not ask the appointment of Negroes, etc., is in our opinion the most appropriate answer to such an inappropriate question; and the recent elevation of Mr. W. J. Lewis, Harvard's coach (at the recommendation of Massachusetts state Republican leaders) bears out all the more clearly the fullness of your answer.

But 'twas not so much the answer, so appro-

priately given, that impressed me so forcibly and aroused me to this comment, as 'twas the question, with its possible circumstances.

"Why does not President Roosevelt appoint Negroes to office in the North?" There can hardly be a classification made among all the doctrines and principles of human action to which this question would conform; for along with its contemptuous cry it seems to bear a conscientious claim of its own rightfulness.

Considering the bare question, without forming an opinion one way or another, it readily appears to one that such a cry can only come forth out of a state of unrest. A closer view will reveal three objects of this discontentment, i. e., the appointing to office of Negroes, the President, and the North. It will also distinguish the former object, as being immediate, from the two latter, as being somewhat remote. Then there is also implied in this same question a conscientious claim of self-righteousness.

To form an opinion in harmony with it and its implied circumstances, one must feel justified in being, under similar conditions, in a state of unrest toward the same objects—the appointing to office of Negroes, the President, and the North.

Is this possible? Can any just reason be given why the appointing of Negroes to office should cause discontentment and even contention? Or, if so, can a similar reason be given why the cry should be raised from one, in a state of dissatisfaction, asking that the cause of his unrest be forced upon some one else, in hope of having it produce a similar effect? Even the claim of desiring assistance in bearing a common burden cannot hold; from the very nature of the question being more of a contemptuous wail than a humble request. No principle of pure ethics could justify one's forming a favorable opinion of such a question and of the motive having produced it. The question more nearly approaches conformity to some casuistic theory in a corrupt utilitarian system; hence the obscurity of its virtues.

However, to one disposed to give to the question its face value, the cry of "Why does not President Roosevelt appoint Negroes to office in the North?" comes only as the "cracking of brush," or rather as the rattling of bones in Ezekiel's vision—loud, but mighty dry.

The definite stand taken by Mr. Roosevelt as champion of human rights; the constancy of the North in its support of right and justice; and the faithful, courageous effort of self-advancement put forth by the Negro, appeal too forcibly to pure reason; and the virtue of such a cry becomes a bare nothingness.

While you were considerate enough to offer an answer of greater worth and significance than the question to which it applies, we, ignoring altogether its legitimate claim of an answer, would be disposed to hear, even in this mad wail, the clarion call to greater possibilities.

No hard death comes but with its harsh shrieks attending; and as the world moves on to that final conciliation, with massive evils "yielding up the ghost" on every hand, looking backward on such questions and their attending circumstances, one can but see them melting against yon black sky of institutional slavery and oppression.

However, the Negro should hearken, and tho his call to higher hopes comes negatively expressed, he should not fail to give ear.

Harvard University.

The Louisiana Conference

W. FELIX WATERS.

Bishop W. F. Mallalieu presided over the Louisiana conference at Natchitoches, Jan. 28-Feb. 2.

This was in every way one of the memorable conferences in Methodism.

After the sacrament was administered, the roll was called, and J. J. Obee elected secretary; assistants, E. P. Harris, W. S. Chinn, J. O. Richards, J. A. Lindsay, J. A. Landry, C. Johnson. M. C. Harrison was elected statistical secretary; H. J. Wright, G. G. Golston, T. P. Norris, F. D. Bowers, Wm. Emmett, W. L. Dyas, H. A. McClellan, B. J. Reddix, assistants. T. J. Johnson was elected treasurer.

Deacons ordained were: S. A. Davis, T. F. Robinson, F. Frost, H. B. Raney, G. W. O'Gilvie. A. Keil was ordained an elder. Admitted on trial: S. R. Davis, G. W. Banks, C. H. Jones, W. C. Turner, L. Thomas, H. B. Raney, R. A. Taylor, F. M. Lashington, T. F. Robinson, J. Wise, J. B. Johnson, W. M. Burns, T. H. Munson, I. Henderson, J. R. Williams, S. P. Branch, C. L. Angrum, D. W. Loyd, J. H. Mann. Received as transfers: D. M. Seals, from the East Tennessee Conference, J. H. Mann from the Texas conference. Granted supernumerary relation: Dr. A. E. P. Albert, R. Anderson, N. Burton. S. Duncan was appointed presiding elder over the Alexandria District. The following visitors were present in the interest of the several causes they represent: Drs. T. C. Iliff, R. E. Jones, J. P. Wragg, L. G. Atkinson, F. H. Knight, E. B. Caldwell, Prof. R. C. Barrows, I. G. Penn, Dean P. Landry, Mr. Charles Stewart, Mrs. F. A. Landry and Mrs. D. M. Walker.

Great results have followed the efforts of presiding elders and pastors this year. The treasurer reports an increase of 700 in probationers and 300 increase in full members was made over last year. In benevolence an increase of \$300 was made. Following are the appointments:

Alexandria District—Stephen Duncan, presiding elder; postoffice, New Orleans. Abbeville, Travis Larkins; Abbeville Mission, L. L. Green; Alexandria, P. W. Clark; Avoca and Rapides, W. H. Jones; Booneville and Grand Coteau, C. H. Monroe; Boyce and Village, J. L. Augustus; Boyce Circuit and St. Paul, Wm. Emmett; Bunkie and Evergreen, Emerson Hutcherson; Cade, Stephen Tillman; Cane River and Grand Cove, N. R. Randolph; Cheneyville and Cedar Grove, W. S. Harris; Chopin and Old River, H. T. O. Abbott; Colfax Circuit, Simon Mitchell; Cottonport, W. L. Amos; Eola and Sunflower, S. M. G. Taylor; Kateland and Rigolets, G. W. Banks; Lafayette and Carencro, M. L. Baldwin; Lake Charles, M. P. Franklin; Lecompte and Lamourie, J. C. Brown; Lone Pine and Dossman, S. A. Davis; Marksville and Mansura, J. S. Weaver; Morrow and Big Cane, supplied by Aaron Kyle; Natchitoches, W. J. M. Price; Newtown Circuit, David Garner; Opelousas, E. C. Goins; Palmetto, Joseph Johnson; Pineville, J. W. Pierce; Rayne and Crowley, D. H. Young; St. Martinville, J. H. Pierre; Spring Creek and Woodworth, M. L. Dyas, postoffice Melder; Washington, La Teche and Pleasance, Alfred Gray; Waxia, H. W. Welch; Welch and Jennings, S. M. Haines; Welchton and Poland, Wade Hampton, Jr.; Valley Chapel and St. Maurice, Chas. H. Jones.

Thomas McCary, Conference Evangelist, member of Mount Zion Quarterly Conference, Crawford, La.

Baton Rouge District—Henry Taylor, presiding elder; postoffice, Box 5, Baton Rouge. Albert Church, E. H. Clark; Asbury (Zachary postoffice), Samuel Bell; Baker, J. E. Rolax; Batchelor, Eli Williams; Baton Rouge, Wesley, H. A. McClellan; St. Mark's, B. J. Reddix; Bayou Goula, E. H. Hall; Beach Grove, J. D. Banks; Clinton, E. B. Richards; Conrad, Wm. Harrell; Darrowville, A. B. Harris; Deerford, John Tutson; Donaldsonville, P. C. Colton; Hartzell, Samuel Green; Island and Lettsworth, Thos. J. Johnson; Jackson and Mount Zion, H. A. Sorrell; Lobdell Circuit, supplied by F. C. Hamilton; Macedonia, A. B. Venable;

Mason and Sumner, Robt. Jones; Melville and Wiley, J. H. Rylander; Morganza Circuit, supplied; Mt. Carmel, Wm. Harrison; Musson and Shiloh, C. C. Wright; Newroads, Lafayette Thomas; Norwood and Wilson, Chas. Barnes; Plaquemine, D. J. Price; Port Allen, Cornelius Speers; Priestly Jones Creek, to be supplied; Prairieville and Island, to be supplied; Rylander and Slaughter, C. E. Bradford; St. Luke and Plainview, E. V. Taylor; St. Paul and Vincent, Allen Luster; St. Peter, George Johnson; Stony Point, D. S. Kilbourne; Union, E. J. Harrison; Wesley (Wilson postoffice), H. J. Robinson.

Monroe District—C. D. Shallowhorne, presiding elder; postoffice, Box 458, Monroe. Anderson and Big Bend, supplied by Porter Grant; Ballina and Grove, to be supplied; Bastrop and Merrouge, C. C. Landry; Beulah and Farmersville, Sumner McGruder; Bonita, Pompey Bibbs; Casper and Swartz Mill, Bedford Carr; Copeland and Clayton, to be supplied; Delhi, supplied by James Jordan; Florence and Harrisonburg, C. L. Anglum; Island Circuit, to be supplied; Joyce Circuit, supplied by F. H. Brown; Jones, Dennis and Windom, Jules Benn; Minden Circuit, to be supplied. Monroe: St. James, Sanders Carroll; St. Paul, R. F. Long; Mount Nebo, T. P. Norris; Mount Sinai, Edward Powell; Newelton, New Light and St. Joe, supplied by H. C. Wilson; Odum Circuit, H. B. Rainey; Rayville Circuit, D. W. J. Lloyd; Vidalia Circuit, to be supplied; Washington Chapel, W. H. Lange; Waco, supplied by Frank Frost; Waterproof and Lake St. John, Stephen Powell; Wildsville Circuit, F. M. Lashington; Winnsboro Circuit, R. A. Taylor; Lake Providence, W. S. Chinn.

New Orleans North District—J. F. Marshall, presiding elder; postoffice, New Orleans. Asbury, D. G. Taylor; Ball Town and Lee's Creek, supplied by J. H. C. Mean; Berthne, J. A. Lindsay; College Point and Brooks, supplied by Robert Young; Covington, to be supplied; Franklinton and Hockley, C. D. C. Bryan; Gretna and Madisonville, J. D. Wilson; La Place, C. O. Pardo; Litcher, M. C. Harrison; Mandeville, W. R. H. Harry. New Orleans: Carrollton Avenue, supplied by H. C. Armston; City Mission, D. S. Smith; Haven Chapel, J. H. Thompson; Malden, W. M. Burns; Mallalieu, B. M. Hubbard; Mount Zion, Hampton James; Pleasant Plains, G. A. Payne; St. Matthew, J. W. Turner; Scott Chinn, T. B. Cooper; Thomson, J. J. Obee; Union, Valcour Chapman; University, supplied by F. H. Knight; Wesley, Frank Walker; St. Charles, C. D. Crockett; St. John, A. J. Johnson; Slidell and Pearl River, Z. T. Gayden; Whitehall, J. O. Richards.

New Orleans South District—W. R. Butler, presiding elder; postoffice, 1926 Sixth street, New Orleans. Beattievill and Donner, F. D. Bowers; Berwick, J. A. Landry; Camp Parapet and Kenner, Joseph Jones; Centerville and Verdunville, G. J. Rogers; Crawford, Glencoe and Island, R. C. Worsham; Dulac, to be supplied; Franklin, J. D. Pool; Godman and Sorrell, O. J. Harvey; Houma, M. S. Goins; Huberville, D. S. Sloan; Jeanerette, H. C. Gair; Morgan City, T. A. Brown; Napoleonville, Frank H. Harvey; New Iberia, T. J. Johnson; New Iberia Mission, to be supplied; New Orleans, First Street, J. A. Tircuit; New Orleans, Simpson, F. T. Chinn; New Orleans, Williams, C. W. Reeves; Olivier, W. D. Riggins; Pattersonville, J. A. Vincent; Patoutville, J. B. Johnson; Ponchatoula and Springfield, M. J. Dyer; St. Peter, M. T. Fairfax; Schriever, C. W. Kershaw; Thibodaux, Eugene Baptiste; Union, supplied by M. S. Alexander, postoffice Maillard; Vioron, David Harrison; Winsted, G. G. Golston; Woodlawn, Edward Fields; W. D. Godman, President Emeritus; Pierre Landry, Dean of Gilbert Academy, member of Winsted Quarterly Conference. L. G. Adkinson, President Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., member of First Street, New Orleans, Quarterly Conference.

Shreveport District—Hubbard Daniel, presiding elder; postoffice, Shreveport. Allen and St. Paul, S. A. Mason; Alpha, Pine Grove and Graff Bluff, D. G. Pharris;

Bedford and Wesley, A. H. Banks; Blanchard and Round Grove, J. R. Williams; Brownlee and Asbury, C. W. Anglum; Campti and Mount Zion, John McKee; Carson, J. H. Mann; Columbus and Negreet, G. W. Ogilvie; Cane City, to be supplied; Coushatta, James Robinson; Cur-tice, T. H. Munson; Dixie, supplied by W. Thomas; Fairfield and Hayes, D. M. Seals; Flournoy and Fairview, G. T. Mussington; Grand Cane, Irvin Henderson; Gillam and Fopps, W. C. Turner; Jewella, supplied by Jackson Gaines; Kingston and Bonchest, Wm. Ector; Lake End, S. P. Branch; Leesville and Orange, David Shelby; Logansport, Longstreet and Mount Zion, J. D. Brightop; Mansfield and Thomas Chapel, Cornelius Johnson; Many, Fort Jessup and Bayou Scie, T. F. Robinson; Martha-ville, Robeline and Provencal, E. P. Harris; Pleasant Valley and Benson, R. E. White; Pleasant Hill, Ferdinand Thomas; Rocky Mound, Butler's Hill and Benton, J. W. Lewis; Scarboro and Wesley, John Wise; Shady Grove and St. Matthew, A. J. Proctor. Shreveport: St. James, J. O. Brown; St. Paul, H. J. Wright; Vanceville, Thomas Williams.

Louisiana Conference Notes

W. FELIX WATERS.

Again may the Louisiana Conference exclaim, "Victory sits on our helm!"

If a representative of the church does not do well for his cause with Bishop Mallalieu presiding, he must be the wrong man in the wrong place. The bishop is such a tremendous success himself that he desires every other person to have a whole man's chance.

That the men of this conference are loyal to and appreciative of those whom the church appoints was seen in the way they stood by the Church Extension Society, Epworth League, Sunday School Union, Bible Society and the SOUTHWESTERN—and further, in the number of valuable presents they gave their presiding elders.

Secretary I. G. Penn, in addressing this body, struck the keynote when he said: "The idea of the church is to teach our young people how to do business."

Dr. T. C. Iliff swept everything with him in his great speech in the interest of Church Extension—even the dollars out of the people's pockets.

Drs. R. E. Jones and J. P. Wragg ably presented the causes committed to them. Surely they are God-chosen men. Here it may be said of the old church, "Wisdom is justified of her children."

Rev. W. J. M. Price had no little task to care for such a great body as the conference is, but he knew how. He is a pleasant, polite and courteous gentleman. His people are delighted to have him remain.

On the order of the conference a white lady of Natchitoches remarked: "It's wonderful how one man can control so many!" Match this with one of the bishop's expressions during the conference and the surprise is lessened: "A man's manhood appears when he can control himself." This was the secret of the order of this great gathering, every man controlled himself; Bishop Mallalieu's gavel is only a penknife.

Last year Rev. W. J. M. Price presented the SOUTHWESTERN to Hon. J. G. Lewis for one year—this year Mr. Lewis renewed his subscription and gave Mr. Price \$10 to help take care of the conference. It pays to make your friend a present of a year's subscription to the SOUTHWESTERN.

I was royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Manning—never enjoyed a stay more.

The brethren are delighted to know that they made the best showing for the SOUTHWESTERN

that has been made since the cash system has been inaugurated.

Each pastor pledged to send the SOUTHWESTERN at least five subscribers before Easter Sunday. Who'll be the first?

Life of Faith

Whether or not the world would be vastly benefited by a total and final banishment from it of all intoxicating drinks, seems to me not now an open question. Three-fourths of man kind confess the affirmative with their tongues; and, I believe, all the rest acknowledge it in their hearts. Ought any, then, to refuse their aid in doing what the good of the whole demands?

There seems ever to have been a proneness in the brilliant and warm-blooded to fall into this vice. The demon of intemperance ever seems to have delighted in sucking the blood of genius and generosity. What one of us but can call to mind some relative, more promising in youth than all his fellows, who has fallen a sacrifice to his rapacity? He ever seems to have gone forth like the Egyptian angel of death, commissioned to slay, if not the first, the fairest born of every family. Shall he now be arrested in his desolating career? In that arrest, all can give aid that will; and who shall be excused that can, and will not? Far around as human breath has ever blown, he keeps our fathers, our brothers, our sons, and our friends prostrate in the chains of moral death. To all the living, everywhere, we cry, "Come, sound the moral trump, that these may arise and stand up an exceeding great army! Come from the four winds, O breath! and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." If the relative grandeur of revolutions shall be estimated by the great amount of human misery they alleviate, and the small amount they inflict, then, indeed, will this be the grandest the world shall ever have seen.—Abraham Lincoln, at Springfield, Ill., Feb. 22, 1842.

Great Spiritual Awakening

One of the greatest revival interests that has occurred in Baltimore closed last night at Sharp Street Memorial M. E. church, corner Dolphin and Etting streets.

The congregation has been praying for some time for a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The people seem to have been of one accord and were on the battle field afternoon and evening during the month of January.

Mrs. Annie E. Brown of Washington, D. C., who conducted the services is one of the greatest soul-winners for Christ of the present age. She was supported by Dr. I. L. Thomas, the pastor, and many consecrated laymen.

It seems as if the whole city was moved to Sharp street church, a center of spiritual power. Sinners of every condition surrendered themselves to the Lord Jesus Christ, and were glad of the opportunity to volunteer in his service. Nearly 600 persons professed faith in Christ. The spacious building was filled every evening to its utmost capacity and many were turned away each night who could not get in. Fully 15,000 persons came to hear the noted evangelist.

The closing scene of the revival on Sunday was simply indescribable. At 11 a. m. every seat in the church was occupied. The Lord's Supper was administered to more than 900 communicants. Over 300 new members have been added to the church.

At 4:30 p. m. Mrs. Brown spoke to 1,200 young people on their present opportunities. At

6:45 Mrs. Edith Brooks conducted the closing consecration service. Before 7 o'clock more than 500 converts wearing white ribbon badges, assembled in the lecture room and at 7:20 followed the noted evangelist up to the auditorium and took the seats provided for them.

While they were taking their places the great audience arose with the pastor and joined in the song of welcome led by the choir.

At 7:35 Mrs. Brown delivered her farewell message to the converts and the people of Baltimore.

Resolutions of appreciation and God speed were presented her by the officers and the congregation. After the reception of new members 2,000 persons made their way to the altar and shook the hand of the evangelist. As the congregation sang, "God be with you till we meet again," it seemed as if every soul was strangely touched by the Holy Spirit.

Thus passed into history one of the greatest revivals that has been held in any church in Baltimore city.

Two hundred and fifty of the converts joined other churches.

Brookside Pebbles

"You have no fear of death, Alice?" The pastor looked searchingly at the lovely girl, the daughter of his boyhood friend, who was slowly wasting away with consumption.

"No fear at all," she answered; "but, do you know, I am half ashamed to confess that I do not want to leave all this," giving a comprehensive glance about the beautiful room. "Those stained glass windows, that picture of Christ, those Madonnas, those statuettes, my piano, my books—all these exquisite things with which my friends have surrounded me. I have grown to love them. How can I do without them? I do not grieve to leave Emma. She has her husband and children, and her beautiful home. She will miss me, of course; but she does not need me. But I do not see what I shall do without these lovely things which have been my life so long! Do you think I am wrong to feel this way?" she asked, timidly.

"Before I answer your question let me tell you a little story of my boyhood, Alice. It was my fifth birthday—although I had forgotten the fact. I was a happy little chap at all times, but in the country, where we were spending the summer, my joy was unbounded. On this morning, I was down on the bank of a tiny stream which hurried joyously past the foot of the garden. I had gathered an assortment of shining pebbles and little gnarled roots, and was making a little house of boughs, and roofing it with wild grapevine leaves, when my mother called me. I did not want to go. How could I leave all those delights? But I went to the house. No one was in the kitchen, so I walked on through the long hall into the parlor, where I heard some one speaking. The door was partly closed. I pushed it open. 'Here he is! here he is!' whispered several excited voices, and I stood bewildered in the presence of my first party—Aunt Julia had brought it from the city in her big carriage—six of my kindergarten friends.

"They crowded about me joyously, with gifts dear to my boyish heart—a toy boat, a big knife, balls and games. After a happy time, mother took us to the dining room. It was a bower of smilax and roses. And Aunt Julia had determined that my first party should be a memorable occasion to me—and it was. With its surprise and the gifts, the roses and the birthday cake

with its frosted angels and the red and blue candles, it stands out to this moment as a wonderful experience; and at night, when I lay in bed so happy I could not sleep, I said to my mother: 'And I didn't want to leave the pebbles, mother, to go into the party.' She smiled—a wise mother smile—as she kissed me."

"I see, Uncle Robert; you think these are but brookside pebbles, compared with the delights of my heavenly home?"

"Even so, dear child."—*Harriet Bailey Clark, in Western Christian Advocate.*

The happiest heart that ever beat
Was in some quiet breast
That found the common daylight sweet,
And left to heaven the rest.

—*John Vance Cheney.*

Woman's Dominion

The Inspiration of Lincoln's First Thanksgiving Proclamation

"Abraham!" called a voice, scarcely audible. The speaker lay on her humble cot, dying. The young wife of a pioneer backwoodsman, she was sacrificing her life to its fortitude. The pioneer's "shuck" was without windows, and its doors stood open to the sunlight, which danced on the floor of trampled earth. It contained a few stools made of roughly hewn boards, but no chairs; a few dishes, but no cupboard.

Without, the restless wings of the woodbirds glimmered as they fluttered through the sun-flooded trees. A boy, almost destitute of clothing, who had been watching them, answered his mother's call.

"What is it?" he asked, in a troubled voice, as he hastened to her side.

She drew him into the loving folds of her feeble arms, and said, in a voice weak and tremulous, yet still thrilling with a mother's love and hope: "I am going to leave you, Abe—and, oh, how hard it is to part with you! How beautiful it is outdoors! It is beautiful wherever God is, and I am going to meet him in a brighter world than this. I learned to love him at the old camp-meetings, and I want you to learn to love him, too.

"I have not had much to make me happy," she continued, still more slowly, and with a heavy sigh. "I have not had a great deal to make me happy—far less than some folks have had—but my voice has never failed to rise in praise whenever a feeling of thanksgiving has come to me.

"Abraham Lincoln, you have my heart. I am thankful God gave you to us. Love everybody; hinder nobody, and the world will be glad, some day, that you were born. This is a beautiful world, to the loving and believing. I am grateful for life, for everything, but, more than all else, because you have my heart."

"But he can't sing, Nancy!"

A tall pioneer in buckskin stood in the cabin doorway. He saw death's shadow in the sunlight that fell on the floor. He had added a ripple of laughter to his words, for he wanted to cheer his wife, even though she was passing from him.

The woman was silent. Thomas Lincoln approached his wife's deathbed. Then he repeated his words, still more kindly, "But he can't sing like you, Nancy."

"The heart sings in many ways," she replied, very feebly. "Some hearts make other hearts sing. Abraham may not have my voice, but he has my heart, and he may make others sing. I am going now."

The cool October wind rustled among the great trees, causing their leaves to ripple like the waves of the sea, wimpling and dimpling under the whispering wind. The woman turned her head toward the split logs that formed one of the walls of the cabin. Nervously her fingers twitched the coverlet; once she opened her eyes; once she said, softly, oh, so softly, "My Abraham!" Once she tried to lift herself to see him; once—she trembled—and then lay still.

"She's gone, Ab'ram!"

The father and son made her coffin with their own hands, and buried her under the trees. Poor little Abraham could say nothing. He had been used to hardships, but this seemed more than he could endure. Something seemed to be choking him. He tried to look into his father's face for sympathy, but his tear-dimmed eyes only found it in the newly-made grave.

It was a rude grave when it was finished, but since then the people of Indiana have honored the memory of its occupant. A monument lifts its marble whiteness toward the sky, and pilgrims kneel at its base, with prayers of thanksgiving. But long before this, long before her motherhood became sacred to the great nation, a ragged, hatless boy sat on the grass-green mound and dreamed, and listened in memory to the songs she had sung.

II.

The battle of Gettysburg had been fought and won, and on July 4, 1863, Abraham Lincoln, president of the United States, issued a proclamation to the people, which contained these memorable words, "The president especially desires that, on this day, He whose will, not ours, should evermore be done, be everywhere remembered and revered with profoundest gratitude."

The heart of his mother had inspired him once more.

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His mother's heart beat in unison with his when he wrote that proclamation, and his heart was the heart of the people.—*Hezekiah Butterworth, in Success.*

Lincoln's Step-Mother's Tribute

The debt which the great president owed to his step-mother for her tender care and constant love was always gratefully acknowledged. A pathetic picture of this gentle lady in her last days is given as follows:

"Mrs. Lincoln was never able to speak of Abe's conduct to her without tears. In her interview with Mr. Herndon, when the sands of her life had nearly run out, she spoke with deep emotion of her own son, but said she thought that Abe was kinder, better, truer, than the other. Even the mother's instinct was lost as she looked back over those long years of poverty and privation in the Indiana cabin, when Abe's grateful love softened the rigors of her lot, and his great heart and giant frame were always at her command. 'Abe was a poor boy,' said she, 'and I can say what scarcely one woman—a mother—can say in a thousand. Abe never gave me a cross word or look, and never refused, in fact or appearance, to do anything I requested him.' I never gave him a cross word in all my life. * * * His mind and mine—what little I had—seemed to run together. * * * He was here after he was elected president. (At this point the aged speaker turned away to weep, and then, wiping her eyes with her apron, went on with the story.) 'He was dutiful to me always. I think he loved me truly. I had a son, John, who was raised with Abe. Both were good boys; but I must say, both now being

dead, that Abe was the best boy I ever saw, or expect to see. I wish I had died when my husband died. I did not want Abe to run for president; did not want him elected; was afraid somehow—felt in my heart; and when he came down to see me, after he was elected president, I still felt that something told me that something would befall Abe, and that I should see him no more.

"Is there anything in the language we speak more touching than that simple plaint of the woman whom we must regard as Abraham Lincoln's mother? The apprehension in her heart was well grounded. She saw him no more. When Mr. Herndon rose to depart, her eyes again filled with tears; and, wringing his hands as if loath to part with one who talked so much of her beloved Abe, she said, 'Good-by, my good son's friend. Farewell.'"—Ex.

Young Friends

Abraham Lincoln

BORN FEBRUARY 12, 1809.

The birthday of Abraham Lincoln brings to every American citizen feelings of reverence such as perhaps arise on the natal day of but one other man who ever served the nation. Particularly in the west, which gave to the country the great statesman, whose patriotic services Americans will always remember with gratitude, should the day be an honored one. Reminiscences of the life of this most distinguished son of Illinois will be welcome reading now.

LINCOLN'S TENDERNESS.

"No story of Lincoln is complete without some mention of his tender sympathetic nature. A man of great physical strength and moral courage, as well as firmness of will, he had all the gentleness of a woman.

"His heart and sympathies were always with the common soldier. As he passed from ward to ward, when visiting a hospital, he stopped long enough to speak a word of cheer and comfort to each poor fellow as he lay on his little cot, he finally came to a boy who was evidently dying.

"Mr. Lincoln sat down by his side, and asked the dying boy if there was anything he could do for him. 'I wish you would write to my mother,' was the feeble answer. And the president wrote it down, signing his own name.

"When he read the letter to the boy, and came to the closing sentence, 'This letter is written by Abraham Lincoln,' the poor fellow looked up and said, 'Why, is this our president?'

"Mr. Lincoln answered, 'Yes, and now that you know who I am, is there anything more I can do for you?' The dying boy answering, 'Nothing more, unless you hold my hand and see me through.'

"And so the great president sat by that humble cot, and with big tears rolling down his face he held the trembling hand of that dying boy until the spark of life had fled.

"Search the annals of history and you will nowhere find a more beautiful, tender utterance than his letter to Mrs. Bixby, of Boston, who had given five sons to her country. This letter was written in November, 1864, and at a time when the angel of death had visited almost every household in a stricken land, and it was even then hovering over the president himself. It begins:

"My Dear Mrs. Bixby: I have been shown in the files of the war department that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruit-

less must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from your grief for a loss so overwhelming.

"And yet I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the republic which they died to save. I earnestly pray that our Heavenly Father may soothe the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and the lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours in having laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.'

"The peerless glory of Abraham Lincoln lies in the fact that beyond all other men he could read the thoughts and enter into the feelings and sympathies of the common people, and in his own great sad heart he carried the burdens and sorrows of his countrymen until he wrought out the nation's freedom and sealed it with his blood."

Relating Lincoln's order to Grant that Jefferson Davis was not to be captured, ex-President Martin says:

"The sequel showed that General Grant in his prophecy was not mistaken. In a few days the rebellion did collapse. Richmond was taken and Davis and his cabinet were fugitives. The civil war was ended. The patient man who had suffered the pains of a thousand deaths was now in the full sunshine of popular affection. By slow and painful steps he had climbed from the foot of the ladder to the topmost round. Enemies no longer denied, friends no longer questioned, his ability. He had saved the union, given freedom to a race. Even Mr. Lincoln himself was happy. His face, always sad in thought or repose, kindled with renewed life. His tall, bent form straightened; his whole being seemed transformed as if conscious that the great purpose of his life had been accomplished."

Describing the scenes that followed the announcement of the president's assassination, the speaker said: "Business stopped, merchants closed their stores, professional men their offices. Mechanics left their shops and farmers their plows. Men gathered in groups. The flags of victory were hauled down, while emblems of mourning took their places. Bells which yesterday rang in triumph tolled in mourning for the dead.

"Men forgot that they had ever doubted or despised him. They saw only the simple, noble outlines along which he had always worked—how completely he had sunk every personal and partisan feeling in his efforts to save the union."—Ex.

A Good Lincoln Story

A characteristic anecdote of Lincoln dates back to the time when there were so many fires at the national capital that suspicion of incendiaries was entertained, and various northern cities began to offer the services of special fire brigades. The authorities of Philadelphia in particular were most urgent and sent a special committee to wait on the president and urge him to accept the services of such a brigade.

The committee was tedious and long-winded, and the president was anxious to get back to the public business which demanded his attention. Finally, seeing no prospect of a termination of the interview in the usual way he interrupted one of the orators in the midst of a grandiloquent flight by saying:

"Ah, yes, gentlemen, but it is a mistake to suppose that I am the head of the fire department in Washington. I am merely the president of the United States."—Ex.

Vanquishing a Bully

Lincoln's extended reputation as a wrestler and fighter frequently led him into combats which he would willingly have avoided. One of these encounters is thus described:

Scarcely had Lincoln reached Coles county, and begun to think what next to turn his hand to, when he received a visit from a famous wrestler, one Daniel Needham, who regarded him as a growing rival, and had a fancy to try him a fall or two. He considered himself "the best man" in the country, and the report of Abe's achievements filled his big breast with envious pains. His greeting was friendly and hearty, but his challenge was rough and peremptory. Abe valued his popularity among "the boys" too highly to decline it and met him by public appointment in the "greenwood," at Wabash Point, where he threw him twice with so much ease that Needham's pride was more hurt than his body. "Lincoln," said he, "you have thrown me twice, but you can't whip me." "Needham," replied Abe, "are you satisfied that I can throw you? If you are not, and must be convinced through a threshing, I will do that, too, for your sake." Needham had hoped that the youngster would shrink from the extremity of a fight with the acknowledged "bully of the patch," but finding him willing, and at the same time magnanimously inclined to whip him solely for his own good, he concluded that a bloody nose and a black eye would be the reverse of soothing to his feelings, and therefore surrendered the field with such grace as he could command.—Ex.

Educational

An Echo From Adeline Smith Home

I am persuaded that our good friends who stand by us so loyally month by month, year by year, will be glad to hear how we are doing, what kind of a Christmas we had, and in what way God is especially blessing us in this new year.

At present we are crowded to our utmost capacity; I have been obliged to put cots into each room to accommodate all the girls, and in happy to say that in many respects our girls are far superior this year to what they have ever been before. This is due to the fact that we put God first in all that we do, and through the whole institution the influence of our blessed Redeemer is markedly felt each hour of the day.

During the Christmas we had a jolly time, a few girls went home, but most of them remained with us. Our friends in Chicago of various churches sent Christmas gifts for over 100 girls, and you can imagine the time I had getting the gifts to fit each girl. Christmas eve we went to our church to a Christmas tree there, and received our gifts from the Sunday school; then the superintendent had a special message during the day that Santa Claus would visit us and told the girls not to retire, as a guest was coming, so they thought of a surety some bishops or general officers were coming through to stop a few minutes, so they waited with great patience in our large industrial room, and lo, the bell rang violently and in came Santa Claus with two attendants distributing gifts which made each heart glad. As I looked into those girls' faces, I could see that even that bit of happy life made them better and nobler and more grateful to God for the opportunity of attending our Home.

The next day we had our annual reception, and unlike all other receptions, we made this one to benefit the Home as well as benefit those who had been invited to come. A few weeks before Christmas we sent out a few cards to our friends and asked that they give the Home a Christmas gift of one dollar, to which they responded. Then some of our faithful girls had been getting funds in their mite boxes, and each young man that we invited to the reception was given a little silken bag in which he was asked to place 5 cents for every foot tall he was, and in the midst of our merrymaking that night, we stopped to open our mite boxes and have reports from our cards and count the money in the little silken bags. We raised \$54 in our mite boxes, \$16 in the little bags, and the rest came in from our cards that we had sent to our friends, so with glad hearts the whole company stood up and sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

That money lifted the financial burden quite a deal from off my shoulders, for we have had to be to so much extra expense in getting new things and more of them, because of the steady increase of our family.

I want to tell you a few things about our sewing department. It has been re-organized since the new year, and we are doing special work for a grand exhibit and sale which will occur two weeks in May just before commencement, and it would be interesting to our readers and friends to see over 200 girls in sewing classes during the whole day, five machines running, five large tables at which the girls cut their garments, and chairs in profusion, together with a dress form over which they fit their garments. They do enjoy it so. We have the little tots who can hardly hold a thimble on their fingers, up to the young women who will graduate this year, working on her graduating gown, for each one of our girls, and there are six, will make her own dress this year.

You would also be pleased to see our class in fancy work. That class comprises only women of the senior class who stay in the Home, and we can only meet once a week, and that on Saturday, because we are so crowded with work during the school days, but we are doing excellent work and we hope our exhibition will prove successful in the spring. So you see, dear friends, how busy we are, and yet how we enjoy it all.

Our cooking department is also very interesting. Think of baking pancakes for 95 people, for that number comprises our family now, and yet we do it without any fuss or stir, and the cakes are good, too, and wholesome.

I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the boxes and barrels of supplies that have come to us this year. No auxiliaries can ever well know while they are packing up these barrels and shipping them the full estimate and great blessing they confer upon us. I don't know what these girls would do if it was not for these excellent supplies that reach us, and the things, such as towels and all kinds of bed clothes, coming to us, saves us buying them here in such large quantities as we would otherwise have to do. We can only say, God bless those who contribute articles to fill these barrels.

We hope our friends will be pleased to get this little note of our daily life here, and that they will pray for us, for we feel that prayer with faith and hard work has brought us to this great and glorious victory in the State of Arkansas.

N.

Little Rock, Ark.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.-C. Conference

Expensive Young Men's Christian Associations

The Hartford, Conn., Young Men's Christian Association has been criticised as an expensive institution, and in meeting the criticism, the general secretary, Noel H. Jacks, has made this comparison, which is stirring up much interest and discussion in Hartford.

Mr. Jacks found that the average age of the inmates of the Massachusetts State Reformatory at Concord is the same as that of the members of the Young Men's Christian Association at Hartford, and the value of the reformatory buildings is \$1,000,000, and of the Hartford Association \$250,000. The capacity of the two institutions is similar. Last year the average number of young men in the reformatory was 939. The number of men and boys who are members of the Hartford Association is 900, but undoubtedly four times as many men come under the influence of the organization. The reformatory employs 65 officers and 30 teachers, at an expense of \$106,000. The Hartford Association employs ten people, with an aggregate salary of \$8,600. The entire budget of the reformatory is \$216,000, and that of the Hartford Association is \$17,500. Mr. Jacks further says that in the reformatory the inmates give nothing, while the members of the Hartford Association pay towards its budget over \$5,000. He claims that the purpose of these two institutions are almost identical; that both are intended to improve the character of boys and young men; that the reformatory treats the disease and the Young Men's Christian Association guards against its attacks.

The expense to the taxpayers of Massachusetts for each inmate is over \$200 per year. In the Hartford Association the expenses per member to the community is less than \$8.00, and it is claimed as well, that this expense to the community is fully balanced by the public work the Association does for those who are not members, that is, in its missionary efforts, and that the members practically pay the full expense of their membership privileges. In a word, Mr. Jacks says that it costs over twenty times as much to reform a young man in that institution as it does for the Association to keep him from going wrong. Mr. Jacks claims that instead of being too expensive, the Association is saving the city annually hundreds of dollars, developing a high character of men, and saving boys and men from the necessity of a reformatory. He takes advantage of the opportunity to make his case for larger support and endowment for the work of the Association which is desirous of enlarging its work for the men in industrial pursuits and for working boys who are obliged to leave school before entering their teens.

December 20, 1902.

Brotherhood of the Methodist Episcopal Church

The Brotherhood of the Methodist Episcopal Church held its annual convention for business on Thursday, the 18th of last December. This brotherhood is a combination of the oldest brotherhoods in the denomination, and this combination was made for the purpose of forming a single brotherhood for the entire Church. Its age, therefore, is the age of the oldest brotherhood in this union, which now embraces almost every brotherhood in the denomination.

The simplicity, spirituality and practical nature of the organization commend it to all who believe that Church work should have these characteristics. It brings men to the Church service; it welcomes men who attend; it seeks the

conversion of men, and endeavors to lead men into Church membership, and this it does with very little mechanism or expense.

The reports showed the wide and rapid spread of this brotherhood of the denomination. It has extended from ocean to ocean; is found in all parts of the country, and has conference organizations in a majority of the Annual Conferences. The fact that the brotherhood conforms to the polity of the denomination facilitates its introduction into the Annual Conferences through the Conference Vice Presidents and Vice Presidents for the Presiding Elders' Districts.

The Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church are Honorary Vice Presidents of this brotherhood. Among the honorary members are the Rev. James M. Buckley, D. D., LL. D., editor of the *Christian Advocate*; the Rev. C. W. Smith, D. D., LL. D., editor of the *Pittsburg Christian Advocate*; the Rev. Dr. Levi Gilbert, editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*; the Rev. Dr. J. F. Berry, editor of the *Epworth Herald*; the Rev. Dr. C. B. Spencer, editor of the *Central Christian Advocate*; the Rev. Dr. F. D. Bovard, editor of the *California Christian Advocate*; the Rev. S. J. Herben Litt, D. D., assistant editor of the *Christian Advocate*; the Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., editor of the *SOUTHWESTERN*; the Rev. R. J. Cooke, D. D., editor of the *Methodist Advocate Journal*; the Rev. K. H. Elmstrom, editor of the *Sandebudet*; H. K. Carroll, LL. D., assistant secretary of the Missionary Society; David D. Thompson, editor of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*; Dr. A. N. Fisher, editor of the *Pacific Advocate*; Rev. Dr. M. C. B. Mason, Secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society; the Rev. A. J. Nast, D. D., editor of the *Christian Apologist*; the Rev. Dr. Frederick Munz, editor of the *Haus and Herd*, and Ex-Governor Robert E. Patison.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, the Rev. Thomas B. Neely, D. D., Methodist Book Concern, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City; General Vice President, the Rev. Dr. A. B. Kendig, Brookline, Mass.; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. F. Winslow Adams, Schenectady, New York; Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Gladstone Holm, Royersford, Penn.; Recording Secretary, Mr. John W. Snedeker, Bloomfield, New Jersey; Treasurer, Mr. Charles A. Coons, East Orange, New Jersey. Executive Committee: The general officers and Rev. J. P. Miller, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. John Handley, D. D., Long Branch City, New Jersey; Rev. J. B. Armstrong, Troy, New York; N. E. Gouldy, Esq., New York City, and Rev. P. L. Dow, Troy, New York.

Epworth League

February 22.

George Washington—A Christian Man in Public Life

(2 Chron. 17. 3, 4; 29. 20, 27, 29; Rom. 13. 3, 4.)

DAILY READINGS.

Monday.—National greatness. Prov. 14. 34.

Tuesday.—A national psalm. Ps. 85.

Wednesday.—God's promises to a national leader. Josh. 1. 5-9.

Thursday.—The Lord sending a leader. Judg. 6, 12, 14-16.

Friday.—A judge and a worshiper. Judg. 7. 15-18.

Saturday.—A godly king. 2 Kings 18. 1-6.

"Why, father, George Washington is only a man!" a little boy is said to have cried out as he saw the Father of his country pass in a procession. Yes, he was only a man, but he was also Washington the hero, Washington the great. We are glad to believe that he was one of the national leaders who have been supported by faith in God.

As a man in public life, we believe Washington to have represented some things which ought to be typical of the Christian man in his largest relations with his fellow-men. It is good to think of Washington as a Christian man, and the thought of his praying, his cheeks wet with tears, during that terrible winter at Valley Forge, adds something we would not like to lose from our conception of him. There are some things besides the expression of religious faith and feeling we want to find in a Christian who has entered public life.

Washington held to his task through dangers, sufferings and calumny. He saw his duty and was loyal to it. What an example this man, steadfast to his purpose amid discouragements that might have disheartened one, of even greater strength. Now we need, in our national life, men who will hold on! The men who are faithful to their tasks, when to be faithful means to endure hardship, they are the strength of a nation.

Then, Washington knew how to give for his country. Serving practically without salary, risking a fortune in his country's cause, giving out his own strength and power, how much he laid upon his country's altar! Then we are glad to think that he believed in his cause because it was right, and he trusted in the God of right. He was a man of faith in a righteous cause. Such every State needs to-day. Such every city needs and such we have. We welcome them, for we know that the public service of our country is most truly high and honorable when men who are ready to pledge loyalty to the seemingly impotent right, rather than the powerful wrong, are in office.

And the thing about Washington that makes his name a synonym for the word "patriot," a thing which ought to be true of every Christian who goes into public life, was that his country's interest was held above his personal interest. Washington would not be made a king.

It is hard to bring before us now the situation where this man thrust aside a possible crown, but we come to understand as we think of it, that in the refusal our country had made possible its dearest institutions, and Washington showed the stuff of which a great patriot is made. He was no timeserver, no seeker after mere personal gains, no oily politician seeking his own ends. How he towers above all such, and how we are glad that the morning hours of America were graced by that kind of manhood to shine its inspiration on all the coming years of our nation's life.

What is the message of Washington's life? If a man tried to interpret Christian manhood in national affairs, from his deeds, what would they say to him? This message: The nobility of a patriotism that scorns falseness, that believes in the nation's possibilities, that holds on to even the forlorn hope of a righteous cause, that can lose self in the thought of the common good. A great message and a great lesson for us to learn.

Young America has strength, Young America has skill and power. If it but learn the meaning of unselfish patriotism, a proud nation will have reason to rejoice over noble sons. For men who have given their allegiance to the "Man of Galilee," who know how to sink self into service, the lesson ought not to be too hard to learn.

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A conference Epworth League convention will be held during the year at Greenwood and efforts made to carry a large delegation to the International Epworth League convention to meet at Detroit, Mich., next July.

Sunday School Helps

By Rev. G. N. Jolly, D. D.

Lesson VIII.—Feb. 22nd, 1903. Title—Christian Love (1 Cor. 13: 1-13). Golden Text—"Now abideth faith, hope, charity, but the greater of these is charity." (1 Cor. 13: 13) Time—A. D. 57. Place of writing—Ephesus.

The lesson we study to-day is only a part of Paul's answer to the question about "Spiritual gifts." There are many gifts but they are all from the same Spirit. The body has many members, yet it is but one body. The church with all its members is the mystical body of Christ. We should covet earnestly the best gifts, and labor faithfully to secure them. And yet there is a "more excellent way." It is the way of pure, ardent, love for God and man. The Greek word *agapee*, here rendered charity, occurs 115 times in New Testament, 86 times it is translated love 28 times charity, and 1 time dear. The R. V. has in every instance translated it love. This lesson is a sublime passage: a diamond among rubies. Notice—

I. *All gifts are valueless without love* (1-3).

1. *The gift of tongues.* This refers to the day of Pentecost, when power to speak in languages not learned, was given. The language of heaven is not known to earth. Many think it is Hebrew, but speculation is foolish. We need not suppose any one ever spoke all the languages of earth, and likely angelic language was never uttered by man. The greatest of eloquence without love is but a hollow, empty sound. The matter we call brass, made of copper and zinc, has not been found among the ancients. Corinthian brass was made by mixing gold and silver. It was very precious and noted for its ringing sound when struck or blown as a trumpet. Cymbals are metallic cups, that make a clanging sound when struck together. All who pretend to be eloquent, and have not the love of God in their hearts are but as sounding trumpets, or tinkling *simpletons*. 2. *The gift of prophecy*, or divine inspiration, is a higher blessing than that of tongues. It is power to understand the hidden mysteries of the Gospel, or the truths that cannot be found out by reason. The higher knowledge, or the most penetrating insight into the gospel, is worthless unless inspired by love. The minister who has a clear understanding of the word of God, and can explain it forcibly, will not be profited thereby without the love of God in his soul. 3. *The gift of faith.* Faith had degrees. We read of great faith, of little faith, of no faith, and of all faith. This does not refer to saving faith for that works by love: but to miracle-working faith, like that possessed by Balaam, Samson, the witch of Endor, and those who cast out devils in Jesus' name. Yet Jesus did not indorse their work. God has not confined the power to work miracles to the holy. One may have faith to remove mountains of diffi-

culties, and yet if he have not love it will profit him nothing. 4. *The gift of charity.* One may give all his goods to feed the poor, yet he is not benefited thereby, unless prompted by pure love. True charity is the result of genuine affection. Only Christian nations build alms-houses for the aged, the infirm, the poor, and the feeble-minded. Only God-loving nations make laws, taxing themselves to raise money for public education, and many other benevolent works. Yet we do not enter heaven through these unless backed by true love. 5. *The gift of sacrifice.* No one is profited, though he dies a martyr, without pure love for God and man in his soul. Other motives than those prompted by love may constrain people to yield up their lives. For honor the North American Indian has defied the most cruel torture; the Hindoo widow has mounted the funeral pyre of her husband; and the Japanese gentleman has ripped open his body in the presence of an assembly. To sacrifice the life for the cause of Jesus, without the love of God in the soul, will profit nothing.

II. *The fruits of love in daily life* (4-7). 1. *It is patient*, or long suffering. It will hold out in the greatest afflictions, pains, toils, calamities, and provocations of life. 2. *It is gentle*, or kind. It is mild, meek, tame, peaceable, and soothing. It is not rough, harsh, or severe. 3. *It is contented.* It envies not the rich their wealth, the honored their authority, the worldly their pleasure, nor the talented their gifts. 4. *It is humble.* It does not vaunt itself, but becomes lowly, modest, meek, and submissive. It has a low opinion of itself, and a deep sense of its unworthiness in the sight of God. 5. *It is courteous*, and does not "behave itself unseemly," but is polite, civil, well-bred, obliging, condescending, elegant, and graceful. 6. *It is unselfish.* It does not seek its own, but prefers others to itself. Its joy does not consist in receiving, but in bestowing: not in being served, but in serving. 7. *It is self-governed*, and is not easily provoked. The conduct of others do not disturb its harmony. Serving God is its mission. It has no time to worry over the conduct of others. 8. *It is charitable in judgment.* It does not think evil of others, but puts the best construction possible on all things. It does right and hopes others will do the same. It has a good opinion of others. 9. *It is cheerful*, but does not rejoice "in iniquity." It is not glad when some one has been overtaken in a fault, or when evil prevails: but it rejoices in the truth, or when the Bible, the church, and things that pertain to righteousness prevail. 10. *It is not revengeful*, but slow to resent an injury. It feels that revenge belongs to the Lord, and He will in due time repay. 11. *It is not unbelieving*, but has an unshaken faith in God, and in the final triumph of His cause. 12. *It is never filled with despair*, but has a hope in God that reaches to that within the veil, and across the soul to the throne of God. 13. *It is forbearing*, for "it endureth all things," till forbearance ceases to be a virtue, then it may labor in a godly spirit to right its wrongs.

III. *Love will abide forever* (8-13). 1. *Prophecies shall fail*, tongues cease, and knowledge vanish. Decline, decay, and death, are stamped on all about us. 2. *Limited.* We only know in part. We see as through a glass, darkly. All in the callings, arts, and sciences, have only a limited knowledge. 3. *Changeableness.* From infancy we pass into childhood, then into middle life, then into old age, and finally out into eternity. Let us fill well our place in life. 4. *Abiding.* Faith, hope, and love will continue forever. Faith goes before and opens the way, hope constrains us to walk therein, and love ever abides to sweeten every act of life.

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Bishop Merrill's Proposed Amendment

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ter, Mr. D. D. Thompson, editor of the *Northwestern*, says:

"In the article entitled 'More Constitutional Changes,' published in this issue of *The Northwestern*, Bishop Merrill presents anew a proposed amendment to the constitution of the church relating to the election of bishops, which he presented in articles published some years ago. The amendment proposed by Bishop Merrill would change the missionary episcopacy and give it a broader and more permanent form. The missionary episcopacy as we have it to-day does not represent what was originally intended. When first instituted it meant practically a superintendent of missions, but with the rapid growth of the work of the church in mission fields, it has developed the need for full episcopal supervision.

"The proposed amendment of Bishop Merrill is designed to prepare the church for its new growth in all lands and to remove any obstacles that might be in the way of such growth by reason of the constitutional limitations of the powers of the missionary episcopacy. Under this amendment there would be no change in the missionary episcopacy so far as its work is concerned, but there would be an authorization which no one would question of the powers which it now exercises. Neither would there be any necessary change in the personnel. Bishops, under this proposed amendment, would in all probability be elected with reference to their fitness to the particular field, as they have been heretofore. In its application both to the foreign and home fields this amendment would provide for any modifications that may be demanded by the progress of the church in the years to come growing out of race or linguistic necessities. It would seem to be a wise step to provide in advance for such contingencies and not wait for the time to come when an emergency might render delay perilous. The bishop's proposed amendment is deserving of the most serious consideration of the church."

The amendment proposed by the bishop would strike from the third restrictive rule all that follows the word "but," and insert the following: "may elect a bishop or bishops for special service among peoples of other races or languages in the United States or in foreign countries." This is the amendment which, as we understand it, was endorsed by the "Presiding Elders' Council" in Atlanta, Ga., last summer. It may be well to say that it is not now before the church for action, as some of the correspondents of the *SOUTHWESTERN* seem to think, and cannot be before the next General Conference, unless some one of the spring conferences take the matter up and present it.

An Important Change of Relation

We are sure it will surprise many who are acquainted with Rev. A. E. P. Albert, M. D., D. D., and know of his work and worth in the church, to learn that at the recent session of the Louisiana conference he was granted the supernumerary relation at his own request. He has long been a prominent figure in our Methodism, but is by no means an old man. He has served as pastor, presiding elder, editor of the *SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*, and college president. He is an eloquent and instructive preacher, a strong writer and one of the best informed men of the church. Having been troubled for some time with an irritation in his throat, he thought best to give up the active work of the ministry, hoping that rest and proper treatment will completely relieve his malady. The conference passed resolutions expressing regret that Dr. Albert had determined to change his relation and appointed a committee to arrange for some suitable expression of its appreciation of his past services.

The doctor expects to devote himself for the most part to the practice of medicine here in New Orleans, his office being at the St. Charles Pharmacy, 7800 St. Charles avenue.

When it became known that Prof. Booker T. Washington had been invited to Gainesville, Fla., to address the county superintendents of the state there assembled, some of those gentlemen thought it too much social equality for them. The superintendent of that county objected to his speaking in the auditorium and refused its use, his action being sustained by the board in charge of the building. Possibly it was thought they had the meeting broken up. The county commissioners tendered the use of the courthouse and, according to the Associated Press reports, 2,000 auditors, colored and white, succeeded in getting in to hear him, while hundreds of others had to be turned away for want of room. If the little politicians would let the people, colored and white, alone, they would get on well enough.

Death of Mrs. Cranston

Just previous to closing our forms we learn through the secular press of the death of Mrs. Laura M. Cranston, wife of Bishop Earl Cranston. She died in the state of Guanajuato, Mexico, her death being attributed to the nervous shock resulting from the boxer outbreak which she witnessed during the uprising in China, where she and the Bishop were at the time. Bishop Cranston was in Mexico to hold the conference Jan. 15 at Pachuca and had not returned. He and his daughters, who are with him, will accompany the remains of the deceased to Cincinnati for interment. May the Lord comfort and sustain them.

The Epworth League Chapter of St. Paul M. E. Church, Calvert, Tex., gave a dinner for the benefit of the aged which was much enjoyed by those who attended. Mr. C. C. Platt is president of the Chapter.

One of the greatest revivals that Clark University has had in many years began on the Day of Prayer for Colleges, and has continued since with ever deepening interest. From the beginning the altar has been thronged with seekers. On last Monday, Secretary Thirkield stopped over on his way from Florida, and preached at the morning service. Nearly fifty were forward as seekers, and the meeting continued most of the morning.

A most excellent cut of Mrs. Frances Joseph, the founder of the Orphan's Industrial school, New Orleans, adorns the cover page of the January number of the *Colored American Magazine*.

Personal and General

Paul Lawrence Dunbar gave a recital recently in Burns M. E. Church, Kansas City, Mo., Rev. J. M. Harris, pastor.

Dr. J. L. M. Curry, former minister to Spain, and head of the Peabody Fund, is considered hopelessly ill. He is in Asheville, N. C.

Rev. P. W. Baldwin, pastor Vicksburg circuit, desires his correspondents to address him at Edwards, Miss., which is to be his postoffice.

Rev. T. S. McMorris of the West Texas Conference, desires his correspondents to address him at No. 418 Potaris street, San Antonio, Tex.

Rev. G. W. Morehead, pastor Mt. Airy, N. C., made an excellent start in his new charge, but has just been ordered to suspend all services on account of smallpox in the community.

Let all correspondents of Rev. W. H. Higgins, presiding elder of the Pine Bluff (Ark.) District, note the fact that the number of his house has been changed from 1718 W. 7th to 1818 W. 7th avenue, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Rev. Pierre Landry, dean of Gilbert College, Baldwin, La., was in the city this week on business. He reports Mrs. Landry improving. The school is full and everything working pleasantly and successfully.

Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Matthew celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage at their home in Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 25 last. Dr. Matthew was at one time editor of the *California Christian Advocate*, and is still a leader in Western Methodism.

Dr. L. G. Adkinson, of Gammon Theological Seminary, and Rev. E. B. Caldwell, who is representing the Missionary Society at some of our conferences, made the office a pleasant call as they were enroute to the Louisiana Conference.

Bishop J. C. Hartzell has been visiting his mother in Kansas City, who is there spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Wallace. She is now in her eighty-seventh year and has read the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* since it was first established, fifty-one years ago.

Rev. R. P. Threlkeld, who has met with such excellent success in the pastorate, especially at Moss Point and Jackson, Miss., has just been appointed presiding elder of the Vicksburg District. He will continue to reside in Jackson, Miss., but desires mail addressed to No. 115 Church street, instead of as heretofore.

Rev. F. T. Chinn, who was last year pastor of Simpson Chapel, this city, carried the affairs of that charge to high-water mark. He reported raised for all purposes, \$2,789.79, including \$155 for benevolence. There were also 50 accessions. Bro. Chinn is one of the old young men of the conference.

Rev. L. J. S. Bell, former pastor at Pearlinton, Miss., passed through the city last week, enroute to Magnolia and Summit (postoffice, Summit, his new field of labor. Bro. Bell expects to move his family in the near future and says when they are all together his church will have more Bells than any other in the conference.

At the recent session of the Louisiana conference the New Orleans South District, Rev. W. R. Butler, presiding elder, led all others in the benevolent collections, the total being \$1,278, an advance of \$478 in three years time. He is exceedingly happy and thinks he has a body of men on his district that are hard to turn down.

We are sure that the many friends of Rev. Dr. J. H. Reed will be pleased to learn of his success and constantly increasing popularity as pastor of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, Little Rock, Ark. He has just been returned to that church for the

third year and was enthusiastically received. We are pleased to publish elsewhere the report of the recent session of his conference as prepared by him.

Rev. Wm. McMorris who has just closed his sixth year as presiding elder of the Vicksburg District, Mississippi Conference, was appointed by Bishop Mallalieu, pastor at Jackson, Miss. Bro. McMorris has made a strong and successful official and greatly advanced the interests of the church on his district. Few men are more faithful and successful than he in placing the SOUTHWESTERN in the hands of the people.

Rev. W. H. Jones, who is a member of the Louisiana Conference, and Miss Emma E. Shepley of this city, are to be married at the bride's residence, No. 2237 Eighth street, this city, Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., at 8 o'clock. Bro. Jones, who connected with the conference less than five years, has shown himself one of the most progressive and aggressive of the younger members of that body. We extend best wishes.

Rev. Stephen Duncan, who has just been returned to the presiding elderate, as will be seen by the appointments of the Louisiana Conference as they appear elsewhere, has already served in that capacity nineteen years. When he came off the district one year ago he went as pastor to First Street Church, this city, where he had a most remarkable year. He is popular with his brethren and there is no doubt that a majority of the conference is pleased with his promotion.

News Notes

The Book Committee of the church is in session this week in New York.

Last week the Northern states experienced the worst blizzard of recent years.

The special mail carriers engaged to bring mail from Greenville to Indianola, Miss., do not bring the colored people's mail.

Bishop and Mrs. Joyce were tendered a farewell reception by the Minneapolis Methodists just before they left for South America.

The resignation of Naval Constructor Richmond P. Hobson has been accepted by the Secretary of the Navy. It is said he will go into politics.

Are you keeping your eye on our memory Guild as conducted by Bishop Warren? Splendid chance to commit to memory the best hymns of the church.

Distinct shocks of earthquake were felt in St. Louis, Mo., and a part of Kentucky and Illinois the first week in February.

According to statistics collected by the War Department there are in the United States 10,853,396 men eligible to bear arms in defense of the United States.

The home of Jefferson Davis has been deeded by his widow to the Sons of Confederate Veterans of Mississippi for \$10,000. It is to become a retreat for indigent Confederate soldiers.

In Salt Lake, Texas, twenty-five colored men who were working on a pipe line were ordered to leave by white workmen, who were getting less wages than the colored men. The colored workmen left for the Beaumont oil fields.

We learn that the faculty and students of Central Alabama Academy were delighted with the recent visit of Dr. M. C. B. Mason. His addresses before the school were highly appreciated. The earnest president, Prof. Robinson, and his estimable wife, are faithful workers in this part of our educational field represented by this academy.

The New York *Observer* says: A colored man, who was born in Massachusetts, has for upwards of thirty years served as conductor on what was once the Rockville Railroad Company, now operated by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. He has long enjoyed the esteem of all the business men patronizing the road. Some years ago he was presented with a gold badge, on which was inscribed the motto: "Ever faithful, ever true."

Little Rock Annual Conference

REPORTED BY REV. J. H. REED, D. D.

The twenty-fifth session of the Little Rock Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, convened at Clow, Ark., on Thursday morning, January 22, 1903, with Bishop John M. Walden, D. D., LL. D., as presiding officer. After the Holy Communion, the conference was organized with the election of the following officers: Henry P. Strong, A. M., secretary; William S. Sherrill and Louis G. Hodges, assistants; James W. Jackson, statistical secretary; J. J. Freeman, George T. Saxon, J. W. Burns and C. W. Whitehead, assistants; H. P. Coulter, treasurer; W. H. Morris, Silas McDonald, D. H. E. Harris and W. McIntosh, assistants. Presiding Elders W. R. R. Duncan, B. J. Griffin, W. H. Higgins, M. N. Langston and T. R. Wamble were called, their character passed upon, and they reported the work on their districts respectively, which showed marked increase on all lines. The following were received into full connection: Samuel J. Brown, Zachariah R. Fields and William Speed. Discontinued, John L. Bryant. Andrew J. Phillips had died during the year. The following ordained: Deacons, William H. Hebrew and Aaron J. Taggart; elders, Henderson C. Crump and Aaron S. Johnson. Among the large number of visitors the following official representatives cheered our hearts with their inspiring addresses: Dr. George of the Sunday School Union, Dr. T. C. Iliff of the Church Extension Society, Dr. W. P. Thirkield of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, Prof. I. G. Penn, A. M., Secretary of the Epworth League; Mrs. H. M. Nasmyth, superintendent of Adeline M. Smith Industrial Home, Little Rock, and the Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., editor of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. The anniversaries for these various causes were indeed of a high order. The conference from the very beginning moved towards a climax. The work of the Sunday School Union was presented with deep interest by Dr. George on Wednesday night; on Thursday night we had Church Extension presented in the most enthusiastic manner ever known in the history of the conference; Friday night, Mrs. H. M. Nasmyth thrilled a vast audience with an address on the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, calling special attention to the work of Adeline M. Smith Industrial Home of which she is the efficient superintendent; following this address, on the same evening, Prof. I. G. Penn delivered an address as only he can, touching the young life of the church as exemplified in the Epworth League. The Freedman's Aid cause was represented on Saturday night. Dr. J. M. Cox, president of Philander Smith College, presided and introduced Rev. Dr. W. P. Thirkield, one of the corresponding secretaries of the society, who was the speaker of the evening. Dr. Thirkield is known too well throughout our territory and the church at large to need any introduction to the readers of the SOUTHWESTERN. His address was characteristic of the man and his work. At the conclusion of his address the conference pledged in reliable subscriptions \$3,600 for Philander Smith College. President Cox thinks more than two-thirds of the amount will be realized in cash. Sunday was a high day. The conference love feast at 9 o'clock, led by Rev. C. W. Whitehead, was one of great spiritual uplift. Bishop Walden preached at 11 o'clock, from Rom. 8: 32. The sermon was one of most comprehensive divine truth and carried conviction to the hearts of the thronging multitudes that crowded both within and without the church. Great churchman! May his life be spared many years. The ordination and memorial services at 3 p. m. were intensely impressive. The evening services were of a high spiritual order. Prof. Penn conducted a spirited praise service from 6:30 to 7:30. Following this Dr. I. B. Scott preached, selecting as a text, first epistle of John, 5th chapter, 4th verse. We had all heard Dr. Scott before, but never as on this occasion. The audience literally shrieked and shouted under the mighty influences of the Holy Spirit as this faithful servant of God and of the church broke the bread of eternal life to the hungering multitudes.

One of the novel features of this session of the conference was, that it was held in the rural districts. Clow is situated in Hempstead county, in the midst of a densely populated colored section of the state.

Rev. G. N. Johnson, the pastor, with his untiring wife and the good people, together with Presiding Elder T. R. Wamble, had left nothing undone to make this one of the most pleasant and highly entertained sessions in the history of the Little Rock Conference. The weather was ideal and the people thronged from the surrounding country within a radius of forty miles to see for the first time a Methodist Annual Conference and a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. We can never forget Clow and her good people. Wm. White was transferred from the Okaneb Conference to the Little Rock Conference. The conference did not forget its old veterans in that it voted to raise \$300 the ensuing conference year for conference claimants.

The collections for three causes were as follows: Missions, \$544; church extension, \$134; Freedman's Aid, \$621. Statistics of membership: Full members, 6,017; probationers, 396.

The appointments are as follows:

CLOW DISTRICT.

(All in the State of Arkansas.)

T. R. Wamble, P. E.; P. O. Clow.

Caddo Gap and Murfreesboro, to be supplied; Camden and Gurdon, to be supplied; Canfield, to be supplied; Centerpoint, Haywood Bright, 2; Clow, G. N. Johnson, 3; Du Queen and Horatio, David Hall, 5; Fordyce and Little Bay, C. W. Whitehead, 2; Fulton, to be supplied; Nashville, to be supplied; New Lewisville, Lee Nelson, 1; St. Paul and Redland, to be supplied; Saratoga, to be supplied; Texarkana, H. C. Crump, 1; White Cliff, G. A. Hall, 1; Wilson, to be supplied.

FOREST CITY DISTRICT.

B. J. Griffin, P. E.; P. O. Brinkley.

Auvergne and Augusta, J. M. Clark, 3; Bledsoe, S. J. Brown, 1; Brinkley, Waters McIntosh, 1; Brinkley Circuit, J. M. Aehart, 1; Caldwell and Wynne, S. T. Cooper, 3; Cotton Plant, C. A. Taylor, 1; Cotton Plant Circuit, S. B. Davis, 1; Crawfordsville, to be supplied; Forest City, A. T. Stephens, 2; Haynes, Philip Owens, 1; Jonesboro and Marked Tree, to be supplied; Mariana, J. W. Jackson, 2; Oak Forest, G. B. Donnelly, 6; Palestine, W. A. Smith, 2; Park Place, Wm. Greene.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT.

M. N. Langston, P. E.; P. O. Ft. Smith.

Atkins, to be supplied; Bentonville, William White, 1; Conway, to be supplied; Dallas (P. O. Miner), R. B. Henry, 1; Danville, S. M. Stokes, 2; Fayetteville, H. P. Coulter, 1; Forst Smith—Ebenezer, to be supplied; Mallalieu, Silas McDonald, 4. Fort Smith Circuit, to be supplied; Morrilton, M. H. Foster, 2; Solgohachie, L. G. Hodges, 1; Vanburen, G. T. Saxton, 2; Wooster, U. S. Kitchen, 1.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

W. R. R. Duncan, P. E.; P. O. Little Rock.

Batesville, W. H. Morris, 3; England, A. R. Ray, 2; Hot Springs, W. S. Sherrill, 2; Jacksonpon, S. M. Cain, 2; Little Rock—Rock Street, P. W. Webb, 1; Wesley Chapel, J. H. Reed, 3; White's Chapel, J. J. Freeman, 2; Little Mammelle, D. H. E. Harris, 1; Lonoke and Richwoods, to be supplied; Marche and Argenta, J. A. Hamilton, 1; Newport, W. H. Simpson, 3; Roland, M. F. Strong, 1; Sulphur Rock, R. B. Fagan, 1; Sweet Home, L. D. Daniels, 1.

J. M. Cox, president Philander Smith College, member Wesley Chapel Quarterly Conference.

H. P. Strong, professor Philander Smith College, member Hot Springs Quarterly Conference.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

W. H. Higgins, P. E.; P. O. Pine Bluff.

Altheimer and Sherrill, J. C. Adams, 1; Avery, B. J. Lewis, 2; Clarendon, A. S. Johnson, 2; Dumas, W. E. Pruitt, 2; Hensley, H. C. Dunlap, 2; Luna, Z. R. Fields, 2; Marwell and Helena, T. J. Thompson, 2; Monticello and Dermott, to be supplied; Morrell and Sunshine, to be supplied; New Edinburg, Wm. Speed; Pine Bluff, D. B. Harston, 2; Pine Bluff Circuit, J. W. Burns, 1; Union Grove and Wabbaseka, L. J. Preston, 2; Warren and Johnsville, J. H. Greer, 1.

(Conference notes next issue.—Ed.)

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awaiting our arrival. They had an elaborate supper spread and everything arranged home-like for our comfort. The people are glad to have us here, and we are hard at work to bring the church to the front. We now have the departments working; the W. H. M. Epworth League running, with all the Society organized and hard at work; S. S. improving; every Sunday church congregation growing; had one convert and two accessions to the church. The work is here to do, and by the help of God, we want to have it in full bloom ere long. We are trying to spread Methodism and uphold Jesus Christ. We thank God for the progress already made, and we are looking for a pentecostal shower of blessings on the work. Give us your prayers, that God may do a wonderful work here. We want souls saved and Christians revived.

J. H. Swann, Pastor, Calvert, Tex.—Our first quarterly conference was held January 24. The Rev. A. Brown, presiding elder, was in the chair. The officers were present with written reports, which showed progress along all lines of church work. Sunday was a high day. The presiding elder preached two able sermons and administered the Lord's Supper to 98 souls. Raised during the quarterly conference, \$36; paid to pastor during the quarter, \$27; raised for missions, \$2; for other purposes, \$18; total, \$83. We consider this a very good report for the month of January. The pastor reported ten annual subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN and 23 subscribers to world-wide missions. With Dr. E. A. Dunham, superintendent of the Sunday school, and Prof. C. C. Platt, president of the E. L., we feel that we are able to lead the armies of God to victory. The W. H. M. Society on the 5th inst. stormed the parsonage in a way that caused the writer and family to smile for several days. We cordially invite them to come again.

J. L. Massey, Tullahoma, Tenn.—On Jan. 4th there came to our town from Kentucky Rev. W. M. Young, an evangelist, desiring to carry on a meeting. The weather was cold and rainy. We had our doubts of success, but by perseverance and trusting in the Lord, Rev. Young and myself carried on the meeting two weeks and it was crowned

with success, having 32 converts. God has wonderfully blessed us. Our church here is said to be in a better spiritual and financial condition than ever before; also the different churches work in union, which has enabled us to organize a Ministers' Union, which meets every Monday. At these meetings we discuss subjects pertaining to the upbuilding of the churches. The members of our ministers' Union are: Rev. A. Brooks, of the A. M. E. Church, president; the writer vice-president; Rev. I. B. Ivery, of the Missionary Baptist Church, secretary; Rev. March Banks, also of the Missionary Baptist Church, treasurer. Our people generally are looking up. We have a splendid graded school, with Prof. J. W. Howse principal; Miss Florence Halford and Mrs. J. W. House assistants. They are doing a grand work. We have not forgotten the SOUTHWESTERN. We are making strong appeals in every meeting for subscribers, and we think that we will be able at an early date to send you a number of cash subscribers. Pray for us.

J. W. Queen, Secretary, Griffin District.—The Pastors and District Stewards' counsel of the Griffin District, Atlanta Conference, met in McDonough, Ga., Jan. 20, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m., Dr. M. M. Alston, presiding elder, in the chair. After devotional services, the writer was re-elected secretary. Most of the pastors and stewards of the district were present at roll call. The special work of the stewards was disposed of in an interesting but orderly manner. The remainder of the sessions were devoted to general discussion of pastoral topics. Plans for the year 1903 were formulated. This promises to be a great year for the Griffin District. Never were there greater unity among the ministers of the district. Not before in the four years have their been greater efforts to plant the banner of the Griffin District far in advance of any previous year. The frequent meeting of the pastors of this district in their union has been very helpful to the brethren in their work. They thus have opportunity to converse often; pray with each other; sing together; plan for the financial and spiritual work on the district; then go to their fields of labor in high spirit to advance the Master's cause. The brethren are strengthened and encouraged by a wide-awake and energetic membership. The interest of the SOUTHWESTERN and its helpfulness was carefully discussed. Griffin District is interested in the new building at Clark University.

James Jordan, Pastor—Hockley Circuit—This is my fifth year on this circuit, and the people received me back gladly. I began my work on the first Sunday in December, 1902, and I have taken a large subscription for Benevolence; Miss Christina Gage subscribed \$5, and paid \$2.50; Mrs. Kate Gage \$10, Miss Augusta Jordan 40c., Miss Lessie Keys 40c., Miss Mary Mason \$1, Miss O. A. Mason 75c., Miss Edna Montgomery \$1, Miss Ena Bell 50c., Miss Estelle Darwell \$1, Mrs. J. A. Mason \$1.50, Mr. S. H. Jordan \$2, Mr. E. D. Jordan \$2, Mr. G. W. Jordan \$1, Mr. E. S. Riley \$2, Miss A. N. Benchley \$1, Miss P. Montgomery 50c., Mr. H. Bragg \$1, Miss R. Bragg \$5, Mr. Allen Bragg \$1, Mr. Garrett Bragg \$1.50, Mrs. E. Mason \$2, Miss C. P. Mason 50c., Miss C. Z. Mason 50c., Mrs. C. H. Bell \$2.50, Mr. H. R. Bell 25c., Miss B. B. Bell 40c., Miss J. Bell 40c., Miss R. Bell 20c., Mrs.

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F. C. Hamilton, Lobdell, La.—Wife and I organized a new M. E. Sunday school with fourteen children, in a new settlement where a new railroad is to be built. Mr. Bellzone Stockins, a prominent young man of West Baton Rouge parish, was elected superintendent. I organized a new M. E. church by name of Rumble Chapel, with a board of trustees as follows: Hon. George Mason, Chas. Williams, Bellzone Stockins, Jr., A. Curry, Joseph Ash, F. C. Hamilton, P. C.; Rev. H. Taylor, P. E.

S. W. Cannon, Pastor, Fayette, Miss.—W. H. Watts, Esq., is trying to have every official in this charge to subscribe for the *Southwestern Christian Advocate*. He was the only delegate sent from this part of our conference to the Negro Congress that was held in Atlanta, Ga., last August. He is the recording steward of this work and has been for seven years. Brother Watts keeps a perfect record; any item the preacher wishes to know, especially as to probationers or money collected for any cause, he has it on his record. He keeps the record of all the official work of the church, both as to stewards and trustees.

A. L. Patterson, Greenbeck, Tex.—Judging from the harmony existing

between Rev. L. R. Parker and his congregation, we feel that the conference has made no mistake in sending him here as pastor. The members of the church and their friends have vied with each other, seemingly, in seeing to it that the pastor and his family are properly cared for during the hard winter months. They have not contributed liberally to his public collections only, but they have carried many of the necessities of life to the parsonage unsolicited. Many of the members and friends visited the parsonage the other week heavy laden with nice things for the pastor. The following persons were among the number: S. R. Betts, Mrs. Carrie Betts and Laura Long, Miss Laura Forrest Young, Jas. Edmonds, Mrs. Sarah Thomas, Miss Della Jackson, Amanda Williams, Laura Long. The gifts were presented to Rev. Parker in a short speech by A. L. Patterson, and responded by the pastor. Rev. A. Brown was on hand at the first quarter, and as usual, gave us a splendid sermon. All of his claims were raised and 15c over. Our Sunday school and League are in a better condition than ever before. Mrs. C. B. Easter, an assistant in the city school, has charge of the primary class in the Sunday school, and is rendering good service.

Wm. Perry, Pastor, Heflin, Ala.—A surprise party led by Brother J. J. Cleveland, visited the parsonage recently and brought a lot of nice groceries that made us happy. We will be glad to have this party call again. Sister Dolphine Stevens celebrated her 53d year by giving a grand reception to which the pastor and his wife were invited.

R. A. Walmsly, Recording Steward, Eola, La.—We are thankful that the Eola charge is not yet defeated on account of indebtedness on building a parsonage here at this place. We have succeeded in purchasing a lot and have built a nice cottage on plan L containing three rooms and a kitchen, and a good ground cistern. Our worthy pastor has made it comfortable for himself and all other ministers. We have paid debts to \$20, and at the appointed time we expect to pay that off. Our pastor, Rev. A. Gray, has accomplished a needed work. We have paid our pastor for conference year more than \$300, paid presiding elder in full \$41, and raised for benevolence \$50. We are sure our pastor went to conference happy. Rev. A. Gray is a worthy pastor and who has served here three years, and we hope he will get a worthy charge, if not this one. We pray God's blessings upon him and his devoted wife who is loved by all. Sister Gray is a consistent Christian, and is deeply interested in church work.

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C. L. Kyles, Pastor, Bargerston, Tenn.

—On the 31st inst., a storm party from Mt. Pleasant came about six miles distance, and when it was over, 123 pounds of groceries were left for the pastor and family. The good stewards, Brother W. M. Lee and Brother J. T. Douglas were the parties in the storm. These brothers are with the preacher heart and hand. The preacher never calls but what these brothers answer and come to his rescue. This winter has been very unfavorable for preaching services for three months, and yet the good people of the Wilderville circuit have not allowed their preacher to suffer for either food or wood. On January 31, Brothers A. S. Coffey, Walter Coffey, Frank Phelps and C. H. Phillips came with wagons and teams and hauled the preacher a plenty of wood. So you see, these good officers do not intend for us to suffer, even though the weather continues so we cannot have a gathering. I haven't been able to raise any benevolent money yet for this conference year, but brothers, look out for me at the annual conference. I led the Lexington district on circuits last year, and I have a new zeal for my work this year. Dear Editor, I am still canvassing for the good old SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. I never preach a sermon without asking for subscribers.

J. H. Payne, Pastor, Third M. E. Church, Xenia, Ohio.—At the session of the Lexington conference, to assemble at Chicago, Ill., on the 18th of March, 1903, Rev. T. L. Ferguson, presiding elder of the Ohio district, will make his sixth annual report in that capacity. His administration has been marked by unusual success. There has been a great increase in membership and benevolent collections. A great many new churches and parsonages have been built. Brother Ferguson will retire from the district with the approval of all his brethren and their congregation.

Hester Yandell, Newport, Ark.—We thank the Lord and also the bishop, for the return of our pastor, Rev. W. H. Simpson. He has been here two successful years, and is entering now upon the third. For the two years past he has accomplished a great

work, and we hope to do more and better work this year than we did last, for we believe that Rev. Simpson is the right man, and he is assigned to the right place where he can do the most work for God. May God bless the Little Rock district and all preachers that are ever following His holy example.

Mattie M. Harman, Secretary, Tip-top, Va.—Our second quarterly conference convened February 24, Rev. R. H. Swane, our beloved presiding elder, was in the chair. Officers and pastors were present with written reports showing a great interest in church work. Sunday the 25th, Rev. Swane preached a logical and spiritual sermon. Rev. G. W. Alexander preached a soul reviving sermon. The Lord's Supper was administered to forty by the presiding elder and pastor. We raised during the day \$18.72; paid the elder in full \$11; raised and paid the pastor this quarter \$61.72; for all other purposes during the quarter \$152.72. Our work is spiritually and financially alive. All were urged to take the *Christian Advocate*.

S. R. Gipson, Aberdeen, Miss.—Mr. Gipson, secretary of the Orphans' Home conference of the southwestern states, and president of the Orphans' Home Industrial and Reform school of Mississippi, and friends, have secured the General Davis' old residence for the Orphans' Home in Aberdeen; also a home for the old people. It is an eight-room brick building. This building is one of the most desirable in the city with the best flowing well in the city, within sixty feet of the building. There are several other conveniences about the place which will add much to the good of the home and school. Brother Gipson has been interested in orphans and old people for past years. He secured a charter from the state of Mississippi in 1897 to build an institution of this kind. The home must be furnished with such things as will enable them to begin housekeeping for the friendless at once. Any donation for this home and school will be thankfully received—second-hand clothing will be of much help. All donations and correspondence will be addressed to S. R. Gipson, Aberdeen, Miss. The Orphans' Home will convene its third annual session in Aberdeen June 24. Program will be out in time. They hope to have the co-operation of everybody. The following are the officers as elected by the last conference: President, S. R. Gipson; first vice president, Rev. T. W. Davis; second vice president, Rev. P. S. Bowles; third vice president, Rev. N. C. Clay; fourth vice president, Rev. J. D. Gipson; fifth vice president, Rev. G. J. Dobson; secretary, Rev. F. H. Bunton; treasurer, Rev. D. Green; board of directors, Rev. Rev. E. F. C. Troupe, Prof. A. D. Hayes, Prof. E. H. McKissack, Rev. Wm. Roberts, E. S. Jones, M. H. Wilkins, Rev. N. L. Lackey, Jessie W. Walker, Rev. J. W. Winbush, Rev. J. M. Shumpert, D. D.; B. H. S. Ferguson, A. M. P. E.; Rev. B. F. Woolfolk, P. E.; Rev. F. G. Wilborn, Rev. P. O. Jamison, P. E.; Rev. Jessie Burton, Rev. A. J. Trice, L. F. White, P. E.; Mesdames Annie B. Davis, Georgia B. Walker, L. E. Koby, Ellen Moton, E. L. Wells, Vinie Paine, Pinkie Bullock, E. D. Thompson, P. Masingate, Matilda Esters, Mollie Toland, F. A. Shumpert, Ida B. Huges, Alice Edwards, Janie Jordan, Sarah E. Bunton, president; Emma Green, secretary; Ella E. Gibson, treasurer; Misses A. D. Patterson, Emma Fox, Wesley Johnson, M. J. Roberts and Bell Evans.

Rev. B. J. Goff, Pastor, Gonzales, Tex.—Quite a large number came to the parsonage lately. The band was led by Mrs. M. J. Mathes, Josie Dean, M. J. Huston, Laura Gaines, Pearl Russell, Nute Stephens, G. Bryan, H. Bryant, Mrs. D. Baily, W. L. Baily, S. Louis, A. Jackson, Mrs. A. Jackson and a great number of others. They brought many good things. At Shiner last Saturday night the league stormed us. It was led by Mrs. Annie Eason, Miss R. A. Johnson, Mrs. Jennie Rillie, W. J. Eason, T. H. Johnson, G. W. Johnson, Phoeby Johnson, Annie Johnson, L. A. Cotton and others. Quite a number of pounds were given. I cannot say enough for my people. The league met at Elm Slough Friday night, and the Mercy and Help department, led by Miss Ella Mays, Estella Smith, Hugh Walker and many others, brought more than 200 pounds to give the poor and sick people. A great many are down with small pox. They are looking up to God, and lifting up falling men and women. I do not write every time that I am stormed by my people, neither every time the league helps the poor and the sick. While all this is going on we do not forget the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. I have promised to subscribe. I am doing my best to have every steward, class leader and superintendent of Sunday school to take the paper.

J. S. Bailey, Pastor, Wiley's Chapel M. E. Church, Connerville, Ind.—We have enjoyed another prosperous year. We closed a glorious revival series of meetings February 1, with eleven accessions, all of whom testified to the saving power of the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. Others were reclaimed and the entire membership of the church greatly revived both spiritually and financially. The Rev. S. G. Turner rendered very excellent service for three weeks in these meetings. His service and efforts will not soon be forgotten by our church, and the people of Connerville. On the first Sunday of January the stewards had a special rally and during the day \$107.50 was raised. Our fourth quarterly meeting was held January 24 and 26, which was a spiritual feast, indeed. The stewards settled with the presiding elder in full for the conference year. Wiley is a live along all lines, and in every department of the church work. The Epworth League, Sunday school, W. H. M. S. and W. F. M. S. are all organized and have done efficient work this year. Our benevolences are well in hand and we are ready to give a splendid report at the coming conference session March 18.

F. Smith, Pastor, Gulfport and Mc Henry, Miss.—On the 26th of January, 1903, I reached my new field of labor. I am glad to say the good people here met me with a hearty welcome. On Thursday, the 29th, Mr. Eugene Nelson of this city, and Miss Olive Peetow of New Orleans, were married by me. The bride is a member of the Catholic church, and the groom a member of our church here. Both of them rank among the social circle of the best young people of this city. A surprise party visited the home of Brother Lott Flowers where the pastor is stopping and brought him many evidences of good cheer and sympathy. Indeed, they were welcome. May God bless the good people of Gulfport; they are invited to call again. The storm was led by Mr. Aislon, Mr. John Enex, Miss Sarah Bracy, Mrs. Etone Bart, Miss Ellen Price, Mrs. Loler Jenkins, Miss Etta Jenkins, Mr. J. L. Collins.

Nannie Williams, Alexandria, Tenn.—The members and friends of the M. E. church, led by Brother Potter Tubbs, the steward of the church, Harriet Burke, Mollie Heard, Nannie Williams, Ella Porter, Annie Williams, Amanda Smith, Mary Tubbs, Millie Robinson, Mary Powell and a number of others visited the parsonage with a grand pound supper, and with a good purse. Our church and Sunday school are in a prosperous condition. We are preparing to remodel our church. Our pastor for this year is J. A. Swift, and we think that we have a No. 1 good preacher and a God fearing man, and we also desire your prayer. We want to be able to make him a good support, and stand to him as God fearing members, and have success through this conference year.

Rev. W. W. Pope, Pastor, Mt. Pleasant, M. E. Church, Winston, N. C.—The members of this church are alive to all the interests of the Methodist Episcopal church. Our membership is on the increase, and our Sunday school grows. We have a splendid Epworth League, and we have just organized a Junior League. They all love to take care of the pastor, for they sent a storm down on him last Saturday night, that he will not forget soon. They sent a little of everything a pastor needs. Any one that has been a pastor can guess what it was.

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H. R. S. Erby, Pastor, Paulding, Miss.—On the night of January 28, just after I returned home from the annual conference, held at Crystal Springs, a host of young people came to the parsonage and brought me some of the good things that they had in store for me. They were led by Mrs. Mattie Lindsey and Miss Corean Pickens. We will be glad to see them again at any time.

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PRESIDING ELDERS' COUNCIL ENTERTAINMENT.

The third Presiding Elders' Council of our M. E. church will meet again in the month of May of the present year. This body has no specified place to hold its coming meeting which will be a very noted one for many good reasons. The object of these few lines is to say that this distinguished body will be glad to hear from city pastors

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anywhere in the church, who might desire to have this body during three or four days and one Sabbath. Such an opportunity will be exceedingly great; first, to see the largest number of presiding elders and a large number of the most representative pastors in our entire Methodism. Second, to listen to the various able sermons which will be delivered on this occasion, and the papers and discussions of same relative to our various interests in connection with the church. Pastors wishing to have this body, will please write me speedily at Huntsville, Ala. Yours very fraternally,

W. H. NELSON, . . .
Corresponding Secretary of the Council.

ANDERSON, IND.

To the Auxiliaries to Women's Home Missionary Society of the Lexington Conference: I am making up my annual report for the year ending in March at which time our annual meeting will be held in Chicago, Ill., and I desire to have all blanks filled in order that I may do this. I ask that the district secretaries send in their report not later than March 1. If there be districts that haven't an association, then let the auxiliary corresponding secretary send report direct to my address. Will each presiding elder please assist me in getting a report from his district. I desire to have a full report. I appeal to the conference society, asking that every member pay the contingent money; this fund must not be neglected, as we can not carry on business without financial aid.

Dear brethren, let us rally as never before, and make this one of the greatest meetings ever held by the W. H. M. S. of this conference. Let us awake and work while 'tis day. I am yours for the love of Christ and in His name,
Mrs. W. B. HARRIS,
Lexington Con. Cor. Sec.

Conference Notices

FORT SMITH DISTRICT. FIRST ROUND.

Ben Circuit, Feb. 14-15; Fayetteville, Feb. 21-22; Van Buren, Feb. 28-March 1; Fort Smith, Mal., March 7-8; Eb, 7-8; Morrellton, 14-15; Atkins, 14-15; Solgo, 21-22; Conway, 28-29; Wooster, April 4-5; Danville, 11-12; Fort Smith Circuit, 18-19; Dallas, 25-26.

Dear brethren, let us begin to lay our plans upon which to operate another year's work. We must begin at once to put forth our benevolent claims so as to be able to report two-thirds of our money by the district conference. I am, yours for Christ,
M. N. LANGSTON, P. E.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT. FIRST ROUND.

Itta Bena, Feb. 7-8; Bedford, Feb. 14-15; Webb, Feb. 21-22; Tutwiler and Dublin, Feb. 24-25; Ruleville, Feb. 28 and March 1; Doodsville, March 3-4; Moorhead and Belzona, March 5-6; Baird, March 7-8; Indianola, March 14-15; Stephensville, March 21-22; Greenville, March 28-29; Dahomey and Gunnison, April 4-5; Tribute and Arcola, April 8; Greenville Circuit, April 11-12; Shelby April 18-19; Clarksdale and Bobo, April 25-26; Coshoma, May 2-3; Tunica and Lula, May 6-7.

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LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT. FIRST ROUND.

Batesville, Feb. 7-8; Sulphur Rock, Feb. 14-15; Jacksonport, Feb. 21-22; Newport, Feb. 28; March 1; Little Rock, Wesley Chapel, March 8-9; Little Rock, Rock street, March 8-10; Little Rock, Whites Chapel, March 14-15; Marche and Argenta, March 21-22; Little Mawmelle, March 28-29; Roland, April 4-5; Hot Springs, April 11-12; Sweet Home, April 18-19; England, April 25-26; Lonoke, May 2-3.

This round may seem quite early, but when so much is to be done, and the time is so short to do it, we can but begin early.

Let the SOUTHWESTERN engage your first attention, for in this way you get before your people what is expected of them.

We have just closed the conference with good and blessed results; why not make this present year the best in our conference history? We can if every pastor will go to his work with new plans and enlarged and renewed aspiration.

The church expects of us loyalty and devotion; can we serve the cause of Christ better, than to be on the alert for souls which must be saved? I think not, for this is our only plan, "Behold the Lamb." Come brethren up to the full measure of your ability, and count success at the end with joy. God bless you on your new field, is my sincere desire. Your humble servant,
W. R. R. DUNCAN.

To the presiding elder of the Central Missionary conference which is to convene in Taylor Chapel M. E. church, Sedalia, Mo., March the 11, 1903: Please send the name of any new men or supplies that does not occur in the minutes of said conference, to the pastor. All visitors should be reported to the pastor so the committee can arrange for their entertainment during the seventeenth session of the Central Missionary Conference Board may be had from \$2.50 to \$5 per conference session. The following brethren have a cordial invitation to attend the annual conference, viz: Drs. J. W. E. Bowen, A. E. P. Albert, J. B. Scott, G. G. Logan, W. H. Nelson, also Plun and Mason, who need no invitation. They will give us some great Epworthian and Freedmen's Aid orations.
W. J. DEBOE, Pastor.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT. FIRST ROUND.

Luna, Feb. 7-8; Morrel and Sunster, Feb. 14-15; Warren and Johnsville, Feb. 21-22; Dermott, Feb. 28; March 1; Dumas, March 7-8; Avery, March 14-15; Marrell, March 21-22; Clarendon, March 28-29; Wabbecca, April 4-5; Altheimer, April 11-12; New Edinburg, April 18-19; Hensley, April 25-26; Pine Bluff Circuit, May 2-3; Pine Bluff, St. James, May 9-10.

Dear brethren, this is the beginning of another year's work in the Master's vineyard, and as the Pine Bluff district has been ahead financially, according to the number of members, for the past four years, therefore still let this be our motto: "On and up to victory." Let each preacher plan for great revivals on his charge this year, for the one that does his work well is the one that will come to the front in our great M. E. church.

It would be well for each preacher to remember and heed the counsel given by Bishop Walden at our recent session of the conference, held at Clow, Ark., and push every interest of the church. Remember, also, Lincoln's birthday for F. A. and S. E., and Easter, last but not least. Do not forget the dear old SOUTHWESTERN. Please let each of our fourteen pastors send in five cash subscribers in the next three months. If you will make a hand to hand canvass, you can do this with all ease; if there are any changes

I will write you in time. Yours for success,
W. H. HIGGINS, P. E.

VICKSBURG DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Fayette, Feb. 7-8; Fayette Circuit, Feb. 7-8; Natchez, Feb. 9-10; Hamburg, Feb. 12-13; Union Church, Feb. 14-15; Bonace, Feb. 16-17; Gloster, Feb. 19-20; Meadville, Feb. 21-22; Centerville, Feb. 23-24; Harriston, Feb. 28; March 1; Carey, March 7-8; Bolton, March 14-15; Bolton Circuit, March 16-17; Vicksburg, March 21-22; Vicksburg Circuit, March 28-29; Auguilla, April 4-5; Edwards, April 11-12.

Brethren, let us begin early and work hard in the Master's vineyard. I am your brother in Christ,
R. P. THRELKELD, P. E.

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Montgomery, March 28-29; Mobile, April 4-5; Theodore, April 11-12; Tensaw, April 18-19; Pensacola, Fla., April 25-26; Thomaston and Century, Fla., April 27; Brewton and Pollard, May 2-3; Castleberry and Sparta, May 9-10; Evergreen and Landbar, May 16-17; Troy, May 23-24; Union Springs, May 30-31; Abefoil and Brown Grove, June 6-7.

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FIRST ROUND.

Scooba, Feb. 7-8; Lauderdale, Feb. 11; Meridian Circuit, Feb. 14-15; Collinsville, Feb. 18; St. Paul, Feb. 21-22; Mt. Jordan, Feb. 25; Enterprise, Feb. 28; March 1; Chunky, March 4; Hickory, March 7-8; Lake, March 10; Decatur, March 12; Lillian, March 14-15; Garlandsville, March 21-22; Missionary, March 24; Paulding, March 26; Lake Coma, March 28-29; Bay Springs, April 1; Haven Chapel, April 4-5; Daleville, April 7; Fort Stephen and Philadelphia, April 11-12; Handie, April 15; DeKalb, April 18-19.

Dear brethren, the district made a magnificent showing at the last annual conference. You are yet in the lead, having had 765 conversions and accessions, and raised \$780 of benevolence. Now, let us gird ourselves with

strength and push on for greater victory. Plan early and work earnestly for your benevolence. Observe Lincoln's birthday for F. Aid. Collect general conference expenses and send in at once. Put the SOUTHWESTERN in every home. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with us all. Amen.

J. C. HIBBLER.

NEW ORLEANS SOUTH DISTRICT. FIRST ROUND.

Camp Parapet, Feb. 15-16; Simpson Church, Feb. 19-22; Williams Church, March 1-4; First Church, March 1-5; Beattleville, March 7-8; Schriever, March 8-9; Thibadoux, March 10-11; Vision, March 12-13; Napoleonville, March 14-15; Woodlawn, March 15; Houma, March 21-22; Derwick, March 23-24; Morgan City, March 25-26; Centerville and Verdenville, March 28-29; Franklin, March 29-30; Baldwin, April 5; Godman, April 4-5; Jeannerette, April 6-12; St. Peter, April 7-12; Batonville, April 8; Olivier, April 9-10; Hubertville, April 11-12; New Iberia, April 13-15; Crawford, April 18-19; Union Church, April 19; Ponchatoula and Springfield, April 25-26.

Dear brethren, we have just closed another conference year with the best report the district ever made, but we must not stop here, let us go in for another good year's work. The Lord be praised for what we did last year. Our plan is to continue holding first place in this conference, and say to the other districts, come on. Let each pastor go in for a good revival in each charge, for every church needs it on the district. Start in time for your benevolent money. Push every interest of the church. Brethren, don't wait until the P. E. comes to raise his quarterage, but as soon as you see the announcement put the district steward to work, and help him collect the presiding elder's salary, so while he is in your charge, he can help you in a revival or a rally meeting. Our motto is, "On to victory;" \$1,500 for benevolence; 250 converts; 200 new subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN; an Epworth League in every charge. Whatever you do, don't neglect the Sunday school, for our future church depends upon it. Also, urge the young people to attend Gilbert Industrial college and N. O. U., for in these schools they will be prepared for life's battles. Yours in the Master's cause,

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FIRST ROUND.

Long Street, Feb. 28; March 1; Curtis, March 4-5; Fairfield, March 6-8; Flournoy, March 7-8; St. James, March 11-16; Mansfield, March 13-15; Kingston, March 14-15; St. Paul, March 18-23; Shady Grove, March 20-22; Pleasant Valley, March 21-22; Blancha, March 25-26; Scarboro, March 28-29; Bedford, March 27-29; Coushatta, March 30-31; Vanceville, April 4-5; Rocky Mt., April 5-6; Grand Cane, April 8; Jewella, April 10; Brownlee, April 11-12; Pleasant Hill, April 18-19; Columbus, April 21; Leesville, April 22; Carson, April 23; Abidine, April 24; Many, April 25-26; Marthaville, April 28-29; Allen, May 2-3; Lake End, May 5-6; Alpha, May 7-8; Camati, May 9-10.

Brethren, we have started out in another year's work—let every man do his best to make it a success. Commence a revival service at once. We want 1,000 souls brought to Christ this year. Let us consecrate ourselves to God, that we may be able to do this great work that He has left in our charge. And please don't forget our benevolent collection; let us raise all of it by the district conference, that will convene August 12, 1903, in St. Paul M. E. church, Shreveport.

H. DANIELS, P. E.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Alexandria, Feb. 15-16; Pineville, Feb. 14-15; Boyce and Village, Feb. 17-18; St. Paul, Feb. 19-21; Kateland, 26-27; Colfax, Feb. 28; March 1; Cane River and Grand Cove, March 2-4; New Town, March 5-6; Watchitoches, March 7-9; Old River and Chopin, March 10-11; Spring Creek and Woodworth, March 12-13; Lake Charles, March 14-15; Lacompte, March 17-18; Cheneyville, March 20-22; Booneville, March 21-22; Bunkie Evergreen, March 24-25; Bois, March 27-28; Lone Pine, March 30-31; Cotton Port, April 2-3; Markville, April 4-5; Welchton, April 6-7; Morrow, April 9-10; Palmetto, April 11-12; Waxia, April 13-14; Washington, April 18-19; Opelousas, April 17-19; Lafayette, April 20-21; Rayne and Crowley, April 22-23; Cade, April 24-26; St. Martinville, April 25-26; Abbeville, April 28-29; Abbeville Mission, April 30, May 1.

My dear brethren, we have started into a new year. Let us go into it

with all of our hearts and save a thousand souls. The time is at hand that we must let the Lord use us for his glory and the conversion of souls. Start a revival at once.

S. DUNCAN, P. E.

N. O. NORTH DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Gretna, Feb. 26; St. Charles, Feb. 28; March 1; Malden, March 4-8; Haven, March 5-8; Coott Chinn, March 9-10; Thompson, March 11-12; Asbury, March 14-15; Pleasant Plains, March 16-17; Mt. Zion, March 18-19; Slidell, March 21-22; St. Mathew, March 23-24; Union, March 25-26; Mandeville, March 28-29; Covington, March 30; Wesley, April 1-2; Litcher, April 3-5; Whitehall, April 2-5; LaPlace, April 6; St. John, April 7; City Mission, April 9; Franklinton, April 18-19; Balltown, April 22-26.

Dear brethren, let us begin the work this year with a zeal and determination to win souls, and push every interest of the church as never before. Start revivals as soon as possible, and keep at it, until your church is ablaze with a spiritual fire. We must get out of the old ruts. Plan at once to raise all the benevolent collections by July and report at the district conference. Send for literature at an early date and make Easter Sunday the greatest day of the year in your missionary rally. Raise the whole missionary apportionment, and more besides, as we have an extra assessment for the open door movement. Observe children's day and make it a big time with the children, and gather in all you can for the cause of education. Push the F. H. and S. E. collection at the time fixed by the secretaries. THE SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE must be made self-supporting. So send in five of the subscribers you promised by Easter, and don't stop till you redeem your whole pledge. On to battle! Yours for the cause,

J. F. MARSHALL, P. E.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Dear brethren, we are beginning another year's work. I am hoping that this will be the best year in the history of the Baton Rouge district. Let us begin our revival meetings at once, and plan for the raising of our benevolent collection. Make Easter a great day and let your banners fly on children's day. Let us go in for 1,000 converts, 300 subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN and \$1,200 for benevolence. We can do this if we begin at once.

Plaquemine, Feb. 21-22; Bayou Goula, Feb. 28; Port Allen, March 1-2; Lobdell and Winterville, March 3-4; Priestly, March 5; Jones Creek, March 6; Musson, March 7-8; Rosedale, March 8-9; Darrow, March 13-14; Donaldsonville, March 15-16; Conrad, March 21-22; March 13-14; Wiley, March 24; Melville, March 25; Summer and Mason, March 27-28-29; Batchelor, March 30-31; Island and Letsworth, April 1-2; Union, April 4-5; New Roads, April 6; Baton Rouge, Wesley, 11-12; St. Marks, April 12-13; Baker, April 14; Deerford, 15; Zackery, April 16; Slaughter and Rylander, April 18-19; St. Paul and Vincent, April 20-21; Asbury, April 22; Macedonia, April 23; St. Peter, April 25-26; Clinton, April 28-27; Mt. Carmel, April 28-29; Norward and Wilson, April 30; Wesley, May 2-3; Jackson, May 3-4; Stony Point, May 9-10; St. Luke and Plainview, May 11-12.

Brethren, let us go in for success. Yours, H. TAYLOR, P. E.

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Rome, Ga.—The daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Adams, Miss Amabel, died January 30th at her post of duty. We are told that Miss Adams went near Hogansville to begin teaching but was not able to open her school. Her dear parents were summoned to her bed side and remained with her until the angel came to carry her home. She graduated three years ago at Clark university. She had the respect of the teachers and students on the campus. We would be glad for you to hear the eulogy of Dr. Bowen on this young lady's fitness, as a woman of high moral power and Christian force. She was conscious of her death. She told her parents that it was the last Christmas she would be with them. In thirty days, she died. The good people of Newnan, and Prof. Allen, and the many friends where she died, rendered all the necessary assistance our pastor, Brother Adams, needed. The people of Newnan proposed to bury Miss Adams and defray the expenses of putting her away, but for the respect Brother Adams had for his congregation, he carried her to Rome where the good people did all they could for him. The funeral sermon was preached by Dr. Bowen, assisted by the writer—Let her rest.

F. M. GORDON.

Willis, Tex.—Sister Mariah Johnson an old citizen of Montgomery county, died January 28, aged 75. She was a member of the M. E. church six months. She leaves two sons and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Peace to her ashes.

Miss Viola Glaze died in Brenham, Tex., January 17 and her remains were shipped to Willis, Tex., to her people. Her funeral was conducted by the pastor of the M. E. church. She died as she had lived. She leaves a mother, sister and brother to mourn her loss.

Sister Annet Cook, a faithful member of the M. E. church for thirty-one years, aged 62, fell asleep in Christ January 24, 1903. She leaves five daughters and one son, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She

said it was all right, she was ready and willing to go. The children lose a mother; the church, a faithful member.

J. JONES, Pastor.

Bagwell, Tex.—Sister Charlot Dixon died January 27, 1903. She has been a faithful member of the Baptist church for a number of years. She leaves a husband, three children, mother, one sister and one brother to mourn. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. W. W. Waters, assisted by Rev. J. L. Owens and Rev. L. Woodards.

On January 24, the death angel came to the residence of Brother John Harris and called him from labor to reward. Aged about 60 years. He leaves a wife and children to mourn. We trust our loss is heaven's gain. Funeral was conducted by the writer.

On January 18, 1903, the angel of death came to Clarksville and took from our midst, Brother Bly, aged about 80 years. Before he died he said, "The old-time religion is good enough for me." The funeral was conducted by the writer.

W. W. WATERS.

Clarksville, Tex.—Mrs. Alsay Moore, aged 60 years died in full faith. She was a faithful, dutiful Christian woman; was converted in the Free Hope Settlement, where she lived a long time, and was a great agent in the upbuilding of the cause of Christ. The funeral services were held at St. Paul church, Clarksville. Interment at Free Hope cemetery. Dr. Parker and the pastor conducted the services. "She is not lost, simply gone before; There is no death, the stars go down to shine upon a fairer shore, And bright in heaven's jewelled crown she'll shine forever more."

JAS. I. GILMORE, Pastor.

Hernando, Miss.—Brother David Bell, a member of McDonald's Chapel, M. E. church, after a continued illness of two years departed this life Friday night, January 30. He died in full faith. He leaves a wife and a number of friends to mourn his loss. His funeral was conducted by the writer.

A-sleep in Jesus blessed sleep, From which none ever wake to weep; A calm and undisturbed repose, Unbroken by the last of foes. A-sleep in Jesus! O for me, May such a blissful refuge be; Securely shall my ashes lie, And wait the summons from on high.

C. E. MOODY, Pastor.

Pelham, Tex.—Brother Prince Henderson, aged 90 years, departed this life January 5. He was a faithful member of Antioch M. E. church, and died fully trusting in Christ. He leaves a wife, seven sons and four daughters to mourn his loss, also a host of friends. Funeral conducted by pastor, Rev. George Waters.

Longview, Tex.—Sister Ellen Johnson, member of the Baptist Church, but a warm friend to our church, passed away to the great beyond after months' of suffering and pain.

She is gone never to return, To a place where no more fevers burn. She leaves a husband and many friends.

W. D. LEWIS.

Winkler, Tex.—Sister M. Harvey departed this life January 27, 1903, in full faith; aged 36 years. She lived a faithful member of the M. E. church for twenty-two years. She leaves three sons, one daughter, and her faithful husband, C. H. Harvey, to

mourn. We shall see her again, but not now. Her funeral was conducted by her pastor. P. L. JACKSON.

Austin, Tex.—Mrs. Pettie Jackson, the subject of this sketch, was born in Arberdeen, Miss., about 70 years ago. She was brought from there, during slavery, to Austin, Tex.; was converted and joined the M. E. church under the pastorate of Rev. Ben Williams in 1867 or 1868, and lived in the church until January 26, 1903, when she was transferred from the church militant, to the church triumphant. She was one of those characters who did her whole duty as a Christian woman, both spiritually and temporally. Sister Jackson leaves a husband, three sons, and a host of friend to lament her demise. Before dying, she said all was well between her and Jesus; was a faithful member of the Epworth League, a lover of the prayer meetings, a devoted wife and kind to all. There is no flock, however watched and tended, but one dead lamb is there. There is no fire-side, however defended—but has one vacant chair. Our pastor, Rev. D. C. Lacey, preached the funeral assisted by Revs. Metlock, Plus and Dr. Laws. Wesley's choir furnished some excellent selections. B. V. CUMMINGS.

Fawkes Station, Tenn.—Mr. George Doak departed this life near Little Rock, Ark., in January, 1903. He leaves six children and many friends and relatives. W. C. FAWKES.

Medill, Tex.—Sister Corah Allen departed this life January 28, in full of faith. She was 17 years old, and had lived a faithful member of the church for two years. She leaves a mother and father and a host of friends to mourn. CHAS. WAFFORD, Pastor.

Laurinburg, N. C.—Brother Alexander McLain, a faithful member of Galilee M. E. Church, departed this life Jan. 18. Brother McLain was a class leader for a period of 33 years. He was loved by all of his members, and his class stood at the head all of the time in paying the presiding elder. Brother McLain was sick for a year and nine months. During this time he was faithful to his God and to his church. The members went often to see him and gave of their small means for his comfort. His favorite hymns were "Come ye that love the Lord" and "Children of the Heavenly King." He died in the full triumph of faith. He leaves a wife, one brother, two sons and a host of true friends. We bow in obedience to Him who doeth all things well. The funeral was preached in Galilee M. E. Church by our pastor, Rev. S. F. B. Peace, assisted by Rev. Wm. Brown, of the A. M. E. Church, and Rev. M. Jackson, of the Baptist Church. In his death we lose a good husband, a kind father, an excellent class leader and a pious neighbor. He lives in our memory. Earth has lost a good Christian and heaven has gained a redeemed soul. Miss J. A. ROBINSON.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Douglasville, Ga.—On the 18th of January Brother Joseph Kelley was married to Mrs. Liney Allen. The groom is a strong member of the M. E. Church and owns a good farm.

On the 1st of February, Mr. Josiah Robinson and Miss Fannie Nail, at the home of the brother of the bride. The pastor officiated.

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Also, Mr. Gilber McLean and Miss Adele Perroult, on the 28th day of January.

E. B. RICHARDS.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.—At the home of the bride, Mr. Frank Sloan, of Athens, Ohio, and Miss Leanna Smith were united in holy wedlock. A grand reception was tendered them by the bride's mother. They left for their home in Athens, Ohio, where the groom has a beautiful six-room cottage, well furnished.

D. C. RANSOM officiated.

Ebenezer M. E. Church, Marshall, Tex.—On the 18th day of January, at the residence of the bride, I united in holy wedlock Miss Marie Pemberton and Mr. P. R. Price, of Tyler, Tex.

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PRIZE WINNING ESSAYS.

The report of the committee appointed to decide the best answers to our question, "Why are you a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church?" will be found in this issue of the paper. The members of the committee were Dr. G. W. Henderson, professor of theology in Straight University; Rev. J. R. Basket, A. B., pastor of St. Charles Ave. M. E. Church, and Hon. F. B. Smith, A. M., attorney at law, and a prominent layman of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

It can readily be seen that the committee was composed of excellent gentlemen who were thoroughly prepared to decide the question. After careful consideration the committee awarded the first prize to Mrs. Minerva Cottrell, Dawson, Tex., and the second prize to G. S. W. Thompson, Ladd, Ark.

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MRS. MINERVA COTTRELL, Dawson, Tex., Nov. 7th, 1902.

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G. S. W. THOMPSON.

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LITERARY NOTES

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Editorial Notes

Others are doing remarkably well by us: now you send in a few subscribers.

Notes of the Little Rock Conference have been crowded out this week.

Rev. R. A. Thomas, of Orangeburg, S. C., is simply trying himself sending in subscribers. All right, Brother Thomas, we are watching you.

You always speak of what you have done for the church, but never of what the church has done for you.

When the world understands that you are touchy and that it is an easy matter to make you squirm, it certainly keeps you squirming.

The Supreme Court of Nebraska has reversed itself on the subject of reading the Bible in the public schools. Four months ago it decided against it. It now decides that whether it is prudent or right is a question to be decided by the school authorities.

The *Pittsburg Christian Advocate* calls attention to the complaint of a pastor in Oklahoma that pastors in the North do not notify those of the Southwest when their members move into their territory. The result is that many of our members are lost to the church. This is a similar complaint to that made by our pastors of the North against the brethren of the South. Those who live where the church is strong do not seem to realize what the loss of even a single member means to those who live and labor where the church is just building up. Pastors should send a notice even tho they address it to the pastor of the M. E. Church where the member has gone.

When we read a few days since of the sensation occasioned in southern circles by the announcement that Mr. Smoot, United States Senator-elect from Utah, had entertained a Negro and the ladies of his family, along with the members of the state legislature, and that he is the doorkeeper in the legislature of Utah, some one asked, "Well, where is there something going on that the Negro is not connected with it?" The query reminded us of the following item from an exchange:

"The first permanent settler of Chicago was a Negro, and the tales of Jean Baptiste Point de Sable are many. He was a San Domingo Negro, with all of the characteristics of the African race. He possessed little of the now famous Chicago grit when he came to the spot and builded his cabin in 1779, and no work of his, except that he built the first cabin, has perpetuated his name. When he came to this spot from among the Peorias, he sought to be made chief of the Pottawatamies. When he put his hands to the plow he was ever looking backward, and when he failed to be made chief of the Indian tribe he made his way back to St. Louis, disheartened and disappointed."

Secretary Root and the Suffrage Question

The speech delivered recently by Hon. Elihu Root, Secretary of War, before the Union League Club of New York, has attracted no little attention and elicited much comment. His admission that Negro suffrage has proven a failure seems highly gratifying to many southern newspapers. It seems to tickle their vanity that the South has done its work so well—they consider it a tribute to Anglo-Saxon greatness and superiority. Some parts of the speech, however, seem a little confusing to them. The speaker evidently meant to imply that the country is not done with the matter and that some method will yet be brought forward to adjust affairs. This feature has caused very much discussion. After referring to the interest taken by the Club in the early days of its existence in things pertaining to the rights of the Negro, he called attention to the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments, and said:

"Those three amendments embodied the scheme adopted by thoughtful men for uplifting those long held in slavery. Give him citizenship and suffrage and equal rights and he will rise, they thought.

"I fear we are compelled to face the conclusion that the experiment has failed. The suffrage has been taken away from the black man in most of the States in which he composes the larger part of the population. The black man in the South, generally, no longer has practically the right of suffrage.

"There has been a curious development along this line in the last year. President Roosevelt has appointed fewer black men to office in the South than did President McKinley. There are fewer black men now holding federal office than when President McKinley died. Yet there are now loud outcries from a thousand newspapers North and South against what is called President Roosevelt's policy of appointing black men to office. Under President Harrison, Hayes and McKinley more black men were appointed, and nothing was said.

"A few nights ago a black man holding a prominent federal office attended an official reception at the White House. There has been no time since the war that black men have not held such offices, including during the administration of President Cleveland. At such official receptions the black men holding such positions have always attended, including Cleveland's and McKinley's. Yet when this happened at President Roosevelt's similar reception it was the signal for an outburst that the white men of the South had been insulted by the appearance of a black office holder at an official reception.

"I do not want to argue this question. I only want to show you that the blacks are meeting with a change of feeling in the South. Have they not a right to aspire to an office, formerly unquestioned, but now questioned?

"It is probably but a matter of time when the overwhelming dominant white opinion will succeed in excluding the black man from all offices in the Southern States.

"So, the country has to face the failure of the plan formulated at the close of the war to elevate the black man by conferring the suffrage upon him.

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The Revival—Are You Working and Praying For It?

We were pleased to publish last week an account of the remarkable revival recently conducted at the Sharp Street Memorial M. E. Church, Baltimore, Md. The Rev. Dr. I. L. Thomas is pastor and on his invitation the meeting was conducted by Mrs. Annie E. Brown of Washington, D. C. The report says nearly six hundred were converted and thousands of persons felt the influence of the great meeting. The Lord be praised!

Now, Brother Pastor, are you working and praying for a glorious revival this year? Do you expect it? We have just talked with an enthusiastic young pastor who says he is asking the Lord for two hundred souls on his circuit this year. May his labors be abundant and his faith rewarded! Hundreds of pastors are now just about settled since the fall conferences and hundreds of others are getting settled since the close of the conferences recently held. Everyone should be expecting a revival. All cannot have a successful evangelist, but all can have Jesus. Go forth to pray for it, work for it, expect it.

Just Why There Is Nothing to Fear

The current issue of the *Texas Christian Advocate*, official organ of the M. E. Church, South, Rev. Dr. G. C. Rankin, editor, contains a thoughtful and conservative editorial on "President Roosevelt and the Negroes." On the question of social equality he says:

"Social equality is a matter of taste and there is no artificial standard adopted by the President or anybody else that can force it upon society. In this country both the white and the black people are going to select their own social equals, and they will not permit anybody else to do it for them. Southern people do not and never will accept the doctrine of social equality of the races. This is not peculiar exclusively to their relation to the Negro, but toward a great many other people who live amongst us."

We think Dr. Rankin states the case fairly and properly. Therefore we see nothing for the South to fear so far as the Negro is concerned.

Laymen to the Front

The laymen of the church do not hesitate to express their opinion as to what they think the ministers of the church should be, should know or do. In fact they spend no small part of their time regulating the ministry. However, we dare say the ministers have no cause for complaint, since they spend all their time instructing and regulating the laity. However, it is not our purpose at this time to say anything that would separate these two forces, for we much prefer to unite them; but whether this is realized or not, we shall be satisfied with nothing less than to have them so associated as that each shall supplement the other in all movements conducted for the purpose

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Our Contributors

Familiarity With the Bible

By REV. W. H. NELSON, D. D.

By familiarity is meant intimate knowledge of or acquaintance with a subject. In the sense of this definition, I wish to speak of the Bible. This book is the Word of God and rule of human action and thinking; and history proves that it is the best rule man has ever possessed. It is, therefore, most wise in man when he strives to make himself acquainted with God's word. And this acquaintance should not be superficial or only to reach certain trivial ends, but should be most thorough and extensive. It should be masterful and so plentiful that it may be commanded for every word and work. It should hang on his lips and drop from his fingers' tips. God never intended that man should be ignorant of his Word. This is seen in its abundance and in the language of his Son, who said: "Search the Scriptures." It is seen in the great space of time God used to give it and in the great pains he used to present it. Job exhorts "Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace." And, again, God said: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." There is, indeed, no way to ever have a really Godly Church or Christian following of ignorant people. It takes knowledge of God through his Word to do his will or to beautifully portray his character in the world. It takes knowledge to do oneself or teach what God could have done.

This familiarity should be general, and among the laity as well as the clergy. The more the laity knows of the Bible, the better they will become, and the more they will do for God and man. God banish the day from existence when only the clergy shall have the Word of God, as is taught by the Romish priesthood; for it is known that the priests have ever wished to keep the laity in ignorance of the Bible so as to be able to cram them with their own devices and otherwise tyrannize them.

However, the familiarity should be greatest among the clergy. And as I have said, it should be masterful and profound. Every minister should study and know his Bible above every other book. In fact, he needs not know any other book any further than it sheds light upon his Bible. The minister, as said John Wesley, should be a man of only one book, and that book is the Bible. And he should so familiarize himself with that book that he can write a prescription from it by heart anywhere and at any time for the sin-sick souls of men.

A certain minister whom I know so often and prayerfully reads his Bible that he can name at hearing it read, the writer, the chapter, and in many cases the verse of any book. Why should not this be done in every case? Why should not every minister be as well acquainted with his Bible as the Mohammedan priest is with the Koran? This Bible of the Mohammedan is memorized by the priest from cover to cover. The minister is so powerful and forceful when he knows familiarly his Bible, and in proportion to his unfamiliarity, is he always weak. Nothing sounds worse than to hear a preacher in the stand misquoting the Bible or unable to command some passage to enforce a point; and yet this is one of the most common occurrences. The thing that has given us the great preachers of the world is the Bible itself. It has not been great learning of secular knowledge, but great learning of the Bible. Many young preachers

nowadays go almost crazy to win fame and notoriety as Bible scholars; yet their mistake is in too little attention to the simple Bible and too much attention to only related subjects. The best way to reach fame as a preacher and to succeed in reaching a high mark, is to make yourself most familiar with the Word.

But we turn now to see some of the best methods of getting the familiarity of which we speak. One of the best methods is to cultivate a love for Bible reading. This can be done, first, by prayer for consecration to such work. It can be done, secondly, by reading such passages as are interesting and enchanting to one. Third, by reading continuous stories through.

Another method is to read the Bible often for the sake of its literary nature, so as to become familiar with its different writers and their style and phraseology. This method will place their words, subjects and mannerisms in your possession.

And still another method is to read for a definite object. The object may be manifold in every book. It may be to know the why this book was written, the when and the how well was the writer's task wrought. Or it may be to get the full discussion of some subject by a given writer, or for sermon material. Now, to accomplish this method, one must not read promiscuously or superficially, but must read thoroughly and systematically; and this kind of reading should always be done prayerfully.

Under this method one should seek to take up any book or epistle and hang to it, looking in from every quarter, till that entire book becomes so familiar that time can never wear it away from knowledge and memory. In our next paper we shall talk of some of the best helps to familiarize one with the Bible.

Huntsville, Ala.

If They Only Understood

By REV. W. L. DUNCAN.

It was on a Pennsylvania sleeping car coming east. All of the passengers had retired except one man, who, holding a crying baby in his arms, moved wearily up and down the car, kissing the downy head of the child, and speaking softly and gently to the troubled little soul, as he sought in vain to quiet it. A man is good for nothing, but when it comes to tranquilizing an irritable infant, he realizes how largely his usefulness is impaired and his pride is humbled into the dust. A woman with a falsetto voice, who had just awakened out of slumber, put her head out of a berth and yelled, in a tone of deepest indignation: "Take that child out of the car!" And as if this was the signal for concerted action on the part of the passengers who had owned a combination of their different keys, a man who, for one hour and fifteen minutes, had been making the night hideous with his snoring, suddenly roused up and snarled out as tho' he was frightened: "Why don't you take that baby out of here or carry it to its mother?" and then a chorus of emphatic protests echoed along the car. "This is a gross imposition;" "Where is the conductor?" The man with the child halted for a moment; his mouth quivered, a sob choked in his throat. He drew the frail body down close against his breast and kissed with infinite tenderness the tear-filled eyes, and then said while the volley of protests was hushed for a moment: "I would take the baby to its mother—God knows I would like to—the little one has been crying for her ever since we left her; but I cannot take it to its mother, for she is in the baggage

car in her coffin, and we are taking her back to her old home, where she may sleep, until Jesus comes, under the blue sky where she played as a child. The baby misses the touch of her hands and her mouth, and oh, we miss her so much." If they only understood. Then the sounds of a strong man's sobs unrepressed filled the car. In five minutes twelve women were in the aisle of the car, each woman with a wealth of tenderness in her face and the fat man that yelled out, "why don't you carry that child to its mother?" this same man came sobbing as tho' he had lost his best friend. "Forgive me; we did not know." The ladies cried out: "If we only knew." The conductor said: "If they only understood." The child was soon in the motherly arms and was soothed to slumber by a lullaby. If they had only known or understood the situation, they would not have acted thus.

This brings me to the subject of the *Monitor*, the official organ of the Sunday School Union of the African M. E. Church, concerning our church, a part of which was published in the official organ, the *SOUTHWESTERN*, of our church, Jan. 22nd. It said: "A big body of Negro men who act as 'Mums' before their masters, etc." Regarding the *Monitor*, I have this to say, one of two things is the case: the editor of the *Monitor* is either ignorant of the workings of the Methodist Episcopal Church, or he is downright prejudiced toward us. If the latter, we may expect most anything saving the truth; but it nevertheless throws the *Monitor* in an awkward position; but if the former, it is all the more conclusive that ignorance knows no bounds; nevertheless, the *Monitor* is not excused, for God does not wink at ignorance any more, but commands men to know the truth, and the *Monitor* is no exception to this rule. The *SOUTHWESTERN* said that it was difficult for him to believe that the "dignified, and as we take it, scholarly Christian gentleman who has charge of the religious training of the children of his church, wrote any such flimsy stuff." The *SOUTHWESTERN* would rather believe it was through ignorance or through prejudice. But if so, this does not bring to the *Monitor* any relief. We do not need the *Monitor's* advice to tell us what we shall do. The "Mums" can and will look after their own affairs. Any false statement or statements that come out from the *Monitor* or from that source may be easily accounted for; for when they want to prevaricate, it seems that they over-leap scholarly attainments and everything else, even the sense of justice; anything for sound and wind. Calumny and ostracism have taken the place of truth and fair dealing with some people. If the editor of the African Sunday School paper did not know the truth, he should not have prevaricated. Seek to know the truth, matters not in whose favor. It is much more respectable to cut a man's head so slick that he doesn't realize it than it is to bungle the job with a mere sword of polished steel, words. The world has always stoned its prophets—some one of the so-called leaders of the church in question has, more or less, always tried in one way or another to cast reflection on the Mother Church, which does not in the least add to their peace. We have no criticisms to offer regarding their church or their men; we simply have this to say: We make no attack upon any church, but we propose to stay in our own borders and defend the same. Progress is the watchword of the M. E. Church, including all of her sons and daughters. And to be ignored by the *Monitor* must be based upon misdirected intellect. There is a living gospel

in the world, but it is not perceived by those who are blinded by prejudice and biased by the past. Prevarication in this age will not do. Truth is the gauge by power of conception, and concepts are formed by one's environments. If the *Monitor* only knew. There is a pleasure which comes without seeking—that which attends loyalty to the right. If the editor of the *Monitor* or what "not" be ignorant of the M. E. Church, its not our fault. If he desires proper information, why we will be proud to serve him; don't disclose your ignorance. When the animal having on the lion's cloak passed quite a while for the lion, had he kept his mouth, might have gone longer, but as soon as he "brayed," he was known. It is the law of life that the penalty of ignorance, the pain of imperfection, falls not only on the *Monitor*, but upon all whose view point is like his.

"A big body of Negro men who act as Mums," etc. The *Monitor* prevaricates again. Out of the 300,000 black faces under the flag of our great church, not a single man is suppressed; he is as free to speak or write as the uncaged birds are to fly; they can and do discuss any class of subjects they please, and that without fear or molestation. We can and do treat all brethren with becoming courtesy—regardless of their denomination—when they deserve such treatment, saying nothing of our own bishops, for it is their make-up to treat all men right. Bishop Smith, of the A. M. E. Church, while attending one of the meetings of our church, with our bishops and many others of our high officials, said that he never was treated better by any set of godly men. Whenever the *Monitor* knows of a real case where any of our high officials fight against their church or men, let me know of such a case. It is beyond the dignity of our bishops to do it; and our other high officials would not condescend to such; they are too busy: The "King's business requires haste."

"They can never hope to reach the first place," etc. Another prevarication. Has the church informed the *Monitor*? The *Monitor* need not shed any tears for us; we are not crying, so it had better save its tears; and if it cannot treat us as we treat it, why stay where it is if its numbers are contented, we will see after matters over here. With all due respect to the *Monitor*, I have visited conferences of both churches; in my conference there is a congenial atmosphere that falls upon us all alike and a fatherly ruling which characterizes the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man;" we are treated as brethren, son and daughters; our bishops act like servants rather than like "Masters," as the *Monitor* put it. The Methodist Episcopal Church is a great Mountain, and mountains are suggestive of streams. It is no dead level country; for the dead level countries know no gushing springs, no swift, purling brooks, no clear, beautiful rivers. The plain is often parched and bare, when from the mountain side flow fountains of life and fertility. Water is typical not only of both these, but of cleansing and peace. The Methodist Episcopal Church is a peaceful church; it is a musical church. What makes sweeter music than the patter of rain upon the roof; the babbling of the purling brook over the pebbles and rocks; with the mighty rush of waters over the stupendous cliff of time. The Great Church is full of music. It is like the sounds of many waters, like the voice of its God. Matters not at what rate the old church is going, and how much noise she is making, if the *Monitor* wants to know the truth, let it enquire of those who are in position

to know all the facts in the case concerning our Missionary Appropriations and our treatment. We care nothing about the little wind that is being blown from the dry desert; no matter to us what clamors fill the air, her voice may be soft and low, we shall avoid them and let the *Monitor* beat upon the raw air. The Great Church which the *Monitor* refers to is as still nights afar-off melody steals out upon the air, and thrills the pulses of her people with sacred music. If the *Monitor* only understood. Seek, then, to understand. "Be slow to smite or to chide; in patience God has given grace." So let that grace abide and let the *Monitor* understand that we need no advice from it on any line. I close with the words of my friend: "Enrich and embellish the universe as you will; it is only a fit temple for the heart that loves the truth with a supreme love. Inanimate vastness excites wonders; knowledge kindles admiration, but love enraptures the soul. Scientific truth is marvellous, but moral truth is the lost paradise. For him a new heaven and a new earth have already been created. His home is the sanctuary of peace, the Holy of Holies.

Honey Grove, Tex.

Florida Conference

The Florida Annual Conference convened in the Second Church, Jacksonville, Fla., instead of at Cedar Keys as previously announced, January 29. Bishop Goodsell was in charge of this conference but on account of the illness of his wife, had to get Bishop Foss to preside in his stead. It was, of course, an unexpected change and yet the brethren seemed to enjoy Bishop Foss' administration very much indeed. They passed resolutions expressing their regret for the absence of Bishop Goodsell, and the affliction in his family, and also congratulating Bishop Foss on his impartial and brotherly presidency. Rev. S. P. Pratt, the pastor, had everything in readiness and, though the church edifice is a small one, the conference was held with great comfort and success. Following the usual devotions, the conference was organized by the election of J. M. Deas, secretary; Scott Bartley, F. M. Spicer, assistants; J. E. A. Keeler, statistical secretary; W. O. Bartley, B. J. Shannon, H. W. Austin, assistants; J. F. Elliott, treasurer; T. H. B. Walker, T. E. DeBose, Z. D. Limbrick, as assistants. The presiding elders, O. F. Niblack, S. A. Huger and Peter Swearingen, reported their districts. One brother of the conference, Jackson Welch, had died. A. J. Williams, who had been suspended, was tried by a select number and suspended for one year on the charge of "High and Imprudent Conduct." G. W. Covington, Thomas W. Williams, Thomas E. DeBose, I. P. Ferguson and A. R. Rutledge, were received into full connection. G. W. Covington, Thomas E. DeBose, Thos. W. Williams, I. S. Smith and A. R. Rutledge, were ordained deacons. W. O. Bartley and B. J. Shannon, elders.

Among the visitors to the conference were Revs. W. D. Parr, D. D., of the Church Extension Society; C. C. Jacobs, D. D., field worker of the Sunday-School Union; Bishop and Mrs. J. A. Handy of the A. M. E. Church; W. P. Thirkield, D. D., secretary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, and Messrs. I. G. Penn, secretary of the Epworth League; H. K. Carroll, secretary of the Missionary Society; S. H. Pye of the Western Book Concern, and Rev. I. B. Scott, editor of the *SOUTHWESTERN*.

The addresses delivered by the official visitors were spoken of in the highest terms. These officers came with a message and delivered it so as to leave a lasting impression. Among the elect ladies who attended the conference were Misses

C. M. Buckbee, superintendent of the Home at Ocala; H. E. Emerson, superintendent of the Home at Jacksonville; Mrs. Annie E. Jenkins, president of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Florida conference, and Mrs. S. H. Pye, of Chicago.

The opera house was secured for the Sunday service, and as Bishop Foss was not feeling able to preach, Rev. Dr. W. D. Parr took his place. The audience was an immense one, composed of both races; but as great as was the audience, the sermon was greater by far. Dr. Parr's message proved a blessing to all his hearers. It was eloquent, earnest and deeply spiritual. The ordination occurred in the afternoon in the church. The conference finished its work on Monday forenoon, the appointments being read about 11 o'clock. The next session will convene at Gainesville.

APPOINTMENTS.

The conference collections are as follows: Missionary Society, \$761; Church Extension Society, \$119; S. S. Union, \$38; Tract Society, \$17; Freedman's Aid Society, \$165; Education, Children's Fund and Public Education, \$98; American Bible Society, \$15; Woman's Foreign Missions, \$18; Woman's Home Missions, \$97; total Benevolence, \$1,357. General Conference expenses, \$6; Conference Claimants, \$98; Episcopal Fund, \$98; total, \$1,544. Total for last year, \$1,380. Membership: Probationers, 522; full members, 46,721; total, 47,243. Total last year, 5,023.

Gainesville District—O. F. Niblack, presiding elder, postoffice Fort White, Fla.; Arredonda and Union Lake, Arthur Miles; Archer and Long Pond, Simon Welch; Bell Florida, to be supplied; Cedar Keys and Rosewood, W. T. Collier; Clark and Noble Hill, Edward Martin; Fort White and Branford, T. W. Williams; Gainesville, J. M. Deas; Hague and Alachua, I. P. Ferguson; Lacrosse and Gordon, J. J. De Bose; Lake City and Huntsville, Hamilton Hawkins; Levysville and Adamsville, to be supplied; Liberty Hill, A. S. J. Allen, postoffice Alachua; Live Oak, Ogden and Jasper, to be supplied; Mikesville and High Springs, O. M. Irving, postoffice Jonesville; Monticello and Madison, to be supplied; Newberry and Pineville, Alexander De Bose; Newnansville and Stanley, J. B. Wilson, postoffice Lacrosse; Oldtown and Fort Fanning, to be supplied; Otter Creek and Gulf Hammock, Turner Austin; Pleasant Plains, J. F. Elliott; Sanpulaski, T. E. De Bose, postoffice Gainesville; Shell Pond, L. C. Haile, postoffice Bernnington; White Springs and New Hope, Abraham Williams; Williston and Morriston, A. B. Young.

Jacksonville District—Peter Swearingen, presiding elder, postoffice Jacksonville, Fla.; Daytona and Ormond, H. W. Austin; Fernandina, J. P. Patterson; Franklyntown and King's Ferry, R. E. Robinson; Green Cove Springs, to be supplied; Hibernia and Switzerland, to be supplied; Jacksonville: Ebenezer, J. S. Todd; Oakland, B. J. Shannon; Simpson, R. H. De Bose; West Jacksonville and Moncrief Springs, L. D. Limbrick; Wrightsville, F. M. Spicer; Key West, S. A. Daniels; Lone Star, Dennis Johnson, postoffice Gilmore; Macclenny and Sanderson, T. H. B. Walker; Miami and Lemon City, L. J. Little; New Smyrna, De Land and Osteen, I. S. Smith; Orlando, Winter Park and Woodbridge, G. W. Covington; Palatka, S. P. Pratt; Phillips and Mandarin, Albert Emanuel; St. Augustine, Jeffrey Grant; Sanford and Altamonte Springs, A. W. Williams.

Ocala District—S. A. Huger, presiding elder, postoffice Jacksonville, Fla.; Citra, to be supplied; Cotton Plant and Boyd, J. H. Davis; Free Canaan and Melrose, Edward Sabie, postoffice Earlton; Hawthorne, G. M. Hearst; Hernando and Dunnellon, Y. K. Meeks; Lakeland, Homeland and Alifia, W. P. Holmes; Lowell and Fairfield, Thos. Holsendorf; Micanopy and Clytts, J. E. De Bose; New River and Hampton, to be supplied; Ocala, W. O. Bartley; Orange Lake and Gordon, to be supplied; Punta Gorda and Myers, A. R. Rutledge; Reddick, P. C. Jackson; Rochelle and Windsor, A. H. Evans; Santos, J. E. A. Keeler; Starke and Lawtey, J. J. Keller; Tampa and Ybor City, Scott Bartley; Twin Lake and Trilby, to be supplied; Tarpon Springs and St. Petersburg, to be supplied; Waldo and Freedom, J. H. Williams; West Tampa and Pt. Tampa City, C. C. Smith.

Life of Faith

The Memory Guild

FOR LEARNING BEST HYMNS FOR SABBATH SERVICE, FAMILY WORSHIP AND PRIVATE PRAYER.

BISHOP H. W. WARREN.

The Quaker poet voices his doctrine of the inner light and voice of God in man. It is consonant with the Lord's last declaration, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

There are still "Olivet" where faith is changed to sight, and "Galilee" where love goes about doing good.

It is literally true that "without me ye can do nothing" in realms physical and spiritual. Equally true that "I can do all things in him who strengtheneth me."

How much better is a life for a standard and example than a precept. We can test our lives by a life bar easier than by a commandment. What would Jesus do?

A PRESENT HELP.

We may not climb the heavenly steeps
To bring the Lord Christ down;
In vain we search the lowest deeps,
For him no depths can drown.

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
A present help is he;
And faith has yet its Olivet,
And love its Galilee.

The healing of the seamless dress
Is by our beds of pain;
We touch him in life's throng and press,
And we are whole again.

Through him the first fond prayers are said
Our lips of childhood frame;
The last low whispers of our dead
Are burdened with his name.

O Lord and Master of us all,
Whate'er our name or sign,
We own thy sway, we hear thy call,
We test our lives by thine!
John G. Whittier, b. 1807, d. 1892.

The Source of Spiritual Life

When the mind dwells on the "truth as it is in Jesus," the truth of sin's evil and God's salvation from it, or the wonderful words of life that are in the gospel, or on the immortality of the soul, then the deep heart-interest and zeal in the things of God and of the kingdom cannot die out.

When the Spirit is in our hearts, who can study the words of Christ without longing to speak them to others? Who can trace His life in the gospels without greatly desiring to follow Him in the way of suffering and of joy? Who can look into His face, as outlined before the eye of faith, without burning with love to do something to please and honor Him? Who can stand before His cross without being filled with a mighty desire to lead all the world to his feet that they might be saved? Who can go with the women and the disciples, and stand beside His empty tomb, without being thrilled by the angel's words and longing to go out among men and sing with holy fervor the song of resurrection, life and joy?

Jesus Christ is the truth on which we are to feed our faith and love and zeal. When your faith gets shaky, it is because you have grieved the Holy Spirit, and so have somehow slipped away from the Rock of Ages, Jesus Christ. When your love grows so cold that no one can hear its throb or feel its beat, you have somehow grieved the Holy Spirit, and lost touch with Jesus Christ, who is the only source and supply to Christian love. And when your enthusiasm wanes, and all your Christian duties are performed in a dead, perfunctory way, you have somehow quenched the Spirit, and shut off the living Truth, Jesus Christ, from your mind and heart. Feed on the Word of God, and keep constantly in fellowship with Jesus Christ by prayer, and your fires of zeal cannot die.—Rev. C. P. Ditmars.

"The greatest thing," says some one, "a man can do for his Heavenly Father is to be kind to

some of his other children." I wonder why it is that we are not all kinder than we are. How much the world needs it! How easily it is done! How instantaneously it acts! How infallibly it is remembered! How superabundantly it pays itself back! For there is no debtor in the world so honorable, so superbly honorable, as love. "Love never faileth."—Henry Drummond.

Woman's Dominion

Something About Woman

By MRS. CHARITY WALL.

No two are alike, and no one is alike more than once. Should we attempt to go back to the days of Eve and follow the subject down to this hour, we would fail to find two women of the same disposition. Now we don't know a great deal about Eve, but she could not have had much fun, because there was no other woman in the garden for her to be jealous of or make miserable by flaunting her good clothes or fine jewelry in her face. So we won't say much about her, but will speak of her daughters, as they are a very great improvement on her.

Woman's deeds illumine every page of sacred and profane history; they stand out like mountain tops upon which the sun first rests, leaving the valleys to be later enlightened. In the early dawn of Christianity, there on the Mount of Crucifixion, woman was the last at the cross and first at the sepulchre. So, naturally, we all ought to love woman. Why, we even love those tiny little bits of girl babies, and when they grow larger, we never tire of watching their sweet motherly ways, as they toddle around nursing a doll as large as themselves. As the years roll on and they become young ladies, why we just adore them. No man has sounded the depths of a woman's nature; she is utterly incomprehensible, with her ways past finding out. As a lawyer, she can draw your will just like a man. As a doctor, she can physic, blister and poultice you, until life loses all charm, and you long for a quiet resting place on the other side. With all her peculiarities, she is what makes life worth living. She leads in all movements to make the race better. Every man needs a wife, and he ought not to wait until he is rich before he gets her. Every man can, and most men do, marry women much better than themselves, but man, remember, woman settles the question of your success or failure, and when you have secured one, she deserves your best treatment, so if you are doing anything, you can't tell her about. You had better stop now. No one has or ever will do as much for you as your wife. Historians have not written or poets sung of a grander heroism, a more perfect faith, a more enduring courage, than has been shown by the women of our age and generation.

Okolona, Miss.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Feb. 5, 1903.

To the Presidents of Auxiliaries to the W. H. M. S., of Lexington Conference.

Dear Sisters:

I find in communicating with your treasurers of your auxiliaries that it is not thoroughly understood by many of you that 25 cents per member must be paid into the General Treasury every three months, to become identified with the W. H. M. S. The next quarter is due at the general office March 15, 1903. Please forward your dues to me not later than March 10, 1903, that I may be ready with my report.

Do not send money by pastors to conference; send to me for a voucher and give it to your pas-

tor. In sending the money by the pastor, you run the risk of receiving no credit from the W. H. M. S. Treasurer. Consult your by-laws and constitution and not the pastor, for he has too much to do to keep up with the rules of a society that should be understood by you.

Many auxiliaries have reported no money to me, nor to the General Treasurer, as they always forward a duplicate receipt to me.

For full particulars of your duties, write at once to Methodist Book Concern, Department Woman's Home Missionary Society, and secure the Annual Report. Read it carefully and you will need no other guide.

I hope to report every auxiliary in the conference. To do this, each one must report to me by March 10, 1903.

Yours in His Name,

MATTIE A. SISSLE,

Treasurer of Lexington Conf. W. H. M. S.

Young Friends

The Birthday of Washington

God of the nations! Thou whose hand
Led forth their best across the sea,
To find in this unfettered land
Thy largest gift—the soul set free.

Bless thou the land thy bounty gave,
Thy feeble few are grown a host;
From eastern sea to western wave,
Blest be their homes from coast to coast.

Well may we honor him who sought
To live with one unfailing aim,
And found at last, unasked, unbought,
In duty's path, the jewel, fame!

Ay! Keep your laurels green for him,
And that great memory proudly guard,
Lest time's mere repetition dim
A grateful nation's high award.

Thus, mindful of a faithful past,
We arm us for our present need,
Lest factious storms his harvest blast,
And freedom, overgrown, exceed;

For that dark race our arms set free
Waits justice from our timid sway,
And those far islands of the sea
In freedom's school must win their way.

Ay! We are lords of many lands
And soon or late may sadly learn
That history with impartial hands
Will give us only what we earn.

O, teach us to not lightly hold
The freeman's right himself to rule,
And not from sloth, and not for gold,
To be the civic despot's fool;

For He who girded us with power,
And gave us strength to do the right,
Will ask us, in his own stern hour,
"How have you used the gift of might?"

—S. Weir Mitchell, M. D., in the Classroom.

Sticking to the Last

A great many young people cannot tell, when they first start out, where their real bent lies; they cannot tell what they can do best; but, as they develop more, their strong qualities come out—their predominant faculties push their way to the front. Again, a college course or an advanced course of education develops faculties which had lain dormant, perhaps from disuse. In other words, the entire setting of the mental faculties often changes a great deal during one's physical and mental development, so that what the boy can do best may not be the bent of the man at all.

The relation of the faculties is greatly changed by the special training of one set of brain faculties, so that what was dominant at the outset of an education or a course of training may become subordinate by other faculties which have pushed themselves forward in the course of development.

No man should stick to his last if he is con-

vinced that he is in the wrong place and that there is a possibility of satisfying his inclination elsewhere. No man should stick to his last if a change is possible, when he is conscious that he is getting his living by his weakness instead of his strength.

No man should stick to his last when to do so will tie him forever to commonness or mediocrity, if a larger fuller expression of life is possible.

No man should stick to his last when a better and higher way is open to him. No man should stick to his last when he finds that to do so will cramp his better life and handicap his career.—ORISON SWETT MARDEN, in *Success* for November.

Facts About Washington Worth Remembering MRS. J. W. THOMAS.

In Cambridge, Mass., just a stone's throw from the classical walls of Harvard College, stands the tree, whose bent and gnarled limbs, upheld by iron bars and securely fenced in from the rude public, under which Washington took command of the Continentals in 1775. This veteran elm is one of the many curiosities of historical interest. The Continentals were American soldiers, so called by the British, against whom they were fighting.

A few squares nearer Harvard is Christ's Episcopal Church, where Washington attended services. With the exception of change of upholstery, everything remains as it was when the Father of his Country bowed in worship with the humble of the parish.

What child in this great land does not know the story of the hatchet? Truthful as a child, this attribute grew and was strengthened by a self-sacrificing nature that knew no fear and an indomitable will that brooked no obstacle. A great, broad, big-hearted man, a true father in every sense of the word. Washington was born in Virginia of good parentage. At sixteen he surveyed some land belonging to Lord Fairfax. At 19 he was adjutant general of the Northern district of Virginia. One step after another he ascended the ladder of fame, until he reached the presidential chair in 1789.

There is no finer example of a sturdy, strong man, morally and mentally, than Washington; a man, though he commanded thousands, who was as gentle and kindhearted as a woman. He loved little children and animals, another evidence of the truly great man.

Cambridge, Mass.

Educational

What State Names Mean

"What's in a name?" asked the poet; yet many names are full of meaning and contain historical associations well worth remembering. For example, see what is to be found in the names of the States:

Maine takes its name from the province of Maine, in France, and was so called as a compliment to Henrietta, the queen of Charles I., who was its owner.

New Hampshire took its name from Hampshire, England. New Hampshire was originally called Laconia.

Vermont is French (*vert mont*) signifying "green mountain."

Massachusetts is an Indian word, signifying "country about the great hills."

Rhode Island gets its name because of its fancied resemblance to the Island of Rhodes in the Mediterranean Sea.

The real name of Connecticut is "Quon-eh-tacut." It is a Mohican word, signifying "long river."

New York was so named as a compliment to the Duke of York, whose brother, Charles II., granted him that territory.

New Jersey was named for Sir George Carter, who was at that time governor of the Isle of Jersey, in the British Channel.

Pennsylvania, as is generally known, takes its name from William Penn, the "sylvania" part of it meaning "woods." Literally, it is "Penn's woods."

Delaware derives its name from Thomas West, Lord de la Ware.

Maryland was named in honor of Henrietta Maria, queen of Charles I.

Virginia got its name from Queen Elizabeth, the "Virgin Queen."

Kentucky does not mean "dark and bloody ground," but is derived from the Indian word, "Kain-tukee," signifying the "land of the head of the river."

The Carolinas were named from Kanumas, de Flores, or "feast of the flowers."

Alabama comes from a Greek word, and signifies "land of rest."

Louisiana was so named in honor of Louis XVI.

Mississippi is a Natchez word that means "father of waters."

Three of our Indian interpretations have been given to the word Arkansas, the best being that it signifies "smoke waters, the French prefix "ark," meaning "bow."

Tennessee, according to some writers, is from Tanasea, an Indian chief; others have it that it means "river of the big bend."

Ohio has several meanings fitted to it. Some say that it is a Sawanee word, meaning "the beautiful river." Others refer to the Wyandot word, "Oheza," which means "something great."

Indiana means "land of Indians."

Illinois is supposed to be derived from an Indian word, which was intended to refer to a superior class of men.

Wisconsin is an Indian word, meaning "great lake."

The name of Kansas is based on the same name as that of Arkansas.

Iowa is named from an Indian tribe—the Kiowas. The Kiowas were so called by the Illinois Indians because they were "across the river."

The name of California is a matter of much dispute. Some writers say that it first appeared in a Spanish romance of 1530, the heroine being an Amazonian named "California."

Colorado is a Spanish word applied to that portion of the Rocky Mountains on account of its many colored peaks.

Nebraska means "shallow waters."

Nevada is a Spanish word signifying "snow-covered mountains."

Georgia had its name bestowed when it was a colony, in honor of George II.

The Spanish missionaries of 1524 called the country now known as Texas "Mixtecpah," and the people "Mixtecas." From the last word the name of Texas is supposed to have been derived.

Oregon is a Spanish word signifying "value of wild thyme."

Dakota means "leagued," or "allied tribes."

Wyoming is the Indian word for "big plains."

Washington gets its name from our first president.

Montana means mountains.

Idaho is the name that has never been accounted for.—*Morning Star*.

Lincoln Sunday Notice

Unwarranted delay in the work of the firm that contracted to furnish the new map in two colors of the field and schools of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, greatly embarrassed the office in filling orders in full for supplies. The Song Service, with map, was also delayed. The office was also overwhelmed with the unprecedented number of requests for supplies. However, every order was filled and shipped by last Wednesday, the 11th, even those orders that came late. Pastors desiring to use supplies at a later date, can be furnished with map, Song Services and Lincoln book, delivered free of cost on application to the secretaries.

Tuskegee Institute Notes

"Lincoln Memorial Gates" are being placed at the entrance to the school grounds leading to the Slater Armstrong Memorial Trades Building, the chapel and Dorothy Hall. These gates are the gift of friends of the institution.

Rev. H. T. Johnson, editor of the *Christian Recorder*, one of the annual lecturers of the Phelps Hall Bible Training School, has been with us the past week lecturing to students of that department.

The roofing of the new office building has been completed, and the plastering will be rushed in order to get it completed as quickly as possible.

Preparations are being made for the Tuskegee Negro Conference, which convenes at Tuskegee Wednesday, February 18th, 1903.

ROBERT K. WALLACE.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.-C. Conference

Dedication of Rust Hall, Washington, D. C.

The week beginning January 23, 1903, marked the completion of an enterprise which inspires the friends of the Woman's Home Missionary Society with deep thankfulness to God, who has signally blessed their labors. The week was given to the opening of Rust Hall, the new building of the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School in Washington, D. C., under the care of the W. H. M. S.

The erection of this building as a memorial to Dr. and Mrs. S. Rust was decided upon at the annual meeting of the W. H. M. S., held in Baltimore, October, 1897, though active work in its behalf was not begun until later. To-day a noble and beautiful edifice of sixty-five rooms, furnished with all modern appliances, and admirably adapted to its purposes, occupies a commanding site on the corner of North Capitol and M. streets, N. W., and stands as a monument to the energy and faithfulness of the Society, while it reflects credit upon the great church which it represents.

The dedicatory exercises began on the evening of January 23 with an organ recital in the beautiful chapel of Rust Hall, presided over by Dr. J. W. Bischoff, assisted by many well-known vocalists of Washington. It was the occasion of the opening of the new pipe organ, the gift of Mrs. L. T. Jeffs and Mrs. Abbie Jeffs Beede of Hudson, Mass.

Sunday might be termed "Home Missionary Day at the Metropolitan M. E. Church," as the pastor, Dr. F. N. Bristol, on Sunday morning preached a masterly sermon on the work and opportunities of the training school. The students attended in a body. On Sunday afternoon the first religious service was held in the new chapel,

ending with the Holy Communion. Dr. Naylor, presiding elder of the district, presided, and many ministers assisted in the exercises. A large number of the Executive Board of the W. H. M. S. were present. Most impressive was the appearance of the hospital nurses, who came quietly into the chapel, knelt and received the communion, and at once returned to their labors among the sick and suffering. It was a time of consecration, praise and thankfulness to God. On Sunday evening Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, secretary of the Deaconess Bureau of the W. H. M. S., spoke in Metropolitan Church, where the deaconess work of the Society was first begun.

On Monday at 2 p. m. was held a House Building Service, Mrs. John Neff presiding. The large audience listened with interest and pleasure to the story of beginnings by Mrs. C. N. Roach, the report of the Building Committee of Rust Hall by Miss H. A. Bancroft, and a stirring address by Rev. Page Millburn. At the conclusion the ladies of the Executive Committee were driven in carriages to the White House, where a reception by Mrs. Roosevelt had been thoughtfully arranged by Mrs. Senator Fairbanks.

The dedicatory services of Rust Hall were held on Monday evening, Dr. C. H. Gallagher, president, presiding. A fervent prayer of dedication was offered by Rev. A. H. Ames, D. D., a former president of the institution, and a most complete and interesting historical address was given by Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, and a noble address by Senator Dolliver, of Iowa, appearing in the stead of Bishop Foss, who at the last moment found himself compelled to take up important duties at another point. The senator's address was logical, sensible and deeply impressive upon the power of Christianity.

The building was gracefully presented to the W. H. M. S. by Miss Bancroft, chairman of the Building Committee, and accepted by Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, president, for the Society, in fitting terms.

The Giving Service, conducted by Mrs. D. L. Williams, was a most delightful feature of the evening. Gifts from many states, ranging from \$500 down to small contributions, were received, which, with some later offerings, amounted to about \$3000.

On Tuesday afternoon a Memorial Service to Mrs. Elizabeth Lownes Rust was held, Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson presiding. It was a deeply impressive service. An interesting letter was read from the Rev. Dr. Rust, who was unable to be present, and papers concerning Mrs. Rust's services to the Society were read by Mrs. D. L. Williams and Miss Van Marter. Following these was an impromptu testimony service, in which eight ladies took part, all of whom had known Mrs. Rust and been inspired by her to active service in the work of the Society.

Woman's Home Missionary Night, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk presiding, called out a large and enthusiastic audience. The address of the evening was given by the editor of the New York *Christian Advocate*, and it goes without saying that Dr. Buckley interested and held his audience. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a beautiful flag to Rust Hall by the Junior Order of American Mechanics. Rev. A. H. Thompson made the presentation speech.

On Wednesday afternoon a Deaconess Service, presided over by Miss H. A. Bancroft, was of peculiar interest. An excellent address by Miss Blanche Zehring, one of the instructors in the school, was given.

Perhaps one of the most entertaining features of the entire week was a "Harvest Home Festival," held under the auspices of the Young People's District Association of Washington District.

Mrs. C. W. Gallagher, conference secretary of Young People's Work, had a company of sixty young ladies under her direction for the especial feature of the evening, which was "Fruit From Trees Planted by the Woman's Home Missionary Society." Miss Ethel Gallagher introduced the exercises in a brief speech, then followed in quick succession young ladies, some of whom were in costume representing the different fields in which the Society works, each making plea for her own field, while others briefly read from slips of paper statements concerning the work being done by the W. H. M. S. at given points. The slips were handed to deaconesses, and pinned to a United States map to indicate the locality of the home or mission represented. It was a most effective and instructive exercise, and while deeply religious in spirit throughout, was full of spice and charm. * * *

The week's exercises closed with a Methodist banquet, to which all the Methodists of Washington were bidden, and which was an occasion of great good cheer.

There are many features of special interest, among which we can mention the memorial windows in the library with the faces of Dr. and Mrs. Rust looking out, and another memorial window given by the colored people of Atlanta Conference, which bears as its symbol a white hand clasping a black. The library, named for Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, of New York, contains many reminders of General Clinton B. Fisk, a true friend of the colored people. In the chapel annex stands an elegant carved bookcase and table of ebony, designed by Mrs. R. S. Rust and presented to Rust Hall by Dr. Rust.

With the completion of this fine building, the National Training School of the W. H. M. S. enters upon a new period of usefulness.

With profound thankfulness to God, the Society accepts this great trust, and looks to the church to further its aims. H. V. M.

New York City.

Wesley Bicentenary Celebration In New York City

The first of numerous public demonstrations which will be made throughout the world this year, in commemoration of the birth of John Wesley two hundred years ago, will be held in New York Thursday evening, February 26th, in Carnegie Music Hall. The meeting has been planned thus early, as June is an unfavorable time for large gatherings in New York, but primarily because it was the date most convenient for President Roosevelt, who is to be present and speak. The other speakers on this great occasion will be Rev. Bishop Edward G. Andrews, resident bishop in New York, and Rev. Roscoe Day, D. D., chancellor of Syracuse University. The meeting is under the auspices of the Metropolitan Thank-Offering Commission, which, not having begun its undertaking of raising a "Million for Metropolitan Methodism" until April, 1901, will continue its existence and efforts yet another year. Applications for tickets for this Wesley Bicentenary Meeting are being received from all over the United States. The Executive Secretary of the Metropolitan Thank-Offering Commission, Rev. E. S. Tipple, D. D., 150 Fifth Avenue, will gladly answer inquiries concerning tickets of admission or other matters of interest.

Lux Christi

The splendid pageantry of the ceremonies of the Delhi Durbar has been attracting the eyes of the world to India. The fascination of the gorgeous East, where the richest hand has been poured upon her King, barbaric pearl and gold, has been shown to us modern folk as by no other ceremonial. The account of this proclamation ceremony is a fitting introduction to the study of India which is the subject for the united study of missions for all denominations for 1903.

The text-book, *Lux Christi*, provided for this study, gives a chronological table of the main events of the stormy history of this gem of the Orient. Its political, religious and social status is clearly set forth in this small volume, and the feature of which is the introduction of testimonies of experts on India, Sir Monier Williams, Lord Roberts, Kipling, Isabella Bird Bishop, Lord Macauley and our missionary writers. No one who wishes to become intelligent upon the condition of India, and the progress of the world wide kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, can afford to miss studying this text-book, *Lux Christi*, by Mrs. C. A. Mason.

It may be obtained from all missionary boards; price, 50 cents in cloth and 30 cents in paper. A map of India has been issued for 25 cents and small programs for use in local missionary societies.

Epworth League.

March--The Young Christian's Standing Ground

March 1.—Total Abstinence the Only Safe Rule. Dan. 1. 8-15; 1 Thess. 5. 22; 1 Pet. 2. 11.)

DAILY READINGS.

Monday.—Words of Isaiah. Isa. 5. 11-14, 22.

Tuesday.—More words of Isaiah. Isa. 28. 1-7.

Wednesday.—Take heed. Luke 21. 34.

Thursday.—Drunkenness forbidden. Rom. 13. 13, 14.

Friday.—Drunards and the kingdom of God. 1 Cor. 6. 10.

Saturday.—Consideration of my brother. 1 Cor. 8. 9-13.

It is not surprising if a young man feels a sense of lordship. He is chief ruler over a wonderful territory—the territory of his own life. Not that he can determine all its events. Far from that; but he will determine its meaning, its aims, and its bearing, and that means a great power. One of the things which comes before the tribunal a young man holds to determine his life-issues is the problem of drink. What is to be his bearing?

Of course, he doesn't intend to become a drunkard. No young man ever did. But shall he drink a little on certain occasions, shall he have some fine wine in his rooms, perhaps at his table, or shall he let the drinks which intoxicate entirely alone? Thus the question presents itself.

Now, there is a certain attractiveness to the spirit of a young man confident of himself, in the thought of controlled indulgence. He will prove his mastery by using a little, but not turning from the friendly glass, by indulging in a certain amount of drinking. But he will never go too far. Besides often to refuse a drink is to mark one's self as odd, to subject one's self to the danger of being called a prig or a cad. A certain amount of controlled indulgence, that is surely consistent with manhood.

So reasons many a young man. And it sounds well. But it is fatally wrong. This young man,

so sure of himself, is really wise only when he decides for total abstinence. Why? In the first place, because he has a brother. How easy it is to forget him? That good-natured, easy-going, weak-willed fellow, who, seeing his stronger friend sip his glass, thinks he can venture to do the same. And some day when the stronger friend says, "Poor Brown, he liked his cups too well. All the old fellows dropped him long ago. He died last night in prison for a crime he committed when drunk," won't this friend feel a twinge inside somewhere as he remembers how once Brown hesitated, but drank eagerly when he set the pace? Because every man has not one, but many brothers, who need the influence of his steady refusal to drink, total abstinence is the only safe rule.

Then the man himself. Is he so strong, after all? You never can tell. And he never can tell. Youthful self-confidence does not necessarily mean steady self-control through the long strain of years. The glass once in a while is likely to grow into the occasional college "frolic," which leaves a headache, but doesn't mean anything—O, no; and that into the steadily increasing fondness for the glass, until a man starts and stares some day as he realizes that he is controlled by a demon thirst he hates but must gratify. Or for years he may be as strong as he thought. But business reverses come, or heavy troubles; he takes a little more and a little more, to quiet his anxiety or his sorrow. And he buries his anxiety at last by burying himself and his manhood. Over his grave "turn down an empty glass."

It is hard for a young man ever to see it. It is hard for a young man to feel it. But he may not be as strong as he thinks he is. And so total abstinence is the only safe rule.

Brave the young man, with a fine moral bravery, who will face this fact and with all the trust in self that throbs in the blood of youth will say, "I may be weaker than I think, so I will drink not one glass." Knightly the young man, with a high Christian chivalry, who will say, "I have a brother who might be tempted by my indulgence, and, because of my brother, I will abstain."

So one Christian young man sits with glass turned down where wine is served, and knows how with fine manly courtesy to refuse the social glass. He is none the less a man for it. Nay, a more regal manhood is his. Thank God for him. May he increase to a vast multitude!

Sunday School Helps

By Rev. G. N. Jolly, D. D.

Lesson IX. March 1st, 1903. Title—Paul and Apollos. Acts (18: 24-29:6). Golden Text—If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. (Luke 11:13) Time—A. D. 57. Place Ephesus.

Paul while preaching at Corinth was arrested by the Jews and taken from the judgment seat. He was accused of "persuading men to worship God contrary to their laws." Paul was about to speak in his own defense, but was prevented by Gallio, the judge, who would have nothing to do with the whole matter. The Greeks took the chief rulers of the synagogue and beat them, but Gallio cared for none of these things. Paul tarried at Corinth some time after this, and then sailed for Syria. Aquila and Priscilla accompanied him. At Ephesus Paul tarried but a short while, and then sailed for Jerusalem, promising to return soon. Aquila and Priscilla remained in Ephesus.

I. *Apollos.* (24-28). The name is an abbreviation of Appollonia. His nationality: A

Jew. The peculiar people of God were first called Hebrews; strangers from a foreign land. They were called Israelites; descendants of Israel or Jacobs, who, as a prince, had power with God. Afterwards they were called Jews, because but few except those of the tribe of Judah returned from Babylonish captivity. Their center was in Palestine, but they were found in all the chief cities of the Roman Empire. Their favor has never been courted by the world. They were then, and are now, a "hiss and by-word" for other nations. Many Jews accepted Christianity. Mark is said to have founded the church at Alexandria.

2. His birthplace: Alexandria. This was next to the largest city in the world. It was built near the mouth of the Nile by Alexander the Great, and was designed by him to be the center of Eastern and Western civilization. The Jews were granted large favors by Alexander. The land of their ancient bondage now became the home of their greatest freedom. At Alexandria was made the Septuagint translation of the Scriptures. There Philo, the Jew with Greek customs, wrote his reflections on the Hebrew Scriptures.

3. His gifts and graces. (1) He was "an eloquent man," or gifted in expression. This implies that he had a full strong voice, a long vocabulary, and the gift of expressing thought clearly, beautifully and forcibly. (2) He was "instructed in the way of the Lord;" he knew well the Old Testament; the law, the prophets and the psalms were familiar to him. He had likely been taught them from early childhood by his parents, and probably one of the disciples of John, or possibly John himself had instructed him. He knew the way or teachings of the Lord, and probably understood the mission of Jesus about as John comprehended it. (3) He was "mighty in the Scriptures." He knew well the Old Testament, and his gifts and graces made him very powerful in teaching it. Knowledge must go before expression. We cannot tell that which we do not know. We must be taught before we can teach. The early ministers were men of one book. Many think Apollos wrote the epistle to the Hebrews. (4) "He was fervent in the Spirit." He was an ardent, earnest, warm, zealous speaker. He put all the strength of his mind, soul and body into his discourses. His preaching, much against his will, caused division among the disciples; some said: "I am of Paul, and others I am of Apollos." (5) He spoke and taught diligently. He did not grow weary in well doing, but day after day, and week after week, he faithfully preached the truths of the Scriptures. Perseverance often succeeds where other things fail. (6) He was bold. Courage is not savage violence; not fool-hardy insensibility of danger; not headstrong rashness to run into difficulty; not the fire of inflamed passion cut loose from reason; but calm, deliberate, rational fairness. Courage is an essential characteristic of a good soldier of the cross. Jesus is the best example of true bravery the world has ever seen.

4. His knowledge was limited. He knew "only the baptism that John preached." He only understood in part. Knowledge in this life is limited. John knew well the prophecies of the Old Testament. He taught the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, and then baptised with water as a symbol of the remission, because Jesus would baptise with the Holy Spirit, which would be the remission itself. John knew the life of Jesus very imperfectly. He was cast into prison soon after Jesus began to preach, and was put to death about the middle of his ministry. Apollos likely knew but little of our Savior's death, resurrection and ascension. He had prob-

ably not heard of the Great Commission to go and disciple all nations. He could not be a successful minister without this knowledge.

5. He was instructed in the way of the Lord more perfectly by Aquila and Priscilla. These were Jews, born in Pontus, converted to Christianity, moved to Italy, and banished from Rome by Claudius. They came to Corinth and worked at their trade. They were tent makers. Paul lived with them nearly three years. They came with him to Ephesus and there remained while Paul went on to Jerusalem. Their long association with Paul qualified them for instructing Apollos. 6. After the instruction given by Aquila Apollos went into Achaia, to Corinth. When he set out the church gave him an introduction to the disciples at Corinth. This they did, and he was of great help to those who through grace had believed.

II. *John's twelve disciples at Ephesus (1-6).*

1. Coming to Ephesus. Apollos continued for some time at Corinth, watering what Paul had planted. Paul, having passed through the "upper coasts" of Asia Minor, visiting the churches, came down to Ephesus. This city was the capital of the Roman province of Asia. It was located on the eastern shore of the Egean sea, and in the central part of Asia Minor. It had large mercantile relations with Achaia in the west, Macedonia in the north and Syria in the east, and Egypt in the south. Fine roads led from Ephesus into every part of Asia. It was the metropolis of a country that could boast of five hundred cities. Paul's labors there were very successful. A strong church was established, over which Timothy presided for years, and to which he sent a loving epistle. John addressed his first Apocalyptic vision to this church. There he wrote his gospel, and at that place his remains were laid to rest. And there the mother of Jesus was buried.

2. The first question and answer. (1) Question: "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" We have not this conversation in full. Faith has degrees. With many Jewish Christians the Holy Spirit was given through faith and the laying on of hands, but with the Gentiles he was given through faith alone. (2) Answer: "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." Where could these disciples have been for the past 20 years? They were likely disciples of John and knew but little about the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. They probably did not know the Holy Spirit had been given, and had never heard of the Great Commission to disciple and baptise all nations.

3. The second question and answer. (1) Question: "Unto what, then, were ye baptised?" Does this not teach that baptism is a figure, not of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, but of the cleansing nature of the Holy Spirit? Water baptism always implies spiritual baptism; some times it goes before; at other times it comes after it. (2) Answer: "Unto John's baptism." This was not Christian baptism. It was administered before the Christian era; it was not in the name of the trinity, and it was not recognized by the apostles as being sufficient.

4. The work of Paul. (1) He baptised them, or caused them to be baptised. They were no doubt baptised in the name of the Trinity. Nothing can be inferred as to their mode of baptism. (2) He laid his hands upon them and they received the Holy Ghost, spoke with tongues and prophesied. "This is the third Pentecost!" The first was at Jerusalem, the second at Cesarea and the third at Ephesus. We should be filled with the Spirit, and then speak for Jesus.

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Secretary Root and the Suffrage Question

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"We can never throw up the responsibility for these people held in slavery for so many generations. The new question, What can be done for them, now that the first plan has failed? is one that challenges the best thought and the best patriotism of our country."

We take the foregoing excerpt of Secretary Root's speech from the New York *Herald*, and take it for granted that he is correctly reported. Relative to the subjects discussed we desire to say: (1) One of the principal causes for the objection to the Negro's holding office grows out of the fact that many Democrats have been appointed to office and that the "Lily White" movement has received considerable official recognition during and since the last National Republican Convention. The recognition accorded these two elements has placed the black man in direct competition with them. Is it surprising that they should do everything possible to fire southern prejudice against their competitors? As we said in our editorial of last week, under ordinary conditions the southern white man stands just about where he has always stood on this subject. In dealing with what are known as the regular Republicans, tho the competition existed to some extent, the whites identified with the party and the colored man compromised their differences and each received some recognition. But now the colored man is forced to compete with two elements, neither one of which thinks he should have anything. Thus it will be seen that the Republican party is largely responsible for all its troubles of the present day.

(2) Has Negro suffrage failed, and if so what shall be done about it? To this we answer most emphatically, No, it has not failed. Let us ask in return, has the law against murder and theft failed simply because men continue to kill and steal? It is not so considered. The ballot saved the Negro from serfdom. It got his head up and led him to recognize his own manhood rights. With all his shortcomings of to-day he is a superior man by far to what he would have been had he not been made a voter when he was. The intelligent, thinking Negro is willing to abide by any law justly administered which requires that the voter have property or literary qualifications. But we think it a serious mistake, a violation of law and unjust to all concerned to allow the South to profit in congressional representation and electoral votes by continuing to count those she has deliberately disfranchised. If the voters must be reduced, let all that they stand for go with them.

Prof. R. S. Lovinggood, A. M., president of the Samuel Huston College, Austin, Tex., passed through this city recently enroute to Tuskegee, Ala., to attend the Negro conference which takes place there this week. On the close of the conference he will return to Austin by way of North Texas; striking the West Texas Conference at Denison he will visit Sherman, Dallas, Fort Worth and a few other towns enroute.

Laymen to the Front

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of carrying forward the interests of the church. If such a statement needed to be emphasized, surely the most positive and unequivocal emphasis may be found in that action of the church which provides that the lawmaking body of the church shall be composed of an equal number of lay and ministerial delegates. True, the layman cannot do the work of the minister, neither can the minister do the work of the layman. We call attention to a fact that is strikingly evident when we say that hitherto the layman within the bounds of conferences represented by the SOUTHWESTERN, has not been much of a force in shaping the affairs of the church. Whether his backwardness has been the result of his modesty, his want of proper information or because he was not needed, we shall not attempt to say; we simply assert a fact. Regardless of what may be said of the past, however, no one can deny that at present the intelligent, consecrated layman is needed in every department of the church. There are some things that will not be done at all unless done by him. He cannot evade his responsibility by an attempt to shift it to clerical shoulders; the church needs him and that greatly. The day has past for that; he must now respond to the call to duty. Always interested in the spiritual and financial upbuilding of the church, he must become more and more so in guarding her doctrines, shaping her polity and framing her laws. Not only has the church virtually asked this of him by multiplying his power in her legislative body, but he owes it to himself and his posterity to do so. In looking after such interests he will find the minister by his side, but he must not expect more. Both are, or should be, equally interested. Hence, every layman should apply himself to the study of the history and present day affairs of the church; in other words, we would urge upon our laymen to come to the front. Let them study the discipline and learn their duty and then perform it to the best of their ability. There are books for the various officials, books on church finance, books that will help and strengthen them both spiritually and intellectually. No layman should be satisfied unless provided with those books and papers that will help him understand his church and his relation thereto. He should desire to come to the front and he should come to the front, but this is the only way to do so.

Death of Dr. J. L. M. Curry

In the death of Jabez Lamar Monroe Curry, D. D., LL. D., the South loses an honored and useful citizen and one of her most distinguished educators. He was born in Georgia June 5, 1825, and died at Asheville, N. C., Feb. 12, 1903. He was best known in recent years as agent for the Peabody and Slater educational funds, but he held many other positions of honor and trust. He served as a member of the United States Congress and also of that of the Confederate States. He was a United States soldier in the war with Mexico and a Confederate soldier in the war of the rebellion. Dr. Curry was also appointed by President Cleveland minister to the court of Spain, and was also sent by President McKinley to represent this government at the coronation of King Alfonso of Spain. He devoted some time to teaching, but has always been connected in one way or another with educational interests.

Hon. W. J. Bryan refused to attend a political banquet to be given by the Iroquois Club, Chicago, because ex-President Grover Cleveland was to be present.

Spiked Their Guns Completely

Say what you will about J. H. Hayes, Esq., of Richmond, Va., who is credited with delivering that fiery speech before a Washington audience, but he knows a good deal more than some people give him credit for. A club composed of white men of New Orleans is credited with sending Mr. Hayes the following telegram:

"The Coliseum Club will give Nigger Hayes \$3,000 and transportation to New Orleans if he will deliver in our hall his speech verbatim, as delivered before Afro-American Council in Washington on the 26th."

To this he replied as follows:

"To the Coliseum Club:

GENTLEMEN—I am willing to come to New Orleans at any time you may designate, at my own expense, and deliver before you and in your hall—not the unfair, disconnected, perverted and garbled statement sent out, but the verbatim speech delivered here before the Afro-American Council Monday night. Knowing that you are Southern gentlemen, and although you may not entirely agree with me, yet I know that I will have nothing to fear at the hands of men who compose the brain, culture, refinement and Christianity of the South, and whose inborn sense of fair play will cause them to listen calmly, even to a Negro's cause."

We are sure Mr. Hayes heard no more of that club, nor will he. His reply was tactful and convincing; he spiked their guns completely.

The Next General Conference

Just before going to press, the Rev. Dr. G. G. Logan wires that the next General Conference will be held at Los Angeles, Cal. This is the decision of the Book Committee, which has just closed its session in New York City. Invitations were also received from Boston, Philadelphia and Cincinnati, but our western brethren succeeded in "knocking the persimmon." We may at a later date be able to give some further information regarding the matter, but for the present our readers must be content with this brief mention.

Dr. Hard Reported Dead

Just previous to going to press we learn through a private source that Dr. Manley S. Hard, who has been sick so long, is no more. We hope to be able to give particulars in our next issue. He was known throughout our conferences as Assistant Secretary of Church Extension.

An old colored man by the name of John Flanagan, of Omaha, Neb., has recently gained a suit in the court of his state which makes valid his title to forty acres of land on which many houses of the business portion of Omaha are built. He went west from Virginia during the war with some settlers, who gave him forty acres of land, on which he built a cabin. During the Omaha boom no one gave serious attention to the old man's claim, so different ones took up his land and built on it. He employed counsel and took the matter up in the courts. After a number of years it has recently been decided in his favor. He has just sent for John B. Flanagan, of Virginia, a son of his former master, to whom he promises to give all his property, now worth several millions.

The fifth anniversary of the destruction of the Maine was observed in Havana the 15th inst. by 400 Americans. The "stars and stripes," draped with crepe and a wreath, was hung on the wreck of the once proud vessel as a tribute to those who lost their lives in the disaster.

Personal and General

Rev. J. D. Poole, who is now pastor at Franklin, La., gave us a pleasant call last week.

Miss Inez Hamilton, of this city, has gone to Crawford, in St. Mary parish, to teach school.

Rev. J. O. Richard, pastor at Whitehall, La., was in the city last week, assisting Secretary Obee to compile the conference minutes.

Rev. Z. T. Gayden passed through the city recently on a visit to his family, after spending several days at Slidell, La., his new work.

Rev. C. D. Crockett, who served so long and faithfully at Slidell, La., passed through the city recently on his way to his new charge at St. Charles.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Logan, pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, Houston, Tex., is to preach a series of eight special sermons. He began the first Sunday in February.

Mrs. Clara Vacca, of Louisville, Ky., has been appointed missionary to the Italians of this city. She makes her headquarters at the Italian Church, 1528 Clio street.

Miss Lillian Long, of Houston, Tex., is expected in the city during the Mardi Gras festivities, and will be the guest of the editor's family, at No. 1114 Adam street.

Rev. V. D. Jenkins, of the Rome district, Atlanta Conference, has sent out a neatly printed card, giving his brethren their apportionment for their benevolent collections.

Bishop W. F. Mallalieu closed the Gulf Mission Conference at Port Arthur, Texas, in time to pass through the city on Tuesday of last week enroute to his home in Boston.

Rev. H. Daniels, presiding elder of the Shreveport district, has just returned from Mansfield, La., where he went to assist the new pastor, Rev. Cornelius Johnson, in starting off in good shape.

Mr. Charles P. Ford, who wrote the excellent article which appeared among our contributions last week, is at Howard University, Washington, D. C., and not Harvard, as the type made us say.

The minutes of the last session of the North Carolina Conference, well printed and neatly bound, reached this office Feb. 2. Rev. R. E. Jones, D. D., who was the secretary, did his work well.

Rev. G. A. Payne, pastor of Pleasant Plains, this city, was elected reporter for the SOUTHWESTERN at the recent session of his conference and has handed in a well-prepared and excellent report.

Rev. C. W. Coons and family, from Marcus, Iowa, passed thro the city this week on their way to Jennings, their new field of labor. Unless all signs fail Brother Coons is a good man for the work at Jennings.

The New Year's number of *A. M. E. Church Review*, Prof. H. T. Kealing, A. M., editor, is one of the best issues ever sent out from that office. Editor Kealing is an honor to his church and his race.

Prof. and Mrs. R. W. S. Thomas, of Cookman Institute, Jacksonville, Fla., are happy over the arrival of a stranger at their house during the session of the conference in that city. It is a fine girl.

Rev. J. E. Bryant, A. B., presiding elder of the Navasota (Texas) district, says the *Bugle*, addressed the city school at Bellville, and was presented by the teachers and pupils with a beautiful morocco-bound pocket Bible.

In about sixty days Secretary M. W. Dogan, Ph. D., had the minutes of the Texas Conference ready for distribution. The copy received at this office, like all the others printed by the Wiley University force, is a credit to all concerned.

It is said that the Negroes of Birmingham, Ala., have purchased not less than \$100,000 worth of property within the past twelve months. Splendid showing indeed. May they meet their notes promptly and come out with flying colors.

A cablegram received by the Missionary Secretaries announces the death, at Rangoon, Burma, of Mrs. Ella Perry Price, wife of Rev. Frederick B. Price, of our Methodist Episcopal Mission in Burma. Mrs. Price leaves two children.

On motion of Rev. W. S. Harris, the Louisiana Conference voted that each pastor secure five subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN and send them in before Easter. Some of the brethren have begun already, and we trust all will fall in line.

As the result of the special meetings held at Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C., during the week of the day of prayer for colleges there were fifty-nine conversions. New Orleans University reports for the same week eighty-two conversions.

Bishop and Mrs. J. A. Handy, of the A. M. E. Church, were interested visitors at the recent session of the Florida Conference. The Bishop has just gotten out a book giving scraps of the history of his church, which we hope to review at an early day.

Rev. C. D. Shallowhorn, presiding elder of the Monroe district, Louisiana Conference, was in the city a few days since on business. He is still happy over the record made by his district at the recent session of the annual conference, and promises better things still for the present year.

Mr. Benj. Legardy, who is train porter on the Queen and Crescent between Shreveport, La., and Vicksburg, Miss., is a local preacher and a member of St. Paul M. E. Church, Shreveport. Brother Legardy not only reads the SOUTHWESTERN but reads all the good books he can secure.

Mr. Charles Bell, of No. 123 Magnolia street, Vicksburg, Miss., is in charge of the dining car which runs over the Queen and Crescent Railway between Vicksburg and Shreveport, La. He is thoroughly competent for his work, and his friends are much gratified with the record he is making.

Rev. T. F. Robinson, a young minister of Simpson Church, this city, was ordained at the recent session of the Louisiana Conference and assigned to Many Circuit in North Louisiana. Brother Robinson is highly esteemed in this city and much is expected of him. He starts in asking the Lord for 200 souls and 35 subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN.

Rev. E. C. Bass, D. D., a member of the New England Southern Conference, passed through the city recently enroute home from California. Dr. Bass, while in the West, visited San Francisco, Los Angeles and a number of other points. He has given forty-one years of uninterrupted work to the ministry, and looks like he is good for several more. The doctor makes his home in Providence, R. I.

Miss Amabel Adams died January 30, near Graniteville, Ga., where she had been teaching school in one of our churches. She was the oldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Adams, of Rome, Ga., where Rev. Adams is pastor of Broad Street M. E. Church. She was 26 years of age and graduated from Clark University in 1900. She was buried from Broad Street M. E. Church, Rome, Ga., Feb. 1. Her funeral address was delivered by Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, of Gammon Theological Seminary, assisted by Prof. F. M. Gordon, of Cave Spring, and Dr. Carlile, of the Presbyterian Church of that city. The church could not hold the congregation.

News Notes

The Venezuelan blockade has been raised.

The American cake-walk has been harshly criticised and condemned by the French.

As a result of the scarcity of sardines 20,000 families are starving in Brittany.

A bill is before Congress forbidding newspapers to give any details in cases of suicide.

The missionaries in the Orient, it is claimed, address Bishop Moore as "Uncle David."

General William Booth, commander and founder of the Salvation Army, was in this city recently.

The European beet sugar crop will be 5,000,000 tons short this year owing to unfavorable weather conditions.

At the St. Louis Exposition an implement for measuring mental fatigue will be exhibited by Germany.

Chile and Argentina, South American republics, have entered into an agreement to settle every dispute between them by arbitration.

The House naval committee will report unfavorably the bill to place Capt. Richmond Hobson on the retired list.

The late Hugh Price Hughes of England has been succeeded by Percy W. Bunting as editor of the contemporary *Review*.

President Eliot of Harvard University claims that unless the college courses are shortened to three years the colleges will disappear.

The deaconesses of the German Methodist Church in this country are doing excellent work. They number seventy, and have ten institutions and property valued at \$250,000.

A very good picture of Miss Charlotte Crogman, the talented daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Crogman, appears in the *Christian Educator* for February.

It is proposed by the Dixie Irrigating Company, composed of Texas and Philadelphia capitalists, to place under irrigation 295,000 acres of land situated in the dry regions of west Texas.

Within the last ten years the colored population of Chicago has increased 37 per cent. more than that of any other city in the country. The colored population is estimated to be 49,500.

The Bishop's Council of the A. M. E. Church met in Avery Chapel, Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 15. Bishop H. M. Turner in an able address reviewed the general work of the church in the United States and Africa.

Dr. W. H. Crogman, professor of Greek and Latin in Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., recently addressed the Woman's Home Missionary Society in Newnan, Ga.

The Lincoln-Day number of the *Christian Educator* is "chuck full" of inspiring information, both in the form of cuts and reading matter, if pictures and names did get a little mixed.

President Roosevelt refused to arbitrate the dispute between the Allied Powers and Venezuela though for the second time he had been invited by the Powers to do so. The dispute will probably be settled by the Hague court.

Miss Josephine E. Holmes who has recently recovered from a long and severe spell of sickness, desires her friends to address her at Central Alabama Academy, Huntsville, Ala., where she has been called to fill an unexpired term. The present indications are that Miss Holmes' work in the future will be in the college of West Africa.

Sergeant John A. Mason, who attempted to kill Guiteau, the assassin of President Garfield, is now an old man and has gone to the Soldiers' Home in Dayton, Ohio, where he will end his days. Mason, who belonged to an artillery regiment, was court-martialed and sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment, but President Arthur pardoned him.

A number of women inspectors are to be appointed for employment at the port of New York, whose duty it will be to board all incoming steamers and make investigation into suspicious cases in the first and second cabins and to advise foreign girls and women regarding the character of the houses in which they have been promised honorable employment. Information has been received by the Treasury department that foreign girls and women are being decoyed to this country for immoral purposes.

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FARM AND FRESIDE

Gen. C. Marshall Editor

Heavy snows in the northern states and heavy rains through the southern are excellent grounds for expecting good crops.

Push the plow and harrow. The time for breaking the land will soon be gone. March and April are seed-time.

Will any of our readers tell us their plans for exterminating Johnson grass? Many farmers continue to complain of this nuisance.

The fields and pastures will very soon be spotted with lambs, colts, pigs and calves. The yards with ducklings, chicks and goslings. We advise you to make preparations of coops, lots and ponds to give them a fair chance to thrive.

Senator Mark Hanna has introduced a bill in Congress to pension old ex-slaves. Those over fifty years and under sixty are to receive a bounty of \$100 and \$8 per month. Those under seventy years are to receive \$300 and \$12 per month; and those over 70 years are to receive \$500 and \$15 per month. The bill will find some opposition.

The following notes are taken from an exchange:

FARM NOTES.

Experiments in Iowa go to show that grass is the most economical sheep feed.

Beef production in the Eastern States is becoming an interesting proposition.

Darkness and low temperature are the primary requisites in the successful storing of potatoes.

Leaves should be thrown on the poultry house floor, not only because they afford scratching material in which the fowls can exercise, but also because they prevent draughts of air on the floor and assist in keeping the house warm.

A clean soil in the fall, and the weeds destroyed before they seed, will save one-half the labor in the spring. Seeds of weeds start off in growth very early, and the farmer cannot keep them out of the way. The time to destroy weeds is when they are just coming up through the ground, in spring, and by burning the refuse in the fall.

Grinding the corn and cob does not add much to the ration, but the ground cob serves to dilute the grain and increase the bulk, which makes the combination better than ground grain alone. When used with ground oats and bran it is excellent food, and it may be used with cut straw or hay. All grain foods, when ground, will give better results if fed with bulky materials, and the condition of the animals will be improved when both kinds are fed together.

PICKLED CAULIFLOWER.

Take solid heads, cut in small pieces so they will go in a can without breaking; wash well and cook in hot, salted water from three to five minutes. The salt not only seasons it but keeps it from coming to pieces as it is very tender. Skim out carefully into cold water which sends the salt all through it, then put into glass cans or small jars; prepare vinegar with about one teacupful of white sugar to two quarts of pure cider vinegar and one-half cupful of whole, white mustard seed—let the vinegar boil and pour on the cauliflower. Fill the can full and screw the cover on.

WHEAT GRIDDLE CAKES.

Sift a saltspoonful of salt with a quart of wheat flour and add enough milk to make a good batter. Now beat in a half yeast cake dissolved in warm water and set to rise all night. In the morning add a tablespoonful of melted butter, one of molasses and two well-beaten eggs. If too thin add more flour to the batter. Bake on a soapstone griddle.

POPOVERS.

One pint of flour, three eggs, one pint of milk and one-half tablespoonful of salt. Beat the eggs sufficiently to mix smoothly with the milk. Stir the salt into the flour, then add enough of the milk and egg mixture to form a rather thick batter. When this has been rubbed perfectly smooth add the remainder of the liquid, and strain the whole to remove any lumps, and pour into tin cups or gem pans. Each cup should be half full. Bake in an even, moderate oven for three-quarters of an hour. Few housekeepers succeed in making good popovers, because the oven is usually too hot or the heat is allowed to die down before the popovers have been browned. The fire should be built up so that it will

not need replenishing while the oven is in use.

NUT LOAF.

Put through the food chopper sufficient nut meats to measure one and one-half cupfuls; almonds, English walnuts, hazel and hickory nuts may be used in any proportions according to taste, also butternuts and black walnuts, but the latter should be taken in sparing quantity because of their pronounced flavor; add to the chopped nuts one pint of stale bread crumbs, one teaspoonful of salt and one teaspoonful of any preferred sweet herbs; mix well, add sufficient boiling water to moisten, cover closely and let stand for ten minutes to swell; now add another cupful of hot water and turn into a well-greased loaf pan; bake for an hour in a moderate oven and serve hot with a brown sauce, or it may be cooled and served sliced with mayonnaise.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

T. D. Huff, Pastor, Milford, Tex.—We have just closed a rally at Milford between Pilgrim Rest M. E. church and St. James A. M. E. church, where Rev. G. R. Pearson is pastor, with great results in which our church carried off the banner, and I take this way to thank our members and friends for their loyalty to church and pastor. God bless our friends and people, for they are loyal.

W. J. DeBoe, Pastor, Sedalia, Mo.—The G. R. Smith Sunday school and faculty presented W. J. DeBoe and family to a nice little purse of \$1.75 the 18th of January, 1903, in token of their appreciation for his son, a member of the G. R. Smith college, who is now very low with lung trouble. The pastor and family are very thankful to the college. Dr. I. L. Lowe, D. D., Ph. D. preached two very fine sermons in Taylor chapel, Sedalia, Mo., to a large audience, the 11th and 18th of January. He is both, a power in church and school.

F. S. Azie, Lodi Ct., Tex.—Our first quarterly conference was at Louis Chapel, January 24 and 25, the presiding elder, Rev. O. I. Jones, presiding. The conference was largely attended, and it was said by many of the older members, to have been one of the best conferences ever held on the work. A feeling of love and harmony prevailed throughout the meeting. Everybody is in sympathy with the plans and operations of our earnest and hard working pastor, Rev. A. W. Carr, and we look forward to a glorious year's work on all lines. The presiding elder preached a splendid sermon at 11 a. m., also at night. Collection, \$20. Number of conversions for the quarter seven, number of accessions 12. Subscribers to the *Southwestern* 6.

Jas. I. Gilmon, Pastor, Clarksville, Tex.—Rev. Freeman Parker, D.D., held my first quarterly conference January 25 and 26. All the brethren with two exceptions, were present. Rev. J. H. Anthony of Bonham, was with us and occupied the pulpit at 11 a. m. and at 3 p. m. The pastor preached to a full house, and at 8 p. m., Dr. Parker preached and administered the Sacrament. The church was crowded, the people standing in the aisles and sitting on each others laps, and the windows crowded on the outside. Our



quarterage is \$27.50; we paid it in full. Collection during the conference \$32.30. Clarksville is alive spiritually and financially. The shout in Zion could be heard at a great distance. Sister Alsay Moore was with us at 3 p. m. she enjoyed the service. At 10 p. m. she had left us for the bright world above.

J. M. Watson, Pastor, Pulaski, Circuit.—Our young sisters' entertainment on Thursday night, January 23, was a success. Committees were, Misses Almer Clark, Ora Jenkins, Alice Johnson, Gertrude Clark, Mary King, Alice Conner, Lucy McClanahan. By their earnest efforts and labor they raised \$10.46; with Sunday, January 26, they raised \$15.93. Our first quarterly conference was held December 27 and 28 with Elder Mitchell in the chair. The reports showed spiritual work and financial success. Total amount raised during the quarter, \$112.62. Elder Mitchell is pushing things to the front.

B. C. Roberts, District Steward, Valdoesta Charge.—Our first quarterly meeting was held January 24 and 25 with the Rev. A. B. Allen, P. E., in the chair. The brethren were present with good reports, showing that the work was in a prosperous condition. The presiding elder preached two able sermons on Sunday. While Rev. Allen was calling for sinners to come forward for prayer, he was requested by a dying man, Ben Henegon, to come and pray with him. The sick man died a few minutes later. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. T. Griner and Rev. A. B. Allen. Mr. Henegon leaves a wife with two little children, a mother, father, four sisters, two brothers and a host of friends to mourn. Sunday night the church was filled to its utmost capacity, and both white and colored bowed at the feet of the speaker for prayer. The spirit of the Lord was fully manifested in our midst. Money raised for all purposes this quarter was \$126.06; pastor \$95.83, presiding elder \$9.50, repairing \$20.73. We anticipate making this one of the best years in the history of the church. We hope to send up some subscribers for the *Southwestern* now soon.

The following resolutions were adopted by the officers and members of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, Baton Rouge, La.: Whereas, through the providence of Almighty God, we have been blessed with the pastorate of Rev. W. S. Harris; Whereas, by his heroic efforts and self-sacrifice, he has aroused the church from its lethargy and paid more than \$300 on old debts; increased its membership—thus improving the spiritual and financial condition of the church; therefore, be it resolved, that we and in Rev. Harris an efficient pastor, and ask for his return. Resolved, that a copy



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of these resolutions be sent to the bishop of the annual conference, and a copy of these resolutions be sent to the *Southwestern Christian Advocate* for publication.

W. H. Smith, Pastor, Slater Charge, Mo.—The fourth quarterly meeting for this charge was held January 24 and 25. Rev. R. Davis, P. E., was with us, and preached two sermons which were very much enjoyed by the people. Rev. M. S. Rickman of the M. E. church, south, preached the Sacramental sermon in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. It was indeed a great sermon, full of power, and was delivered in the spirit of the Master. The reports indicated some advance along all lines of church work. One conversion during the quarter; baptised one. Sunday collection \$26.97; quarterly collections \$120.97. At the close of the love feast Monday evening, the pastor and members of the church tendered to the presiding elder, Rev. R. Davis, a grand reception in the parsonage, and the

elder was remembered with several presents.

Mrs. J. W. Patton, Armstrong, Mo.—Our fourth quarterly meeting was held on January 25 and 26 with our worthy presiding elder, Dr. J. Will Jackson, in the chair. At 11 o'clock the elder preached us an excellent sermon to the delight of all who heard him, and at 8 o'clock we met at the church again for the second time, and listened to a short sermon by Rev. Charles Harvey of the A. M. E. church from Roanoke, Mo. The Lord's Supper was commemorated. At 7:30 o'clock the elder gave us another very interesting sermon. Collection for the day \$16. On Monday night was our quarterly conference. The reports showed the work in good condition both spiritually and financially. On Tuesday night we had the pleasure of listening to one of Dr. Jackson's lectures. Subject, "My trip to the Southland and observation." He told us many interesting things worthy of note. He also mentioned that among our people in the southland, there are carpenters, masons, printers and plumbers. He told of the wealth and beautiful homes of some of them, and then he told us if we get wealth, education and religion, nothing could keep us from rising. We always appreciate Dr. Jackson's lectures, and are always glad to have him with us. May the Lord continue to bless him.

Rev. D. Smith, Pastor, North Topeka, Kas.—My charge is moving along nicely, both spiritually and financially. Our presiding elder, H. South, held his fourth quarterly meeting here on January 15. His claims were met in full. His lecture on "Freedmen's Aid and Christian Education Society" was appreciated, and approved by the entire church. It will, and no doubt, be the cause of many young people taking higher steps along that line of work. We have had our church lighted with electric lights; the first collection on them amounted to \$14, and now the entire amount is about paid. We will go up to conference with a round report, and with no



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blanks. We have raised and paid out this conference year up to date, over \$100. Dr. Gillum of St. Louis, paid a visit to our city, and on Sunday preached us a sermon that shall long be remembered by the people of Topeka. The church is having a \$35 suit made as a present. Pray for our success.

W. D. Lewis, Pastor, McCabe Chapel, Longview, Tex.—Rev. O. I. Jones, P. E., held his first quarter at this place and administered Sacrament to those present. Rev. Jones on Sunday, preached two wonderful sermons; the morning sermon was on "Christian Fidelity," flourishing by the rivers of water. The doors of the church were opened and one united with us. Our Methodism is being felt in Longview. It is slowly coming to the front. Since the annual conference our church has been celled. We are still getting things in better shape. Paid the presiding elder his assessment. We hope by the annual conference at this place, to be 100 strong. We beg the prayers of Methodism.

Thomas Beach, Secretary, Newnan, Ga.—Our first quarterly conference at Newnan Chapel, M. E. church, was a complete success. The pastors, superintendents and district stewards of the Atlanta district met the presiding elder, Rev. E. H. Oliver, in Newnan Chapel January 23. The meeting was in every way a joy and success. After the organization, the body proceeded to discuss the advisability of dividing the district conference and Sunday school and Epworth League convention. After brief remarks it was decided to hold these meetings separately. It was further ordered to organize a district theological institute, also that each league and Sunday school collect money for the local board of church extension. At 3 o'clock, Dr. W. H. Crogman addressed the ladies of

the Woman Home Missionary Society. His address was quite helpful to all. Sunday was bright, one of the most pleasant we have had this year. Elder Oliver preached to the delight of the great audience. At 7:45 Elder S. C. Upshaw preached a business sermon which was a very fitting complement to the morning service. The quarterly conference on Monday night was one of the best in the history of the church, reports showing growth on all lines. The elders' quarterly assessment, \$30, was paid in full; amount raised for all purposes \$42.25. Newnan Chapel is still to the front, doing its duty on a business basis.

H. C. Gain, Pastor, Houma, La.—On the 23d of January our hearts were made glad to have the Rev. Dr. M. C. B. Mason, D.D., with us. Miss Malley Saulsby had charge of the music. The choir sang well. After prayer by the Rev. C. S. Collins, of the Baptist church, and a few brief remarks of welcome by Prof. C. H. Perrilton, Dr. Mason lectured to us on "What a tramp saw in Europe." On Sunday he preached two able sermons, which helped us spiritually and financially. He left a lasting impression on all who heard him. He was entertained at the home of Dr. H. H. Ford. May the Lord bless Dr. Mason in his noble work.

D. B. Freeman, Steward, Salem, Va.—An interdenominational ministers' conference was organized recently with Rev. J. R. Davis president, and Rev. L. T. Watson secretary. The ministers and their people are conducting a very interesting protracted meeting at John Wesley M. E. church. Sinners are seeking for Christ, their Savior, and others are deeply concerned. Praise God. Pray for our success.

J. H. Everett, West Point, Miss.—Rev. Abraham Carpenter, a local preacher and member of St. Paul M. E. church, departed this life after four days illness. Brother Carpenter had been a member of the church twenty-eight years. He was faithful to his church and league. The funeral was preached by the writer. The following pastors assisted: Revs. F. H. Henry, S. M. McLeod and W. H. Cants of the A. M. E. church. The church was packed to its utmost capacity. Brother Carpenter leaves a wife and eight children to mourn his loss. Peace to his ashes.

A. G. Glenn, Pastor, Huntsville, Ala.—Dr. M. C. B. Mason was with us Sunday, Feb. 1. He preached at 11 a. m. and addressed the Epworth League at 3 p. m. He also addressed the faculty and students of the Central Alabama Academy at 4 p. m. The doctor's sermon and lectures were enjoyed by all.

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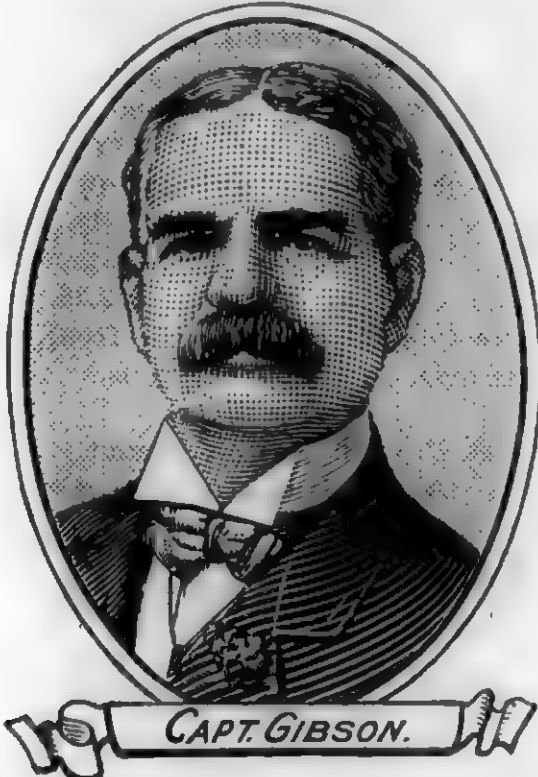
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G. D. Fields, Pastor, Mason, Tenn.—We are glad to say that our long silence from public notice is by no means indicative of idleness. Having left dear old Gammon last spring, we came directly home and spent the summer most pleasantly with our people. On the 15th of October our annual conference convened at Franklin, Tenn., and we were assigned by Bishop Vincent to Mason Station as our field of labor. Mason is not only our former home, but is also the place of our birth and early childhood. Remembering that on one occasion the Master said, "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country and in his own house." We became a little discouraged, not so much from fear of not being honored, but more from a desire of being acceptable. We therefore thought that the good and scholarly bishop had made a mistake in his appointment. But as there are excep-

tions to most rules, experience has proven that this is also an exception. We entered upon the duties of our charge immediately after adjournment of the conference. The church not only received us gladly, but also the people. The entire community seem to have taken on new life and hope. Peace and harmony reign throughout the church and community and prospects for a glorious harvest were never brighter. December 21 was rally day for the trustees on church debt, and we realized on that day \$192.11. We have taken up the last note of \$177.55 against the church which clears it entirely of debt and have made several necessary improvements. We have also bought and paid for a parsonage, a most excellent piece of property, situated near the church on a beautiful adjoining lot. When all improvements which are now in progress are completed, it will be well worth \$900. True, our membership is small, yet it is composed of some of the best workers, most loyal men and women in our methodism. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on the faithful sisters who were chosen captains and conducted our rally. Their reports are as follows: Club No. 1, Mrs. A. H. Stewart, \$35; club No. 2, Mrs. F. H. Alexander, \$41.50; club No. 3, Mrs. Lucy Sidnor, \$19.50; club No. 4, Mrs. M. C. Boyd, \$50; club No. 5, Mrs. Sarah Somervell, \$8; club No. 6, Mrs. Harriet Boyd, \$9.81; club No. 7, Mrs. M. C. Wortham, \$8.70; club No. 8, Mrs. Frances Ruffin, \$17.60; public collection, \$2. Grand total, \$192.11. Our first quarterly conference was held January 24; reports from the work showed advancement along all lines. The presiding elder, Rev. J. A. W. Moore, was at his best and preached most acceptably on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock to a large and appreciative audience. At the conclusion of his sermon nine young men came forward for prayers. He also administered the Lord's Supper, and sixty-three communicants partook of the same. The collection was \$14, \$1.50 above the assessment. Monday morning the elder delivered a very able and instructive lecture to the students and faculty of Key academy, and left on the afternoon train for his next appointment.

Wm. McHenry, Secretary, St. James M. E. Church, Clifton, Tenn.—Doubtless it is known by all who keeps abreast with the doings of the workmen that Rev. S. S. Rideout is the pastor at the above named place and church. He is an up to date preacher, not only so, but an up to date pastor. He is hustling every department of the church to the front. Our efficient and much beloved pastor is highly esteemed by both colored and white. The church is in a good spiritual condition, as well as financial. The stewards and trustees pay off the presiding elder, pastor and other indebtedness by giving them checks on the bank. The fourth Sunday in January was a high spiritual and financial day. The Lord was with us. It rained all day but the good members and friends turned out and we raised for the trustees \$47; total raised for trustees since Christmas, \$60; paid the pastor \$50. Sunday, January 25, Rev. S. S. Rideout preached two able sermons, resulting in a spiritual devotion. Twelve came up to be prayed for; one among them was a man about 70 years old. At the home of the bride, in Carroll county, near Huntingdon, Tenn., January 7, Rev. S. S. Rideout and Miss Lula Utley were united in marriage, Rev. W. R.

Smith, P. E., officiated. Miss Utley comes from one of the best families in Carroll county. She is a public school teacher, an active church worker and a Christian lady. Rev. Rideout and his bride returned to their field of labor January 15. The good people had the church all a glow, beautifully decorated with evergreen, flowers, etc. The grandest reception that ever was given in this parish was enjoyed. A free infare supper was given at the church. One hundred and one persons partook of the festivities. Rev. S. S. Rideout had notified his church before Xmas that he had contracted with a lady to become Sister Rideout, hence Sister Rideout's name was called often at the Christmas tree.

M. C. McEwen, Durant, Miss.—We arrived the 4th inst. Many of the members met the train and rendered us much service. The following night a reception was tendered us, at which we met many of the members. This reception was under the management of Mrs. Bettie Lashley, Mrs. M. M. Scott and Mrs. Manervid Gordon. The parsonage committee had put in the parsonage an excellent suite of furniture, at a cost of \$30. The first quarterly conference was held 6th and 8th. Rev. B. F. Woolfolk, presiding elder, was present. All parts of our great church were looked after and both pastor's and presiding elder's salaries were raised beyond any previous year. On Sunday at 3 o'clock the elder preached. The pastor preached at 7:30 o'clock. The Lord's Supper was given.

Rosa A. Hurd, Writer, Pearisburg, Va.—Our second quarterly conference was held Feb. 4, with our beloved presiding elder, Rev. W. E. Mitchell, in the chair. He looked after the interests of the church with care. The officers were present with good reports, showing that the work was improving. The elder preached two soul-stirring sermons. Love feast was enjoyed and sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. The church is spiritually alive and we are still taking the SOUTHWESTERN. Raised Sunday \$14.05.

J. J. Courts.—The Rev. C. Spears has worked out his four years' task at the Union Chapel M. E. Church, and his time was very acceptable to both white and colored. He is a preacher and a worker. Great good has he done at this place. He goes now to Port Allen charge.

The Rev. E. J. Harrison has arrived at the Union Chapel M. E. Church. His time to fill the rostrum was Feb. 8. He preached a good sermon. He is much loved by the people.

J. H. R. Dudley, Giddings, Tex.—We are very grateful to the Rev. W. F. Mallalieu, D. D., LL. D., president of the West Texas Conference, for sending us such an able preacher as the Rev. Joseph C. Eusan, B. D. Rev. Eusan is a preacher and speaker of rare ability, accomplishments and moral character. He has won the hearts of his audiences by his eloquent, logical and evangelical sermons and also by his weighty lectures. He has put new life in all the departments of the church and has a special night in each month for a lecture by some distinguished person. He is a close student and has special hours for study and pastoral visits. He is at home with the children, young and old people and makes friends easily. He is patient, pleasant, kind and dignified. We feel

that our church is compelled to succeed under such an able leader.

T. R. Fletcher, Rushville, Ind.—Just closed our revival with nine accessions and several conversions. Church spiritually alive to the Master's work.

J. W. Terrell, Pastor, Batesville, Miss.—This is my second year on this work and the outlook is promising. On the 6th of February, in the midst of rain, my attention was called. On going to the door I found Brother George Washington's wagon at the parsonage, with flour, sugar, meat, rice, salt and fruit, to the amount of 154 pounds, and some cash, which shows their appreciation of our return to them for another year. This storm was managed by the following sisters: Eliza Johnson, Daisy Cox, Annie Vaughn, and Ada Washington. Brother George Washington was the driver of the wagon, and still there is more pounds to come in, so the writer is informed. These sisters are the strong pillars of this work. Sister Eliza Johnson worked up \$6 to help the pastor to conference, for which he was thankful. God bless these faithful workers.

C. L. Dunn, Lafayette Charge.—The fire kindled during the annual conference still burns. We are continually molding a sentiment here for Methodism never to die out. The SOUTHWESTERN is proving a potent factor in enlightening the people about our work in the South and the M. E. Church. We have sounded the tocsin; Lafayette shall know the truth, and our indispensable SOUTHWESTERN shall hail at the door of 20 more additional subscribers. Every interest of the church is alive. The Sunday school, with Miss Eliza Nash, superintendent, and her faithful teachers and officers, will keep us first in rank. We have now over 75 children in Sunday school. Our Epworth League, with Miss Eula Meadows, president, and her loyal cabinet workers have taken on new life. The W. H. M. Society recently organized here, with Miss Hattie Black, president, is proving a potent factor in the church and town. The sick are cared for and the hungry are fed. The parsonage committee has added more furniture to the parsonage and adorned it handsomely. We have planned a rally to put new benches in our church. All interests of the church shall be carefully considered. Our cry is, "Upward, Forward, March!"

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W. H. Pleasant, Graham, Va.—Our second quarterly conference convened in Anderson Chapel Jan. 25. The brethren were on time with written reports, which showed marked progress. Sunday was a high day with us. Our beloved elder, W. E. Mitchell, preached two

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able sermons, which will long be remembered by all who heard them. Collection during the day \$25.15; paid the elder \$18; raised for the support of pastor this quarter \$84; for trustees \$100; the work is in a prosperous condition. We do not fail to push the interests of the SOUTHWESTERN and in the near future we expect to send a large number of new subscribers. We are glad to say that most all of the old subscribers have renewed their subscriptions.

W. C. Statesman, 35th St., Louisville, Ky.—I have worked faithfully this, my 2nd year. I am glad to note that I have built a new church. So far, we are doing nicely, and every department is at work. We rendered a delightful program on Lincoln's birthday.

Conference Notices

NOTICE.

To Pastors and Third Vice Presidents of Local Chapters of the West Nashville District, Tennessee, Conference: Please take notice and govern yourselves accordingly. Will each pastor inform me whether his Epworth League chapter is pursuing the Bible Study Department of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church, or not. If so, give name and address of leader, chairman of the Bible committee and address.

Brother pastors, please attend to this at once, so I can make my report to the Bureau of Bible Study, and oblige, Yours for Christ,

E. J. GUTHRIE, 3rd Vice Pres.
West Nashville District, Franklin,
Tenn. P. O. Box 98.

NOTICE TO DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE CHAPTERS.

Dear Pastors and Presidents, greeting: We are beginning a new conference year, therefore let us begin early to plan for our District Epworth League convention by rallying up the leagues to a great spiritual awakening. Let the New Orleans North District take time by the forelock and push the league work. We have the people, the churches and schools, therefore let's use them for the salvation of our young people. If you have no league chapter, organize one. Write to 57 Washington street, Chicago, and get free pamphlet, and start a chapter. Save the young people; you will save the church and the race. Look about you, for the fields are white to harvest.

Dear pastors and presidents, let us unite and push the interest of our league work and put our district where it belongs, to the front—we must go. It is the presiding elder's desire that we make this the greatest year in league work ever known in this district. The president is willing for us to succeed, now why not succeed. Let there be first of all, a glorious revival in each chapter and charge, and the work will succeed. Now is the accepted time. Send me the address of each president and number of members and chapter. If you have no chapter, state same to me. Yours truly for success.

J. H. THOMPSON,
Secretary.

NOTICE.

The following are the district vice presidents of the Brotherhood of the M. E. church in Louisiana: Alexandria District, Rev. P. W. Clark; Baton Rouge District, Rev. B. J. Reddix; Monroe District, Rev. W. Scott Chinn;

New Orleans North District, Rev. J. H. Thompson; New Orleans South District, Rev. T. J. Johnson; Shreveport District, Rev. H. J. Wright.

Dear brethren, put a chapter in every pastoral charge. Yours for success,

B. M. HUBBARD,
Conference Vice President.

MONROE DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Casper and Swartz, Feb. 28; March 1; Lake Providence, March 6-8-9; Island Circuit, March 10; Joyce Circuit, March 7-8; Bonita, March 13-15; Anderson and Big Bend, March 17-18; Washington Chapel, March 19-20-21-22; Waco Circuit, March 24-25; Bastrop and Mer Rouge, March 27-28-29; Mt. Nebo, March 30-31; April 1; Mt. Sinai, April 2-3-5; Beulah and Farmerville, April 4-5; Jones Dennis and Windham, April 10-11-12; St. Paul, Monroe, April 14-15-19; St. James, Monroe, April 16-17-19-20; Odum Circuit, April 21-22; Minden Circuit, April 23; Rayville Circuit, April 25-26; Winsboro Circuit, April 26-27-28; Florence and Harrisonburg, April 29-30; May 3; Copeland and Clayton, May 1-2; Vidalia Circuit, May 4-5; Wildsville Circuit, May 7-8-9-10; Waterproof and Lake St. John, May 12-13; Newelton and Lake St. Joe May 14-15-16-17.

Charges not listed in this schedule will be notified by mail.

Dear brethren, now that we have engaged in another year's work, it behooves us, in every charge and circuit, to exert our utmost energies to surpass the work of the previous year; in conversions, revivals, accessions and in the collection of benevolences, as also in the extension of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, the organ of our church, to every home in the district.

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It is desirable and expedient that there be Easter service at each and every church and charge in the district.

Immediately after Easter collection, you will forward the amount realized for missions, to Dr. Homer Eaton, No. 150 Fifth avenue, New York City, N. Y., or to Rev. Sanders Carroll, District Secretary, Missionary Society, Monroe, La., or to me, presiding elder of the district, P. O. box No. 458, Monroe, La.

It is hoped that no delay in forwarding same will be indulged, as it is needed for immediate use. All Sunday schools in need of literature, will apply to Dr. T. B. Neeley, No. 150 Fifth avenue, New York City. With best wishes for your success, Yours fraternally,

C. D. SHALLOWHORN, P. E.

NOTICE.

The committee appointed by the Pastor's Senate, of the Louisiana Methodist Episcopal Conference at Natchitoches, La., Jan. 31, 1903, to select and present a memento to both Bishop Malieu and Doctor Albert, is hereby called to meet in New Orleans, La., Feb. 25, 1903, at Wesley Chapel, at 3 p. m., and arrange for the same as well as other matters pertaining to the same. Yours,

D. J. PRICE, President,
F. T. CHINN, Secretary.

NOTICE TO CENTRAL ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

Our conference minutes will be ready for distribution Feb. 14. As I did not have all the money in hand with which to push the work, some delay has been caused. The Birmingham District have sent its money but the other two districts have not.

Brethren, please send balance due on minutes at once, so as to prevent any further delay. Yours sincerely,

W. T. TRAMMELL, Con. Secy.
Scottsboro, Ala.

PALESTINE DISTRICT, TEXAS CONFERENCE.

SECOND ROUND.

Bryan Station, March 13-15; Bryan Circuit, March 14-15; East Calvert, March 21-22; Franklin, March 20-22; East Mexia, March 28-29; Winkler, April 4-5; Fairfield Mission, April 8-9; Fairfield Circuit, April 11-12; San Augustine, April 16-19; Hemphill, April 18-19; Jacksonville, April 25-26; Palestine, May 1-3; Palestine Circuit, May 2-3; Oakwood Circuit, May 9-10; Jewett and Buffalo, May 16-17; Madisonville, May 23-24; Hopewell, May 27-28; Leona, May 30-31; Hearne, June 6-7.

The district stewards will meet at the district conference in Palestine, date to be given later on.

L. S. BLAKENEY, P. E.

GRIFFIN DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Oakhill, March 21-22; Jonesboro, March 28; April 2; Stockbridge, April 4-5; Covington, April 17-19; Union Grove, April 18-19; Oxford, April 24-26; McDonough, May 1-3; Locustgrove, May 2-3; Hampton, May 9-10; Griffin, May 16-17; Griffin Circuit, 16-17; Brook Station, May 23-24; East Point, May

30-31; Fayetteville, June 6-7; Williamson, June 6-7.

Dear brethren, Easter Sunday, April 12, is missionary day. Let us make it the battle cry from now until then, and raise every dollar of our benevolent money. Let the church see that you are the equal of your colleague. They are complaining about some of you pulling down the standard of the district and conference. Show them by your work that your claim for a district and best appointment are a just one.

The church wants the men in those places who have and who are doing the work to-day as an evidence of fitness.

The Sunday School and Epworth League convention will meet at East Point May 28, at 10 a. m. Opening sermon at 11 a. m. by L. H. King. The program will be out in time. The district conference will convene at Jonesboro, July 28. The opening sermon, by Rev. W. G. Alston. Yours,

M. M. ALSTON, P. E.

THEY LIVE OUR MEMORY

Jackson, La.—On January 28, 1903, Miss Bessie C. Cook was called from labor to reward. She was born Sept. 29, 1880. She was a consistent Christian and superintendent of the Magnolia Sunday school for seven years, during which time she never failed to be at her post of duty. She was a model young lady. To know her was to love her. She wielded a great influence in this community for good. In her death a bright star has passed away. She was sick for eight months, during which time she suffered greatly unto death. She showed unshaken confidence in her God. She died as she lived, with hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. She leaves father, mother, six brothers and a host of friends to mourn her loss. In the absence of the pastor, the funeral was conducted by the Rev. L. L. Wells, minister of the Presbyterian Church.

Lebanon, Tenn.—Sister Blanche Stokes departed this life Feb. 3, 1903, in full triumph of faith. She was 22 years and 10 months old. She was a loving daughter and sister. She leaves

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a father, mother, brother and sister and many friends to mourn. Her funeral was conducted by Elder Manson and Elder Hill, at Pickett's Chapel.
B. F. ANDERSON, Pastor.
MRS. ELLA AVBITT, Writer.

Dublin, Miss.—Brother John Johnson departed this life in full faith. He was a good man and a consistent member of Ebenezer M. E. Church. Brother Johnson was about 37 years old and a member of the church seven years. He leaves a wife and one child and a host of friends to mourn his loss.
D. D. SHELBY, Pastor.

Bolton, Miss.—Moses Johnson, who has been a member of Mt. Zion M. E. Church for 18 years, and a dutiful officer of the same, entered the eternal rest Jan. 2, 1903. He leaves a wife, three sons, four daughters and many other relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Sister Agnes Collins, who belongs to the same church that Brother Johnson did, and for fifty years a faithful member of the same, on Feb. 1, 1903, took her departure for eternal rest. Her testimony was "Meet me in heaven, for I am going there to rest." She was 75 years old. She leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.
CALVIN WILLIAMS, Pastor.

Lexington, Miss.—Sister Nancy Ford, a young lady of our community and a member of Shady Grove M. E. Church, departed this life Jan. 14, 1903, aged 22 years. She was sick two years and during her illness was one of the most cheerful I have ever seen. She leaves her parents, six sisters, brothers, many relatives and friends to mourn her loss. She told her mother to meet her in heaven. She said, "I am in peace with all mankind." She sang two songs, "Die on the field of battle," "When our lamps are burning low."
W. S. LEAKE, Pastor.

Brookshire, Tex.—Mrs. Maria Huff, born April, 1866, died Feb. 4, 1903. She was married in 1891 by Rev. M. Reddick and joined Wesley Chapel under Rev. Brownridge in 1901. She died in full triumph of faith. She leaves a husband and a son and a host of friends and relatives. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. J. E. Beal, of Sealy, Tex.
J. A. TILLOREY.

Crystal Springs, Miss.—After wrestling with a spell of asthma about 20 years, Brother Dan Oumland fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. He is said to have been the first among our people to buy a plantation in this county after emancipation. He was industrious,

economical, progressive and kind-hearted. As a Christian he was dutiful, faithful and devout. He leaves four sons, four daughters and many relatives to mourn his loss. Our presiding elder Davis was related to him. He departed this life Feb. 1.

Sister Gertrude, daughter of our ever faithful pastor, W. N. G. Lipscomb, departed this life Dec. 1, 1902. Though only 18 years of age her faith and Christian experience were verily ripe and known wherever her father's pastorate extended. Heaven's aim was not lost in her death. Brother and Sister Lipscomb shall see their daughter again.
A. M. TROTTER.
(Received Feb. 9, 1903.—Ed.)

IN MEMORY OF ANNA B. ADAMS.

Miss Anna B. Adams, daughter of Rev. R. T. Adams, pastor of Broad Street M. E. Church, Rome, Ga., and Mrs. Rhoda Adams, after nearly a month's illness, triumphantly departed this life, Friday, Jan. 27, 1903, at Hogansville, Ga., where she had gone to take charge of a school. Physicians and her parents were summoned to her bedside, but of no avail. She was called to join the angelic band, and to "abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Miss Adams was 26 years of age, and a consistent member of the Church. She was strictly religious, having been taught the path of rectitude and righteousness in her early life, by a loving mother and father. She was a graduate of Clark University and was just beginning to make herself known in the teacher's sphere when she was stricken down by the iron hand of death, in the form of La Grippe, in the morning of her life. She was true to herself, pure in her nature, kind in her disposition, modest in her actions, and sweet in her temper. She was a source of constant sunshine to all who knew her. As a loving daughter and sister, she will be missed in the home; as a faithful worker, in the church, we are grieved to give her up. The church choir has lost one of its sweetest notes, but our dear young friend has joined the Celestial choir, and will sing anthems with the millions of singers who have gone before. Our beloved pastor and family, who have been with us four years, have the sympathy of the members of his church, and a host of other friends. Their loss is heaven's gain.

"We hang an eye on the sad, low moon
And lean a heart against a thorn of grief;
We think the silver cord was clipped too soon,
And heaven was hard to make her call so brief.

Earth wants what she can never keep,

A thing of beauty or a thing that's rare;
She never wants what she can ever reap,
A common blossom or an ugly care.

"We said she died too soon, the fair and sweet,
(The heart was dropping then a moonlight tear);
Our thought now is, her early death was meet,
We wonder why herself was ever here.

"An eye too bright to shine below the stars,
A voice too sweet below the angel's mirth;
A face too calm for sorrow's daily jars,
A soul too white to catch the dust of earth.

"We would not keep her from the sweet above,
To weary thro' life of mortal aims;
Our love is weaker than the Father's love,
Our claims on her are naught to Jesus' claims.

"Our plea, O God, is weaker far than Thine,
Or rather, ours would be no plea at all;
To Thy good will we make a full resign,
And speed the fair beyond a mourner's call."

A FRIEND.

Rosedale, La.—Sister Leonora Harris, a member of Hartzell Chapel, M. E. Church, died Feb. 5, 1903, aged 23 years. She leaves a mother and three children. Funeral was conducted by the writer.
S. GREEN.

Crawford, La.—Sister Martha Alexander, a member of Mt. Zion M. E. Church, departed this life Jan. 26, 1903, with faith in Him who doeth all things well. She leaves a husband, a mother and several children, one brother and three sisters to mourn.
R. C. WORSHAM, Pastor.

Rayne, La.—Mrs. Mary Young, mother of Rev. D. H. Young, pastor Rayne, died Jan. 30, after an illness of six weeks. She died in the faith. Just before she died she said, "I am all right with God. I am satisfied, nothing worries me. I am not troubled about anything." She was a faithful member of the old St. James M. E. Church in Alexandria until April 22, 1902, when she moved to Rayne with her son, Rev. D. H. Young, and joined St. Paul M. E. Church. She was faithful until the Lord called her from labor to reward. She leaves a son and brother and many friends to mourn. Rest under the altar. Wait. I shall meet thee in the city of our King.
D. H. YOUNG.

Bridle Creek, Va., Oak Grove Church.—The conflict is over. The victory is won. Another Christian life has been finished in joy and peace, to the glory of God the Father Almighty. On the 29th of December Brother Shine Ogbon, aged 37 years, was called of God from this earthly tabernacle. When but a youth, over whose head but a few bright summers had flown, he gave himself to God, as a trophy for his redeeming love, and was accepted of Him. His faith strengthened as the years passed, until the boy Christian ripened into a noble, devoted Christian man. He was married to



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"Servant of God well done,
Thy glorious warfare's past,
The battle fought, the race is won
And thou art crowned at last.
MAMIE L. COX.

Lexington, Miss.—Sister Nealy, aged 75 years, died December 28, 1902. She was a faithful member in Christ. Her last words were, "I am ready to go."

Sister Mary A. Buckhandom died Dec. 8, 1902. She prayed to the last, saying, "I am trusting in Jesus."

Sister Amanda Rodger died suddenly, Jan. 13, 1903. She passed away in peace with God and man.

J. W. PARKS, Pastor.

(Received Feb. 10.—Ed.)

IN MEMORY OF MY DAUGHTER.

Bellemina, Ala.—My daughter Carrie is gone from us to a brighter and better world. We shall meet again in that beautiful land where she has gone, then we shall part never more. It is hard to be without her here. My heart is lonely and sad with her away, but the blessed Savior called her to be with him. It will not be long before I shall be with them. I loved my daughter, but Jesus loved her best.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.
FLORENCE GARY, Her Mother.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Crawford, La.—At Mt. Zion M. E. Church Mr. Adolph Harrison and Miss Cora Moaton were united in holy bonds of matrimony. Miss Moaton is one of Glencoe's best young women and Mr. Harrison is among the leading young men of our vicinity.

R. C. WORSHAM, Pastor.

Pearisburg, Va.—Mr. John W. Enders and Miss Ella May Walker were united in marriage Feb. 4, at Mt. Tabor M. E. Church. The bride is one of our best young women and a member of Mt. Tabor M. E. Church. Mr. Patrick Johnson played the wedding march. After the marriage supper was served at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Jane Walker. The invited guests numbered forty. The presents were many. Rev. C. H. Hurd, D. D., performed the ceremony.

Caldwell, Ark.—On Jan. 4 at 3 o'clock p. m. Mr. Will Moore and Miss Cora Pearson were married at the M. E. Church.

At the home of the bride, on Jan. 4, Mr. Jerry Bricen was married to Miss Bettie Waller. S. T. Cooper officiated. Prof. Peter Anderson and Miss Evelena Peoples were happily married at the home of the bride Feb. 1. Many admiring friends were present to witness the ceremony. Rev. S. T. Cooper officiated.

Alex City, Ala.—On Jan. 28, 1903, Mr. Joe Wychoff and Miss Catherine Price were united in wedlock at the home of the bride's mother. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Elder.

Moss Point, Miss.—Mr. Emmett Walker and Miss Minnie Randall were joined in holy wedlock Feb. 4, 1903, in the beautifully decorated parlor of Mr. and Mrs. Walker, the groom's parents. There were present two of the wealthiest white ladies of this city, Mrs. Nan Dantzer and Mrs. Sarah Mears, and quite a large number of members and friends of the M. E. Church. The groom and bride are both members of the M. E. Church. Mrs. Sadie Jones presided at the organ and Rev. R. N. Jones officiated.

Livingston, Tex.—On Jan. 25, 1903, Mr. S. Grace was married to Miss Ceila Zewalt.

On Jan. 7, 1903, Mr. James Thomas was married to Miss Bennie Brooks. E. Micheaux, pastor, officiated.

Shubuta, Miss.—Brother Hubbard Falconer departed this life Jan. 12 in full faith.

Brother A. Hird's daughter, Laura, died Jan. 14; January 20 Sister Inaly Johnson went home to heaven. They were all members of the M. E. Church on Shubuta charge.

R. Howze, Pastor.

Shubuta, Miss.—At the M. E. Church Feb. 4, 1903, Mr. James L. Powe was married to Miss Clara A. Cooper. Miss Clara is one of our best girls and the daughter of Brother S. H. Phillips, one of our trustees. Mr. Powe is a nice young man. Both are members of our church. They received many valuable



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presents from white and colored. A reception was given at the bride's parents'. R. Howze officiated.

Sylacauga, Ala.—Miss Elisha Goodgame, a member of the Spring Hill M. E. Church, was married to Mr. Osie McAdory Feb. 1, 1903, at the home of the bride at 3 o'clock. Quite a number of friends witnessed the ceremony. The pastor, J. W. Wright, officiated.

Rosedale, La.—Mr. Charles Davis and Miss Eliza Thornton were united in marriage at the residence of the bride, Feb. 5, 1903. S. Green officiated.

Mandeville, La.—On February 8 Mr. Taylor Jordan and Miss Pearley Francis were joined in holy wedlock by the pastor, Rev. W. R. H. Havry, in the M. E. church.

Ozark, Mo.—On Feb. 1, 1903, at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Emanuel Buford and Miss Amanda Campbell were married. Mr.

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J. H. THOMPSON,
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Brooksville, Miss.—I was born a slave in South Carolina, eight miles north of Columbia. My mother's name at that time was Fannie Sly—father's name, Bob Stacks. I had three brothers, Jarge Sly, Prince Sly, Simon Sly, and one sister, Emma Sly. The white people that I belonged to were named Tombly and Bettie Sly. He gave me to his son, William Sly, and

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Editorial Notes

Now brethren, redeem your pledges.

The revivals are still coming in and we are still waiting for yours.

Can children born of parents who were married under the old slavery system of marriage inherit the property of such parents? A recent decision of a Florida court holds that they cannot unless some step legalizing such marriage was taken after the emancipation. The result is that a son and a granddaughter failed to recover property bequeathed them by their parent.

Up to this writing the Louisiana State Supreme Court has taken no action on the State law requiring the separation of Negro and white passengers on the street cars, which is before that body on an appeal. Meanwhile the law continues to work a real hardship on both classes of passengers. Negroes are compelled to stand while more than half the seats of the car are unoccupied, and whites are often forced to stand while the few seats set apart for Negroes are vacant. In some of the cars the space allotted to Negroes is sufficient to seat only two passengers. Every one seems to expect relief of some kind from the Court.

Once in a while we learn that there are annual conferences that receive no invitation for its next session, but it seems that such a day has not yet come to our General Conference. There were invitations from Boston, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Saratoga Springs and the competition was so sharp that it required thirty-two ballots to determine the choice of the committee. It will cost more in travelling expenses to entertain the conference in Los Angeles but the Methodists and their friends of the coast propose to provide the cash for two-thirds of this extra cost. The total cost of travelling expenses will doubtless be from \$45,000 to \$50,000.

And now those who hold that the Negro has made no advancement admit that there has been a little change for the better but it is only among those who are half Negroes. Bishop T. F. Gailer of Tennessee, puts it in these words: "The Negroes who have advanced are only half Negroes." The full blooded black in the South to-day stands where he stood when given his freedom. My, that's hard on Dr. M. C. B. Mason, Dr. J. L. Wilson of Mississippi, Dr. Durham and Prof. Roberts of Texas, Bishop Tyree and scores of others whom we might mention. The fact is that even Dr. Bowen belongs to this standing crowd. We thought there was something wrong about them, now we understand it.

A United States Senator Tries His Hand

If anyone is in doubt as to the purpose of the South to educate the North on the Negro question, he needs only watch the signs of the times. Not content with the fact that it has control of the medium through which all press reports reach the North, nor with the further fact that there are dozens of Southern reporters on the leading dailies of that section, prominent Southerners are constantly writing articles to magazines and other periodicals of the North on subjects which relate to the Negro. Some of these are extremely bitter but at the same time they betray such an ignorance of facts, generally

brought, the matter was settled. This was once peculiar to the "Southern gentleman," for often the slave's word had more weight with his master than had that of the poor white. But now the attempt is made to credit all white men with this inability to tell other than the truth in matters which affect the Negro. Taking this view of the case it is an easy matter to understand why so few Southern writers and speakers think it necessary to prove anything on this subject, furnished for white men to read. To assert it is to prove it, "Am I not a gentleman?" This custom of long standing betrays the good senator to such an extent that he writes an article on "The Race Problem in the South" which the editor of the *Independent* literally tears into shreds.

That our readers may understand the system the South is now employing to educate the North we make a few quotations. The Senator says: "When slavery disappeared the morality among the Negroes went with it." "It is a fact that cannot be denied that morally the Negro has made no advancement. On the contrary, it is the consensus of opinion among those who have studied his character that he has deteriorated."

Like many others who live in the South the gentleman knows nothing whatever of the better class of Negroes. Take another sample:

"They will attend no white meetings, decline to hear a white preacher, and refuse to send their children to school where a white teacher is provided. Their preachers are, as a rule, very ignorant, and their teachers not of the type and character that should be the instructors of youth."

Think of such assertions being made by a United States senator when they do not even set forth conditions in the principal city of the State he represents. Here not only are certain of the city schools taught by whites but in our New Orleans University and Southern University, which is a State institution, the teachers are mixed; and in Straight University and Leland University they are all white. As to the churches it would be interesting to note the result if Negroes were to attend the white churches of these parts in any considerable numbers.

Again Senator McEnery says: "The schools have produced no beneficial results. They have unfitted the Negro for labor of any kind, as he has not been taught its dignity and the necessity to labor for a livelihood." He loses sight of all our professional men and women, all our young business men prosperous, young farmers and mechanics and the thousands of intelligent Christian homes. But why follow this kind of thing up. Those who write such articles do not care for facts; they know what they are driving at. However we wish to thank the senator for the following: "The question is a daily one, What to do with the Negro? The answer is, let him alone and let him work out his own destiny on lines fixed and unchangeable." We are willing to take our chances even tho the lines are "fixed and unchangeable." Let the senator try his hand again.

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known facts, that they fail of their purpose. Others contain sufficient of truth, being also written under the guise of friendliness, to lead many to accept the entire production. This latter class is in some respects the more dangerous of the two.

We wish to call attention at this time to the article which appeared in the *Independent*, New York, February 19, 1903, written by Senator S. D. McEnery of this State. The senator's production is a long one, and contains some assertions founded in fact but attempts to prove nothing. This is a weakness of Southern scholars and statesmen which comes of the fact that for years on their plantations, in the courts and everywhere else where matters which concerned the Negro were under discussion the mere assertion of a white man settled all; his word was stronger than law. And it is largely so to-day. No further proof for or against, need be

Our Contributors

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What the District Missionary Secretary Can Do

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Before I enter upon the specific subject before me, I may be permitted to enquire the necessity for any emphasis on the methods of creating added sentiment and securing added gifts for the Missionary Society. There are those who think that missionary matters are already pressed to the limit in the Church, and that we are in danger of overdoing this. A little inquiry will clear the air. What is the actual missionary output of the Church in dollars? I take last year's figures as they are the latest available:

A membership of about 2,750,000, gave
to the Missionary Society.....\$1,300,000
Through the W. F. M. S..... 410,000
Through the W. H. M. S..... 250,000

Total\$1,960,000

An average of 72c per member.

During the same year the Presbyterians gave \$1.30 per member. Across the line north of us, the Canadian Methodists average 88c a member for the Missionary Society alone. Even if we anticipate this year's splendid advance at about \$100,000 it will still leave us averaging for the Missionary Society a little less than 50c per member. The Canadian Methodists average 88c. Our brethren of the North are no more pious nor devoted than we; they are certainly no more wealthy; and they have a wider and as needy a home missionary frontier. It is evident that there is a wider margin of possibility before us in the cultivation of our field for large returns. The standard for us to raise at this convention and for the Church to realize at an early day is a "dollar per member" for the Missionary Society. Several of our German and Scandinavian districts are doing this; twenty years ago the Baltimore, New York, New York East and Philadelphia conferences were doing this, and this year the Huron districts, South Dakota conferences and the Southern California conference average \$1.30 a member.

What some conference used to do and others are doing, we may hope to have all do when adequate means are used for the awakening of our entire membership. One of the offices designed to help in this wider awakening is that of the District Missionary Secretary, and the purpose of this paper is to answer the question, "What can the District Missionary Secretary do?" The office is new; the path almost untrodden, several hundred eager men, however, have been elected district missionary secretaries. They do not desire a perfunctory office. The fact of their selection proves they have already demonstrated unusual interest in missions. A vision of the absolute needs of a Christless world they have seen; the cry of the hunger smitten soul of humanity is in their ears. They are eager to serve. What can any of them do? The answer. The District Secretary is to be the Presiding Elder's Lieutenant in this matter of the districts in helping his fellow pastors and the churches they serve in three valuable ways which may be summed up as follows:

1. Increase missionary intelligence, and thereby deepen sincere missionary interest and devotion.

2. Further the loyalty of the churches of the district to the Missionary Society and its admin-

istration, and thus help to increase the regular missionary collection.

3. Furnish plans and suggestions whereby both these objects may be attained. In order to do these three things he must:

1. Prepare himself for missionary leadership. In the older day the king was he who had in him the "Can-ning" to-day it is he who has the "Ken-ning." Not strength of body nor material ability, but the strength of sanctified knowledge and devotion. Let the District Secretary steep himself in the literature of missions and become something of a missionary expert. A dozen selected volumes closely read, prayerfully pondered, will give increasing vision. This must be followed by careful current study of the manuscripts and debates which appear every week. Many pastors have never taken time to think, to pray, with something of agony to feel their way to the hearts of missions. The District Missionary Secretary must do this until he knows himself to be in inner companionship with Jesus, as he contemplates the ungodly world and bows over it in compassion. Thus inwardly furnished and prepared for his work he must be careful to

2. *Keep in touch with the Presiding Elder.* In our economy the real Bishops for fifty-one weeks in the year are the Presiding Elders, and the District Missionary Secretary must always remember that he is the Elder's Secretary in Missionary matters, and be careful therefore to consult the Elder and secure his consent and co-operation for every proposed plan.

3. *Be willing to assume the initiative* i. e. while he will do nothing without the consent and counsel of the Elder he will remember that the Elder has many interests to care for besides Missions. He must therefore not wait for suggestions, but study his district and devise missionary plans suitable for its special circumstances when used with the Elder's backing. He will find that the disciplinary plans already provided are the outcome of years of experience and profound thought, but these provisions must be worked out variously and this will call for constant and close attention.

4. *Seek to sow the district with missionary literature.* All the people cannot go to our conventions, but all can read, and do read when selected matter is put into their hands, a little at a time, with a word from the pastor. Let the District Secretary secure a sample of every tract printed by the Missionary Society with a price list. If he should put one out each year himself it would often be of special value. From time to time, call the district's attention to a particular tract or article or book. Take for instance such a tract as "A Great Merchant's Estimate." The emphatic testimony of Mr. John Wanamaker to the value of investment in "Missions in India." Such a statement should be put before the eyes of every Christian man in this country. And above all secure "World Wide Missions" for every family. There are still scores of pastors who fail to do this though no better paper of its kind can be found on this continent, and all it costs is the trouble of furnishing a yearly list.

5. *Use returned Missionaries.* They are not all great speakers. Truth to tell the pastors at home are not either. They are not all good "collection getters." Do not use them for this purpose. But they are all men of intelligence with expert knowledge in this particular matter. Make frequent inquiries at the Missionary office for a suitable missionary and arrange an itinerary through the district. A small basket collection will always pay expenses. Urge the pastors to

secure the attendance of the official boards, league cabinets, Sunday school officers and teachers. Let the coming of the Missionary be an event, for he is a soldier from the front, who is at least able to tell us how the battle goes. And often he does so with such grace and charm and power as is rarely found in other men.

6. *Help the Epworth Leagues.* The district secretary will of course be very close to the Epworth League District Missionary Secretary, for the latter has to do with a part and a very important part of the former's field. Sympathetic helpful co-operation will always be welcomed by the young life of the Church. It will often be very useful to show the League Missionary officials the great value of the student campaigner, the Missionary libraries, the "Station Plan" method of increasing knowledge and gifts; the Mission Study classes, etc.

7. *Enlist every Sunday school superintendent's help* to organize the school in a Missionary Society, and to refuse to allow the school to be stampeded into assuming financial obligations for all manner of causes that have no disciplinary place in permanent claims upon the offerings of the school.

8. He will guard the Missionary Society's interests at the camp meetings, conventions, rallies, etc. The managers of these gatherings usually follow the lines of least resistance. Whatever interests ask for representation and will provide suitable speakers are likely to be favored. The result is that in very few camp meetings, and until recently in very few district gatherings is the work of the Missionary Society discussed and advocated unless a special officer of the Missionary Society be in attendance. By the appointment of a District Missionary Secretary the Society ought to be reassured that on every appropriate occasion its work will be described and its rightful claims to the thought and affection, the prayers and gifts of our people be set forth. It will be the District Secretary's care to see that "Missionary Day" shall not only mean the two women's societies with all the splendid work they are doing, but also that Parent Society out of which they have sprung, for whose help they exist, and without whom their work would be comparatively meaningless at home and abroad.

9. And this chiefly. He will get the Elder to introduce the "Iowa Plan" of Missionary sub-conventions in every church of the district in which every pastor shall set forth the great truths of missions to his neighbor churches, before he takes the collections in his own. I call this the "Iowa Plan" because it has been more generally worked there than in any other State. The plan is briefly this. The district is divided according to conveniences of travel into from four to eight sub-districts on the appointed day all the pastors and many of the laymen of the sub-district meet. Addresses covering the whole field of Missions are delivered. Each Church in town entertains the sub-district convention. The pastors deliver the same prepared address at all the churches. The speech is old; the audience is new. The Presiding Elder spends a month; each pastor spends from five to eight days in this campaign. At the close every church has been reached, local objections and misunderstandings have been met. Besides, the pastors themselves have each prepared a new missionary address worthy of the attention of his fellow preachers, and they return to their own churches prepared to do the best they can. It is practically a yearly missionary revival, and is better than any imported help. In consequence of this plan Iowa

as a State leads the entire middle West. The figures approximately as follows: Indiana, 33 cents per member; Michigan, 42; Wisconsin, 42; Ohio, 43; Illinois, 51, and Iowa is 54. While New England is 47 and New York 57, or only 3 cents a member ahead of Iowa which is moving up fast. I attribute in very large degree the missionary intelligence and forward movement in Iowa to this plan of missionary sub-conventions which bring the information and enthusiasm of many pastors to the service of each Church. Here is room for very real helpfulness. Secure the adoption of the Iowa Plan and you will secure every pastor's study of the current facts of missions and every church's hearing at least once a year from other lips than their pastor from whom they will hear oftener, the claims of the Missionary Society's work upon their hearts and pocket books. In a word the District Missionary Secretaries will greatly serve if they will take their office seriously and become in pre-eminent ways eyes, ears, brain, and tongue for the Missionary Society of their own districts. This will mean the investment of some time, much thought and prayer and some money. Many disappointments and discouragements await the earnest worker but the office is full of possibilities and God is raising up and will raise up all through the denomination men who will impregnate the Church with such a leaven of a larger missionary knowledge and interest as will make possible that glad day of imperial plans and effort which is so rapidly coming. We are in the dawn of a new Missionary day. The Christless nations are strangely stirred. The mighty forces are of modern civilization all converge upon the waking of ancient peoples out of the sleep of centuries. Commerce, science, political aggression all combine in various ways to shake old empires from the lethargy of the benumbing systems under which they have lived. Uneasily the peoples of the East turn from the darkling twilight of their own past to seek that which will fit them for the disturbed present and the ominous future. Upon what shall the inquiring eyes of these peoples waking from the sleep of the centuries rest; where shall the newly stirring nations find adequate foundations for the new civilization they must build. The insistent need of the day is for the Christian Missionary and the multiplied and invigorated agencies of the Christian Church to cry aloud in all lands. "Other foundation can no man lay than is laid—which is Christ Jesus." The truth grows patent that for all the strenuous life of our new time in which the whole world must increasingly find itself involved, there must be planted deep in the heart of every people that "fear of God" which is the beginning of wisdom and that love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, which "Casteth out fear" of the untried path of progress up which the whole human family is led. That there might be a better world about us, the Kingdom of Heaven must find its place universally within us. The world's great birth day into true life will be that Missionary day when the Church will overtake the ages-old program of her Lord.

It is the high privilege of the District Missionary Secretary amid manifold discouragements, with expenditure of time and thought and money to hasten the Church towards the high noon of the Missionary day, upon which the long unending progress of humanity depends.

Result of a Little Service

Too many Christians are inclined to think that if they be unable to accomplish a large and conspicuous service for the blessing of others, they

will not attempt to do anything small. They want to do something that "counts," which, in their estimation, means a prominent work. These people do not understand the divine philosophy of Christian service. The Bible inculcates the principle that Christians should praise God by using well the little opportunities for serving the weal of others. The story is related of a little girl who asked her parents to give her two New Testaments. She said that she wanted one of them for herself and the other to send to a heathen. Her request was granted, and on the flyleaf of one of them she wrote these words: "A little girl, who loves the Lord Jesus, wishes with all her heart that whoever reads this should also love and believe on Him." That copy was sent to India, and at last it reached a station in the interior of the country, where a Hindu woman obtained it. The further history of the matter is given in these words: "She could read, but was unable to write; and, as she longed to be able to write, her attention was immediately drawn to the inscription on the flyleaf. The large and distinct characters of the child's handwriting attracted her so much that she tried to imitate them again and again. Gradually the sense of the words made an impression upon her, and the question arose, 'May not those words have been written just for me?' She began then earnestly to read the New Testament. Her eyes were opened and she learned to know and love her Savior. Years passed. The little girl had meanwhile grown up, and thought no more of the New Testament which she had sent, once upon a time, to the heathen. But her love for missions had grown with her and it was her deepest desire to serve the Lord among the heathen. She was accepted as a missionary, and sent to a rather out-of-the-way station in India. There she entered one day the house of a Hindu Christian lady. In the course of conversation the Hindu lady showed her visitor a book, a New Testament, and told how she, a Hindu heathen, had been by its means brought to Jesus her Savior."

How precious that little service was! It suggests the thought that if we could see all of the results of our little deeds, performed for Christ's sake, we would be both amazed and humbled. Let us not refuse to do little services.

C. H. WETHERBE.

Help the Poor Preacher

I want to go—I believe God wants me or some other poor preacher to go. If you want me to go, send me. Prime object, to get the Church to see the poor preachers and their families, and make provision for them, as well as it does for the people. (1) We are compelled to go, etc. (2) The people are compelled to promise (not to pay). I think the compulsion should be on both alike—compel the preacher to go, and compel the people to pay. We are compelled to go and labor as other men (the former, Dr. Teacher, etc.) We have families as other men, and they are people as well as other people, and they have to live as other people, and we have to make bills as other men, and we are expected to pay them as well as other men, and how can we, if the people don't pay us? No wonder there are so many dishonest preachers, so-called. If the preacher hasn't got his pay, who is to blame? (How can you expect to get meal out of a mill when you have put no corn in the hopper? Let us have a change. If the trustees of a school sign a contract with a teacher, etc., why not the stewards do the same? Now, Bro. Minister, let's send some one to the General Conference this time, who will look after

this matter, and the man that feels the pressure, is better prepared to make the plea. (The louder the scream of the burnt child, the deeper the scream of its mother.) Respectfully,

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Sunday Afternoon With Bishop W. F. Mallalieu

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The bishops of our church held their semi-annual session in Grace M. E. Church, this city, during the month of November. In company with Rev. J. H. Nutter, the presiding elder of the Wilmington District, and Rev. H. T. Johnson, of Mt. Zion M. E. Church, this city, we had the splendid opportunity of seeing all the bishops of our church in magnificent Grace Street Church. Our errand was to secure their services for our pulpits on Sunday, as the daily newspapers stated that it was the urgent desire of the bishops to worship with us on Sunday. They greeted us most cordially, and my right hand still feels the thrill and ecstasy of that afternoon's opportunity. What a magnificent set of holy men. It was an inspiration to see them. Their white locks and their fatherly utterances lent a profound dignity to these spotless leaders of our grand old church. Here stands the soaring Warren of astronomic fame, there is the eloquent Fowler, yonder the learned Merrill, and over there the saintly Joyce, while hold of my right hand is that uncompromising friend of my race, that very distinguished bishop whose name is the subject of my article, W. F. Mallalieu. At once he tells me that I can secure him for our afternoon services. Can you imagine my humiliation and timidity when the truth dawned upon me that I was to be the host of a man of national reputation? But when he came with such pleasing presence and unassuming mien, my embarrassment gave way to a magnificent self-control. I had published his coming, and surely for the first time in my life I had the coveted pleasure of introducing a Methodist bishop from my own rostrum. What a splendid man he is and what a magnificent sermon he preached. Its simplicity was marvellous, and the congregation drank down his words with an eagerness that made my soul leap for joy. Note his introductory expression: "My dear friends, I would rather be here this afternoon than to have the privilege to preach in the largest church in America. I promised Bishop Gilbert Haven on his death bed that I would take care of the colored people, and by God's help I will do it." I have read extensively of this man and his labors of love with regard to the uplift of my race, but I had not seen the real man until then. This man is swayed by wonderful spiritual and moral forces, and the impression he stamped on my life will never be forgotten. But what about the congregation? It was simply held spell bound as this great man of God talked about the ideal life of St. Paul. God bless Bishop Mallalieu. As his hair whitens for eternity and the touch of age totters his steps, may God prolong his active and vigorous life for more glorious labors in His vineyard. For we want the world to know that the black race in the Methodist Episcopal Church still receives recognition; and that by rubbing against these great moral and spiritual giants, it stimulates the development of character, widens his mental horizon and gives him an opportunity to come into delightful association with the best element of the religious world.

"For heaven is not gained by a single bound,
But we build the ladder by which we rise,
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And mount to the summit round by round."
Wilmington, Del.

Life of Faith

My Call to the Ministry

This is my story. When I was eight years old, during a revival I went forward to the altar at a quarterly meeting and came into conscious fellowship with Jesus Christ. There was an old man stopping at our house during the meeting. He was called Saint Minturn. He was a holy man of God, and he would sing for my mother a hymn beginning:

"What's this that steals upon my frame—is it death?
If this be death, I soon shall be
From every pain and sorrow free,
I shall the God of Glory see.
All is well."

Among the last verses he sang:

"Bright angels are from glory come.
They're round my bed, they're in my room,
They wait to waft my spirit home.
All is well."

He did not know a little boy was listening to his voice. He did not know what wonder he awakened in my heart that he was not afraid to die! Young as I was, I felt that I was afraid to die; but here was a man who was ready to depart. That night he exhorted and I yielded to his pleading, and with four other boys went forward to the altar and there came into conscious fellowship with Jesus Christ. That was fifty-eight years ago, and from that hour my call to the ministry was clear and unmistakable. I knew what my life would be. I knew that nothing could turn me into any other business or into any other field of labor.

When I was sixteen, I was offered a partnership in a large mercantile establishment; but it was not the least bit of a temptation to me. A wealthy gentleman offered to send me to a college and pay all my expenses if I would join the denomination to which he belonged; but I said: "No; I shall be a Methodist preacher. I would rather belong to the humblest Methodist Church on the farthest frontier of this republic than to the greatest cathedral in the world." And I feel so to this day.

I could write many words of criticism upon my own ministry, and make confession of failure to do my whole duty, but it is strange how the Lord has blessed me, especially in the Church Extension and the Missionary work. To Him be all the glory. Amen.—Bishop McCabe in *Central Advocate*.

What to Learn

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine.

Learn to attend strictly to your own business—a very important point.

Learn to tell a story. A well-told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sick-room.

Learn the art of saying kind and encouraging things, especially to the young.

Learn to avoid all ill-natured remarks and everything calculated to create friction.

Learn to keep your troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows.

Learn to stop grunting. If you cannot see any good in this world, keep the bad to yourself.

Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile. No one cares whether you have the earache, headache or rheumatism.

Learn to greet your friends with a smile. They carry too many frowns in their own hearts to be bothered with any of yours.—*Christian Life*.

Evils of Indecision

Produces flabbiness of character.

Opens the heart to temptations.

Weakens resistance to evil.

Makes recreant to duty.

Places one on the wrong side.

Finally closes the door of opportunity.

Incurs the divine condemnation.

Keeps out of heaven.

BENEFITS OF DECISION.

Stiffens the backbone of character.

Enlists on the right side.

Shows the flag that you fight under.

Brings approval of conscience.

Gains the favor of God.

Strengthens others in religion.

Makes more influential for good.

Affords wider opportunities.

Furnishes a longer period of service.

Produces a richer fruitfulness.

Advances the cause we plead.

Carries out the divine purpose in us.

Opens the gates of heaven.

Sanctification

What is the nature of sanctification? (1) There is a human side and a divine side. What is the human side of sanctification? As an experience, it may simply be stated in this way: It is consent to God's purpose, laying hold on God's power; confidence in God. God says: "By this new life I give you, you are my separated one;" and we consent to that. God says: "I am coming to dwell in you, and to do my own work;" and we say: "Lord, here are all the keys; we do not want to keep a room back; a single yard of territory back; take the whole." God says: "I am able to do this for you;" and we say: "Lord, we know it; now go right on with the gracious work." That is the human side of the experience of sanctification. It is very easy to state it; it is not quite so easy for flesh to do it. I do not want to say a word that puts the cross in front of a man, unless I always add thereto the light and the glory of Easter morning.

(2) This is the divine side? "Consecration." There is a sense perhaps in which we may consecrate ourselves, but I am more convinced, that consecration refers to a divine art, not a human. It is God who consecrates us. We cannot consecrate ourselves. We simply do nothing, but cease doing; we simply make no effort, but come to the end of effort; we simply make no plan, but burn our plans and lie back upon the arms of omnipotence, and He consecrates us. So we do rightly when we sing that one hymn in that way:

"Consecrates me now to thy service, Lord."

If there was ever a time in the history of the church that we needed consecrated ministers, it is now. If we give Him our bodies, he will make them the chariot of His power. If we give Him our minds—poor little feeble minds—He will strengthen them with His own wisdom, and through them will flash the very light of God. When God of old came down from heaven, in power and wrath he came—beneath His feet the clouds were riven, half darkness and half flame; but when He comes to-day, He comes quietly without observation. Shall we let Him come? We are saints—we are sanctified in Christ.

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Lebanon, Tenn.

The Beauty of Holiness

Ugly Christianity is not Christ's Christianity. Some one of us older people remember that it used to be a favorite phrase to describe unattractive saints, that they had "grace grafted on a crab stick." There are a great many Christian people whom one would compare to any other plant rather than a lily. Thorns and thistles and briars are a good deal more like what some of them appear to the world. But we are bound, if we are Christian people, by our obligations to make Christianity look as beautiful in people's eyes as we can. * * * Do you remember the words, "Whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, * * * if there be any praise"—from men—"think on these things." If we do not keep that as the guiding star of our lives, then we have failed in one very distinct duty of Christian people—namely, to grow more like a lily, and to be graceful in the lowest sense of that word, as well as grace full in the highest sense of it. We shall not be so in the lower, unless we are so in the higher. It may be a very modest kind of beauty, very humble, and not at all like the flaring reds and yellows of the gorgeous flowers that the world admires. * * * But unless you, as a Christian, are in your character arrayed in the "beauty of holiness," and the holiness of beauty, you are not being the Christian that Jesus Christ wants you to be, setting forth all the gracious and sweet and refining influences of the gospel in your daily life and conduct.—*Alexander MacLaren, D. D.*

Circumstances don't make you; you make circumstances.

Moral strength can be developed as well as physical strength.

To succeed at the cost of a character, is to succeed at too great a price.

You must dig deep in order to build high. You must build upon the Rock of Ages in order to build a strong character.

Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. We shall not inevitably reach heaven; we shall not stumble into it. We must be prepared for it.

If you are going to succeed in life, you must hammer out your victory; and you must hammer it out where you are.

We are too apt to think that our good is good enough, whereas our best is none too good for God and for our fellow men. We owe our best to ourselves and to those about us.

—*Philadelphia Methodist*.

Look for the Good

It was one of the beautiful rules of Frances E. Willard's life to speak only of the goodness of her friends, and to pass over their failings. The *Trumpeter* says:

"If you would increase your happiness and prolong your life, forget your neighbor's faults. Forget the slander you have heard. Forget the temptations. Forget the fault-finding and give a little thought to the cause which provoked it. Forget peculiarities of your friends, and only remember the good points which make you fond of them. Forget all personal quarrels, or histories you may have heard by accident, and which, if repeated, would seem a thousand times worse than they are. Blot out as far as possible all the disagreeables of life; they will come, but they will grow larger when you remember them, and the constant thought of the acts of meanness, or, worse still, malice, will only tend to make you

more familiar with them. Obliterate everything disagreeable from yesterday; start out with a clean sheet for to-day, and write upon it for sweet memory's sake only those things which are lovely and lovable."—*Ram's Horn*.

Woman's Dominion

Some Uses for Salt

For neuralgia take a small bag made of muslin or flannel, fill with salt, heat, and apply to the affected part. Many cases of so-called diphtheria could be cured by a gargle of salt and water if taken at the start, gargling every hour, or half-hour, if necessary. One teaspoonful of salt in a glassful of water is a cure for many stomach troubles, relieving colic and indigestion when taken regularly once a day. Wash the head occasionally with salt and water to lessen the falling out of the hair. Salt dissolved in warm water is restful and healing for tired and inflamed eyes. Brine is recommended for mad-dog bite. Wash the wound well with the mixture, then bind it with a cloth covered with salt. One remedy for snake-bites is common salt mixed with the white of an egg to the consistency of paste, then spread on the wound. Salt-strewn carpets sweep easily and are left with brightened colors.—*November Woman's Home Companion*.

True Refinement

The truest test of refinement is a uniform regard for the welfare and interests and feelings of others. There is a refinement which is by education, but in each case the sure indications of refinement are the same. You can recognize the difference between those who lack refinement, by their bearing in a crowd. Indeed, this difference is easier perceived in a street-car, or in a market, or on a thronged highway, than in a drawing-room. A person of true refinement takes up less room, and claims less concession, and is easier to yield position than an unrefined person. The way in which a man carries a cane or an umbrella in a crowd settles the question in his case. And again, the keeping of one's market-basket in the way, or out of it, at the busiest market hour, is an infallible test of the bearer's inner grain. And so in many another minor matter. It is worth one's while to desire refinement, and to know and to crave its evidences; for, after all, true refinement is but the expression of the spirit of the Christian life. An unselfish thoughtfulness of others is an outgrowth of the religion of Christ. Each esteeming each other better than himself, each seeking not his own but another's good, marks the indwelling and the outgoing of the spirit of the servant of Christ, intent on exemplifying his Master's spirit.—*Parish Vicar*.

How to Hold up a Skirt

How very few women ever attain the faculty of holding up the skirts on rainy days with ease and daintiness! Although it is the rule to wear flounced underskirts that almost touch the ground, petticoats that reach only to the top of high boots have hitherto been the rule, and on rainy days these are still reverted to. When out walking, the clever woman arranges her skirt, and then, with one hand or perhaps two, she lightly lifts it so that it falls evenly all round. This is where the knack comes in, says a writer in the *Louisville Post*. To hold up a skirt on one side and let it sweep the ground on the other is very natural, but it is not good taste, and when it falls evenly all round and the frills of the petticoat are almost if not quite visible, the effect is dainty in the extreme. One of the things that are taught

at a school in New York is how to hold up the skirt gracefully.

Laundering Lace Curtains

When the lace curtains need laundering, take them down and shake them, to remove the dust. Heat the water until it is as hot as you can bear your hands in, dissolve a little borax in it, and enough good soap to make a strong suds. Put the curtains in it, let them soak ten or fifteen minutes, then wash with as little rubbing as possible to get them clean. Rinse through two clear waters and dip in very thin boiled starch, which should be slightly blue if you wish them to be a clear white. If an ecru tint is desired, add a little clear coffee. Saffron tea gives them a creamy tint. Do not hand them on the line to dry. Spread two or three sheets on a floor that is not used constantly, holding them in place by pinning them to the carpet. Spread the curtains on these, stretching them smoothly and pinning each scallop in place. Open the windows so they will dry quickly. They will not need ironing.

Hot Milk for the Skin

Hot milk for the complexion has proved to be of the greatest benefit, and many women say they owe an improvement to their complexion to the constant use of hot milk applied every morning and night to their faces.

A woman prominent in the literary world and whose complexion is equal to a young girl's, declared that of all the many precaution she had taken to keep her skin in good condition none was so efficacious as hot milk. "When I am frightfully fatigued," she said, "from the rush of the life I lead, I get a gallon of milk for 30 cents and put it in my bathtub, adding sufficient hot water to cover the body.

"I lie in this mixture for ten minutes and come out feeling thoroughly refreshed and with a new life to the skin, which, previous to the bath, had a dead look."

Anticipating a Speaker

"It is two o'clock," said Miss Virginia, "and I think I'd better be starting for—"

"Start at two o'clock!" interrupted her sister, "how perfectly absurd! Why, the concert doesn't begin until three. It may be all very well to be prompt, but I think it's just about as bad to be too early as too late, and it's such a waste of time!" and Miss Mary looked defiantly at her elder sister.

"If you had only let me finish, Mary," returned Miss Virginia, "I was going to say that I wanted to start early so as to stop at the hospital and see Mrs. Waters. She's been there two weeks and I haven't been able to go to see her, and I'm afraid—"

"You needn't be afraid of her feeling hurt," interrupted Miss Mary again, "for she knows you have a delicate throat and the weather has been bad almost all the time."

"But I hadn't thought of her feeling hurt," replied Miss Virginia. "I only felt afraid that it would be too late to go after the concert is over, and, as the two places are near together, by going to both this afternoon, I should be saved another trip."

Are there not many homes in which conversations similar to the above are of almost daily occurrence? It is always trying to have one's words anticipated by a listener, even if he succeeds in guessing what the rest of the sentence was to be; it is doubly trying when he gives us credit for thoughts and motives which never existed.—*Congregationalist*.

Apple Sponge.

Boil until clear one cupful of sugar and one of water, then put in one quart of quartered and cored but not pared sour apples, cover and stew tender. Soak one ounce of gelatine two hours in cold water, then add the juice of two large lemons, turn into the hot apple and stir until the gelatine is dissolved. Press the fruit through a colander, beat until light, and when partly cool add the well-beaten whites of two eggs. Pour into a wet mold and stand in a refrigerator. Make a custard sauce of one pint of milk sweetened and flavored and the yolk of the eggs. Turn the sponge out into a glass dish, pour the custard around it (cold) and serve.

Young Friends

How Frank Won

A prize of \$100, to be used for educational purposes, was offered in a school for boys. Among the contestants was a boy of seventeen, named Frank Harlow. He did not succeed in winning the prize, and a day or two later one of his school-mates, named Harry Marks, said to him: "Didn't get the prize, did you, Frank?"

"No, I did not," replied Frank, cheerfully.

"Feel kind o' cut up over it, don't you?"

"No; not particularly."

"Well, I'd hate to make as hard a fight as you made to win that prize, and then fail."

"I don't think that I've failed, Harry."

"Well, I would like to know why you haven't failed! Didn't George Dayton win the prize?"

"Yes, I know he won the money, but I won just as much as George in that which comes from hard study; but, you know, Harry, if you'll excuse me for saying it, your failure has been most marked."

"My failure! Why, what do you mean? I didn't go in for the prize at all. I made no attempt to win it."

"I know it," replied Frank; and then he added, "They fail, and they fail alone, who have not striven."

"Oh, I see what you mean," said Harry, rather soberly. "I suppose that there is something in that."

"There is a good deal in it," replied Frank. "It is true that not one of the eighteen boys who competed for the prize may be said to have failed. All of us won the prize which comes from honest effort, and it was a pretty big prize for most of us. I thought at first that I would not compete for the prize, for I felt confident that some of the other boys were so much further advanced than I was, that I had very little chance of winning in the contest; but one day I came across this verse: 'Straight from the Mighty Bow this truth is driven:

They fail, and they alone, who have not striven.'

"That's a fact," I said to myself; and I went straight to work, and did my very best."

"You stood next to George Dayton at the examination, too," said Harry. "No, Frank, you did not fail, after all."

Harry was right. How could Frank fail to be a winner after the honest effort he had put forth.—*The Pacific*.

Bessie's Playmate

Upon returning from one of his voyages Captain Horton brought home a tame monkey as a pet for Bessie, his little six-year-old daughter.

Bessie has neither brother nor sister, and Judy,

as the monkey is called, makes a very good playmate.

Both Bessie and Judy enjoy warm weather most, and have grand times playing outdoors in the summer. Judy helps make mud pies, patting the mud into little cakes with her hands. She loves to swing in the hammock and climb up into the trees in the yard.

Children think it a treat to be asked by Mrs. Horton to spend the day at her house and play with Bessie and Judy. To them the monkey is the most wonderful pet in the world.

Judy has a great affection for Bessie's doll; in fact, I think she cares even more for it than does her mistress.

"Come, Judy, and go to ride with Dolly," Bessie will say, and Judy will jump into the little go-cart and hold out her arms for the doll, and Bessie will wheel her about the yard with Dolly tightly clasped in her arms.

Bessie has a doll-chair that is painted bright red. It is just the right size for Judy, and she considers it her property and carries it about the house to sit in.

There is nothing that pleases Judy more than to have a party. She helps set the table, then sits in her chair and eats what is put upon her plate, and drinks out of the tiny china cup, passing it again and again to be refilled.

"Why Judy, you mustn't pass your cup so often. I don't get a chance to eat a thing," Bessie will say; but Judy chatters away as though telling what a good time she is having, and her little wrinkled face looks so pleased that Bessie stops scolding and keeps on filling the cup in the little brown hand.

Judy loves candy, nuts, and fruit as much as her mistress does, and always has a share of the good things.

She is very curious and wants to examine every new thing that is brought into the house, and is anxious to have every parcel undone and every box opened to see if it contains something she likes.

If there is one thing in the world that Judy detests it is a cat, and she will not allow one on the premises. Let a cat jump upon the fence, or poke his nose inside the yard, and Judy is after him in a minute, and at sight of the enraged monkey the way the cat hustles for home is a caution.

Judy does not like cold weather, and although Mrs. Horton has made some warm woolen dresses for her to wear, she sits by the fire shivering most of the time in winter, and looks so miserable that one would not suppose she was the merry little monkey of the summer.

She sleeps in a box behind the stove, and no child ever hated to go to bed more than Judy does. When Bessie says, "Come, Judy, it is bedtime," the monkey cries and pleads in every way she knows how to stay up longer, but Bessie is a firm little mistress, and always sees that Judy is abed before she herself goes.

Every time Captain Horton comes home he asks Bessie if he had better not take the monkey back with him and bring her some other pet. He only does it to tease her, for he knows what her answer will be; and when he sees Judy's affection for his little daughter, he thinks that she would object as strongly as does Bessie at the idea of their parting.—R. R. Fitch, in *Child's Hour*.

Educational

Wiley University Notes

The department of electrical engineering is

now lighting parts of North College with electricity. The students of this department, under Prof. Reynolds, deserve much credit for the earnest spirit manifested in getting together apparatus.

A life size crayon picture of Bishop Wiley was presented to this institution by Bishop Joyce just before he left for South America. The picture occupies a conspicuous place on the walls of the new chapel.

The new library in the Central Building was formally opened Saturday evening, Jan. 31. One hundred volumes of choice books were received on that occasion. The room contains high grade furnishings, the gift of Miss Clara I. King, in honor of her deceased nephew, Master Clifford King Williams.

Dr. I. B. Scott spent a short time with us recently as he passed through Marshall on his way home from the seat of the Little Rock conference. The doctor's many friends hereabout are always glad to see him.

The students presented President Dogan a tailor-made suit recently.

Dr. M. C. B. Masen was with us Jan. 28 and favored us with his popular oration, "Napoleon at Waterloo." The students and friends who gathered to hear him were delighted.

Wiley will be represented in an inter-collegiate oratorical contest to be held in Waco in the early spring.

Our enrollment to Feb. 14 is 462.

Our department of carpentry under Rev. J. P. Calvin, is taking on new life. The boys are putting on ceiling, flooring, laths and wainscoting, hanging doors, putting in windows, etc.

We are hoping to finish the second floor of the Central Building by commencement.

The young men belonging to the class in plastering, finished a room recently without the assistance of the instructor.

Epworth League.

March 8.

The Sabbath Day for Worship and Rest.

(Exod. 31:15-17; Mark 2:27.)

Monday—The commandment. Exod. 20-8:11.

Tuesday—A call to worship. Psalms 95:1-6.

Wednesday—A psalm of worship. Psalm 100.

Thursday—Seeking rest. Mark 6:30-32.

Friday—Christ, Lord of the Sabbath. Luke 4:15.

Saturday—Doing good on the Sabbath. Luke 6:6-10.

One of the interesting things about young people as Christians, is their endeavor to think through the great things of the Christian life and get adjusted to them. This endeavor to get at things in a fresh, living way is to be encouraged because if it is done honestly and reverently it will mean good things for the future. One of the things regarding which it is important that we have the right bearing is the problem of Sunday. To have the real Christian conception of the day, to have it in thought, in feeling, and deeds, would be a great thing for our young people.

Now, let us try to see, if we can, what this bearing should be. And we may begin with the Savior's point of view, as He gave it, in the words, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." Sunday, then, is God's gift to man. It is given for man because he needs it. It has been called "the Lord's Day," yet it is pre-eminently man's day.

Now, what are the needs to which the day answers? In the first place, there is a need referred to in our subject—*rest*: rest for the body, a let-up of the strain of physical work; rest for the mind, the strain of mental labor in connection with our daily work being checked for this day, and for body and mind a repose-place being found. Our modern life needs this lesson of repose. Some of Matthew Arnold's poems will help us nervous, busy people to learn what repose means. We should seek to make Sunday a day in which we find some real repose. Then there is a need not mentioned in our subject—the need of a time when, apart from the stress of our lives, we can look at them thoughtfully, measure them, and see what they really have been meaning. Sunday gives a great chance for a man to look himself in the face. Quiet, honest self-examination is another thing Sunday should mean. Then there is a third need, which our subject expresses in the word *worship*. We need God. We need the Great Companion. We need his friendship, his fellowship, his power. And Sunday stands for a special opportunity to have this need supplied, by specially opening our lives to Him and all that will help us to come near to Him. The further one gets in the Christian life the richer the meaning of the word *worship* will be. Man was made with a hunger that only God can satisfy. Sunday is to be a great lasting recognition of this fact. And not only a recognition, but a seeking and a receiving of help. And just because humanity is all tied together, bound together by social instincts and ties, men need to worship together. The *meeting* stands for brothers linked together by love, serving a common Lord. Christianity draws men closer together. Together they sing, together they pray, together they listen to the living word of God, these men and women with common struggles and common battles, and one great hope in common.

Then, Sunday gives a place not only for rest, meditation and for worship, but there are thoughtful deeds for which it gives a special opportunity. Some lonely home where there is suffering may be brightened and the sunshine of youth brought to cheer some aged ones. This opportunity of visiting the sick and the aged comes as part of the day's privilege.

What can we properly do on Sunday? All that helps enrich the meaning of the day as one of repose, of times of thoughtful self-analysis, of the worship which opens the life Godward, which emphasizes the upreach of the inner life, and all that brings comfort and help to the sad, the ill, the needy—such things we may do. And whatever robs the day of its repose, of its times of self-inspection, of its finding the deep, full meaning of worship, of deeds of kindly helpfulness—these things, if it is in our power, we are to exclude.

And then we are to take this day, God's gift to us, and make it also our gift to him. In the outflow of our gratitude and love to him, in the great loyalty it is made to express, it is to be our offering to the loving Father.

Then, it is to be closely related to the other days. Each Sunday we are to receive great help and from it to go forth with new earnestness to meet the days to come. Sunday is robbed of some of its richest meaning if it is not an ethical push toward truer life, and an open window through which Heaven's love shines out into the week.

The growth of the Bible Study work of the Epworth League has exceeded the expectations of its leaders. From October 1, 1901, to October 1, 1902, the initial year, there were reported 300

classes using "Studies in the Life of Christ." From October 5, 1902, (Bible Study Rally Day) to the present time, there have been reported to the Bureau of Bible Study over 800 classes using the Epworth League Courses. This includes 740 classes in "Studies in the Life of Christ," organized since Bible Study Rally Day. New classes in "Studies in the Apostolic Church" are being organized every week.

Send for information to Bureau of Bible Study, 57 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

Sunday School Helps

By Rev. G. N. Jolly, D. D.

Lesson X. March 8th, 1903. Title—Paul at Ephesus. (Acts 19: 8-20). Golden Text—The name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. (Acts 19: 17). Time—A. D. 57. Place Ephesus.

1. *Teaching* (8-10). 1. *Two places* are named where Paul taught: the synagogue of the Jews, and the school of Tyrannus. The *synagogue* was shaped like a theatre, with the door on the west side. The wooden chest or ark containing the scrolls of the law and vestments was on the eastern side. In front of it were the desk of the leader or preacher, and a platform with arm-chairs for the elders, who faced the ordinary worshippers. The men sat on one side, and the women on the other; there was a partition about six feet high between them. A light was kept perpetually burning. The governing body was the board of elders, presided over by a ruler and a leader of the worship. There was a caretaker, and ten men of leisure, pledged to attend and constitute a congregation if no others came. The law and the prophets were read, liturgical prayers were offered, psalms were chanted, the ten commandments were recited, and at the close a benediction was pronounced. The preaching was largely categorical. *Tyrannus* is otherwise unknown. It is not likely that he owned a private synagogue. He was probably a professor of philosophy or rhetoric, who rented or gave the use of his academy to Paul. He was probably at this time removed from Ephesus, while the building in which he taught still bore his name.

2. *The manner of Paul's preaching.* He spoke boldly. He was not deficient in courage. He threw his soul into his work. Courage is not passion cut loose from reason; not savage violence; not headlong insensibility to danger; but the calm, rational judgment of man. It was based on a deep conviction of duty, that enabled him to do or say in love that which he felt to be right, though he should die, or be deserted by his friends, the next minute for it. His frank, courageous manner convinced every one that he was right. (2) *He disputed*, or reasoned, with the people. He laid his premises, built his arguments, and drew his conclusions in a very convincing way. Paul was a born debater. By discussion we reach correct conclusions. There is nothing unreasonable in the Christian religion: yet we cannot reason ourselves into the kingdom of God. By faith we grasp that which we cannot fully comprehend by knowledge. (3) *He persuaded* the people to accept Jesus. He enlightened the mind, warmed the heart, and inclined the will. He endeavored not to arouse the opposition. We are not commanded to hate but to love. Sympathy for suffering humanity should flow through all we say and do. We can persuade people but we cannot drive them.

3. *The length of time Paul labored in Ephesus:* "By the space of three years" (Acts 20:31). Three months were spent in the synagogue of the Jews, and two years in the school of Tyrannus. It is not certainly known how the other nine months were spent. Some say we should date

from the time Paul first came to Ephesus, and then went on to Jerusalem, and at the end of nine months returned. But this does not give him sufficient time for that trip, and neither was he laboring in Ephesus during that time. Others think the three years is a round number: counting a part of the year for all of it. This was a very common custom among the Jews. Others believe the nine months were spent, not in speaking boldly in the school of Tyrannus, but in visiting from house to house and warning "every one night and day with tears." This last is likely the correct supposition. During this stay at Ephesus Paul wrote his first letter to the Corinthians, and also made them a short visit.

4. *The subject of Paul's preaching:* "The things concerning the kingdom of God." This kingdom has its king—our Savior; its subjects—those who believe in Jesus; its laws—the doctrines of the sacred Scriptures; and its dominion—this world. It is called the kingdom of heaven because it began in heaven, came down from heaven, brings with it the joys of heaven, and takes its subjects back to heaven. This kingdom is not meat and drink, but righteousness, joy, and peace in the Holy Ghost. Paul no doubt explained the prophecies concerning this kingdom, and affirmed that Jesus was its king. He likely dwelt at length on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and showed that there was salvation in no other name.

5. *Notice some results of Paul's preaching:* (1) All who dwelt in the province of Asia heard the word. Here is a protracted meeting three years in length. It was largely attended: multiplied thousands heard the word. Both Jews and Greeks attended the meeting. True and false worshippers were present, and as is usually the case they were divided: some saying one thing and some another. (2) Some were hardened. It was not the gospel that hardened them. The tendency of the gospel is to soften. The heart without it is cold and unfeeling. The truth often arouses the wicked side of man's nature, and instead of his being made better by it, he makes himself worse. The gospel produces no friction where people live according to the Bible. But opposition to the gospel often helps it.

II. *Working miracles* (11-20). A miracle is an event contrary to the established course of nature, wrought by the power of God in defense of some person or doctrine. They are results of the union of God and man, and have always been considered strong proofs of the divine origin of the Christian religion. Some miracles require a higher degree of faith, and spirituality, than others. Casting out evil spirits is a low type of miracle working. We have here (1) some "*special miracles*" wrought by Paul. What they were is not certainly known. The ordinary way of working miracles was by the laying on of hands, or by a word. But sometimes they departed from these customs. These handkerchiefs were sweat-cloths used for removing perspiration from the face, and these aprons were overalls bound up on the front of the body to protect it from dirt. These indicate that Paul when not preaching was laboring at his trade as tent maker. It is not certainly known how these garments placed on the body of the sick would heal them. Yet we have other similar instances in the Bible. When a corpse touched the bones of Elisha it was restored to life (2 Kings, 13:21). When the woman touched the hem of the Lord's robe she was healed (Luke 8:44). People brought their sick that the shadow of Peter might fall on them (Acts 5:15). Great is the power of God. (2) *We have here an unsuccessful effort to work a*

miracle. These persons were Jews, and sons of Sceva, a chief priest. They were seven in number, but possibly only two joined in this blasphemous work. They were "exorcists" and pretended to cast out evil spirits, and heal diseases, by using the name of some powerful being over the afflicted. They were "vagabonds" and wandered from city to city working their profession. They had no doubt seen Paul work miracles in the name of Jesus, and concluded they could do likewise. They called over a person, possessed of an evil spirit, the name of our Savior, and adjured it by Jesus whom Paul preached to come out of him. The spirit knew Jesus and Paul, but did not know them. It then, using the man as an agent, leaped upon them, overcame them, and caused them to fly from the house naked and wounded. (3) *The results* of what Paul had done, and of what the sons of Sceva had failed to do, were wonderful. Their works were soon known throughout the province of Asia. The people were filled with fear. The name of Jesus was magnified. Many came to the disciples, confessing their sins, and no doubt promised to live righteously. Many of those who used cunning arts brought their books together and burned them. The superstitious value of these books was nearly \$8,000.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation For 1903

Central Missouri, Sedalia, Mo.—Mar. 11.	Hamilton.
Kansas, Holton, Kan.—Mar. 12.	Foss.
Lexington, Chicago, Ill.—Mar. 18.	Merrill.
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 18.	Mallaleu.
New Jersey, Asbury Park, N. J.—Mar. 18.	Fowler.
Wilmington, Easton, Md.—Mar. 18.	Cranston.
Missouri, Carrollton, Mo.—Mar. 18.	Hamilton.
South Kansas, Fort Scott, Kan.—Mar. 19.	Foss.
Cent. Pennsylvania, Altoona, Pa.—Mar. 25.	Merrill.
Virginia, Eagle Rock, Va.—Mar. 25.	Warren.
Delaware, Pocomoke City, Md.—Mar. 25.	Fowler.
Saint Louis, Marshall, Mo.—Mar. 25.	Hamilton.
Southwest Kansas, Sterling, Kan.—Mar. 26.	Foss.
Newark—Apr. 1.	Warren.
New Eng. Southern, Brockton, Mass.—Apr. 1.	Fowler.
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.—Apr. 1.	FitzGerald.
New York East—Apr. 1.	Goodsell.
New York—Apr. 1.	McCabe.
Northwest Kansas, Stockton, Kan.—Apr. 2.	Foss.
Okaneb, Guthrie, Okla.—Apr. 2.	Hamilton.
New England, Brookline, Mass.—Apr. 8.	Andrews.
North Indiana, Noblesville, Ind.—Apr. 8.	Walden.
Vermont, Northfield, Vt.—Apr. 9.	Warren.
Washington, Staunton, Va.—Apr. 9.	McCabe.
Troy, Saratoga Springs—Apr. 9.	McCabe.
Maine, Bridgeton, Me.—Apr. 15.	Andrews.
New Hampshire, Woodsville, N. H.—Apr. 15.	Warren.
East German, Philadelphia, Pa.—Apr. 16.	Fowler.
Wyoming, Binghamton, N. Y.—Apr. 16.	FitzGerald.
Northern New York, Carthage, N. Y.—Apr. 22.	Merrill.
East Maine, Newport, Me.—Apr. 22.	Andrews.
Eastern Swedish, Providence, R. I.—Apr. 23.	FitzGerald.
Porto Rico, San Juan	Warne.
Bombay, Bombay—Dec. 3, '02.	Thoburn.
South India, Kolar—Dec. 18, '02.	Thoburn.
North India, Lucknow—Jan. 2.	Thoburn.
West China Mission, Chentu—Jan. 7.	Moore.
Northwest India, Muttra—Jan. 14.	Thoburn.
Mexico, Pachuca—Jan. 15.	Cranston.
Bengal, Calcutta—Jan. 21.	Warne.
Burma Mission Conf., Rangoon—Jan. 28.	Thoburn.
Liberia, Cape Palmas—Jan. 28.	Hartwell.
Malaysia, Singapore—Feb. 10.	Warne.
W. S. A. Miss. Conf., Concepcion—Feb. 18.	Joyce.
Central China Miss., Nankin—Mar. 4.	Moore.
South America, Rosario—Mar. 18.	Joyce.
Japan, Nagoya—Apr. 1.	Moore.
S. Japan Miss. Conf., Nagasaki—Apr. 17.	Moore.
Bulgaria Miss. Conf., Loftcha—Apr. 22.	Vincent.
Korea Mission, Seoul—May 1.	Moore.
Italy—May 14.	Vincent.
Switzerland, Neuchatel—June 3.	Vincent.
North China, Pekin—June 3.	Moore.
South Germany, Pforzheim—June 10.	Vincent.
North Germany, Zwickau—June 17.	Vincent.
Denmark Miss. Conf., N. Bornholm—July 29.	Vincent.
E. C. Africa M. Conf., Umtali—July 30.	Walden.
Fin. & St. P'b'g Miss., Tammerfors—Aug. 6.	Vincent.
Sweden, Helsingborg—Aug. 12.	Vincent.
Norway, Horten—Aug. 19.	Vincent.
Hinghua Miss. Conf., Hinghua—Nov. 6.	Moore.
Foochow, Foochow—Nov. 14.	Moore.
W. Cent. Afr. M. Conf., Quessua—Dec. 16.	Walden.

N. B.—Because of his impaired health, no Conferences have been assigned to Bishop Hurst.
By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops,
J. N. FITZGERALD, Secretary.

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Dr. Manley S. Hard Gone

Notwithstanding the fact of the serious illness of Dr. Manley S. Hard which dates back to an attack which had its beginning at the session of the Rock River Conference last fall, his taking off is a severe shock and a positive grief to the Church. He has travelled through the Church for a number of years as the representative of the Church Extension Society, and is pleasantly remembered and much beloved by the people wherever he has gone. He made friends wherever his duties called him, friends for himself and friends for his cause. This gave him a hold on the people that made him a collector of no mean ability. Manley S. Hard was born on October 4, 1839, in Penfield, N. Y., and died February 12, 1903. He was the son of a Methodist preacher and was converted when a mere boy. He was educated at Genesee and Wesleyan Seminary, and Genesee College, now Syracuse University. He entered the itinerant ministry in 1866, joining the then Oneida, now the Central New York Conference. In 1885 he was transferred to the Wyoming Conference. He was presiding elder for a term in both of these conferences, and also filled such prominent pastorates as Iliou, Syracuse, Ithaca, and Binghamton.

Beginning with 1884 he was a member of five consecutive general conferences and one of the assistant secretaries of each. On the nomination of the bishops he was elected assistant corresponding secretary of the Board of Church Extension, November, 1892, and was continued in this relation till chosen first assistant corresponding secretary after Dr. Spencer's death, and Dr. King's promotion. As to his work in this particular the *Western Christian Advocate* says:

"He gave to the cause of Church Extension, which he ardently loved, more than a decade of strenuous service. His constant geniality, his attractive speech, his sweetness of song, and his evangelistic power won their way to human hearts and inspired benevolent purposes in the interests of the extension of Christ's kingdom, which culminated in furnishing places of worship for his followers."

Mr. Henry Shallowhorne of Bayou Merringuin, brother of Presiding Elder Shallowhorne, died at his home February 13 while undergoing an operation. Brother Shallowhorne about a month before his death while deer hunting was accidentally shot by one of the hunting party, and while the surgeons were trying to extract the ball died. He owned a farm and a beautiful country home, was frugal, industrious and highly respected in his community. He was a strong member of the Baptist Church and an officer in the Homestead Benevolent Association. His remains were interred in the Homestead Benevolent Cemetery at Bayou Merringuin February 14. We greatly sympathize with the bereaved ones.

A White Pastor Speaks Out

We were somewhat surprised a few weeks since to read in the columns of a Southern daily a statement by a young woman of society that it had become fashionable for girls of her stripe to swear even in company. She said they enjoyed it all the more because it shocked people to hear it. The sample given by her was to say the least extremely emphatic. Now we are again surprised by the declarations made by Dean Stuck of the leading Protestant Episcopal Church, Dallas, Texas. According to statements made in a sermon recently preached by this gentleman, gambling, drinking and telling smutty stories are not confined to men in his community. He is quoted as saying:

"I myself hear of women in this town, you may call them ladies if you like, for I have yielded up that term, but I will not call them gentlewomen, which still means something—and if that be treason you may make the most of it—I myself hear of women of this town who may at cards with men for stakes, who tell "risky" stories, which is a euphemism for stories that border on indecency, who drink to excess, I do not mean to intoxication, but to the full flush and excitement of alcoholic stimulation, and who are yet received and recognized in society. They belong to what is called the "smart set," which seems to be but another name for the vulgar set. I am afraid that it is true that we are not without our representatives of this "smartness" that even "our best circles" are threatened with its intrusion."

A Moral Police Force

"We must have a moral police force!" So says Police Commissioner Greene of New York, and, judging from his acts, he means what he says. "Incompetent men as well as crooks must go!" That is the verdict. The public will support this position. There may be no perfect police force anywhere, but there certainly would be a moral force in every town and city. A police squad should represent just so much morality in motion. Unless the man behind the club is at heart in sympathy with virtue and sobriety, the rogue who dodges the club or who attempts to bribe a wardman will have very little fear of such lawless law. When goodness makes the rounds of the city in policemen's clothes a deep impression is made on all evil-doers." The trouble is that in too many instances the policeman is only a rogue in blue. The people have yet to learn that the solution of police problems is ethical rather than administrative. When there is first of all a moral force, when the limbs of the law from patrolman to inspector are honestly trying to do their duty, drill and discipline will take care of themselves. —*Zion's Herald*.

In his recently delivered New York speech, Senator Ben Tillman of South Carolina, said that while he was governor he would "gladly at any time have led a party of men who were out to lynch a black man" accused of assaulting a white or a colored woman. This does not surprise us in the least. We are sure Mr. Tillman and men like him are ready to lynch a Negro at any time and for any cause; but he doesn't say anything of the white men accused of the same offense. His declaration however, indicates to what extent Mr. Tillman regards his official oath.

Reports from Rio Janeiro claim that election riots have occurred in that city and several persons have been injured.

Assistant General Secretary Penn to Preside.

The International Program Committee of the Sixth International Epworth League convention to be held at Detroit, Mich., July 16-19, has invited Secretary Penn to preside at one of the largest meetings of the convention. This meeting will be on Friday afternoon in the principal meeting place, the tent. This is a richly merited recognition and will be gratifying to Brother Penn and his many friends as well. He is a hard worker and deserves well not only of his Church, but of all who are interested in the great movement to the promotion of which his energies are so fully devoted.

In discussing the opposition manifested in South Carolina against confirming Dr. Crum as collector of the Charleston post, Mr. Charles A. Caloo, Jr., formerly editor of the *Daily Register*, Columbia, S. C., says: "It is noticeable that the outcry against the Negro proceeds from those too who are not entirely exempt from the suspicion of being themselves of mixed blood." We do not know just what the gentleman is driving at, we only know that the statement follows a reference to a humiliation Senator Ben Tillman once put upon the city of Charleston.

Neat invitations are out announcing the commencement of Meharry Medical, Pharmaceutical and Dental Colleges of Walden University, for March 2 at 7:30 p. m. in Union Gospel Tabernacle, Nashville, Tenn. From the Medical Department 41 will finish; from the Pharmaceutical 7, from the Dental 5.

The commencement of the Flint Medical and Pharmaceutical Colleges takes place February 26 at 8 o'clock p. m. in the New Orleans University Chapel. The medical department will graduate 5 and the Pharmaceutical 5. Pretty invitations bound in purple announce these facts.

Notes of Little Rock Conference

The meeting was at Clow, Ark., a little Negro town.

The brethren believe in Dr. J. M. Cox, president of Philander Smith College.

Mr. P. W. Jones is a successful merchant and the acceptable postmaster of Clow, Ark.

Mrs. H. M. Nasmyth, superintendent of Adeline Smith Home, is deservedly popular with all.

There is no end to the Sampsons in the community. Rev. C. W. Sampson's parents are at the bottom of it all.

The Hotel Johnson was the only one there and all general officers, colored and white except Bishop Walden, stopped there.

It is remarkable how the conference has improved not only in its appearance but in bringing things to pass.

The conference is thoroughly loyal to the SOUTHWESTERN and broke the record in cash collections for it.

Dr. W. P. Thirkield stirred the conference thoroughly in the interest of Philander Smith College and took a collection of \$3,700 in good subscriptions.

Brothers Crawford and Roberts, two of the old veterans of the conference, are highly esteemed by their brethren.

Mrs. G. N. Johnson is a queen in her home and presides over its affairs with ease and dignity. No matter how many comes nor how many goes, she never frets nor stews. Mrs. Ophelia A. Vaughn of Fort Smith, and Mrs. Mildridge Buchanan of Bingen, were her able assistants in caring for her large list of visitors.

Personal and General

Admiral Schley and Gen. Joe Wheeler were in the city during carnival week.

William Loeb, Jr., succeeds George B. Cortelyou as secretary to President Roosevelt.

Rev. A. B. Harris, pastor Darrowville, La., has been spending a few days in the city on business.

Rev. W. L. Amos of Cotton Port, La., while in the city this week on business, called at the office.

Bishop D. H. Moore gave an address before the students of Illinois Wesleyan University January 22.

William H. H. Smith, of Shreveport, La., a colored clerk in the Pension Bureau for a number of years, died recently.

Miss Ida V. Andrew, the niece of Rev. A. F. Owens of Mobile, Ala., is the guest of Mrs. Ella R. Sachery of this city.

Bishop C. C. McCabe is to lecture before the students of the Chicago Training School during the spring normal course.

Dr. Goucher, president of Woman's College, Baltimore, Md., and his daughter, are to make an extended trip through the West.

Rev. S. L. Deas, of Augusta, Ga., has extended a cordial invitation to the Presiding Elder's Council to meet in Augusta, Ga.

The nomination of William R. Day to be an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court has been confirmed by the Senate.

Mr. Moses Connor and Miss Marzina Elzy, of Mallard, La., were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elzy, the 15th inst.

Mrs. Darnell, wife of Rev. S. B. Darnell, former president of Cookman Institute, Florida, died at her home in Hackettstown, N. J., February 10.

Rev. J. H. Thompson pastor, Haven Chapel, this city, went to Litcher last Saturday to deliver a special sermon Sunday before the Odd Fellows Lodge.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Shumpert of Mississippi, was in the city this week and reports his work in most excellent condition. He expects this to be his banner year on the district.

Rev. C. D. C. Bryan who was last year pastor at Lake Providence, La., is now pastor at Franklinton. He wishes his correspondents to address his letters to Box 35.

Rev. W. F. Smith, D. D., has been elected president of the Ministerial Union for Attalla and Gadsden, Ala. Rev. J. R. Pollard, of the C. M. E. Church, was elected secretary.

The nomination of George B. Cortelyou for Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor was made by the President. The nomination was confirmed at once.

Rev. S. T. Clanton, D. D., principal of the Franklinton Normal School this State, and Mr. K. D. Bickham while in the city this week stopped in to see us. Mr. Bickham added his name to our subscription list.

Mrs. J. W. Alstork, wife of Bishop Alstork of the A. M. E. Zion Church, was in the city during Mardi Gras. Mrs. Alstork in company with Mrs. S. T. Clanton and little Juanitta Clanton, made the office a delightful visit.

Rev. A. R. Griggs, of Dallas, Texas, State superintendent of Missions and associate editor of *Western Star*, and Dr. Abner, president of Guadeloupe College, Seguin, Tex., were in the city recently.

Rev. Stephen Duncan, presiding elder of the

Alexandria (La.) District has begun his first round and anticipates a pleasant and successful year's work. He goes first to Boyce and then to Natchitoches, La.

Rev. J. A. Tirciut, president of the Louisiana Conference Board of Church Extension, calls a meeting for to-day Thursday February 26, at 1 o'clock p. m. All members of the Board are expected to be present.

Mr. D. B. Watkins and his little daughter Emma, of Poplarville, Miss., were in the city during Mardi Gras. Brother Watkins is the Epworth League president of the Meridian District.

Rev. Homer Eaton, D. D., one of the publishers of the Methodist Book Concern is to sail for Shanghai, China, March 11, in company with Bishop D. H. Moore and family, to give personal direction to affairs in opening and establishing the Methodist Publishing House there. They embark at San Francisco.

Secretary I. Garland Penn will be in the city March 6. He will hold two services while here. The first will be held at Mt. Zion at 3 o'clock p. m.; the second at First Street Church at 7 o'clock p. m. All Epworth Leaguers are cordially requested to be present at both services.

Dr. Daniel H. Williams, one of the oldest and most prominent colored physicians in America, has been for some time one of the surgeons of the Cook County Hospital, Illinois. Recently he has been chosen by the president of that institution as one of the executive committee.

Miss Alice Roosevelt will doubtless carry from New Orleans only pleasant impressions of the carnival season. She has been the guest of honor at social functions and the very center of attraction where ever she moved. The people among whom she and Miss Root have spent a few days have vied with each other in making their stay one round of exquisite joy and pleasure.

The white ladies of Dallas, Tex., are working to raise money for the local kindergarten work. To help along in the good cause Mrs. Roosevelt, the wife of the President, sent a handkerchief to be sold for the benefit of the cause. The ladies became indignant and said many things which the newspapers say were decidedly uncomplimentary. They adopted a resolution to return the handkerchief sent by Mrs. Roosevelt after being exhibited at so much per look. A handkerchief sent by Mrs. Jefferson Davis was gratefully and pleasantly received by the ladies.

The *Reformer* says: "The Negro who tries to 'curry' favor with the white man by making it appear that he looks with disfavor upon the efforts of the race to restore itself to the rights enjoyed by others is morally wrong, and has only the utmost contempt of the decent white men."

The *Christian Index* says: The supreme motive in life, should be to treat a fellow-man right, regardless of his condition, environment or circumstances. Human nature is so imperfect that it does not concede to one such privileges, as a whole that should be enjoyed by all; special favors are often reserved.

Some weeks ago Rev. Dr. H. T. Johnson editor of the *Christian Recorder* of the A. M. E. Church was refused service in the dining car on a railway in Virginia. The United States Court of New Jersey has just awarded him damages against the Pullman Company for \$500. We congratulate Dr. Johnson.

News Notes

Lincoln's birthday was generally observed throughout the North and East.

It has been decided to hold the Olympic games at St. Louis during the world's fair.

The next meeting of the University Senate will be held in Delaware, Ohio, May 5, 1903.

The United States will establish naval coaling stations at Guantanamo and Bahia Honda, Cuba.

The Virginia Senate voted to place a statue, in bronze or marble, of General Lee in the Capitol at Washington.

The governor of a Chinese province has recently donated \$3,000 to Soo Chow university, a Methodist school in China.

In Australia a law was recently enacted which gives every grown woman the right to vote at the federal elections in 1904.

The colored people of Missouri are still protesting against the "Jim Crow car" bill now before the Legislature of that State.

On January 15 a huge tidal wave swept across the Southern sea, killing 1,000 persons and devastating eighty islands of the Society group.

An excellent portrait of Prof. Charles Stewart, the veteran newspaper correspondent, appears in the *Voice of Missions* for February.

President Roosevelt signed the bill appropriating \$1,500,000 for the construction of a new building for the Department of Agriculture in Washington.

Over three hundred colored farmers held a convention in Athens, Ga., last week and discussed questions looking to the improvement of their condition.

After May 1 of this year no child under the age of 11 will be allowed to work in any factory or textile establishment in the State of South Carolina.

The executive committee of the State Association of the Colored Teachers of Florida has decided to hold the next meeting of the association in Ocala, Fla., April 28.

The well-known French author, Mr. Leopold Mabileau, who is the official lecturer of the Alliance Francaise Federation, is to lecture in New Orleans soon.

The arbitration commission appointed by President Roosevelt has closed its investigation of the anthracite coal strike. A decision is expected by the end of the month.

Jake Hines, a colored man, who lived on Young's Island, near Charleston, S. C., was whipped last week by a gang of whitecappers and died from the effects February 12.

The *Baltimore Methodist* says an effort is being made in Washington City to erect a monument to the Rev. Lorenzo Dow, the noted but eccentric Methodist preacher.

President Roosevelt has been threatened with fever, and was obliged to keep quiet for a day or more. The night of February 8 his symptoms were pronounced improved by his physician.

A protest signed by thousands of representative citizens in the west has been sent to Washington against Smoot, the Mormon bishop, who was recently elected United States Senator from Utah.

Wilberforce Memorial Church, of Birmingham, England, composed entirely of white people, has called as its pastor, a colored minister, the Rev. P. Thomas Stanford, A. M., M. D., LL. D., of Boston, Mass.

President Roosevelt's attitude on the race question and his desire to secure equality of treatment for all races were warmly commended last week by Pope Leo in the audience he gave to Bishop Beaven, of Springfield, Mass.

The saloonkeeper of Denmark who sells the last glass to a drunken man is compelled to pay for a carriage to take him home and to pay doctor's bill for any damage done by the man while in his "cups."

In the state of Connecticut a bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives to abolish the death penalty. It provides that persons found guilty of murder in the first degree shall be imprisoned during life and shall, when their condition permits, spend one day in every week in a solitary chamber of reflection.

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FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. C. Marshall Editor

Make the garden large and fruitful this spring. Raise vegetables for the table and to sell.

Mr. D. R. Woodard, of Austin, Tex., one of the oldest and most capable of postal clerks in that state, has embarked in the business of raising thoroughbred trotters.

One of the chief faults of the southern farmer is his dependent spirit, which inclines him to look to the merchant, the banker or some one else for help to raise the crop. Suppose we make an extra effort this season to pay as we go, and show an independent attitude.

Remember what we have said to you about keeping accounts this year and having records to help you decide which of the operations on your farm pay and which are losing projects. And at the end of the year we want to have you tell us something about these profits and losses.

The Georgia legislature recently refused to vote a small sum for the purpose of supporting farmers' institutes in that state. A peculiar side of it is that some farmers voted against the measure. Institutes are schools for the farmer. Since he cannot go to college the college advantages can be brought to him by having capable lecturers meet him at the institute, and lecture on subjects which pertain to his calling.

Negro farmers now own and operate 764,717 farms in this country. They include more than 38 million acres, worth \$500,000,000. Those farms are cultivated with singular thrift and success. The crops of 1899 were valued at \$256,000,000. This is a net profit of 48 per cent on their investment of half a billion dollars—the value of the farms.

Let us hold on to this success, and try hard to possess more of the soil of our country.

We read almost every day dispatches in our daily papers, telling of the efforts the white people are making to secure such portions of the lands of the Indian Territory as the Indian is permitted to sell. We wonder if the colored people who have gone there are doing anything towards acquiring

a grasp on the virgin soil of that fertile section. Unless we own the soil, we are quite unfortunate. Our preachers and teachers ought to proclaim this truth to their people.

DO NOT BURN OFF THE VEGETATION.

It is an old custom to burn everything we can in the farm. This is a great mistake. Every kind of rotting vegetable matter is valuable. The decaying grass and sticks and stalks and leaves of every sort help to furnish readily soluble food for the next crop. They make the best possible manure except the animal matter.

But it is not alone for the manure that they are valuable. In rotting they create humus. Without humus our soils will not yield; anything that increases the humus in the soil greatly increases the capacity of that soil to produce.

For this reason we should carefully preserve and plow in every possible pound of vegetable matter. Whenever you see a smoke in the farm you may know that there goes part of that farmer's money. Literally "gone up in smoke."

Fire has done almost as much damage to the farms as the water. Never burn anything that will rot. Anything that will burn will rot, therefore never burn anything in the farm.

It is true that sometimes a very heavy coat of grass poorly turned under and that too late in the season, will cut off capillary action until it has time to rot. This sometimes causes a slight delay in the crop and gives some trouble in the work. For this reason many have decided that it pays to burn off the grass. It may seem to do so on the first crop, but so great is the benefit later on that we can well afford to lose this little for the larger later gain.

Keep the fires out of your farm.

Morrilton, Ark.—I rejoice because I am a subscriber of the SOUTHWESTERN. I have read the farmers' letters and I enjoy their ideas on farming. I live three miles from Morrilton. I am from South Carolina. Came to Arkansas December, 1884. The first year I worked on shares and made \$137; the next year I bought a little farm, 111 acres, hill farm, for \$2,000, and paid for it in a year. In a few more years I bought another, 126 acres, adjoining the same farm, paid \$1,400 for it. I also built me a house with fine lumber. It was built by good carpenters. It is painted white. The public road runs right through my land. I also have a gin house 30x20. It is 24 feet high; engine room is 30x30 feet. It is well finished, with corrugated iron and very well completed with press, elevator suction. My barn is 24x24 feet, frame building, with 10 foot shed all around it. I have two horses, four mules, all first class—no second class in the farm; 2 wagons, 2 buggies. I have bought no corn in 14 years and no bacon. I have a corn mill, a good one. I make my linen at home all the time. I have a little boy 12 years old. He fires and runs my engine of 35 horse-power, doing everything about it. Sometimes I am from home a week at a time and he carries on the work. I paid over two thousand dollars for my machinery. I may owe two hundred dollars, but if I do I have the money to pay it with. I am an unlearned man. Never in school two months in my life. I read Baptist Vanguard and Afro-American Ledger. I am 56 years

or more of age and a race man from head to toe.

Yours truly,

A. M. McALLISTER.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

S. E. Simmons, Ebenezer, Miss.—We are having very good success on our work up to the present time. Our pastor has only been with us 12 days. He has preached four sermons, buried one and made 30 visits. The quarterly conference was held at Galilee. A good many of the officers were absent. Very good reports were read. I feel that the Lord is with us, for by the skill of our people and loving kindness of our pastor the circuit has credit up to date of \$81.90. I don't think too much good can be said about Bro. F. G. Wilbon; everybody seems to love him for he is kind to all he meets. Pray for us that we may have much success, not only in treating our pastor right, but in winning souls for Christ.

J. V. S. Soy, Brinkley, Ark.—The pastor of Wesley Chapel has started on another year's work. By the grace of God we expect to do more this year than last, for the Master. The membership is small but we have a pastor who is fully competent to make small matters large. That's saying a great deal and yet it is true. We paid a debt of \$150; paid pastor in full and met other requirements. We are so glad to have our pastor returned that we are all smiles. Since he is back we know we will finish our church this year. Pray for us.

N. R. Clay, Pastor, Holly Springs, Miss.—Asbury, this place, is started into this new year with new zeal and spirit. Sunday was a great day, with an unusually large congregation to greet the new pastor and his family, with money and smiles. They made us feel that this proud congregation was in the lead of any other in the state, with the large crowd of students from Rust and the State Normal. On Wednesday night a happy band, led by Prof. and Mrs. McKissack, Mr. and Mrs. Oglesby, Bro. J. J. Elliott, Wright, Mrs. Woolfolk, Clay, Mrs. Prof. Williams, Dancy, Mrs. McDonald and Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Will McKissack, Butler, and a host of others, including young men and women who live in town. After singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," Prof. McKissack, in a few choice words, stated why they came. This was feebly responded to by the pastor, after which they unloaded 123 pounds of eatables of every variety on this market. The professor called it a mob, but the pastor and family can always afford to welcome these mobs, and live fine after they are gone. The charge seems to take on new life.

W. H. Sparks, Pastor, Prairie Plains, Tex.—Our first quarterly conference was held Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, by Rev. W. A. Fortson, our presiding elder. The quarterly conference members were nearly all present with good reports. The presiding elder was well pleased with our work, and drilled the officers on all lines of duty in the work of the church. He assured them that they had done well, but there was room for improvement. He preached with power and earnestness. God bless our presiding elder. The Lord's Supper was administered to a good



many. Total collection, \$19.10. Our new church, Matthew Chapel, is nearing completion. The faithful, lively workers, have done well with Brother Rev. E. McCowan at the head of the building committee, and Rev. L. McGowan, who is standing by him. These people deserve much credit, for they have built this splendid edifice without help.

L. H. Smith, Recording Secretary, Beattieville, La.—I speak the sentiment of my church when I say, we are well pleased with our new pastor, the Rev. F. D. Bowers. Our conference year closed up in good condition, both spiritually and financially. We owe many thanks to the King's Daughters and Sons, for a nice little purse on benevolence. Regardless of mud and cold, Rev. Bowers was on the grounds Feb. 7, and on the 8, administered the Lord's Supper, assisted by Rev. Jules Been. The church was crowded and collection good. We anticipate a good year's work.

Blaze Duho, La Place, La.—We, of La Place, were glad of the return of our beloved pastor, C. O. Pardo. Great work is being done since his return to us. Great revival is going on; two souls converted and one reclaimed, and anxious souls at the altar seeking Christ, he started two years without a member, to-day he has 27 on roll.

N. Toole, Pastor, Forest, Miss.—On my return from the annual conference I was cordially received by the church. On Wednesday, Jan. 28, the old members gave a concert, result of which was \$19.85. On Sunday, the pastor's day, the collection was \$13.85. On the 7th and 8th of February, Dr. J. M. Shumpert, presiding elder, came. We had a good quarterly conference—paid the pastor \$13.85; presiding elder, \$15.50; raised for benevolence, \$7; for improving the church, \$19.85. I have begun in time to raise the church moneys. Sister Lucy Qualls, an old member of Mars' Hill church, aged 98, fell asleep in Jesus Feb. 2. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Nester Bairnett, Seays Chapel, Tenn.—Rev. H. W. Key appointed B. F. Anderson to hold our quarterly meeting, and he failed to come and it was held by the pastor, G. Y. Gordon, who preached a good sermon. Collection raised for all purposes, \$38. We have made an improvement on all lines. Brother Jordan is a Christian minister.

W. C. Lewis, Slidell, La.—Rev. Z. T. Gayden reached his appointment last week. Sunday was a glorious day. His sermon was interesting. Rev. Gayden is the right man in the right place. We pray God for his success.

T. A. South, Greenville, Ga.—Our first quarterly conference was held Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, with Rev. J. D. Jenkins, presiding elder, in the chair. We had a grand time. Reports showed

Colds

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great improvement on all lines. The presiding elder has the work at heart and is looking after every interest of the church. He is the right man in the right place. He preached two strong sermons at 8 o'clock. Sixty-five par-took of the Lord's Supper. He did not forget the SOUTHWESTERN. Good many promised to take it soon. Sunday night there was not standing room in the church. He held the hearers spellbound for 60 minutes. The old friends that knew him say he preached as never before. We raised for the elder \$13; for all causes \$48.50. Let us march to the call of our presiding elder and bring the district to success, that it may be the banner district of the Savannah conference.

Dorsey McRae, Pastor, Madison, N. C.—Our quarterly conference convened here Jan. 3. Rev. J. P. Franklin, presiding elder, presided. The brethren were present with good reports. On Sunday the presiding elder preached. The Holy Ghost was upon him. The

church was edified. We raised for our elder \$11.50. We have some loyal Methodists in Madison. My correspondents will please write me at Madison, N. C. I am pastor here. Pray for us.

J. A. Y. Dickens, Terza, Miss.—We had a nice time the first Sunday in this month. Our pastor has just returned to the circuit for this conference year and we are glad, more than glad to have him returned to us, and we do pray that his third year may be the best of all. We are going to do all we can for the upbuilding of the church this year. We made a nice start the first Sunday in February. We had a nice Sunday school and a good sermon. Raised for school 75 cents; for pastor, \$4. Rev. Slate says he feels stronger in the cause of Christ than ever before. We are going to improve our church. The members and pastor expect to go side by side working for the Master. We have an Epworth League, with about 26 members and about 17 or more faithful workers. Rev. W. N. McCarty, our former pastor, is with us. Miss Matilda Hightower, one of our public school teachers, is boarding with Rev. McCarty. She is highly esteemed by all.

S. J. Jenkins, Pastor, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.—Our second quarterly conference was held Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, with Rev. A. Phillips, our much beloved presiding elder, in the chair. He gave us a stirring lecture concerning church work, after which our reports were read. We have learned to raise the quarterly collection before the elder arrives, in order to have more spiritual power in our meetings. Brethren of the West Nashville District let us plan for more spiritual power in our quarterly conferences and we will have more financial power. We must not study about our small congregations but study how came them so. Praise His Holy name! In John 12:32 we find, "If I be lifted up from the earth I will draw all men unto me." Take warning. Raised for the presiding elder

A Nervous Woman

Will often feel compelled to stop the clock whose ticking seems unbearable to her. In such a nervous condition the woman needs a building up of the entire system. It is useless to attempt the cure



of the nerves while the cause of the nervousness remains uncured. A very common cause of nervousness in women is a diseased condition of the delicate womanly organism.

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this quarter \$16 and for pastor \$47, for all purposes \$80. The SOUTHWESTERN is not forgotten. We have eight subscribers and six more names. I have asked the church to help me pray for 25 subscribers and 100 conversions.

G. W. Seawell, Opelika Charge.—After the adjournment of the Mobile Conference I at once came to my appointment. I was given a cordial welcome by the former pastor, Rev. C. L. Dunn, and the faithful workers of St. Paul. Brother Dunn leaves a host of friends who bid him God-speed in his new field of labor. Since I have been here every phase of the work is spiritually and financially aroused. The Sunday school under the auspices of Mrs. Isaiah Burks, superintendent, and Sister H. N. Brown, faithful and efficient teacher of the Bible class, and Sister Mary Harrison, teacher of the catechism class, and Brother F. T. Thomas, president of the Epworth League, and the other officers and teachers, will sure win success for old Saint Paul. Too much can't be said for Brother Louis Webb and the other faithful, devoted members, who have carried the burdens. Our beginning was in a horse stable, with a few Methodists like John Wesley, until to-day we stand second to none, with church and parsonage unencumbered. Since my stay here the congregation has increased and we have added eight new and loyal members to the church. Believe me, we shall plant the SOUTHWESTERN in the homes of the people and bring up all claims assessed. The parsonage committee, with Mrs. Mary Harrison chairman, has been very busy in making the parsonage comfortable and tidy awaiting the arrival of Mrs. G. W. Seawell. Our motto is, "Upward, onward March!"

W. M. Neal, Ouachita, La.—We regret the removal of the Rev. and Mrs. D. Harrison from among us. We

found them true leaders. They are highly esteemed by white and colored and the whole of North Louisiana will miss these two worthy people of God. Mr. Harrison did excellent work for his church and people. The standard of the ministry was lifted up. Rev. Harrison is a race man, also a trusty man.

E. Micheaux, Pastor, Livingston, Tex.—On the night of Feb. 5, a crowd of members and young people of St. Luke M. E. church, stormed the parsonage. The band were led by Mesdames Caroline DeWalt, Sara Harderwag, H. L. Washington, Betty Watts, Mr. Clan DeWalt, Misses Birdie Moore and Della Clay. Many good things were left on the table. Too much cannot be said for these good people. My first quarterly conference was held at Livingston, Tex., Jan. 24 and 25, 1903, with Rev. W. A. Fortson, the presiding elder, in the chair. On Sunday the elder preached two good sermons. This is my second year here. Pray for our success. Paid the presiding elder, \$8.30; the pastor, \$21.

W. H. H. Gallion, pastor, West Point, Miss.—At our last session of the Upper Mississippi Conference, I was appointed to the Caledonia Circuit. I arrived here on Jan. 24 and was met by the officials, who made me feel glad by their many words of encouragements. They gave me the assurance that they would stand by the pastor and every interest of the church. To prove that they meant what they said, they raised the best collection Jan. 25, for the pastor ever raised by them the beginning of any pastoral year. After the collection the following brethren paid cash on a horse and buggy for me: J. Dickerson, \$1; S. W. Rispus, \$1; L. Beard, 25c; S. J. Kidd, \$1; D. Morgan, \$1; J. M. Kidd, \$1; W. M. Billups, 50c; H. Dickerson, 50c; S. Hughes, 50c; E. Moore, \$1; J. Kidd, 15c; A. Davis, 10c; D. Fernandez, 50c; J. S. Smith, 10; Jessie Vaughan, 50c. We have a good many readers of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE on this work, and we will increase its number soon. We have three good churches—and I said to them, let us send Dr. Scott ten cash subscribers from each one of these churches, and the congregation said, Amen.

S. S. Myers, Byhalia, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference was held on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, 1903. These were high days with the members of Bright Prospect M. E. church. Our presiding elder was with us. All members answered to their names. Written reports show an advance along all lines. Paid presiding elder in full, \$11.25; pastor this quarter, \$5; total, \$16.55. Rev. N. H. Williams administered the Lord's Supper to five, assisted by Rev. L. J. Terrell and Rev. A. P. Parker.

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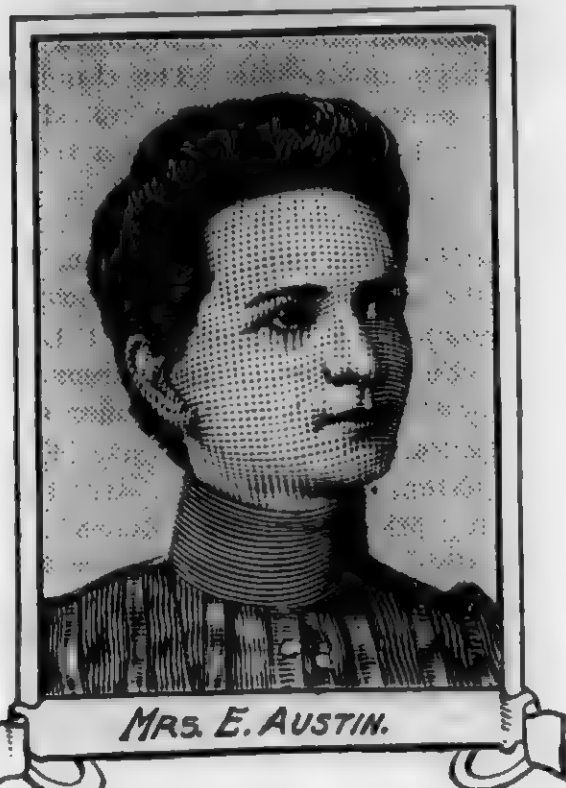
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Birmingham, Ala.—T. A. Wilson reports Birmingham spiritually and financially alive. We are in the basement of our new church, St. Paul. Rev. R. J. Buckner is pastor. Every interest of the church is looked after carefully. We love him, and are putting our shoulders to the wheel to build our new church. The Sunday school with W. C. Davis superintendent, is prospering. Brother Davis is marshalling this army to success. The Epworth League with Mrs. Sallie Perry president, is moving every wheel. Mrs. R. J. Buckner, president of the Junior League, will see that this part does its work by the convening of the next annual conference. Then the Woman's Home Missionary Society with its noble-hearted president, Mrs. Hattie A. Daniels, the daughter of Rev. G. W. Winn, is doing excellent work for the church. With these forces combined, we will take the field on the fourth Sunday in March. We plan to raise \$1,000.

H. E. Erwin, Pastor, Sparta, Tenn.—My second quarterly conference was held Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, 1903, with Rev. M. Williams in the chair. The brethren were on hand with written reports which showed that the work is growing. The elder preached to a large congregation Sunday. He administered the Sacrament at night. We have succeeded in covering the church this quarter. We are moving along quietly and we had eight additions this quarter. We hope to send some new subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE soon. Pray for us.

H. J. Jorden, Pastor—We are planning for a great harvest year upon this charge. The members have begun with new zeal. A great number came forward to the altar last Sunday and renewed their vows. Our watchword is "Onward;" our motto is, 50 conversions, and 25 new subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. We hope to raise all our benevolences. Our aim is to lead the district.

Robert Smith, Pastor, Hickory, N. C.—The work started off nicely and the reports up to the quarterly conference, the second Sunday in January, were really encouraging. On this day small pox broke out and since that time every thing has been at a stand still. We cannot get the people out to any of the church services, and Mason Academy, which was in the most prosperous condition, had to close and thirty-three boarding students returned to their home. We regret very much that these things are so, but we bow in humble submission before the Lord. We ask your prayers.

M. C. Cavines, Pastor, Dallas, Tex.—The pastor's family has been here one month. A revival meeting is now in progress. We have had 13 conversions and 29 accessions. Collection for all purposes averages \$35 per week; 100 additional seats have been put in the church. From 50 to 100 persons are turned away from the church every Sunday night for want of room. The pastor's traveling expenses have been paid, saving \$7. This has been accomplished with the weather against us; for we have not had three pleasant days in succession for 35 days. The snow is now on the ground 12 inches deep. Mr. A. D. Hancock and Miss Pearl Moore were united in marriage Feb. 10th. Miss Moore is an excellent young woman and of one of the very best families of Dallas. Mr. Hancock is said to be a model young man. They carry with them the best wishes of their many friends. Now Mr. Editor, we pledged 20 subscribers, and have sent but one. We've had the promise of a dozen at least a mon. We hope to report at least 12 by the first of next month. Pray for the success of St. Paul.

G. B. McLean, Reldsville, N. C.—Freedman's Aid collection, \$6.77. Splendid program interspersed with inspiring song—Mr. W. H. Lesneur, chorister; Mrs. Ada Lesneur, organist, together with the other members of the choir rendered excellent service. Prof. Jno. F. Gunn and Miss Mabel L. Morris read excellent papers. Ours is an energetic people with great possibilities. The youths among us were given great patriotic incentives.

J. S. Todd, Jacksonville, Fla.—The good work of the conference year has

started off nicely on the Ebenezer charge. Last Sunday afternoon a beautiful program of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society was well rendered by the students of Baylor Home and Cookman Institute. Each student acted his or her part well. A collection for the Freedman's Aid Society was taken. The teachers of both school have promised to stand by the pastor and his people, and make the work a success even more so than last year if possible.

A. Reid, Pastor, Edward, Miss.—After receiving my appointment at Crystal Springs by Bishop Mallalieu, I went straight from conference to my work. I was received joyfully by the good people of Edward. The night of Feb. 10, we had a great storm which brought many gifts to the pastor and family. Many thanks to the givers for their kindness. The leaders in this storm are E. C. Knox, B. Lenard, C. Coleman, R. Brooks, E. Miner.

Conference Notices

OCALA DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Hawthorne, Feb. 14; Citra, Feb. 17; Orange Lake, Feb. 19; Reddick, Feb. 21; Micanopy, Feb. 24; Rochell, Feb. 26; Fairfield, Feb. 28; Ocala, March 7; Cotton Plant, March 14; Hernando, March 17; Santos, March 21; Trilby, March 24; Tarpon Springs, March 26; Tampa, March 28; West Tampa, March 31; Lakeland, April 4; Ft. Myers, April 11; Waldo, April 18; Free Cannon, April 21; Starks, April 25; New River, April 28.

Dear brethren, we are starting out in a new conference year to work for God and his church. In many respects, this is to be one of the most important years in the history of our work. Plan now, and plan largely, and lend every energy to execute these plans. Remember that to be successful as captain of the Lord's host, our first effort should be to have a revival to sweep throughout the length and breadth of our district. With this burden upon our hearts, let a revival begin in every heart, and around every family altar, and in every church. Let us make a special effort to increase the subscription to the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE on the district to 250 cash subscribers. To encourage this effort, we will give to the minister or laymen, sending in the largest number of cash subscribers above five by the 1st of May, a copy of Dr. W. H. Nelson's famous book, "A Walk With Jesus," or a teacher's Bible. Let us make our school—the Emerson Home and School at Ocala, the pride of our district. Speak kindly and pray earnestly for it, and strive to send in as many pupils from our charges as possible. Plan for missions on Easter day, and for education on Children's Day. Make a special effort for church extension and other benevolent collections. Communicate freely with me on all matters of importance concerning our work, and let us work together with God for a successful year. Your earnest consideration will greatly oblige. Sincerely yours, S. A. HUGGA.

NOTICE.

To the undergraduates of the Okaneb Conference:

The Board of Examiners will meet at Guthrie on April 1, 1903, at 9 o'clock a. m., to examine all candidates for admission and for each of the four years course of studies. Any one failing to meet must wait until next year, as all examinations must be over before the session of the Conference. Meet us.

so we can arrange plans for another year. J. C. WILLIAMS, Chairman of the Board of Examiners.

NOTICE.

To the presiding elders of the Central Missouri conference which is to convene in Taylor Chapel M. E. Church, Sedalia, Mo., March 11, 1903: Please send the name of any new men or supplies that does not occur in the minutes of said conference, to the pastor. All visitors should be reported to the pastor so the committee can arrange for their entertainment during the seventeenth session of the Central Missouri Conference Board may be had from \$2.50 to \$5 per conference session. The following brethren have a cordial invitation to attend the annual conference, viz: Drs. J. W. E. Bowen, A. E. P. Albert, I. B. Scott, G. G. Logan, W. H. Nelson, also I. Garland Penn and M. C. B. Mason, who need no invitation. They will give us some great Epworthian and Freedmen's Aid orations.

W. J. DEBOR, Pastor.

ROME DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Rivertown, March 14-15; Ench Grove, 14-15; Carrollton, 20-22; Bowden, 21-22; Villa Rica, 28-29; Temple, 29-30; Austell, April 3-5; Douglassville, 4-5; Tallapoosa, 18-19; South Rome, 24-26; Cedartown, 26-27; Summerville, Ma 2-3; Cohutta, 3-4; Seney, 9-10; Adairsville, 16-17; Broad Street, 24-25; Cave Spring, 30-31; Floyd, June 6-7.

Dear Brethren: Make Easter, April 12, the greatest day in the history of your charge. Order program at once. Get the last dollar of your Benevolent assessment. Bring full assessment for F. A. Society to Clark University Commencement week. Children's Day is June 14th. Our Sunday school and Epworth League Convention meets at Carrollton, Ga., on June 18th. Opening sermon by Rev. Z. K. Gowen, District Conference Aug. 6, at Cave Spring, Ga. Opening sermon by Rev. E. D. Petty. Don't let your Bible get dusty. Let us pray often and walk close with God. V. D. JENKINS, P. E.

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HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.


Courtland, March 14-15; Decatur, 21-22; Huntsville, 28-29; Cedar Grove, April 4-5; Sheffield, 11-12; Center Grove, 18-19; Triana, 25-26; Scottsboro, May 2-3; Guntersville, 2-10; Summit, 11; Stevenson, 16-17; Bellemina, 23-24; Athens, 30-31; Fullers, June 6-7.

Dear Brethren—We are pushing fast into the present conference year. The year is swiftly flying, and we with the year. Please keep the general interests of the Church before the people. Keep the coming Easter prominent before the people, and its significance, as ob-

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Always your brother,

W. H. NELSON.

OPELIKA DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Wetumpka, March 21-22; Lomax, 28-29; Eclectic, April 4-5; Alexander City, 11-12; Alexander City Ct., 18-19; Kellyton, 25-26; Shiloh, May 2-3; Dadeville, 9-10; Camp Hill, 16-17; Lafayette, 23-24; Lafayette Ct., 30-31; LaNett, June 6-7; Opelika, 13-14; Opelika Mission, 13-14; Rivers and Mallies Chapel, 21.

Brethren, push the revivals and the benevolent collection. My first round was very promising. The SOUTHWESTERN makes things go easy. Lafayette, Ala., is a demonstration of it.

F. L. TEAGUE, P. E.

MARION DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Marion, March 21-22; Oak Grove, 28-29; Henrietta, April 4-5; Newberne, 11-12; Selma, 18-19; Jackson, 25-26; Springfield, May 2-3; Union, 9-10; Oak Grove, on Mt. Hebron, 16-17; Gainesville, 23-24; Mt. Sterling, 30-31; Allen, June 6-7.

My Dear Brethren: We have begun our second year as pastors and presiding elder. We were very helpful to each other last year. Let us be more so if possible this. Let us keep in touch and hands about each other, and above all, keep our hands in God's. Brothers, remember the end of each sermon is the salvation of the people. Bring souls to God and don't wait till the last of the year to raise your benevolent claims, or even the middle of the year. Begin now and keep at it until the entire claim for all causes shall have been raised.

Yours for God and the Church,

G. W. STAPLES, P. E.

NAVASOTA DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Millican Ct., March 14-15; Sealy Ct., 21-22; Caldwell and Lyons, 28-29; Caldwell Cir., April 4-5; Waller Ct., 18-19; Bellville Ct., 25-26; Anderson Ct., May 2-3; Brenham Sta., 9-10; Brenham Ct., 9-10; Navasota Sta., 16-17; Navasota

Ct., 16-17; Yarboro Ct., 23-24; Hockley, 30-31; Hempstead, 29-31; Courtney Ct., 30-31; Brookshire, June 6-7.

Brethren, do your very best on Easter. The Missionary Society gives boxes for collection free. I trust you have secured them. As soon as you collect send your money away and get voucher; it is the best method.

Savannah Conference Board of Church Extension will meet in Warren Chapel M. E. Church, Macon, Ga., Wednesday, March 25, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m.

It is earnestly desired that every ministerial and lay member of this board be present as this branch of the work is very important. All applications for donations or loans must be made out according to form approved by the General Committee November, 1902, or they will not be considered. This form can be obtained by applying to the corresponding secretary.

WM. DANIELS, Pres.

Dear Superintendents of the Navasota District: You are aware of the fact that the last session of the Navasota District Conference, which convened at Hockley, Texas, I was elected district superintendent. I hope to be of some service and do something tangible in this work before the next session of conference. Therefore, I have planned to visit each Sunday school. Will write you a card before coming.

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JACKSON DISTRICT, MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

FIRST ROUND.

Forest, Feb. 7-8; Morton, 14-15; Clinton, 17; Jackson, 21-22; West Jackson, 21-22; Saratoga, 24; Taylorsville, 25; Pelahatchie, 26; Linwood, 26; Brandon, Feb. 28-March 1; Yazoo City, 7-8; Lintonia, March 7-8; Yazoo City Ct., 10; Greenhill, 12; Rosemeath, 14-15; Benton, 21-22; Madison, 24; Vaughan, 26; Canton, 28-29; Canton Ct., 28-29; Couprie, April 4-5; Good Hope, 8; Carthage, 11-12.

Dear Brethren: Please push every interest of the church, and may you meet with excellent success.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. SHUMPERT, P. E.

Notice to the Mississippi Annual Conference:

Dear brethren, the minutes are now ready to be sent out, and please send the money to pay for the printing of the same. Many of you complained at the last conference because the minutes did not reach you earlier last year. You said they came so late that you could not sell them. The minutes are now ready and if you will send the money I will send them out at once. Only one brother has paid up to date. Remember all the secretary can do is to have the minutes printed and you must pay for them.

G. W. SMITH, Secty.

SAVANNAH DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Tarboro, Jan. 3-4; Satilla Bluff, 10-

11; St. Marys, 17-18; Brunswick, 25-26; Brunswick Ct., Feb. 7-8; Waynesville, Feb. 1; Savannah, 15-16; Savannah Ct., 21-22; English Eddy, March 1; Mt. Vernon, 7-8; Baxley, 14-15; Brentwood, 21-22; Jesup, 28-29.

Dear Brethren: We came up shamefully short at last Conference, which added to our experience the fact that it is a serious mistake to commence the work at the end of the year instead of the beginning. The year rolls around quickly, and carries opportunities that can never be regained. Your motto should be "Work toward the Center and not the Edge." Organize your Sunday School Missionary Societies at once and put them to work—this, with the regular anniversary days, will help. Prepare the Epworth Leagues as a special force in your revival work. It is surprising to see what the young people can do when given a chance. Appoint at least two wide-awake young people to conduct a canvass for the SOUTHWESTERN in each of your churches. Circulate all the books and papers you can among your members, as this will make the people wise concerning the great church to which they belong. Plan your work and then work your plan, and look to God for results. Regular anniversaries: Freedman's Aid Day, 2d Sunday in February; Children's Day, 2d Sunday in June; Easter Day, 2d Sunday in April; General Benevolent rally, 2d Sunday in October; District Conference at Jesup, Ga., June 23-30, 1903.

WILLIAM DANIELS, P. E.

GREENWOOD DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Lexington, April 17-19; Owens, 18-19; Ebenezer, 25-26; Durant, May 1-3; Sallis, 2-3; Goodman, 9-10; Pickens, 9-10; Valden, 16-17; Hesterville, 23-24; Valden Ct., 30-31; Shellmound, June 6-7; Minter City, 13-14; Money, 18-14; Greenwood Circuit, 20-21; Tchula, 20-21; Greenwood, 26-28; North Carrollton, July 4-5; Carrollton, 4-5; Wilona, 10-12.

Dear Brethren: Let us start in for another good year's work. Aim to make Easter and Children's Day great days. Begin now to raise your benevolence so as to be able to report in full at the first District Conference. Pray for a great revival in your charge. Let us try to report this year 1,000 converts. Put the SOUTHWESTERN in every home. Yours truly,

B. F. WOOLFOLK.

To the Pastors and Epworth League Presidents of the Spartanburg District:

I have been appointed District Missionary Secretary of the Epworth Leagues for the Spartanburg District, and am asking you for a bit of information and to do a little work. Please write me at your earliest convenience and be careful to give: Name of city or town, name of church, name of circuit or station, Epworth League Charter number, date of next election of E. L. officers; E. L. president, name and address; E. L. secretary, name and address; 1st vice-president, name and address; 2nd vice-president, name and address; 3rd vice-president, name and address; 4th vice-president, name and address; treasurer, name and address; number of members in Epworth League. Please organize your Epworth Leagues at once into the missionary study class and let me know how many persons have joined the class and what books you will study. Let me know

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THEY LIVE OUR MEMORY

Adamsville, Tenn.—Sister Marguerite Montagu, a faithful and useful member of Mt. Nebo M. E. Church, finished her work on earth, dropped the cross of self-denial and went to be with Jesus, Dec. 9, 1902. She joined the M. E. Church under the pastorate of Rev. C. L. Kyles, in 1901. She was one of those characters who did her whole duty as a Christian woman, both spiritually and temporally. Sister Margaret was a lover of both class and prayer meetings, a devoted wife and kind to all. She leaves a husband, a daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons, and a host of friends to mourn her departure. Peace to her ashes. We will see her again. The pastor being absent, Rev. C. M. Montague conducted the funeral.

(Miss) L. D. MONTAGUE.

Kansas City, Kan.—Miss Cary Vandiver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Vandiver, departed this life Thursday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p. m. She was 20 years of age. She was converted under the ministry of Rev. James L. Smith, at Fulton, Mo., and lived a consistent Christian until the day of her death. She was graduated from the Fulton High School in her sixteenth year, winning the first medal for declaiming. She spent two years at the Geo. R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo. While here she gained the favor and confidence of all her teachers and here again she won a gold medal for speaking, in a contest. By request, Rev. James M. Harris, pastor Burns M. E. Church, Kansas City, Mo., preached her funeral. Rev. Harris spoke of his close relation to the family during his pastorate at Fulton, Mo., saying he had known Miss Cary Vandiver for three years and had never heard an unkind word about her character or conduct. She leaves a father, mother, four sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss, which is heaven's gain. And to-day she is in that land where no tears dim the vision; no grief swells the bosom; no heart strings e'er break; no long, weary, nor torturing pain, to rack the poor body and madden the brain. And well could she sing, "In the sweet fields of Eden, where the tree of life is blooming, there is rest for the weary, there is rest for me."

A FRIEND.

Weir, Miss.—Brother Bob Ashford, of Ethel, Miss., and a member of White M. E. Church, after a long illness, departed this life Feb. 11. His last words were, "My way is clear." His wife is class leader No. 6, White church. His funeral was conducted by the pastor. May God comfort his bereaved family in the time of bereavement and trials.

Ella Hannah, a six-year-old daughter of Rev. S. H. Hannah, M. E. Church, McCool, Miss., was burned to death Feb. 9. May God's grace help them to overcome the dark hours of distress and grief.

W. T. WRIGHT.

W. H. Gilliam, Pastor, Sallis, Miss.—Bro. Peter Stingly, one of the founders and leaders of Barlow M. E. Church, died at his post Feb. 3, in full triumph of faith. Since I have been here at all times, I have found him on the Lord's side. Our sympathy goes out in behalf of his bereaved sons and daughters.

Summerfield, N. C.—Sister Ma-linda Mabens, a member of Ralley's Cross Roads M. E. Church, departed this life Dec. 30. She lived a consistent Christian for many years and died in full triumph of faith. Her funeral was preached by the writer.

Sister Laura Dasset, a member of our church, departed this life Feb. 3, aged 21 years. Her last words to her husband, who held her in his arms, were, "I am willing and ready." Her funeral was preached by the writer.

Sister Mary Jones, member of Summerfield M. E. Church, departed this life Feb. 5, aged 33 years. She died a soldier of the cross and a follower of the Lamb. Her last words to her mother were, "Meet me in heaven." Her funeral was preached by the writer.

J. W. JONES, Pastor.

Butler, Texas.—Brother Solomon Allen, aged 69 years, departed this life Feb. 12. He was a faithful member of Pine Mill M. E. Church. He had served as class leader and steward for a number of years. He died fully trusting in the Lord. He leaves a wife and several sons and daughters and a host of friends to mourn his loss. His funeral was largely attended and conducted by his pastor, Rev. G. M. Stewart, assisted by Rev. Mason Wilson.

Thelsey L. Walker died Thursday morning, Feb. 5. He was the son of Mr. W. J. Walker, superintendent of St. Paul M. E. Church Sunday school. Brother Walker has the sympathy of

all of his friends in the loss of his only son, a young man in his teens.

Winsted, La.—Brother Cyrus Smith, a faithful class leader, steward and trustee of Trinity M. E. Church, breathed his last. His end was peaceful. He died with full and unshaken faith in Christ. A good man and a strong pillar has been removed from the church militant to the realm where the spirits of just men are made perfect.

G. G. GOLSTON, Pastor.

Sparta, Tenn.—Brother Will Pates departed this life Jan. 9. He was a member of the M. E. Church. He leaves a wife and five children, two sisters and a host of friends. The funeral was conducted by the writer.

Brother Henry Brewington departed this life Jan. 17. He leaves a wife, seven children, three brothers, one sister and a host of friends. The funeral was conducted by the writer.

Sister Rasse Hamilton, a faithful member of the M. E. Church, departed this life Feb. 7. She lived a true and a loyal member of the church. She leaves a husband, one child, mother, father, one sister, two brothers and a host of friends to mourn. Her last words were, "I don't dread dying; I am going to a better world than this." The funeral was conducted by the writer.

H. E. EAWIN.

McManus, La.—Miss Minnie Hosey departed this life Feb. 11, after being sick only a few days. She was a member of Vincent Chapel M. E. Sunday School. She died in the bloom of life, being only 15 years old. Leaves a father, mother, brothers, sisters and a host of friends to mourn. The writer conducted the funeral.

H. A. SORRELL.

Bro. Harris Johnson departed this life Dec. 28. He took sick on Friday night and never spoke any more. Bro. Albert Wilson departed this life January. He made a profession of religion just before he died and left good

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news. The funeral was conducted by the writer.

W. N. G. LIPSCOMB.

Sherrill's Ford, N. C.—A great man has gone from among us. He was preceded just one day by his little grand-daughter, who went out of the same home. Brother Cyrus Hiss was 55 years old. Had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 30 years. He had served the offices of steward and class leader and when he was called away he was then an active trustee of our church at Mott's Grove. Brother Hill was the father of nine children. He was a brother of the Rev. G. F. Hill, who is now an active minister in the North Carolina Conference. He died in full triumph of faith, leaving a dear wife, seven children, two brothers and many other relations and friends to mourn his loss.

On Feb. 9, about 5 o'clock a m., Sister Mary Sherrill passed from labor to her reward. She, too, was a member of Mott's Grove church, having been a member for 12 years. She leaves a husband and five children, father, mother, one brother, four sisters and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Her last words were, "I am just waiting on the Lord."

W. M. CRAWFORD, Pastor.

Danville, Ga.—Bro. W. G. Kinderland, a trustee, class leader and steward of Roswell M. E. Church, departed this life Jan. 29 in Anniston, Ala. He died as he lived, a Christian man. He was worshipful master of his lodge and a full fledged master mason. His remains were brought from Anniston to Roswell, his home, and laid away to rest. He was loved by most everybody. The church has lost a true and faithful member. He leaves a wife, brother and a host of friends to mourn. The funeral sermon was preached by G. W. Lamar, his pastor.

Hickory, N. C.—On Nov. 27, 1902, Brother Simpson Norwood departed this life. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for a number of years and a class leader and trustee of Hartzell Memorial Temple; also trustee of Mason Academy. The Methodist Episcopal Church here was first organized in his house, in the year 1878. In his death the church loses one of its best members, the children a faithful father and the town a loyal citizen. The writer conducted the funeral services.

On Jan. 15 I was summoned by telegram to Lenoir to preach the funeral of Sister Eliza Norwood, a member of Smith's Chapel, of that place. She had been a member of that church for forty years. The church loses an aged mother, a good counselor; the community a good neighbor. "Asleep in Jesus, peaceful rest,

Whose waking is supremely blest;
No fears, no woes shall dim that
hour,
That manifests the Savior's power."
R. SMITH, PASTOR.
(Received Feb. 20.—Ed.)

B. F. Anderson, Pastor, Lebanon, Tenn.—Brother Allen Hancock, a local preacher of Pickett Chapel M. E. Church, departed this life Feb. 15, 1903. Brother Hancock was born in 1820, aged 83 years. He was licensed to preach 50 years ago by the M. E. church, South. He professed faith in Christ 70 years ago. Was a faithful worker for God and the church. He leaves a wife and eight children to mourn. His funeral was largely attended, as he was highly respected by all who knew him, both colored and white. The funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. R. B. Manson, assisted by Rev. G. Hill of the Baptist Church and the writer.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Sparta, Tenn.—Mr. Louis Young and Miss Mollie Meeks, both members of M. E. Church, were joined in matrimony Feb. 2.

Mr. Edmon Gardinhigh and Miss Mattie Price were united in holy matrimony Dec. 17, 1902.

Mr. Beason Cunningham and Miss Minnie Swift, the daughter of Rev. A. Swift, were united in marriage Nov. 8, 1902. H. E. ERWIN.
(Received Feb. 11.—Ed.)

Mr. Joe Rembert and Miss Nolia Tilman were united in holy wedlock Jan. 7, 1903, and Mr. Almon Tilman and Miss Rosia Welch, Feb. 5.
W. N. G. LIPSCOMB.

Clinton, La., Macedonia, M. E. Church.—At the bride's residence Rev. E. J. Harrison and Miss Julia Battie were married on the 12th of February. There were many friends and relatives to witness the marriage. Rev. A. B. Venable, officiated.

Compti, La.—On the 5th of February, Mr. Henry Farrell was married to Miss Phoebe Dady.

Mr. Louis Page was married to Mrs. Anna Williams Feb. 12 at his residence.

Mr. Garfield Williams was married to Miss Pearl Turner on February the 12th at the residence of the bride's mother. J. McKee, officiated.

New Orleans, La.—At the home of the bride, quite a number of the best citizens and friends witnessed the marriage of Rev. Mr. W. H. Jones and Miss E. E. Shepley. The bride is one of the most talented and accomplished young ladies of First Street M. E. Church. She is well known throughout Rapides and Avoynes Parishes. She is a good Christian, well up to Sunday school and church work. The groom is one of the foremost young ministers of the Louisiana conference. He was formerly a student of the New Orleans University. The bridesmaid was Miss Gertrude Bell, and the best man, Rev. J. A. Lindsay. The married couple were the recipients of many valuable gifts. Among the honored guests were Hon. Rev. J. F. Marshall, D. D., S. Duncan, A. B. Harris and Robt. Jones. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. S. Weaver.

Deerford, La.—Mr. Willie Thomas and Miss Leannier Gross were united in holy wedlock on the 22d of Jan-



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R. H. Patton, Union Church, Miss.
—Mr. Melvin Mack and Miss Minnie
Rollen were united in holy wedlock
Feb. 12.

Vicksburg, Miss.—At the home of
Mrs. Ben Harris, the bride's sister,
Mr. Albert Marble and Miss Brunetta
Moore were united in holy matrimony.
Miss Brunetta is a graduate of the
Lincoln school, Meridian, Miss., and a
member of Wesley M. E. Church this
city, and a member of the choir. Mr.
Marble is intelligent and comes of one
of the best families.

J. C. HISHLER.

Greers, S. C.—Mr. Jessie Tunes of
Batesville, S. C., and Mrs. Mattie S.
McFall of Pelham, S. C., were joined
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A reception was given at the residence
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10:55 a. m.	St. Louis and Chicago.....	7:35 p. m.	
7:25 a. m.	Northern Express.....	8:20 p. m.	
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Memphis exp.....	9:50 a. m.	Memphis exp.....	3:45 p. m.
Vicksburg exp.....	5:25 p. m.	Vicksburg exp.....	7:10 a. m.
Valley Express.....	8:10 a. m.	Valley Ex- press.....	p. m.
Bayou Sara Acc'd	9:30 a. m.	Bayou Sara Acc'd	4:00 p. m.
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11:30 a. m.	Local.....	4:55 p. m.	
8:00 p. m.	New Orleans and Houston.....	7:05 a. m.	
8:50 a. m.	Pacific Coast Express.....	9:00 p. m.	
6:45 p. m.	Sunset Limited.....	11:55 a. m.	
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6:10 p. m.	Texas and Ft Worth Ex.....	8:15 a. m.	
11:55 a. m.	Fort Allen Local.....	8:20 p. m.	
7:30 a. m.	Hot Springs, El Paso and California Express.....	7:30 p. m.	
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Little Rock—Mary N. Bankhead; T. R. Wamble, *1; W. S. Sherrill, *1; J. H. Reed, *1.

Louisiana—J. W. Lewis, *1; M. R. Hite; A. Dejoie; C. W. Reeves; Alex Jones; W. R. Butler; D. J. Price, *1; S. Green, *1; J. L. Augustus, *1; V. Chapman; W. H. Lang; Jno. B. Hall; T. J. Johnson; R. P. Y. Green; W. H. Moore; G. G. Golston, *1; F. T. Chinn; S. Duncan; R. C. Metoyer; J. D. Banks, *1; W. J. M. Price, *1; J. J. Obee; L. Bibolet; A. B. Harris; E. D. Hubbard; E. P. Harris, *1; J. B. Alexander; Andrew Smith; M. S. Alexander.

Mississippi and Upper—L. J. S. Bell; Mary Bucher; J. C. Hibbler, *1; B. L. Crump, *3; R. N. Patton, *2; P. H. Pembert, *1; R. L. Carpenter, *2; Thos. W. Davis, *1; Geo. W. Baker, *1.

North Carolina—S. P. West, *1; J. P. Franklin, *3; N. D. Shambourger, *4; A. B. McQueen, *1; Robert Smith, *2; D. Brooks, *4.

South Carolina—M. M. Mouzon, *1; J. H. Bivings; W. G. Vallentine, *1.

Tennessee and East—J. A. Guthrie, *1; H. Harris, 1; M. Williams, 1.

Texas and West—R. S. Lovinggood; A. Brown, *1; J. I. Gilmore, *1; E. D. Hubbard, *1; A. T. Jackson, *1; Martha Cohen; Mrs. M. A. Johnson; M. Q. A. Fuller, *1; Wm. Bartley, *2; Mack Henson, *1.

Washington—M. J. Naylor, *1.

Miscellaneous—S. E. Taylor; N. L. Sayers; R. V. Pierce.

CRESCENT CITY NOTES

On Feb. 17, at the residence of the bride, Mr. Brazier Williams and Miss Lucy Chapman were united in the bonds of matrimony.

Also, on the 18th, at the residence of Mr. Jackson, 1914 Bourbon street, Mr. Beverly Smith and Miss Victoria Jackson were married. The ceremonies were performed by Rev. J. J. Obee.

Mr. Joseph Irvin and Miss Josephine Dejan were married Feb. 16, and Mr. Paul Edward and Miss Sellena Taylor

Feb. 10. The ceremonies were performed by Rev. Valcour Chapman.

Miss Harriet Justine, an honored member of Union M. E. Church for nearly forty years, died in great peace at Lafon's Old Folks' Home Feb. 14. Her remains were taken to the church, where services were held by the pastor, Valcour Chapman.

Rev. Christopher Hunt requests the presence of the public at the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church, corner Lafayette avenue and Chartres street, Sunday, March 1, at 11 a. m.

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Editorial Notes

Even a leader must respect the law.

When the church ceases to save and edify man it is evident she is not doing her legitimate work.

"No man cares for my soul" is a cry of despair that indicates that some one is not doing his duty. May no one of your friends or associates have cause to declare it.

"If we had known at the beginning of the civil war what we now know there would have been no war." These words are credited to Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, in his speech before the United States Senate a few days since. They are pathetic, indeed. No doubt he is right; if the South could have foreseen the Negro free and a citizen there would have been no war. But the leaders of the South didn't take time to figure out results then any more than do her leaders of to-day. On questions which concern the Negro they follow their prejudices, not their judgment. In another generation his words can be quoted relative to some other things that are being done now.

If there has ever been a time in recent years that those who contend for fair treatment for the Negro should be encouraged that time is now. President Roosevelt has just written another letter which sets forth what he considers the relation of the Negro to this government. He speaks out almost like "one crying in the wilderness" alone. Hence the endorsement given his words by our Preachers' Meeting of Cincinnati and vicinity is all the more significant just now. The old church has always been a power in this country on all questions involving righteousness and the rights of men. She took such a prominent part in breaking the yoke of bondage and ever since in trying to place the black man on his feet, that the sound of her voice above the din of battle is helpful and inspiring.

The House of Representatives called on Postmaster General Payne for all correspondence relating to the Indianola postoffice difficulty and the order has been honored. This correspondence shows conclusively that the strong race feeling which resulted in Mrs. Cox' forced resignation was worked up, and worked up, too, by those who desired the place. The most prominent candidate, and at the same time the most persistent, was the mayor's brother-in-law. He began his candidacy as early as April, 1902, and besieged the department unceasingly up to last January, and he was not the only one. The entire difficulty grew out of the fact that Mrs. Cox held a "white man's job," and her place was wanted. It all goes to verify our claim that the races would get on pleasantly if the agitators could be kept still.

Do You Feel the Burden of Your Message?

Brother minister, as you stand in the pulpit looking into that multitude of upturned faces before you, do you feel the burden of the message you are about to deliver? Do you feel the weight of responsibility resting upon you? Do you realize how much your faithfulness means to those immortal souls? In speaking recently of the preaching of damnation, Dr. A. B. Leonard is credited with saying, "No man has a right to preach that doctrine unless he preaches it with a broken heart." In this he doubtless meant to impress the seriousness of such a subject. And it is serious; in fact the whole business of preaching is serious. Not only are great subjects treated but great interests are at stake. How can any minister of the Gospel deliver such a message without feeling the weight of his responsibility? He should feel the seriousness of the task, first, because of the sacredness and importance of his calling. In sending out His messengers of old it is remarkable how careful the Lord God was to have them understand the circumstances under which the blood of those whom they were sent to warn would be required at their hands, also the circumstances under which the blood of those warned would be upon their own heads. He held His watchmen responsible then and He holds them responsible now. He chooses them from among His people, makes them His representatives and leaves the spread of the kingdom and the salvation of man in their hands. Woe to him who is neglectful or careless in the performance of his duty.

Then, again, the ministry should feel the seriousness of his task, second, because of what it means to his hearers. To them it means life or death. As in the past so now some who hear will be persuaded to lead better lives, others may not only be persuaded themselves but may become instruments in the hands of the Master to save others. Think of a flagman who, being sent forward from his train to signal an oncoming express, neglecting his duty and allowing a destructive collision! What would be the verdict of the public regarding such a man? Then what must be the verdict not only of men but of the Master regarding him who causes the loss of human souls by his neglect of duty. Now, as of old, some one must bear the responsibility. If the preacher of the Word be faithful and do his whole duty he shall deliver his soul and their blood will be upon their own heads. But if not, how shall he escape?

We believe it positively wrong in any man to attempt to preach the Gospel who does not feel the burden of souls; who not only feels "woe is me if I preach not the Gospel," but if I preach it not faithfully and earnestly. Earnest preaching is more effective than what is called eloquent preaching. Whether the sermon be an old one or a new one, God's messenger should go to the

pulpit from his knees. He should go fully impressed with the seriousness of the business in which he is engaged and with the grave responsibility resting upon him.

A Greater Than Lincoln Here

The *Times-Democrat*, one of the leading dailies of this city, is making a determined effort to convince its readers and the public generally that the Negro is intended to be and should be entirely subjugated and bereft of all rights as a citizen and a man. He should have the right to work at certain classes of labor not desired by white men, but should not think of holding any office under either the state or federal governments. In order to strengthen its position on this subject it has carried at the head of its editorial columns for some weeks an excerpt from one of Mr. Lincoln's speeches which reads as follows:

"I am not, nor ever have been, in favor of bringing about, in any way, the social and political equality of the white and black races. I am not, nor ever have been, in favor of making voters or jurors of the Negroes, nor of qualifying them to hold office nor to intermarry with white people. There is a physical difference between the white and black races which will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality. Inasmuch as they cannot so live, while they do remain together, there must be the position of superior and inferior; and I, as much as any other man, am in favor of having the superior position assigned to the white race."—Abraham Lincoln.

The two points mentioned which concern our contemporary most as it seems are the *social and political equality* of the two races. So far as social equality and the mixing of the races is concerned, the white men of the South are doing more to violate the views for which the *Times-Democrat* contends than are black men, and we know it to be a fact that the thoughtful and therefore the leading Negroes of the South do not desire such mixing. They do think, however, that it would greatly help in preserving the purity of the races if white men would be consistent and oppose the illegal mixing of the races as strenuously as they do their intermarrying.

As to *political equality*, or the Negro's rights as a citizen, Mr. Lincoln doubtless uttered the words credited to him, but we are glad he lived long enough to see reasons for changing his mind, and evidently changed it. He made the statement quoted above in the heat of political debate, while the Negro was yet a slave and before he had ever had opportunity to show the world that he is made of the same material and possesses the same manly instincts common to other men. Lincoln lived to see him free and a brave and worthy soldier of the republic; he lived to know him better and to think better of him than when he was a slave. This being true, he changed his mind. The Negro had won his spurs and convinced many

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Our Contributors

Graduat ■ Medicine and Pharmacy

The fourteenth annual commencement of the Medical Department and the first annual commencement of the Pharmaceutical Department of the New Orleans University was held in the university chapel Thursday, Feb. 26, 1903, at 8 p. m. Notwithstanding the heavy rains that had been falling all day and the separate street car law, the chapel was comfortably filled. Ordinarily standing room is at a premium for these occasions.

On the rostrum were seated President F. H. Knight, Dr. H. J. Clements, dean; Drs. J. T. Newman, P. H. V. Dejoie, J. W. Thomas, G. H. Nelson and F. M. Nelson, members of the faculty, and Dr. E. W. Moore, a practicing physician of Columbus, Miss.; W. F. Waters, assistant business manager of the SOUTHWESTERN; Rev. S. T. Clanton, D. D., and Rev. I. B. Scott, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN.

The motto of the two classes is, "Honestas Optimus Methodus." The program rendered is as follows:

Allegro Con Brio, Fifth Symphony (Beethoven), Misses Clark and Baumann.

Invocation, Rev. Dr. S. T. Clanton.

"Chanson d'Amour" (Weber).

"Tale of the Bumble Bee" (King Dodo), Mandolin Club.

Salutatory, "The Doctor's Commission," R. W. Billups.

Sea Song (Petrie), Mr. Hilton.

Pharmacy, "Drug Habits," Camille O. Green.

Rondo Capriccioso (Mendelssohn), Miss Mitchell.

Valedictory (Medicine), "Contagion and Infection," Matthew J. Marmillion.

Valse Chante, "Le Printemps" (Tito Mattei), Mr. Thomas.

Annual address, I. B. Scott, A. M., D. D.

Chorus, "Moonlight" (Geibel), Choral Union.

Dean Clements called the class in pharmacy and presented them to President Knight, who addressed them and presented their diplomas. Their names and the subjects of their theses are as follows: Camille O. Green, "Drug Habits;" Minnie C. Moore, "Poisons and Their Antidotes;" Joseph E. Major, "Alkaloids;" Percy W. Porter, "Toxicological Effects of Drugs;" Perry W. Watts, "Adulteration of Drugs."

Dean Clements then presented the class in medicine. They were addressed by the President and received their diplomas. Their names and the subjects of their theses are as follows:

Robert W. Billups, "The Doctor's Commission;" John A. Barnes, "Epilepsy, Its Course and Treatment;" William J. Dauphin, "Infantile Mortality;" Samuel C. Green, "Progress of Medical Science;" Matthew J. Marmillion, "Contagion and Infection."

The music, as conducted by Prof. Harry Weber and his pupils, was a feature that attracted much attention and elicited hearty applause. Dean Clements announced a prize of \$5.00 given by Dr. J. M. May, of Alcorn College, West Side, Miss., for the pupil showing the greatest proficiency in physical diagnosis; and another of \$10 by Dr. T. E. Speed, of Jefferson, Tex., for the pupil making the best mark in gynecology in a special examination. Both of these were awarded to M. J. Marmillion, of New Orleans.

R. W. Billups, salutatorian, spoke in part as follows:

THE DOCTOR'S COMMISSION.

"The doctor's commission is heaven-born. Who doubts that he is forestalled by a divinity? The ancients thought that he was commissioned by Fate, and styled Apollo and Aesculapius as such.

Jenner, the father of the theory of vaccination; Lister, the father of antiseptic surgery; Koch, who became famous for his postulates, the specificity of micro-organism is conclusively demonstrated when the following conditions are fulfilled: (1) The micro-organism must be present in all cases of the disease; (2) it must be cultivated in pure culture; (3) its inoculation must produce the disease in susceptible animals; (4) from such animals it must be obtained and again cultivated in pure culture. Pasteur, whose sero theory has won the admiration of the scientific world. Their researches have cheated death



S. C. Green. W. J. Dauphin. P. W. Watts.
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of many of its hard-earned victims and made existence possible for souls unborn.

"Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen: The doctor's commission is an authority emanating from heaven, a commission from God to man, enabling man to heal humanity. This same sacred calling was practiced by the Son of God, the greatest of physicians.

"In the scale and measurement of man's mind the doctor's commission is second to none save the ministry. This God-given commission implies preparation. Preparation implies place, mind and means.

"Flint Medical College of New Orleans University, sacred and never to be forgotten, is our chosen—yea, well chosen—place. Precious, indeed, to us will ever be the memories of our dear old alma mater; and when we go out from school life into life's school, busy though we be, fond recollection of this place, this school, will ever be fresh to our memories still.

"This is the place where mind meets mind. The place where crude, undeveloped, uncultured, unpolished mind meets the developed, cultured, polished mind, the giant intellect. Here are seen the pleasant smiles, the keen, trained, telescopic eye of the dean and the dear professors.

"Sirs, believe me when I say that more and more the world is coming to see that it is truly

the mind that makes the man. Mind, complex, wonderful, indescribable thou art; without thee man would be a fading nonentity upon the face of the earth.

Of all men, of all professions, at all times the doctor's mind should be the clearest. How awful is the catastrophe a muddled mind in one brief moment, an incorrect diagnosis, criminal ignorance or criminal negligence, may send a soul (prepared or unprepared) to meet its God. The clear-minded, God-fearing, commissioned-of-God physician is an angel of mercy, doing deeds of love. He takes the Great Physician for his model. He cannot fail. His developed, well-trained mind makes him the trusted counselor, the faithful friend and the patient's highest hope and strongest stay.

"But alas! Mr. President, from these cementing scenes we must turn. The hour mingled with joy and sadness has come. Joy, because we go forth to manfully meet life's waiting and varied duties. Joy, because we hope to do justice toward our patients and reflect credit upon our president, dean, professors, our alma mater, classmates, and all concerned. Sorry, indeed, we are, because we have come to the parting of the ways. * * * The moment has come; and now, in behalf of our class of 1903, Mr. President, Dean, professors, trustees, dear old alma mater, our highly honored secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid Society, John D. Flint, one and all, with grateful and loving hearts we bid you farewell."

Following him Mr. Hilton sang the "Sea Song" acceptably.

Miss Camille O. Green then spoke on

THE DRUG HABIT.

"Among the many evils prevalent in our large cities, is that of the drug habit.

"Very few people realize what an extended range it enjoys, especially among the common and degraded people, who seek to drown all sorrow and care, pain and worry, by the habitual use of it; although we find in many instances that the more intelligent class of people resort to the drug habit as a source of enjoyment. Those drugs most commonly used are cocaine, morphine, chloroform, opium and laudanum. Those addicted to the use of cocaine are called 'cocaine fiends,' and those addicted to the use of morphine are called 'morphine fiends,' and so on.

"Steps have been taken by the Pharmaceutical Association, and also by the state law forbidding druggists to sell these drugs except when prescribed by a physician, and that these prescriptions cannot be repeated under penalty of law. Anyone caught breaking this law in this state is subject to a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100, and, in default of payment, shall be imprisoned in the parish jail for not more than thirty days.

"There is much to be made in selling them, and druggists recognize this fact; in fact, the life of some drug stores depend almost entirely upon their sale. Cocaine has the largest known sale. The profits reaped are truly wonderful. Such sales act as a stimulant in urging the druggist to sell as much as possible, to hoodwink the police in order to secure himself and thus evade prosecution. But what of the poor, unfortunate victim? After all, the greatest danger lies with him, for the habit once formed cannot be easily broken; it serves as a chain to bind him down hand and foot into eternal slavery. It impairs his health, destroys his morals, leaving him a

total wreck. Cocaine produces insensibility, dilates the pupil of the eye, causes numbness of the tongue; also it gives a sense of well being that enables the organism to bear more fatigue and sustain the powers of the body with less food and less sleep than usual, and acts as a general stimulant.

"The Indians of Peru, who constantly made long journeys through the country, in order to protect themselves against the various changes of the climate resort to cocaine to deaden such sensibilities, also to deaden the effects of hunger and to bring on that sense of exhilaration that causes them to feel gay and imagine the world is theirs. While under such influences they often commit many nefarious deeds. There is no nutriment in cocaine whatever, so that, when the effect passes away, the person has a feeling of depression and weakness, the cure for which is more of the drug. 'Give me five cents coke,' or 'Give me five cents of the pure stuff,' or 'Give me twenty cents of flake,' are the cries familiar to every druggist, who immediately takes himself behind the prescription counter and measures about ten grains of acetanilid and, mixing it with five grains of cocaine, sells it to the poor victim, who thinks he has really purchased 'the pure stuff.' Some druggists have become so independent that they sell their cocaine, or rather acetanilid, at ten dollars an ounce. This evil cannot be remedied unless every druggist should take an honest, determined stand to refuse all offers of sale and to conscientiously know that in doing this he is rendering the greatest help to suffering humanity, and that if he does not reap his reward here on earth God will surely recompense him for all he has done in the future."

Miss Green closed with words of gratitude and farewell to the faculty and her classmates.

Then followed an instrumental solo by Miss Mitchell.

Dr. M. J. Marmillion, who was valedictorian of the medical class, spoke in part as follows:

CONTAGION AND INFECTION.

"The 'Atomic Theory' has been known for many years, but not until comparatively recent times have scientists attempted its application to the animal economy. Early in the nineteenth century Virchow advanced the theory that all living things consist of smaller particles, which he termed cells; he also claimed that they are living cells and possessed of vital functions. Few men, at that time, concurred in this belief.

"Following closely in the path of this discovery was the glorious advent of the microscopic. Its perfection enabled us to observe distinctly objects that were 600 times too small for the unaided eye. It enabled us to study hypotheses and to convert theories into established facts.

"Not only did it prove that our bodies consist of living cells, possessed of vital functions, but also, to our horror, that our food, our drink, our surroundings, and even the air we breathe, was contaminated with living organisms. Many only lurked as so many demons ready to attempt our destruction at the most favorable opportunity. The elaborate researches of Pasteur, Koch and others somewhat relieved our anxiety by dividing our little enemies in pathogenic and non-pathogenic bacteria; but with a knowledge of the number of pathogenic germs discovered, with those being discovered daily, one can but wonder why we tarry so long.

My dear friends, the words 'Contagion and Infection,' although insignificant at a glance, mean much to the scientific world.

"They signify, first, that the diseases so classi-

fied are of specific origin; second, that they are transmissible, some through impure air, others through impure water, still others through infected food or contaminated articles or utensils.

"Fleas or mosquitoes may inoculate us with pathogenic germs.

"Flies may infect our food, and we may pollute our water through ignorance or treachery. * * *

"You should see to it that your apartments are well ventilated, full of sunshine, water of the purest, food of the cleanest, and sanitation of the best. You should favor vaccination, isolation and publicity. You should value health above wealth.

"Your interest in this matter may obviate a calamity, or devastate a community. We should regard all things as serious, until other wise diagnosed.

"You owe it to humanity to do all in your power for the furtherance of this science, to the promotion of the health of your fellow-men, as well as your own. * * *

"In all the discoveries and advancement of medicine all nations may claim their own. Germany boasts of Koch and of Virchow, the Austrians of Lorenz, the Russians of Pirogoff, Pasteur for the French, Lister and Hunter for the English, Senn and Sternberg for America and Newman for us. Too little is known of those whose advancements are of so much value to us; we are not disposed to do them honor. We honor those who conquer their enemy in great battles, inflicting upon them great loss of life, making paupers, widows and orphans. They are heroes; we carve their statues in granite, or cast them in bronze for perpetuation, while men who humbly serve humanity for its good pass unnoticed. * * *

"Dear classmates, there are few instances during our lifetime that are more influencing and as impressive than this, bringing with it, as it does, so much joy and carrying with it so much sorrow. We have fought our battle with pride, and come forth with honor. Victory has perched upon our banner; we meet to-night as students to part as physicians, launching out upon that great scientific sea where the tide of public sentiment flows, the clouds of disappointment hover, and the wind of uncertainty blows; but we go forth with the knowledge we have gained during our stay, ready to apply it as skill and wisdom in our battle for success. Before parting let us not forget those who have made us successful students and are sending us forth as physicians. I assure you that I am not unmindful of the responsibilities incurred by the honor you have conferred upon me, in thanking our noble friends for their generous efforts.

"Mr. President and members of the Faculty, I am honored with the pleasant mission of imploring you to accept my feeble efforts at thanking you, as vain attempts to demonstrate the magnitude of our profound appreciation of your indefatigable efforts, which, to us, have been characterized by honesty, integrity and capability. Believe me, honored sirs, that words cannot express, nor pen depict, our appreciation sufficiently impressive.

"We are not unmindful of the great responsibility incurred by you in your efforts, your sacrifice of time and energy for our good; neither do we believe that your scientific demonstrations and skill are inherited traits, but we do believe that they are the results of prolonged labor, which also adds to the value of your efforts. We thank

you for what we are; we are what you made us, and we go forth as your representatives. We pledge you our honor before parting that we will represent you with honor, pride and virtue.

"We go forth to give battle with you and others to those things which are injurious to health and life. Our aim shall ever be the promotion and perpetuation of happiness and longevity.

"We assure you that our every effort shall be to invade that unexplored region of science which is laden with scientific wealth. Our constant desire shall be to accomplish something that will hasten the time when pathogenic germs shall lose their virulence, death its terror and the grave its horror; when man shall cease to die in his youth, and death shall only venture in response to suicide, homicide and senility."

A vocal solo was beautifully rendered by Mrs. J. W. Thomas.

Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., who had been invited to deliver the annual address to the class, spoke on "Profiting by the Weakness and Necessities of Others."

After the presentation of the diplomas the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Dr. S. T. Clanton.

NOTES.

The Medical College has sent out a class every year but one, for the past ten years; the total number of graduates now number upwards of one hundred. Among these graduates are such men as Drs. T. E. Speed, of Jefferson, Tex.; Moore and Conner, also of Texas, and P. H. V. Dejoie and C. W. Vance, of this city. They are among those who are meeting with excellent success.

This is the first class to graduate from the Pharmaceutical Department, and they could have had good paying positions even before their graduation had they not determined to complete the course.

The number of teachers who devote their time entirely to the work was increased by the addition of Dr. J. W. Thomas, a graduate of the Harvard Medical College. He has done a good year's work.

The class that has just gone out has had every advantage to prepare themselves for their work. The hospital, with its free clinics, offers special advantages. During the year many important operations have been performed, among them the removal of two abdominal tumors. Besides, the class has had the opportunity to diagnose and treat all kinds of diseases. The hospital is also of special service to the nurse training department, which has a class of about 20. The school is also well provided with laboratories for study and research.

The enrollment during the year has reached about seventy, but a much larger class can be properly provided for.

Dr. H. J. Clements, the dean, expects to spend most of the year here in the city, and would be glad to correspond with any desiring to enter any of the departments. Address him care Flint Medical College.

Life of Faith

The Memory Guild for Learning Best Hymns

BISHOP H. W. WARREN.

The greatest manifestation of love—the greatest thing in the world—was at the Cross. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Some see only administrative equities, spiritual legal-tender, confirmation of their theories. There is enough of this

in the hymn. But let us see Love—divine, free, personal.

"Wide as infinity,
So wide it never passed by one,
Or it had passed by me." (433)

That is Christ's view of it. He loved the Church, and gave himself up for it. Eph. 5: 25.

The refrain of the last line was often on the lips of Ignatius, the martyr. No wonder he could die courageously.

The heart will help the memory to retain this hymn.

TRANSCENDENT LOVE.

O love divine, what hast thou done!
The incarnate God hath died for me!
The Father's co-eternal Son
Bore all my sins upon the tree!
The Son of God for me hath died;
My Lord, my Love, is crucified.

Behold him, all ye that pass by,
The bleeding Prince of life and Peace!
Come, sinners, see your Saviour die,
And say, was ever grief like his?
Come, feel with me his blood applied:
My Lord, my Love, is crucified.

Is crucified for me and you,
To bring us rebels back to God.
Believe, believe the record true,
Ye all are bought with Jesus' blood;
Pardon for all flows from his side:
My Lord, my Love, is crucified.

Then let us sit beneath his cross,
And gladly catch the healing stream;
All things for him account but loss,
And give up all our hearts to him:
Of nothing think or speak beside—
My Lord, my Love, is crucified.

—Charles Wesley.

[This hymn published in 1742.]

In Just a Sentence

Freedom begins in the conscience.
Interest in things is our title deed to life.
Gossips like serpents show two tongues.
People who glide through life never leave footsteps.
Lenten food makes dyspeptic thought.
Handicaps in life are obtained at the start.
We mount to Heaven on the spiral rounds of drudgery.
In the centrifugal motion of things it is always the end man who is thrown off.
Silence is the only force that speaks loud and plain.
The magnetic needle is restless enough, but it is the truest indicator in the world.
Instinct is God's invisible hand.
Christ preached from the top of a mountain but never over people's heads.
Don't mistake froth for cream.
There is nothing more certain than this; that a lie will turn inside out; that whatever is hollow will burst.

By George L. Lee in New York Observer.

Woman's Dominion

Cream Cake

Mix two cups of flour and two level teaspoons cream tartar and one of soda, make well in center, into which put one cup of sugar, one of sweet cream, one egg and small teaspoon salt; mix all quickly together, flavor with teaspoon lemon, put in pan to bake. Adding a cup of raisins or currants makes a nice cake pudding to eat hot with sauce. Sour cream can be used instead of sweet by omitting the cream tartar and using two eggs instead of one.

Young Friends

Mattie Virginia and the S. P. C.

The Burton's door-bell rang loud and clear—as if it had been pulled very hard by somebody. Mattie Virginia ran as fast as she could to get to the door before any one else did. She always loved to go to the door, although it was against the rules for anyone but the cook to answer the bell.

"There goes that child to the door," said the "don't" grandma, who was called a "don't" grandma because she said "don't" so much to Mattie Virginia. "I should think you would not allow her to do so," she added, speaking to Mrs. Burton, who was her own daughter and the mamma of Mattie Virginia.

In the meantime the little girl had opened the door, and whom did she find on the front piazza, waiting to be admitted, but two tall men with white hair and white whiskers. One had long white hair and the other had a very long white moustache. Mattie Virginia did not know what to say when the tall men with the white whiskers and white moustache asked her if Mr. Burton lived there, so she just nodded and looked as if she would like to run away. But, as she expected the cook to come every second, she waited in silence. The cook did not come.

"We are the agents of the S. P. C. D.," said the man who had the long moustache. "I presume you are the very one we wish to see. Is your name Mattie Virginia Burton? Ah, yes, I thought so. We are looking for a Christmas doll who has been mistreated. Have you a doll named Sophronia?"

"Wait and I'll call my mamma," said Mattie Virginia.

"Oh, no," said the man with the long white hair. "Don't call any one; you are the one we wish to see."

"What do you want to see me about?" asked Mattie Virginia, shivering with fear.

"We are the agents of the S. P. C. D."

"What does that mean?"

"It stands for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Dolls," said the man with the long white whiskers. "Did you ever hear of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children?"

"Yes," said Mattie Virginia, "I've often heard of that society."

"Well, we are a branch of that society. Children are not the only little people who suffer at the hands of their elders. The way that dolls are often abused and neglected is very painful to speak of or even to think about."

"I've got a beautiful wax doll," said Mattie Virginia. "She is kept in her trunk. She has got a lovely trunk and the loveliest clothes you ever saw in your life. Would you like to see her?"

"Yes, we would like to see her," said the man with the long moustache.

"Won't you come in?" asked Mattie Virginia, who now remembered for the first time to be polite.

"No, thank you," said the man with the long white whiskers. "We have no time to go in, for we have a great many names on our list. You see, we always go around after the holidays and visit the nurseries. You run and get the wax doll that has the trunk and the lovely clothes, and we will wait here."

So Mattie Virginia ran upstairs as fast as she could and soon returned with the beautiful doll.

"Here she is," she said to the agents, holding the doll out for them to look at. "Would you like to see her clothes and her parasol?"

"No," said the agents. "She looks healthy, and has a good color. That's all we want to know. Do you take her out often for the fresh air?"

"She hasn't any carriage," said Mattie Virginia. "Do you think she must have a carriage?"

"By all means get a carriage for her, so she can go out to ride every day. Now we are looking for a doll named Sophronia. Do you know anything about such a doll?"

"I'll ask my papa to get the carriage for her at once," said Mattie Virginia. "Do you oblige all little girls to take their dollies out every day?"

"Certainly," said one of the agents. "That's the rule of the society. How about Sophronia?"

"Who told you about her?" asked the little girl.

"Someone telephoned to the office," said the other agent. "The call came for a doll who had lost one arm totally and had a broken leg and both eyes dislocated."

"What do you want with her?" asked Mattie

Virginia, who was now no longer afraid of the agents and thought them fine men since they said she must have a carriage to take her dolly out every day.

"We wish to take her to the hospital to have her operated on," said the agent with the very long white moustache.

"Are there many dollies at your hospital?" asked Mattie Virginia with a slight quiver in her voice.

"Many dollies?" repeated the agent with the long white hair. "Well, I should say there will be by the time we get through going about. Come, come—how about Sophronia? Produce Sophronia, and lose no time about it, either."

"I can get her," said Mattie Virginia, "but she doesn't look very pretty."

"That's what we heard over the 'phone, and that's just why we came."

"She's last year's doll," said Mattie Virginia.

"Certain, sure, she is," said the agent with the very long white moustache. "She has been neglected and abused. Get Sophronia! We want to see her."

So Mattie Virginia went upstairs—but she went slowly this time—and in a minute she came down carrying a very dilapidated dolly in her arms.

The agents took her in their hands and looked her over and shook their heads.

"Even her hair is all gone," said one of them to the other. "We heard that her eyes were dislocated, but we were not prepared to find her hair all fallen out. My!! But she HAS been abused and no mistake."

"I'm very sorry," said Mattie Virginia, "but you see since I got this new dolly I have been careless about Sophronia."

"That's it!" commented one of the agents. "That's just it. I don't suppose you undress her at night, do you?"

Mattie Virginia hung her head. But in a minute she brightened and said:

"If you'll forgive me this time I'll promise to undress her every night, and when I get a carriage for Isabella—my new dolly is named Isabella—I will take Sophronia out for an airing every day. And she shall go first, too."

"We might consider that proposition," said the agent with the long white hair to the agent with the very long white moustache. "Are you sure about that?"

Mattie Virginia said she was very sure.

"You have not an Uncle Ned, have you?"

asked one of the agents.

"Yes, sir," said the little girl. "Uncle Ned always carries peanuts in his pocket."

"That's the one," said the man with the long white hair. "I would know him by the peanuts in his pocket. Now, I'll tell you what we will do; we will leave Sophronia in the care of Uncle Ned, who always carries peanuts in his pocket, and he will let us know if she is neglected. Good-bye!"

Then Mattie Virginia went into the sitting-room, carrying Sophronia and Isabella in her arms.

And in a few minutes Uncle Ned and Uncle Harry came in and Mattie Virginia told them all about the agents of the S. P. C. D., and that they had insisted that she have a carriage to take Isabella and Sophronia out every day for an airing.

"I guess you won't be so fast to go to the door the next time the bell rings," said the "don't" grandma.

"No, I guess I will let the cook go to the door the next time," said Mattie Virginia.

Then everybody began to laugh, and Uncle Ned and Uncle Harry laughed louder than anyone. And finally Mattie Virginia said:

"Oh, Uncle Harry and Uncle Ned, I just believe those agent men were you all dressed up."

Here everybody kissed Mattie Virginia and said that was true.

Educational

One of the most remarkable occasions in the history of the Little Rock conference was the recent anniversary of the Freedman's Aid and

Southern Education Society. After an able address by Dr. W. P. Thirkield a collection was taken for the extension of the work of Philander Smith College. In less than an hour over \$3,700 was subscribed to be raised during this year. During the past two years the preachers and membership of the Little Rock conference have raised over \$3,000 for the college. The new annex doubles the capacity of the school which now enrolls 512 students, an increase of 250 in the past four years.

A great revival has just closed in which 112 students were happily converted and the entire school spiritually quickened.

A Word to the Friends of Africa

To the Members of the Boards of Friends of Africa in our Schools, Colleges and Churches:

I send you greeting and the encouraging report that, after journeying 7,000 miles visiting the Boards, I find the interest greater than ever before. Africa is growing into the thought of our young people. Many feel called of God to go to her rescue.

Our Annual Steward Missionary Prize Contest takes place in Atlanta in April. All young people, ministers and teachers in our schools and churches are eligible to enter this contest, and write essays, hymns and orations on some theme relating to Africa's redemption.

The hymns must contain not less than 24 lines, and the essays and orations must contain not less than 1,200 words, nor more than 1,500.

The prize for best hymns is a fine hymnal with name of winner stamped on back in letters of gold. The prize for essays and orations is \$10 to \$20 in books from the Methodist Book Concern.

Certainly, this is an opportunity for the poetic genius and literary aspiration of our people.

All who desire to enter the contest, please write me at once. Productions must be ready by April 1st.

W. W. LUCAS,
Atlanta, Ga.

The Doings of a Term

The second term of the scholastic year of Geo. R. Smith College has opened and closed, and the work of the term was both tangible and promising. The spring term opened February 9, and when Friday, April 17, comes, this scholastic year will have ended and a class of almost twenty young men and young women will have received, as proof of their faithfulness and accomplishments, their certificates and diplomas of graduation.

The college is splendidly located near the center of the State, and for this reason is rapidly becoming the educational center for Missouri and the adjoining states. Not only are all the adjoining states represented in our student body but many other states as well. During the past few months the school has also been favored with the presence of many distinguished visitors, among whom were Dr. M. C. B. Mason, Rev. Simpson and Mr. Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

On New Year's Day the school enjoyed a holiday and celebrated the Emancipation Anniversary. The program, consisting of music and speaking, was good and well rendered. A fine address was expected from Prof. Billups, the orator of the day, and his audience was not disappointed. Indeed our expectations were more than realized.

At night we were favored with another very enjoyable event, a musical entertainment by Miss Wiltsee, the principal of the department of

music. The program was good and rendered with such marked success that we, who know nothing of the trouble of preparing, are hoping for another soon.

But this was soon followed by another event of extraordinary importance, viz: the presence and lecture of Dr. M. C. B. Mason. He is an ever-welcome visitor and it did our hearts good

the various departments for training the girls along industrial lines. Beginning with the kindergarten class pupils are carried as high as the eighth grade. There is also a music department, which is doing excellent work. There are enrolled in the literary school for the present term 350 pupils. The class in plain sewing numbers 208, cooking 48, kitchen garden 30, nurse train-



BOYLAN HOME—NURSE TRAINING CLASS,
Jacksonville, Fla.

to hear him lecture on "Napoleon at Waterloo." He has been to Belgium and to France, has surveyed the battle ground of the great Frenchman and, it seems, no one can tell the story with greater force and clearness than the doctor.

The Day of Prayer for colleges was observed with good effect. Each teacher took hold with earnestness, and before the series of praise services following prayer day were over several professed conversion. On February 4, Prof. Billups delivered the regular monthly lecture taking for his subject "The Man With a Shadow." (Gen. Geo. R. Smith).

Though young the college is taking a high place among the schools of the country and is accomplishing much for the race. It has more signs of prosperity than before for a long time. The public manifests increasing interest. The students have the college spirit and college en-

ing 10, dressmaking 20, instrumental music 40, basketry 20, and typewriting. The school is also engaged in settlement work in an outlying district, of which we hope to write something at another time.

The new cooking table with gas burners is a great convenience, and adds much to the interest of the classes. Even the fourth grade girls write home of the nice things they can cook. The eighth grade take up the properties of different foods and chemical changes, and the nurse training class gives special attention to invalid cookery.

The Faculty is composed of a company of elect women whose loyalty to the cause and devotion to the work in which they are engaged would make them not only acceptable but highly prized as workers, no matter where their lot may fall. They are doing a work for God, for the



BOYLAN HOME—MAIN BUILDING,
Jacksonville, Fla.

thusiasm. The faculty is earnest and untiring in its efforts. Every department is moving steadily and encouragingly on, and the future was never so bright and conditions never more favorable than now.

H. B. LEMON.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.C. Conference

The Boylan Industrial Home

We are pleased to present our readers a picture of the Boylan Home of Jacksonville, Fla., one of the schools of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. It is beautifully located in the resident portion of the city, occupying an entire block. It has a literary school, a nurse training school and

race and for the country that will tell in time and in eternity. The list is as follows:

Miss H. E. Emerson, Superintendent—English, Bible and mission study.

Miss H. E. Morehouse, Principal of School—Seventh and eighth grades; instrumental music.

Miss Cozy Miller—Fifth and sixth grades; vocal music.

Miss Meda Porter—Fourth grade; dormitory care.

Miss Jeanette M. Baker—Third grade; Chinese and Syrian mission.

Miss Iva Salter—Kindergarten.

Miss Agnes Garvin (Class '01)—Assistant in kindergarten.

Miss Lizzie Garvin (Class '99)—Instrumental music.

Miss Ella F. Morrison—Matron of the Home.

Miss Editha L. Speer—Industrial department; cottage matron.

Miss Lula Wilcox—Assistant matron; basketry.



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Jacksonville, Fla.

Miss Ethel Wilson (Class '99)—Dressmaking.
Mrs. E. C. Moreland—Nurse-training department; grade work in physiology.

Miss Jeannette M. Baker conducts a Syrian and Chinese mission in addition to her school work and has a room specially fitted for the purpose. Miss Edith L. Speer is also greatly interested in this work. In their effort to lead the little Chinese colony of the city to see and know the Christ, they have employed a teacher and are making an effort to learn the language that they may be the better prepared to break to them the bread of life.

Home Mission Notes

Mrs. George E. Reed, secretary of the Bureau home duties. Her resignation was accepted for Young People of the W. S. M. S., has been compelled to resign on account of multiplied with earnest thanks for faithful service.

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Two young Slav women from the mining regions of Pennsylvania have recently entered Rust Hall, Washington, D. C., to take training for Christian work among their own people. These earnest girls are fruits of the "Coke Mission" carried on by the Pittsburg conference and the W. H. M. S. of that conference.

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The Hawaiian committee of the W. H. M. S., with Mrs. Bishop J. W. Hamilton as chairman, is making a forward movement in behalf of a home for Japanese women and children at Honolulu, to be known as the "Susannah Wesley Home." The committee sends out a strong plea to all Methodist women to contribute at least one dollar each toward this greatly needed home and industrial school. Money or pledges made should be sent to the general treasurer of the W. H. M. S., Mrs. George H. Thompson, 2144 Fulton avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Many of the auxiliaries of North Minnesota conference are interested in the Finns in Northern Minnesota. It is expected that the Young People's societies will soon raise \$100 to place a young Finnish woman in one of our deaconess training schools to prepare her for work among her own people.

Boylan Industrial Home for Girls, Jacksonville, Fla., numbers 300 pupils and students in attendance. Something over 50 students are boarding in the home. This is an important field of work, and it is most earnestly requested by the secretary of the bureau, and also the superintendent of the home, that persons who have made pledges to this work will redeem them at as

early a day as possible. Mrs. Whetstone, secretary of the bureau, recently received a personal letter from Dr. W. P. Thirkield, who had visited the home, commending it in the highest terms.

Conference treasurers please take notice. Mrs. Thompson, general treasurer of the W. H. M. S., says: "When sending remittances to the

general treasurer, all that is necessary is to send a summary with draft, showing just how to credit the money. Then at the end of the quarter make out the quarterly report, including in this such sums as have been sent in during the quarter. Always show on the summary and quarterly report if half dues have been retained (for deaconess work), or credit will not be given to the conference."

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Baltimore Deaconess Home under the care of the W. H. M. S. was established ten years since. During the decade the Deaconess Board has accumulated property valued at \$28,000, in addition to the yearly maintenance of ten or more deaconesses. The work was never so prosperous as now. A fine institutional building has been erected. Among other work carried on through this home, are three kindergartens, four sewing schools, five mothers' meetings, and at the Bohemian Mission and Rogers' Mission the work is so varied that it amounts to institutional work.

Epworth League.

March 15.

The Young Christian's Pleasures—The Recreation of Body, Mind and Soul.

(1 Cor. 6, 19; 10. 31-33.)

DAILY READINGS.

Monday—Joy of doing judgment. Prov. 21.

15. Tuesday—Gladness in the heart. Psa. 4. 7.

Wednesday—Joy in God's presence. Psa.

16. 11.

Thursday—Joy on salvation. Isa. 12. 1-6.

Friday—Some words of the Saviour. John 15. 9-12.

Saturday—The joy to come. Jude 24, 25.

Youth wants life to be glad; and youth is likely to want life to be gay. "If I become a Christian will life lose its color, its exhilaration, its pleasures?" This question many a young man has asked himself. Now, let us look frankly at the young Christian's pleasures. Let us see what some of them are, and something of the atmosphere which they give life.

In the first place, he has his relaxations, as he should. The things he does for recreation, the games of tennis, the merry jest, these are of more value sometimes than a medicine chest. And because our young Christian enjoys fun, because he has a keen sense of humor, and a zest for outdoor and indoor sport, he will the better

do the more serious work that comes to him. Then there is the pleasure he gets in his work. To do our work best we must enjoy it. And one real source of color and exhilaration to the young Christian should be his joy in his work. He comes to it with zest. He enters into the spirit of it, and if you watch him you will sometimes see his eyes sparkle with the delight of it.

Then there is his pleasure in all that the personal friendship of his Master means to him. The inner movement of his life has been tuned to a new music, and this gives him pleasure, rich and deep. Then the fine relations of friendship and service which come to him as a Christian, these are a joy to him.

So, instead of being a loser he is a gainer in pure, true pleasure by being a Christian. His pleasures have not the underside of bitterness and regret which belong to so many of the pleasures offered to men.

And now another question in the way of amusements. How shall he decide which ones he may claim? The advice of Wesley's mother, "Any pleasure which does not leave a sting," may well be remembered by him as he chooses. We may put the truth briefly by saying, Whatever weakens me or weakens my power to help others, this I must keep out of my life. If this rule is followed honestly, the young Christian will keep out of danger. With this standard shall we hesitate to give up dancing, to give up cards, to give up the theater?

The history of dancing, the history of the theater, the history of the playing of cards, if one could read but a few of the terribly black chapters, lurid with the fires of passion, the heartless story of greed, the tragedies of broken hearts and blackened lives, surely it would be enough. The shuffle of the cards would seem the symbol of that playing fast and loose with moral issues which robs life of its luster. The rising of the curtain at the play we would feel to be too often the symbol of outraged decency. The dance would suggest the requiem of purity.

Life has its pleasures, its glad, serene pleasures, its manly sports, its times for mirth. These belong to the young Christian. They are a part of God's gift. But his pleasures should be those from which he can turn unblushingly to meet his Saviour's gaze. But the pleasures foul with the suggestion of moral decay—from these the Christian turns, and is the gainer, the great gainer, by turning from them.

Gladness in recreation, gladness in work, gladness in service—these he will find, and they will far surpass the moment-glintings of the counterfeit pleasures which attempt to pass in the currency of the world's life.

Report of the Book Committee

The Eastern and Western Sections of the Book Committee met in New York on Tuesday afternoon, February 10, and on the next morning the committee began its annual session in the Book Concern building. All of the members were present except Mr. H. A. Salzer and Mr. T. J. Preston, who were necessarily absent, and who, by vote of the committee, were excused from attendance. Bishop Andrews, the publishing agents of the Eastern and Western houses, and all the editors of the official press with the exception of Dr. I. B. Scott were present at various periods of the session. Mr. Richard Dymond, of the Local Committee at Cincinnati, who for twenty years has been a member of the Book Committee, was, in consideration of his long and useful services, elected honorary chairman of the

committee by a hearty and unanimous rising vote; Dr. G. F. Bovard was elected vice chairman and Dr. J. E. Farmer, assistant secretary.

The reports presented by the publishing agents and by the Local committees of both houses were highly gratifying. Great prosperity has attended the business during the past year, and the profits have been correspondingly large. All the liabilities of the New York house have been removed, and the debt on the Pittsburg property has also been reduced. There can be no doubt as to the wisdom of applying as much as could be done of the net earnings of the New York house to the payment of its indebtedness. From the gross earnings of both houses, there have been paid the subsidies and other expenses ordered by the General Conference. The Book Committee is gratified in being able to state that it has made a dividend to the Annual conference of \$75,000 for the conference claimants.

It must be a source of satisfaction to the Church to know that we have urgent invitations to locate the General Conference at Boston, Cincinnati, Saratoga, Los Angeles, and Philadelphia; and that any one of these places would, in the judgment of the Book Committee, have entertained the General Conference handsomely; and that we were embarrassed in reaching a final decision by the force and heartiness of the invitations from these various places.

After listening to representatives from the various localities that had extended invitations for the General Conference in 1904, and to the thorough report of the commission on the entertainment of the General Conference, and after much discussion and careful consideration of the whole question by the Book Committee, on the thirty-second ballot, it was decided to accept the invitation from Los Angeles. It was apparent that the General Conference could only meet at Los Angeles at a large increase in traveling expenses; but, on the other hand, the citizens of Los Angeles have made provision to provide for about two thirds of this additional expense.

The Book Committee, at its session in 1902, appointed a committee to consider the question of the unification of the publishing houses. This committee presented a very carefully prepared report at this session. The report was subjected to a searching examination by the book committee, and with some slight changes, was adopted. This report will be published at an early day, so that the Church may know what is proposed; and the subject will receive further consideration at the next annual session of the Book Committee, and will then be sent to the General Conference for action.

The report from the editors of the official press were all encouraging. The agents have published a goodly number of new books during the year. We again urge our people to subscribe for our Church periodicals and to buy the publication of the Book Concern; and we especially urge our Sunday school boards everywhere throughout the Church to use the helps and literature provided by our own Sunday school department. We believe them to be, combining thoroughness, character, usefulness, and press-work, unequalled.

The receipts for the Episcopal fund have been somewhat in excess of the disbursements, but it is very important that the full apportionment made for this fund shall be met.

D. L. Rader was elected editor of the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

W. F. WHITLOCK, Chairman.

W. L. McDOWELL, Secretary.

Sunday School Helps

By Rev. G. N. Jolly, D. D.

Lesson XI. March 15th, 1903. Title—The Riot at Ephesus. (Acts 19: 29-40). Golden Text—The Lord preserveth the faithful. (Psa. 31: 23). Time—A. D. 87. Place Ephesus.

Demetrius, the silversmith, called the craftsmen together. Alexander, the coppersmith, who did Paul much harm, was likely among them. Demetrius showed how the cause of Jesus was growing, not only in Ephesus, but in all the province of Asia. Their way of making money was being set at naught, and the temple of the great goddess Diana, whom all the world worshiped, was being despised. This temple was one of the "seven wonders of the world." It was made of the finest Parian marble. The entire province, of five hundred cities, was taxed to build it. It was 425 feet long, and 220 feet wide. Its walls were supported by 127 columns, six feet in diameter, and 60 feet high, thirty-six of which were curiously carved, and the others finely polished. Its doors and panelings were made of cypress and its roof of cedar. The interior was made splendid by decorations of gold and art. "The great goddess Diana was a wooden figure, nearly the shape of a mummy. She was believed to have fallen down from Jupiter. She was sometimes represented with a crescent on her head, a bow in her hand, and wearing a hunting habit. At other times she is seen with a triple face, and bearing instruments of torture. She personified nature in her generative, nourishing, and energizing powers. She was the patron of health, and medicine. Magical arts flourished under her shadow. She stood in dark connection with subterranean and infernal powers. The shrines made by these silversmiths were likely small portable temples, made of silver, and probably contained a silver image of the goddess.

1. *The arrest of Gaius and Aristarchus* (29-31). When Demetrius ceased speaking the people were "full of wrath." They were breathing out threatening and slaughter against the disciples. They were enraged because their idol and their occupation were in danger. They shouted loud and long: "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." The entire city was in wild confusion. The greater part knew not why they had come together. They went in search of Paul, but did not find him. If he had fallen into their hands, they would no doubt have put him to death. They came upon Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions, whom they arrested and rushed into the theatre. What they desired to do with them is not certainly known. Some think they intended to make them fight with beasts, as Paul had done; others believe they wished only to humiliate them in some way. They were likely Gentiles, and faithful friends of St. Paul. Aristarchus means "most excellent ruler." Paul was in the city, and when he learned that his friends had been arrested he went to the theatre, and would have entered, but was prevented from doing so by the disciples, and also by the chiefs of the province, who were his friends. They felt as did the people when they said to David: "Thou who art worth ten thousand of us" (2 Sam. 18: 3). Paul likely wished to intercede for them; to take upon himself the full responsibility for any disorder that had been done to the goddess Diana; and to expound the nature of his gospel to that multitude.

2. *The unsuccessful effort of Alexander* to defend the disciples, and likely the Jews also (32-34). It is not certainly known who this Alexander was. He may have been at this time a Jewish Christian. We read of an Alexander who made shipwreck of the faith (1 Tim. 1: 20). And we are told of "Alexander the coppersmith," who

did Paul much evil (II Tim. 4: 14). Then we have here Alexander the Jew, put forward to defend the disciples. They are likely the same person: a Jew, who was by trade a coppersmith, converted to Christianity. And while in a saved state was put forward by the Jews, and also by the Christians, to defend their sects against the charges of destroying trade and overthrowing idolatry. He likely mounted the rostrum and waved his hand over the assembly as an indication that he desired to speak. But when they saw he was a Jew they would not hear him. They with one voice shouted for about the space of two hours: "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." Alexander must have been very resolute if he tried for this length of time to get a hearing. They had no argument and they were determined to hear none from the other side.

3. *The address of the town-clerk* (35-40). He was keeper of the city records and performed the duties of a modern mayor. He here endeavors to quiet a mob, a work that Alexander could not do. (1) *He used prudence*. He told them that everybody worshiped the great goddess Diana of the Ephesians, and the image which fell down from heaven. Many think the first image of Diana was chiseled out of a meteoric stone. The worshipers of Diana were many, while those of the true God were few. This they knew to be true, therefore they should be wise and do nothing rashly. He endeavored to get the mob to think and act from reason, and not from passion. (2) *He defended the disciples*. There were no charges against them when arrested. They were neither robbers of churches nor blasphemers of the goddess Diana. He further let them know that if Demetrius and the craftsmen with him had a matter against any man, the law was open and the officers were at their command: let them proceed legally. And if they had other matters to bring before the court they should receive justice. (3) *He told them they were in danger* of being called to answer for the day's uproar. They had violated the law by arresting innocent men and by disorderly conduct. The people saw what fools they had made of themselves, and when they were dismissed quietly went to their homes.

Inference: 1. When you touch a man's way of making money you touch the man: this is true of idolators, of liquor dealers, and of pool-room operators. 2. See here the power of eloquence. When Demetrius ceased speaking the people were "full of wrath." They went stark mad. Who can measure the force of an earnest gospel sermon. 3. A mob is governed by passion and not by reason. They act like an enraged beast. They take law into their hands, and punish without judge or jury. They are greatly to be dreaded, and always to be condemned. 4. The world has always been against the church. The strife is between good and evil. But the world acts through hatred and the church through love. The one wishes to take life and the other to give it. 5. The Jews and the Christians had many things in common. They were equally pledged against idolatry of every kind. The doctrines that defended the one favored the other. 6. The majority is not always right. Those who were for Diana were more than those who were for the Lord. Elijah stood alone against the many hundreds for Baal. The world is larger than the church. The speech of the town-clerk is a complete vindication of Christianity, in apostolic days, by a heathen mayor. It is a strong defense of the disciples, and shows the relation in which the church stood to the empire.

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A Greater Than Lincoln Here

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others besides Mr. Lincoln. Then it was that Abraham Lincoln, not the senatorial aspirant, but President of the United States, became the first to suggest that the Negro be made a voter. He wrote Gov. Michael Hahn, governor of Louisiana, March 15, 1864, the following letter:

"I congratulate you on having fixed your name in history as the first free-state governor of Louisiana. Now you are about to have a convention which, among other things, will probably define the elective franchise. I barely suggest for your private consideration whether some of the colored people may not be let in, as for instance the very intelligent and especially those who fought gallantly in our ranks. They would probably help in some trying time in the future to keep the jewel of liberty in the family of freedom." See Blaine's "Twenty Years of Congress," Vol. II.

"This was perhaps," says Mr. Blaine, "the earliest proposition from any authentic source to endow the Negro with the right of suffrage, and was an indirect but most effective answer to those who subsequently attempted to use Mr. Lincoln's name in support of policies which his intimate friends instinctively knew would be abhorrent to his unerring sense of justice."

The *Times-Democrat* quotes Lincoln the private citizen before the war, known simply as a great debater and a coming man; we quote Mr. Lincoln, President of the United States, whose opinions were honored, whose name was revered. He had done, as many good men had done before and have done since, he had changed his mind.

But even tho Mr. Lincoln had never changed his mind, and even tho our contemporary was not misrepresenting the real Lincoln whom this country delights to honor, we are prepared to present a higher authority than the great, the glorious, the immortal Abraham Lincoln. We present the highest authority to be found in this republic, the Constitution of the United States. That fixes the status of the Negro just as it does that of every other citizen. While every part of this time-honored, blood-sustained instrument bears the same relation to the black citizen that it does to the other citizens of the country, we shall at this time quote only the fifteenth amendment. That says: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any state, on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

Booker T. Washington, in his address in Brooklyn, N. Y., recently, said: "Standing as I do today before this audience, when the very soul of my race is aching, is seeking for guidance as perhaps never before, I say deliberately that I know no other road. If I knew how to find more speedy and prompt relief I should be a coward and a hypocrite if I did not point the way to it at any cost."

Bishop Hoss is Mistaken

Bishop Hoss of the M. E. Church, South, writes an article to the *CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*, New York, on "The Negro problem from a Southern point of view." In many respects his production is fair and we shall not allow ourselves to believe that the bishop wrote what he did with other than the best intentions, but when he makes the sweeping assertion that "Negroes vote almost solidly on the side of open saloons," he does us a gross injustice. He needs to consult the brethren of his own Church in Mississippi where the fight has been going on so long. For unless they have misrepresented the facts before our annual conferences in that State he has certainly been misinformed. The prohibition fight in Texas of some years ago showed that Negroes divide on the subject just as do white men and for similar reasons.



A. M. WILKINS, D. D. S., GRIFFIN, GA.

We dare say Meharry Medical College has sent out no more worthy and successful representative than Dr. A. M. Wilkins, of Griffin, Ga. He has achieved unusual success as a dentist, but notwithstanding this is not the least bit affected by it; he is modest, faithful to the church and the brother beloved with his friends and associates. After completing his literary course he enjoyed a trip to Europe with his friend and benefactor, the Rev. George Standing, who had educated him and with whom he had lived since a boy of fourteen. On his return from Europe Mr. Wilkins entered the Meharry Medical College and took a course in dentistry. He graduated with the highest honors of his class, being awarded the gold medal for scholarship and practical work. He returned to Griffin, the city of his birth, and has built up a large and remunerative practice, serving fully as many white as colored patrons. His motto in solving the race problem is "to be something, do something and own something." Dr. Wilkins has a beautiful and commodious home, built and furnished at a cost of \$3,000, which is rendered all the more attractive by the presence of a charming wife and three attractive little ones. He owns considerable property and live stock besides, and his credit is good in any bank in the town. On account of his intelligence and loyalty to his church the doctor is prominently mentioned as a delegate to the next General Conference, and we dare say he will be found among the number.

It hurts our feelings a good deal worse than it hurts yours to have to stop your paper. Do stop hurting us!

Another Tillman Indiscretion

The following excerpt is taken from an editorial in the *New Orleans Item*, an afternoon daily, headed "Another Tillman Indiscretion." In referring to the address recently delivered at the North by Ex-Congressman Wise of Virginia, the *Item* says:

"When he speaks of Negro insurrection and bloodshed because of the limited suffrage statutes of the South, he talks nonsense. The Negroes refused to resort to violence during the civil war, and even during the dark days of reconstruction when they were led by renegades like Wise. They have far more wisdom than those who would incite them to dash their brains out against the wall of a solid South. They were never more peaceful and laborious than at present. There is not a ripple upon the surface and no storm in sight.

"But it is not alone men like Wise who are damaging this section. Greater harm is being done by Senator Tillman, who speaks like a madman. At the New York Press Club a few days ago he said that there were 30,000 more Negro voters, than there were white voters in South Carolina, and because of this fact it was necessary to resort to shot guns and stuffed ballot boxes. The truth is that at no time, not even in reconstruction days, could the Negroes of that State have outvoted the whites, except during the short period when the whites were largely disfranchised by the Reconstruction Act. That period of disfranchisement did not long remain, and after President Hayes withdrew the troops in 1876 and General Hampton was inaugurated governor, the whites by united action could easily control the State government."

Mr. Robert Rhubirth, a friend of our boyhood days, died a few weeks since at his home in Austin, Tex. Mr. Rhubirth, who was one of the most gifted musicians of the South, was the leader of an orchestra which bore his name. The organization was almost constantly engaged to play for entertainments among the white people of Austin and adjacent towns, and for the various state asylums for the unfortunate, in and about the city. Mr. Rhubirth evinced his talent for music at an early age and applied himself constantly till he became an acknowledged leader on this line. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his friends and loved ones.

In speaking of Wesley M. E. Church, Austin, Tex., the *Travis Watchman* says: "This church comprises in its membership most of the wealthiest and cultured people of the city. Its services are prompt and inspiring and it has one of the best choirs in the state. The home department of the Sunday school and the cradle roll are the latest innovations and are a success. Its pastor, Rev. D. C. Lacy, is a devout Christian, a scholarly, progressive gentleman."

Zion's Herald announces that "Rev. Dr. C. M. Melden, President of Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., has accepted the unanimous call of Mathewson Street Church, Providence, R. I., to become its next pastor." This will, we are sure, be striking and unwelcome news to the patrons of this excellent institution, which is enjoying a degree of prosperity under Dr. Melden's presidency never before attained.

The General Committees which meet in the West next fall are assigned as follows: General Missionary Committee, in First Church, Omaha, Neb.; General Church Extension Committee, in Broadway Church, Council Bluffs, Ia., and the General Freedman's Aid Committee in St. Paul's Church, Lincoln, Neb. Our western brethren seem delighted to have these meetings.

Personal and General

Rev. J. W. Pierce was in the city last week.

Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox is to be in New Orleans soon.

Mrs. H. A. Clark, of Meridian, Miss., while visiting the city, made us a pleasant call.

President Roosevelt has called an extra session of the Senate to convene March 8.

Dr. J. E. Rankin, president of Howard University, Washington, has resigned.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and party were the guests of the Tuskegee Institute February 25.

Rev. B. J. Reddix is moving things in his charge at Baton Rouge in the interest of the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. B. Motley, of Chicago, called to see us while in New Orleans. He has control of a transfer line in his city.

Mr. Lewis Hopkins, of Meridian, Miss., went through our office while in the city and renewed his subscription.

The many friends of Bishop and Mrs. D. A. Goodsell will regret to learn that she is very sick in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Rev. J. H. Rylander, pastor at Metville and Wiley, La., was in the city a few days since and gave us a pleasant call.

Rev. A. H. Banks is jubilant over the outlook of his work for the year. Brother Banks is located at Bedford, La.

Rev. W. B. Romans, pastor Rock Hill, S. C., was an interested visitor at the session of the Florida-Conference at Jacksonville.

Rev. D. S. Sloan, wife and little son, of Hubertville, La., were in the city last week visiting friends and attending to business.

Miss Mayme E. Starnes, one of the teachers of Sam Huston College, Austin, Tex., has given the institution a sewing machine.

Rev. D. J. Price is enthusiastic over his work at Plaquemine, La. He called in to see us while in the city on business last week.

Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C., celebrated, Feb. 10, the birthday of Dr. Jesse C. Price, the founder of the institution.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Carter, of Lexington, Tenn., celebrated their twenty-fifth marriage anniversary on Friday, Feb. 20, 1903.

Mrs. Sarah Banks, of Vicksburg, Miss., after spending a few days in the city with her niece, Mrs. W. R. Butler, has returned to her home.

Miss Roosevelt and Miss Root returned to New Orleans Monday of this week from Avery's Island and left Wednesday, March 4, for Washington.

Dr. R. W. Billups, who graduated last week from Flint Medical School, this city, left Saturday, Feb. 28, for Harwood, Ark., where he will locate for the present.

Rev. J. A. Landry and wife, of Berwick, La., have been spending a few days in the city. They were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Butler one day last week.

George W. Cable, the celebrated novelist and lecturer, is in this city for a double purpose, as he puts it, "To visit old friends and to gather material for a new novel."

Dr. E. W. Moore, of Columbus, Miss., was in the city last week attending the commencement of Flint Medical School. His daughter, Miss Minnie C. Moore, finished from the department of Pharmacy.

J. Frank Armstrong, the assistant secretary of Emmett Scott, has become local manager of the Tuskegee Summer School; and Mr. R. W.

Thompson, the newspaper correspondent, succeeds him as assistant secretary.

The fourth quarterly conference of St. Mark's Church, New York, has given Dr. W. H. Brooks, the pastor, a unanimous invitation to return for the seventh year. We congratulate Dr. Brooks and St. Mark's as well.

Dr. Levi Gilbert, editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., and writes interestingly of his visit to that city during the recent session of the Book Committee.

We learn, just previous to going to press, of the death of Rev. Enoch Jefferson, one of the veterans of the Texas Conference. He died at Sherman, Tex., where he has been making his home of late.

Mrs. R. H. Majors, wife of the chief mailing clerk in the postoffice of Austin, Tex., went to Waco, Tex., last week to play the wedding march for a young society couple. Mrs. Majors is an accomplished pianist.

Dr. W. H. Holmes, of Evanston, Ill., presiding elder of Joliet district, Rock River Conference, is in the city. Dr. Holmes visited New Orleans last winter also. His address during his stay here is No. 412 Hennen building.

Bishop S. M. Merrill has had a slight attack of pneumonia and, according to the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, is confined to Wesley Hospital, Chicago. We sincerely trust that ere this he is fully recovered.

The wife of Captain G. W. Prioleau, Chaplain of the Ninth Cavalry, died at Fort Walla Walla, Washington, on Thursday of last week. Her remains reached this city this week and were interred from St. James A. M. E. Church.

Mr. D. R. Woodard, one of the most prominent and successful mail clerks of Texas, recently celebrated his birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Woodard owns a beautiful home in Austin and are charming entertainers.

Rev. Dr. G. G. Logan, Field Secretary of the Missionary Society, will for the present make his headquarters at Holly Springs, Miss., where he may be addressed at any time. A full statement relative to the plans of the work will be made in the near future.

Rev. D. L. Rader, D. D., pastor First Methodist Episcopal Church, Tacoma, Wash., was elected by the Book Committee at its recent session editor of the *Daily Advocate* for the General Conference of 1904. Dr. Rader was a member of the Colorado delegation in the last General Conference. We expect a great paper.

News Notes

The birthday of John Wesley is Sunday, June 28, 1903.

Frank R. Wilson, a colored man, is said to be one of the best caterers in Topeka, Kas.

Michigan has passed a bill forbidding the practice of Christian Science or divine healing.

Governor Longino will make the race for the United States Senate against Senator Money.

An experimental shipment of fresh fruits from South Africa reached New York the other week.

Three hundred soldiers stationed at Fort Slocum, N. Y., gave Miss Helen Gould a beautiful loving cup.

Rev. Hampton James, of Mt. Zion M. E. Church, this city, is ill. We hope he may be soon up and about again.

A bill has been introduced in Congress to raise the salary of the president of the United States from \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year.

The other week a large pipe organ was dedicated in Mt. Olive Colored Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., Rev. C. H. Clark, pastor.

Mrs. C. C. Chaffee, owner of the slave, Dred Scott, whose case practically annulled the Mis-

souri compromise, died recently at Springfield, Mass.

The presidents of the colored agricultural and mechanical colleges of southern states are holding an important conference in Chattanooga, Tenn., this week.

Three noted evangelists, Revs. G. Campbell Morgan, Emory Hunt and S. H. Hadley, are taking prominent parts in the Tabernacle Bible conference now in session in Atlanta, Ga.

The Union Rice and Irrigation Company of Louisiana was chartered in New Jersey with a capital stock of \$6,000,000. It will construct and operate a canal in St. Landry parish, La.

The mayor of New Orleans has accepted from General Fred D. Grant, on behalf of the city, his father's autograph album, a souvenir of General Grant's visit to New Orleans in 1880.

The Methodist Ministers of Salt Lake City, Utah, are protesting against the seating of Senator Smoot. It is reported that the apostle Smoot is a polygamist and that he now has a plural wife.

At a special session of the legislature of Delaware, J. Frank Alee, union Republican, and Congressman Theisler Ball, regular Republican, were elected to the United States Senate. This breaks the deadlock of several years.

In Omaha, Neb., one of the white teachers of the Train public school being sick a colored teacher was assigned to fill her place by the school board. Some of the white patrons objected to having their children taught by a colored teacher.

In the Criminal Court of Jacksonville, Fla., a young colored boy was convicted and sentenced to 10 years in the state prison for stealing two bicycles, one valued at \$15, the other at \$20. In the same court a white man 25 years old was given three months in the convicts' camp for stealing an overcoat valued at \$20.

It has been recently discovered that idols are being manufactured in Philadelphia for shipment and sale to the people of the East. England and Germany heretofore have monopolized this peculiar industry, but now the United States, the land of missionaries, has begun to make gods for the heathen.

An exchange says that Bishop H. M. Turner has received from Liberia, Africa, \$25,000 to assist in the purchase of a steamship to take the emigrants from this country to Africa and to increase commerce between the United States and Africa.

The directors, members and friends of the Young Men's Christian Association of colored men in Atlanta, Ga., are now making a thorough canvass of that city to raise money for a building they have bought. Rev. R. T. Weatherby, an enthusiastic worker, is the Y. M. C. A. secretary of Atlanta.

The Mississippi river in many places is above the danger line. Official warning has been given the residents of the Mississippi valley by government officials in charge of the weather bureau in Memphis, Tenn., that the present outlook for high water promises to eclipse all previous records.

The Methodist Social Union of Chicago, says the *Central Christian Advocate*, is planning to have a "governors' night" in April, and at the banquet then it hopes to have present Governors Yates of Illinois, Durbin of Indiana, Mickey of Nebraska, Bliss of Michigan and Bates of Massachusetts, who, as we understand it, are all members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, is reported as saying to the New York Press Club: "If Negroes continue to educate themselves as they have, within the next fifty years a set of mulattoes will be dominating white men." The *St. Luke Herald* in commenting upon the Senator's assertion said: "But, somehow, Negroes don't produce mulattoes."

About 1,500 colored people and 500 white met in an educational mass meeting in Atlanta, Ga., Sunday, Feb. 22. The *Atlanta Constitution*, in speaking of the speeches made by the leaders of both races of that city says: "Each speech was charged with a message of love, each contained thoughts that will have their effect in maintaining the harmonious relations that already exist in Atlanta between the white and black citizens."

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FARM AND FIELDSIDE

Geo. C. Marshall Editor

Do not permit the vexatious discussions on the race problem to deter you from buying and improving farms and other property.

Educate your children so they will possess trained minds to think accurately; and when they become men and women any problem will be clear.

We grown-up farmers have a great deal to learn about our business of tilling the soil. Tho' farming is the oldest of all the industries, there is less known of the mysteries of the soil and plant life than of the secrets of any other calling.

At this period of unrest and unfavorable legislation, the colored man should not become disturbed. In the time of storm, the sailors should keep level heads. Designing men will now seek to trade us out of coveted property and thus destroy some of our most valuable advantages in America.

San Felipe, Tex.

My farming efforts are not so good now on account of rainy weather. I planted cotton about the 15th of March. Cotton makes about two-thirds of a bale per acre. I am a reader of the SOUTHWESTERN.

JOHN FISHER.

THE KIND OF SEEDS THAT
YIELDS.

As everybody knows, there are good seeds and bad seeds, seeds that grow and seeds that don't grow, seeds that yield and seeds that don't yield, and a little thought given now to the selection of the seed you'll need will be found at harvest time to have been well spent if you select the world famed Ferry's Seeds—the kind that always yields. For nearly half a century Ferry's Seeds have been known and sown wherever good crops are grown, until farmer and gardener alike have learned to depend upon their wonderfully reliable growing and yielding qualities, year after year, to the exclusion of all others.

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FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

These are perhaps the most pressing need now before the farmers of the South. The name implies something like a school. Several farmers agree to meet at certain stated times for the purpose of discussing the various means of improving themselves and their farms. Where fully organized, the State generally makes appropriations to pay qualified experts and selected professors from the Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations and successful farmers in various lines to attend and lecture on these various subjects. Where these speakers are expected, the institute meeting is generally advertised and extra inducements offered to get the farmers and their families to attend. A great amount of useful information is thus distributed at a small cost.

It is carrying the college instruction to the farmers instead of carrying the farmers to the college to be instructed. This is comparatively a new plan. It is working well wherever fairly tested.

One good feature of the Farmers' Institute is its entire freedom from political or party influences. Another is that it takes in the wife and children. All are welcome. Many of the most successful institute workers are women.

Farmers thus learn a new appreciation of their wives and daughters. The wives and daughters learn a new view of their helpfulness on the farm.

Another good feature of these institutes is their helpfulness in increasing the social enjoyments of farm life. They help to break up the dull monotony of the lonely farm. Farmers know more of each other and feel more interest in others' welfare. They break down the wall of selfishness which so many have built around themselves. They furnish not only occasions of helpful instruction, but also or real social enjoyment.

But still we must not forget the chief end is instruction, not teaching from books, but from living examples. From live, human voices, from object lessons in real life.

Just here excuse us for one criticism. We do not think a paper read before an institute can ever do the good a speech without the paper does. Papers may do very well for certain educated audiences, but for the common gathering a speech is the thing. A sorry speech delivered in earnest, direct from the living mouth, will accomplish more than the most polished paper. These prepared papers are often cut and dried excuses for mental laziness. A few of them are made to do duty on all sorts of occasions. What we need is speakers so full of their subjects that they are ready to open their mouths and say as Peter did when filled with the Holy Ghost.

From such speeches men and women and children will learn and remember the lessons taught.

What we need is men and women who know something, and, knowing it, can try to tell it. They may not be eloquent, but they will be successful.

This brings us to another important feature of institute work. It develops the speaking capacity of the members. Men who never tried to say a word in public soon become quite effective speakers from telling their experience

in the institute meetings.

Great pains should be taken to develop this faculty.

But we wish particularly to emphasize the necessity for an organized body of farmers in every community. Such an organization will be helpful in a thousand ways.

They buy to greater advantage. If they wish fertilizers, by putting their wants together and buying in large quantities, they get cheaper prices and cheaper freights. They can go farther and, by acting together, they can either raise the cash or borrow it cheaply and buy for cash and thus save a great profit.

This will be true throughout the whole line of purchasing farm supplies. It will also apply with equal force to selling.

EDUCATION.

But first and last and all the time the great point in the institute work is the educative effect. It gets men to talking, to reading agricultural journals and books, to thinking and doing better. New ways of doing things on the farm will be discussed and tried. New and better farm implements will be purchased and used. The farmers begin to respect themselves more and farm better and make more money. They will improve their homes, educate their children and brighten up the farms. They will diversify their farm operations, branch out into side lines, such as trucking, fruit, cattle and poultry.

In a thousand ways improvement will be visible, because you have set the men to thinking. The brain-work will change and improve the hand work.

SLOW TO ACT.

While all of these things are true, farmers have been slow to make this important step forward.

In Georgia our last legislature refused to make even a small appropriation for the inauguration of institutes, the farmers, strange to say, voting against the bill.

We hope the farmers in every county will see their representatives and get them to vote for this appropriation next summer.

The small amount of the few thousands needed for this purpose cannot be used in any way that will benefit the farmers and through them the entire State half so much. The farming would be at once immensely improved. Thousands of acres which are now being worked at a loss would begin to pay a profit, and those now paying a small profit would pay a large profit, those now waste would be brought into paying cultivation. The entire face of the State would be changed. Prosperity would smile over all.

All this by using a few dollars to start into motion this great agency.

We urge our farmer friends in every community to organize a Farmers' Institute at once and keep it alive by taking active interest therein.

DOINGS OF THE
WORKMEN

Wesley Chapel, Troy, Mo.—We are closing our second year's work in this charge. God has greatly helped us this year. The spiritual life of the church has been much improved. During our two weeks meeting, 15 souls were brought into Christian fellowship. The financial condition also is at par. The benevolent collections, as taken, show an increase over last year. The stewards' account



with the presiding elder, Rev. C. M. Keeton, stands balanced for the year. The rally last Sunday for the pastor has so reduced his claim that the stewards feel satisfied that for the first time in many years they will be able to pay the claim in full. A movement is gathering strength to the end that the trustees in common with the stewards, may rejoice over all claims for the year having been fully met. The ladies two auxiliaries, the Sewing Club and the Ladies' Home Missionary Society, have done much to help bring about the above financial results.

W. L. Marshall, Pastor, Bay St. Louis, Miss.—I arrived at my new charge Jan. 31st; was cordially received by the good people of this town. For 10 days before the arrival of my family, I was invited to take meals from house to house. I did so and was royally entertained by the loving people of the different homes. On Saturday night, just three days after the arrival of my family, a band of good Christians, Sisters Alice and Mother Squirrs, Whitley, Champine, Turner, Morgan, Word and Weaver of the Baptist Church, and two young ladies, Miss Celess Harris and Miss Corine Morgan, came to the parsonage at 9:30 o'clock loaded down with groceries. The groceries and money were presented by Sister Whitley with encouraging words of welcome, and words of gratitude were offered by the pastor. The friends departed with the invitation extended to call again. We are planning for a great year's work. Pray for our success.

G. G. Golston, Pastor, Baldwin, La.—We came down from the annual conference fraught with good thoughts, ideas and resolutions, and are putting them into execution with the desired effect. I still adhere to Bishop Merrill's saying, viz: "Every minister who is sent back to the charge he held last year, has a better charge this year than last, from the very fact that he has made it better by his having been there the previous year." We made an advancement of 25 per cent. on all lines last year, and with the help of God, propose to do more this year. Our Epworth League Chapter and Sunday schools are blooming. We have already organized the Sunday schools into missionary societies. Our watch words are: "More converts, more benevolence and more subscribers. Enclosed please find money for one cash subscriber; expect others to follow. On the night of the 14th the writer and family were aroused by a band headed by Profs. McDonald and Beaconsfield Landry, singing "The Comforter has Come." We threw open our doors and sure enough there stood the comforter in the person of Mrs. Landry, matron of the college surrounded and supported by the faculty and pupils of the college, who entered and had refreshments served, after which Prof. Mc-

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Donald in his mild and genial way made the presentation speech on behalf of the party. The party left more than one hundred pounds of choice groceries for us. May God bless and prosper the comforter who labors so earnestly and zealously for the church and people.

W. T. Murley, Morristown, Tenn.—I have finished my first round and found the pastors and people planning for a year's work. The benevolences have been apportioned to the charges, and the amounts are in reach of the various charges, and not above their ability to raise the full amount, and raise their pastors' salaries in full. To do it, every week and month should count for something. Bro. E. H. Forrest of the Clinton charge, is a young man, and is proving himself a workman indeed. He is succeeding and will lift the charge before another year, and make full reports. His people are standing by and supporting him. W. H. M. Society at Clinton is leading.

Brother G. H. Crider presides over the Greenville charge. He leads in conversions, and has repaired the parsonage, and is living in it. He and the church are proud of each other. He will be among the leaders in benevolence and salaries. I am expecting a full report from him.

Harriman and Kingston have Brother W. A. Webber as their leader. They are and should be proud of him, for his work's sake. He is doing a good work, and keeps his eyes open to every interest of the church; therefore a full year's work is expected.

Brother E. Knott is the beloved pastor on the Heiskell Circuit. The work is growing under his care. He has a deed for a lot at La Follette, Tenn., and expects to erect a church this summer. This is a new thriving town of 1,500 or more. He closed a revival meeting with conversion and addition.

Brother J. T. Wilson is a young man in school at Morristown and is a fair pastor. He is much liked by his people. His charge is second in conversions and addition. I look for all the claims to be met in full. Jefferson City charge.

Dr. J. C. Roberts is the able and pushing pastor on the Knoxville Station charge. He is an excellent pastor as well as a preacher. I expect the full amount of benevolence raised and the debt greatly reduced. He holds a growing congregation.

Brother S. Delany and C. R. Russell are the pastors on the Knoxville Circuit, each has had some conversions. Brother Russell is building a church at Frindesville. I am looking for them to be able to report their work in a prosperous condition along all lines, and the full amount of benevolent money.

Morriston Station has been greatly helped by a revival meeting just closed. A few professed conversion and joined the church. The pastor and trustees are preparing to build a church. This membership has done credit to the church by helping to vote out the saloons. Our people did their part well. Rev. E. J. Cox delivered the speech of his life before a mixed audience against intemperance. He is a strong preacher, and the church is proud of him. He has the banner Sunday school, and all the benevolence will be raised. This charge has raised the largest amount of any charge yet reported.

Brother O. Hypohl is pastor on the Newport Circuit. He is one of our best men, and a true Methodist at heart. He only know success—he don't dream of failure. Success is his watch word. Yes, the benevolence will be raised in full. He is a faithful and strong preacher, and stands second in benevolence raised.

Oline Spring Circuit, Brother R. M. Green, pastor, has the best active league. They are doing some good work. Miss Annie Loner is president, and has willing helpers. Brother Green, the pastor, believes in both holiness and giving, without which no man can see the Lord. He is building up the charge, and the full amount of benevolence is expected. He is an excellent pastor.

Russellville Circuit has Rev. J. W. Earle, one of our ablest and best men. He believes and preaches, "Go up and lift up." He is a noble spirited Christian man, and is able in the pulpit. This charge is blessed to have him as its pastor. He will push the benevolences.

Warranburg Circuit has fine preaching places and some good people. Brother A. Roach is pastor. He is an excellent worker. He carries the young people, and is noted for singing and conducting revivals. He has proved himself a preacher and pastor. The claims are looked for on this charge in full and a church built.

Let us see that all the local preachers and exhorters, also the officers, take the church paper. Let each charge send in at least five yearly subscribers this quarter. Begin now.

The Morriston Normal College is at her brightest tide. Well attended; good able teachers, and obedient pupils; good work done.

B. J. Booker, Pastor, South Anniston, Ala.—Of the many things to be proud of this mission has the spirit of Christ in it. Our house is not comfortable for the season, yet we worship in it, and the revival fire has begun among us, and one has been converted and joined the church. Many good sinner friends are now attending my church, and are coming forward for prayer. We are in need of a good church. We are doing all we can to have one soon. We have only 28 members here and the most of them are sisters. On Feb. 8 we had a small rally; two sisters were captains. Sister Mol-

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ly Freeman, captain of the Tribe of Benjamin, raised \$6.85; Sister N. E. Corrathers, captain of the Tribe of Ruben, raised \$2.94. She only had one week to work for she took very sick soon after she was appointed. God bless these good sisters. Thursday night, Feb. 12, these good sisters, led by Bro. G. W. Huggons and Sister Mitchel, wife of Rev. G. W. Mitchell, of the A. M. E. Church, came and gave the pastor a storm. The crowd was a happy one. They all seemed to be proud of me. Sunday, Feb. 15, was a glorious day for St. John's Mission. We organized the Epworth League with 15 members, with Bro. G. W. Huggons first vice-president.

Claudia Hannah, West Point, Miss.—Brethren, I don't think really you are taking as much interest in the SOUTHWESTERN as you ought to. We readers, would like to hear something from all of our pastors on this. You are leaders—please lead and we will follow. Best wishes for your success.

J. W. Jones, Pastor, Summerfield, N. C.—Our second quarterly conference was held February the 14th at Ralleys X Roads M. E. Church. The officers and brethren were present with reports. Our beloved presiding elder, J. P. Franklin, presided. After the conference the elder gave a wonderful talk along the line of duty. It was gladly received. On Sunday he preached a soul-stirring sermon. We paid him in full; raised for the elder, \$18.75; pastor, \$74.99; subscribers to SOUTHWESTERN ADVOCATE, \$3.75; total, \$92.39. This is our first year on this work. We hold the work in good condition, by the help of Him who doeth all things. Well, we are going to make it better. We have the presence of the Lord all ways. The SOUTHWESTERN shall have our report.

J. W. Everett, Pastor, Macon, Miss.—I arrived at Macon, my new field of labor, January the 28th; met a warm reception. We found the sisters busy at the parsonage, preparing dinner, which we enjoyed. So we commence our work as pastor, and thro the power of the Holy Spirit, we have added five to the church. On Tuesday night just after the close of our class meeting, a storm and cold wave struck the parsonage led by the following persons: Miss Callie Smith, Miss Lula T. Brooks, Mrs. P. Masengale, Mrs. Willie Scott, Mr. John Crawford, Mr. Charlie Lewis, Mrs. M. Esters, Mrs. Caroline Smith, Mrs. Lucinda Dunlap, Mrs. Amanda Hughs and others. We thank these sisters and brothers for the many good things which they brought to make glad the hearts of the pastor and wife.

Mrs. George Morrow, Littig, Tex.—As I pick up the dear old SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, from time to time, I cannot resist writing, for I don't see any thing "rom here. Our Woman's Home Missionary Society hasn't been doing much, on account of so much rain and bad weather, but spring is coming, and we hope to do more and better work. We had a letter from dear Mrs. Spriggs, asking us to push our work forward, which we expect to do in the near future. We love Mrs. Spriggs, and love to have her in our midst. We have our same pastor this year, Rev. R. H. Duncan. He is a soul-stirring young man. He expects to do all that is in his power for Christ this year. Pray for our success.

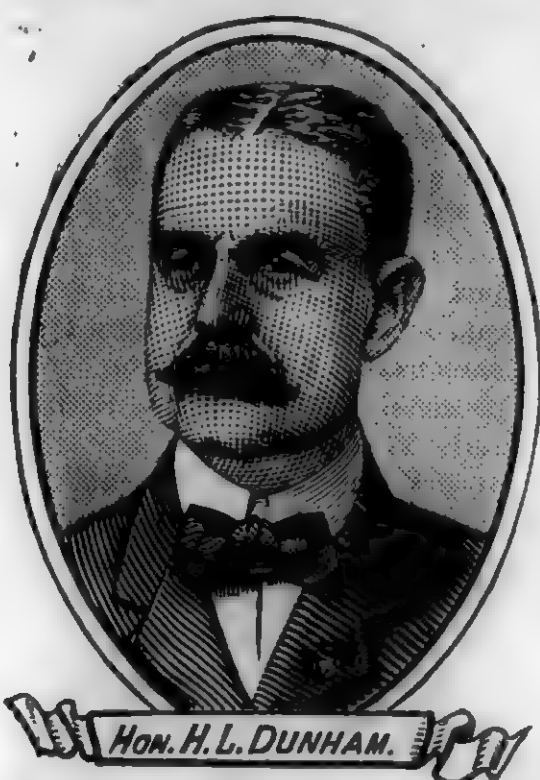
T. S. Garner, Orangeville, Miss.—This is my first year to read the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. I am a member of the St. Paul M. E. Church under Rev. B. L. Crump. I can speak well of this man as an honorable gentleman and a Christian leader. I am a steward now under him, and I intend to do all I can to help him and the Church. He is the man who is the cause of my taking this good and grand paper too, and I am well satisfied with the paper. I have promised to take it as long as I live. This is not the first paper that I have taken, but it is the best one. It is true in every thing it speaks of; it helps me in my daily work here, and also with God. I think all of the race should read it, whether members of the church or not. It will be a help to those that wish to be up with the times. I have \$1 now for this same good paper, when the time comes for me to renew my subscription. I pray to God that 1,000 more will read it this year, then I will say crown him Lord of all.

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Estella Ellis, Secretary; Mary E. Payne, Tina Price, Committee, Portsmouth, O.—Our fourth quarterly meeting was held the 11th and 12th of February. Rev. T. L. Ferguson was present with us; was paid up in full for the conference year. We regret very much, this is his last year. The Church presented him with a very fine table cloth, four yards in length. Every department of the church work is on a boom under the administration of Rev. J. A. Brooks and wife; there has been addition to the membership. The church with the trustees and stewards have raised on the pastor's salary \$450 this year. The church desire Rev. Brooks to return.

G. M. Stewart, Pastor of Oakwood and Butler Circuit, Butler, Tex.—My first quarterly conference was held February 7th and 8th, Rev. L. S. Blakney, presiding elder, was in the chair. The officers were present with good reports, which showed progress

along all lines of church work. The presiding elder preached an able sermon and administered the Lord's Supper to a good many. Collection very good. I have not forgotten the SOUTHWESTERN. I am making strong appeals for subscribers, and I hope that I will be able to send in another name soon.

R. H. Patton, Union Church, Miss.—My first quarterly conference was held on the 14th and 15th, Elder Threlkeld in the chair. We had a full conference, which showed the work to be in good condition. Paid the elder in full \$17; paid pastor \$16. Union Church is coming to the front. We have two subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN. I will do my best for the SOUTHWESTERN. Pray for my success this year.

J. R. Davis, Pastor, Salem, Va.—Dear brother: We have just closed a very glorious revival which resulted in 57 conversions. Praise the good Lord. The churches of this place are greatly revived and quickened. We are now preparing for the conference. Pray for us.

To the Board of Examiners, Lexington Conference: You are hereby requested to meet on March 17, 1:30 p. m., at St. Mark M. E. Church, 47th and State streets, Chicago, Illinois. The undergraduates and candidates for ordination or Conference membership, will meet at same place on same date at 2 p. m. Do not fail to be present, as this will be the final meeting for the year, and the work must be completed. T. L. FERGUSON, Chairman.
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Edmond Diggs, Pastor, Richmond, Mo.—Rev. J. W. Jackson, D. D., presiding elder, held his fourth quarter here Feb. 5, one of the best quarters held this year. He preached to a good congregation. He preached a noble sermon, which stirred the hearts of the people. He was cordially invited to the C. M. E. Church in this city to lecture to a large crowd. His subject was, "The Southern Problem." He certainly lifted the people up. They were so well pleased that they wanted him to stay over and lecture another night. We are getting along nicely in our church. The old debt on our church has burdened our people for about 12 or 14 years. We are at work to pay it off; we want to pay a hundred dollars before conference. We have eighty dollars already in hand. We hope to come up to conference with a round report, with all of our benevolences.

Hester L. Yondell, Newport, Ark.—We thank the Lord and also the bishop for the return of our pastor, Rev. W. H. Simpson. He has had two years of success and is now entering upon the third year. We believe that Rev. Simpson is the right man and in the right place to do the most work for God. May God bless the Little Rock conference and all ministers who are ever following his holy example.

W. N. G. Lipscomb, Bridgeville, Miss.—The work for 1903 has made a good start off, and everything bids fair for a good year's work. This year we have 18 subscribers on the work, 7 more than any year since I have been on the work, and we expect to have more in a short while. Collected for benevolence \$2 in cash and \$6 subscribed as I have gone from house to house. This

is my fourth year on this work and this circuit is still moving to the front.

D. C. Quaw, Pastor, Flemingsburg, Ky.—Sunday, Feb. 8, was the closing of our fourth quarter. It was a great day for Methodism in Flemingsburg. The pastor's report showed an increase in the benevolence of \$22 over any former year. All the current expenses paid in full up to date; an increase in the pastor's salary. We have just closed a glorious revival with 59 converts. The quarterly conference unanimously ask the return of the pastor. The attendance on the Sabbath was the largest in the history of the church. The presiding elder preached at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. two very acceptable sermons. Rev. Paris Fisher, of Sherbourne preached at 3 p. m. At this hour the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered and 136 communed. The collection for the day was \$50.50; for the quarter \$290. This indeed has been a great year and the Rev. D. R. Skelton is deserving of very much credit for his faithful service. Rev. Fisher and Rev. Allen spent three nights each with the pastor in our revival effort. The presiding elder's coming is always hailed with joy. He is kind, painstaking and withal an ideal presiding elder. We need not say who Rev. Skelton is; his work will speak for him.

R. B. Ross, Alamo, Tenn.—We held our second quarterly conference at Hudson Grove Church, on the 7th and 8th, with our loving presiding elder in the chair. He presided over the conference nicely. He found the work in a forward movement on all lines. He preached a soul-stirring sermon. We raised this quarter \$65; paid the presiding elder \$8.90. You may look for a large number of subscribers by this writing.

W. T. Chapman, Clarinet, La.—On Thursday night, Feb. 5, we all were glad to have with us Rev. F. Harvey. He preached one of his best sermons. We were made happy over the sermon. Rev. Harvey is one of the founders of this place.

Bolton, Miss.—To the Conference Officers and Members of the W. H. M. Society of the Mississippi Conference: At our meeting which was held during the last session of the Annual Conference at Crystal Springs, the reports showed but little advancement in the work we are representing. While the work is new to most of us, yet we can become more acquainted with the workings, aim and object, by giving some time to the study of the leaflets, which can be procured by sending to Miss Frances A. Fish, Methodist Book Concern, enclosing postage for same. Also by subscribing for *Woman's Home Missions*. I would like to ask that each presiding elder assist us by speaking an encouraging word to officers and members of the auxiliaries wherever organized, and above all to be in sympathy with our efforts. Now, dear sisters, while it is true we are only one year old, yet it is time we were learning to walk; we did not even crawl last year. There is work to be done, and why stand ye idle? Let us go forward and in His name, prove that the Women of the Mississippi Conference are awake to their every interest. Yours for the cause,

Mrs. B. L. CRUMP.

C. R. O. Rowland, Pastor, Elberton Circuit, Elberton, Ga.—After the Annual Conference at Griffin, Ga., I found

myself in a new field of labor. I received a cordial welcome from all. Owing to the inclemency of the weather all my plans for the past two months have failed; but trusting still in God, I mean to push the battle to the gate. We are now contemplating building a new church at Downer's Grove, pray for us. Our first quarterly conference was dated Feb. 7-8, but owing to the heavy rains here, the business session was postponed until the 10th. Our presiding elder, Rev. G. W. Arnold, D. D., preached at Downer's Grove Sunday morning. His sermon was full of spiritual food; each one present felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. Long may he live to preach the gospel of ADV TWO—D salvation to men. Through the kindness of Rev. A. C. Cheerless and his officers our business session was held in our church at Elberton. Dr. Arnold presided. Every interest of the church was looked after. The majority of the members of the conference answered to their names. The reports showed improvements along all lines of church work. We had one of the best conferences held on the District this year, or any other year. Notwithstanding the amount of bad weather we have had, by the help of God, we paid our presiding elder in full. (Our assessment this year is \$17 per quarter.) Paid to the pastor up to date \$17.10. Added 2 new members to the church and received 4 pledges of renewal to the SOUTHWESTERN. Look for them soon. Everything and everybody at this charge are moving on nicely. We want to raise \$20 here on Easter Day for Missions; pray for us always.

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L. F. White, Pastor, Itta Bena, Miss.—My first quarterly conference was set for Feb. 7-8, but owing to the heavy downpour of rain Friday and Saturday, the Rev. J. W. Winbush was delayed by the lateness of the train, which was 15 hours late. On Sunday, in spite of the bad weather, a few people turned out to see and hear their new presiding elder, who preached two able sermons to the delight of all who heard him. Monday the conference convened. A goodly number of the brethren were present. The presiding elder gave a very instructive and impressive talk to the brethren, which was listened to with much earnestness. The presiding elder then took his chair and began the regular business of the conference. He presided with dignity and ease. Raised during the quarter \$21.55. Paid presiding elder \$12.10. We will send in some subscribers soon.

J. D. Starr, Pastor, North Tazewell, Va.—Our second quarterly conference was held at Lovely Mount Methodist church Feb. 7-8, R. A. Swan, presiding elder, in the chair. All the officers were present with good reports. Sun-

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day was a high day in Zion. I must say the people turned out well and the presiding elder preached two soul-stirring sermons, which were enjoyed by all. Collection \$17; paid presiding elder, \$11.50; pastor, \$49.21; total raised, during the quarter, \$78.50. I am doing all I can to get subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN.

J. Ellis, Pastor, Tensaw, Ala.—Rev. A. W. McKinney could not be with us at the first quarterly conference on account of his family being sick, so Rev. P. G. Goins, of Mobile, Ala., held the quarterly conferences and we had a grand time. Rev. P. G. Goins preached three good sermons, that will never be forgotten. Raised for presiding elder \$7.60 and for pastor, \$4.75, and for E. W. Washton, \$1.35; total, \$13.70. Elder Washton preached once for us.

J. A. Landry, Berwick, La.—A small party manifested their love by presenting to the pastor provisions amounting to 60 pounds; also a neat purse. This party was led by Sisters Fannie Breau and Lottie Ryans, and Messrs. Jas. J. Jackson and Oliver Ryans. We cordially invite them to come again and may the Lord bless them. Read Malachi, 3:10. Doctor, I am talking up the good old SOUTHWESTERN to my people and good many have promised to renew.

W. J. Hamilton, Pastor, Brunswick, Ct., Savannah District.—Our first quarterly conference was held Feb. 7-8, the Rev. Wm. Daniels, presiding elder, in the chair. All of the officers present with written reports, with few exceptions. They showed progress along all lines. Sunday, though the morning was rainy, the people came for miles. The presiding elder preached two able sermons; one person united with the church. Paid to the pastor, \$16; presiding elder, \$12.50. The general claims of the church were not forgotten.

Rev. W. A. Weber, Harriman, Tenn.—The second quarterly conference for the Harriman and Kingston charge was held Feb. 14, Presiding Elder Rev. W. T. Marley in the chair. He preached two strong sermons on Sunday. The collection on Sunday for all purposes was \$24.87. The committee on church music has lately purchased an organ for the New Century church. Part of the collection was for the organ. Raised during the quarter for all purposes, \$79.09. The election for Lay Delegates was held Feb. 13. Only 17 of the members voted. Our Bible reading on Sunday 3 p. m. is well attended. Hope it may do much good.

J. B. Webb, Cedar Bluff, Ala.—I have three churches and all are in good condition, with the exception of Galesville, where we have no church, but plans are on foot to build one. The people are well pleased with me as pastor, and we are moving along. Two have joined the church since I came. Death has carried off four this year. The good Lord is with us and we are going right ahead. We have one subscription to the SOUTHWESTERN, but on account of the bad weather we have not been able to send it in, but look for it soon.

M. C. McEwen, Pastor, Durant, Miss.—I thank the good Lord for such a storm that visited the parsonage last Friday night. The young people, with just a few of the older heads, began singing "Nearer My God to Thee" and the string band led by Mr. Willie

Brown charmed the inmates; so the door was opened and 30 or 35 persons, with their own burdens and others' as well, found place to unload. The result was a grocery store on a small scale. The party was led by the charming Miss Alma M. Lashley and Mrs. Bettie L. Harmon. Come again, kind friends and all of you are welcome. We are now making a canvas for our dear old SOUTHWESTERN; look for 25 new subscribers soon.

J. W. Stone, Pastor, Luling, Tex.—I received this appointment at the hand of Bishop W. F. Mallalien Dec. 20, 1902. My people thought at first they did not need me at this place. That sentiment however soon changed and they began to say we have the right man. On account of indifferent weather we have not been able to do very much up to the present. Yet the people say we are doing extremely well. We have paid off some church debts. Peace and harmony prevails. The Church is coming together and moving up gradually. Our first quarterly conference convened Feb. 14, but on the 13th it began raining, sleeting and freezing and continued until the 20th which almost entirely defeated our quarter. A few nights ago the following members and friends called on us: Katie Dorn, Bettie Dorn, Julia Dorn, Bill Williams, Carrie Williams, G. W. Smith, Jim Smith, M. L. Taylor, Clabe Wesbrooks, O. P. Appling, Burdell Huff, M. McGaffey, Alma Roberson, M. W. Wadkins, Annie Kelsaw and Sallie Wilson—they left eatables of all kinds for which they accepted our thanks and received an invitation to call again. We have planned to begin our revival March 1st, after which you may look for some subscribers. We have not forgotten our pledge. Pray for us.

M. C. Harrison, Litcher, La.—On the 17th I arrived at this place with my family; was received gladly by the people. We were pounded severely by the good people at a late hour

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with many choice things. Brothers D. Moore, Wm. Joseph and Sisters Duke, Russell, Emma Brown, Mary Knox, Georgia Hayes, Sarah Johnson, Rebecca Payne and others were in the happy crowd. Litcher is on top; nowhere have I found a more loving and loyal people. They raised \$31.10 traveling expenses at once. The stewards and sisters finished the parsonage so as the pastor and family could be comfortable. We are going in for a glorious year's work.

Addie Easley, Gatesville, Tex.—We feel very grateful to the bishop and presiding elder for blessing us with such a great man as Rev. S. T. Thompson. He is full of the fire and holy ghost. We hope to do a great work this year. Pray for us.

E. B. Richards, Clinton, La.—On my way to my work with my family I met the presiding elder, Henry Taylor, at Port Allen. He was very kind in helping all of my children off the train. When we arrived at the parsonage on the 13th of February a band of the members and friends loaded down with groceries of all kind surprised us. A Baptist preacher gave the first pound.

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UNITED FOR LIFE

New Orleans, La.—On the 26th of February, 1903, Mr. John Tillman was married to Miss Pearl Pool at the home of the bride. After the marriage refreshments were served. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. S. Weaver.

Bonace, Miss.—At the home of the bride on February the 13, 1903, at 8 o'clock p. m., Brother Jeffrey King was married to Sister Clara Gibson. Both are members of Mt. Zion M. E. Church. E. H. Langston, officiated.

Kents Store, La.—Mr. Peter Hays and Miss Emma Beauchamp were joined in holy wedlock on Feb. 13, in the beautifully decorated parlor of Mr. and Mrs. Beauchamp, the bride's parents. Two of the wealthiest white ladies of this country were present and many friends to witness the ceremony. Rev. J. D. Banks, officiated.

Stoneham, Tex.—At the home of the bride on Feb. 3, 1903, Mr. John C. Franklin was married to Miss Sarah Chatman.

Bobbins, Tex.—Mr. Berry Ford and Miss Jaima Dupree were united in marriage at the residence of Brother Willis Pitts, Feb. 14, 1903. Both ceremonies were performed by S. M. Bolden.

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Mr. Felix Taylor and Miss Hattie Nowlin were happily united in marriage on Feb. 15 at the residence of her uncle Mr. Liggins Nowlin. W. Hartley Jackson, officiated.

Kingston, La.—At the home of Miss Sandd Mr. Milt Harrison and Miss Beulah Sandd were married Feb. 4.

Mr. Henry Clanny and Miss Irene Harris were also married. Wm. Eaton officiated.

Lesiard, La.—At the home of the bride, Mr. General Williams of Ouachita, and Miss Olinia Kerby were united in holy wedlock Feb. 17. E. D. Powell, pastor, and Rev. L. Harrison officiated.

On Feb. 14 Mr. Frank Bates and Miss Annie Banks were married at the home of the bride. The ceremony was performed by N. Toole.

Pluto, Miss.—Mr. Harrison Lennie was married to Miss Parthinnia Donnal on the 16th of January.

Mr. Paul Forest was married to Mrs. Celia Thomas on Feb. 13.

Mr. Bill Roberts and Miss Vinie Golden were married at the home of the bride's parents on Feb. 16.

Mr. Wesley Rogers was married to Miss Asselean Jackson, Dec. 25, 1902. Rev. Wm. Payne officiated.

Conference Notices NOTICE.

To the Preachers of the Louisiana, Mississippi and Upper Mississippi Conferences:

As soon as you secure ten converts during this conference year will you write me and tell me how and when the work was done?

W. F. MALLALIEU.

Auburndale, Miss.

Dear brethren of the Tennessee Conference: The minutes are published and sent to each brother. Cost of publishing \$97. The conference gave me as treasurer of the publishing committee \$22; received from advertisements, \$25; Presiding Elder Williams, \$7.50; Presiding Elder Phillips, \$6; Dr. Hubbard, \$5; total, \$65.50; balance due me, \$31.50. Please remit at once, as I need the money. The minutes are your property, not mine. I am only acting as an agent. Yours for the church and conference.

HELEAVY W. REY.

NOTICE.

LEXINGTON CONFERENCE.

All pastors and members of the Lexington Conference who have not sent for a permit in Central Passenger Association, may address F. C. Donald, 916 Tribune Building, Chicago, Ill. Get blanks filled out then have them signed by nearest railroad agent. Enclose \$1. If your name is not in minutes before, send blank for permit. Get my indorsement.

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NOTICE.

HOUSTON DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Orange, March 28-29; Beaumont, April 4-5; Beaumont Mission, 4-5; Liberty, 11-12; Harrisburg, 12-15; Crosby, 14; Trinity, Houston, 19-20; St. James, Houston, 19-21; Richmond Station, 25-26; Richmond Circuit, 25-26; Tabernacle, Galveston, May 1-3; St. Paul, Galveston Central Mission, 9-10; Kendleton, 16-17; Mallalieu, 17-19; Thompson, 23-24; Mt. Vernon, 30-31; Sloan Street, 30 and June 2; Hamilton Church, June 3; St. Mark, 4; Dickenson, 6; Columbia, 5-7; Roenville, 6-7; Velasco, 10; Wallisville, 14-15; Boynton, 20-21.

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SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

San Antonio, East End and Carr Hill, March 26-29; San Antonio, St. Paul, 28-29; Seguin and Olmus, April 4-5; Ben Allen, 11-12; Lavernia, 18-19; Floresville, 25-26; Yorktown and Barnes, May 2-3; Goliad, 9-10; Cologne

Ct., 16-17; Cuero, 23-24; Gonzales, 30-31; Gonzales Ct., June 6-7; Belmont, 13-14; Hondo, 20-21; Pleasanton, 28; Kerville, July 4-5; Del Rio, 4-5.

Dear Brethren—Let us make Easter Sunday a great day for mission. Send at once for program and do your best to raise at least your full apportionment. Don't forget the fifth Sunday in May is the Woman's Home Mission day; stand by them as they have and are standing by us. Sister E. S. Spriggs and the other good women's hearts would leap for joy if we would raise \$500 for this worthy cause. Believing you will do your best to reach the highest mark possible. I am your fellow-laborer,

HARRY SWANN.

LEXINGTON CONFERENCE.

The Lexington Conference will meet in Chicago, Ill., Wednesday, March 18, 1903. All the ministers in the Louisville District and also those of the Lexington District who will go by the way of Louisville, will please take notice that we shall leave Louisville, Ky., Monday, March 16, on the Big Four railroad, at 8 o'clock p. m. from the Seventh Street Union depot.

JOSEPH COURTNEY, P. E.
Louisville, Ky.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Marietta, March 20-22; Cartersville, 21-22; Duluth, 28-29; Decatur, April 3-5; Decatur Ct., 4-5; Harmony Grove, 17-19; Nicholson, 18-19; Gillsville, 25-26; East Atlanta, May 1-3; Lawrenceville, 2-3; Gainesville, 8-10; Flowery Branch, 9-10; Elberton, 15-17; Elberton Ct., 16-17; Pearl Mills, 20; Lavonia, 23-24; Fort Street, 27-31; Suwanee, 30-31; Hoschton, June 6-7; Roswell, 6-7; North Atlanta, 13-14; Edwardsville, 13-14; Centerville, 20-21.

Dear Brethren—Make Easter April 12, and Children's Day June 14 great rally days for Missions and Education. The Sunday School and Epworth League Convention and District Conference will convene in Cartersville, Tuesday, August 11, 1903.

Yours for success,

G. W. ARNOLD, P. E.

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PARIS DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Brookston Work, March 14-15; Paris Ct., Mar. 21-22; Wolfe City and Ladonia, 28-29; Hinckley Ct., April 4-5; Blossom and Morgan Chapel, 6-8; Honey Grove and Dodd City, 11-12; Paris, 19-20; Cooper and Commerce, 24-26; Greenville, 25-26; Celeste and Farmersville, 27-28; Clarksville, May 2-3;

Thompson Work, 9-10; Free Hope and Pleasant Exchange, 16-17; Red River Mission, 15-17; Clarksville Ct., 23-24; DeKalb Work, 24-25; Medill Ct., 30-31; Chicota Ct., June 6-7; Bonham Work, 13-14.

Dear Pastors—Have each one of you complied with your pledge to send in five cash subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN? Order Easter programs and organize your Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues for full Easter collections and services. Organize and maintain junior leagues. Improve your opportunities with each day. Don't write to postpone your conference because it happens to rain. Miss Maria C. Wash, of Greenville, has consented, to serve the Woman's Home Mission Society as District President. Give her and the sisters good encouragement.

FREEMAN PARKER.

Morristown, Tenn.—To do the full work that is expected of the Knoxville District each pastor must see that every Sunday school is organized into a missionary society and an Epworth League chapter organized in each church. They should be trained to give to the support of the pastor and benevolences. See that the committees are organized. The amounts that they are to raise for benevolent causes are given each chairman. Every dollar of the benevolence is expected from each charge. I am looking for a full report.

W. T. MARLY, P. E.

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT, MOBILE CONFERENCE.

The District Convention of the Epworth League is called to meet at Evergreen, Ala., May 8 and 9, 1903. The convention will open Friday, the 8th, at 10 o'clock a. m. Membership: The presiding elder, pastors, all officers of local chapters and one additional delegate from each chapter. Get ready, Leagues, for a great young people's meeting. Watch the SOUTHWESTERN for other information, etc.

C. F. JOHNSON, District Pres.
Pensacola, Fla.

CLOW DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: Everything demands of us to go forward. We must go on or be left to regret our lost opportunity. Men make places; this is a law that time has not changed. The work must be put on living basis. Pastors, you must carry out the Disciplinary plan of raising the salary and not depend on public collections. Everything must be out of the way, so that during the Quarterly Conference I may have a chance to present some of the benevolences of the church and take collection. We must put more reading matter in the hands of our people. Prof. A. D. Jacques will begin his work of distributing literature on the Epworth League and we must circulate the church literature. I must raise \$200 for missions this year, above the regular apportionment. The SOUTHWESTERN must go to every home before the District Conference. Brethren, we cannot take any backward step. Put every board and committee to work at once. All men are looking for promotion and the church sees those who can help her in the great need. The hour has come. I shall set out to carry out the wishes of our church and the Master. No man shall be neglected; all must work. We must send 300 new subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN.

Clow, Ark. T. R. WAMBLE, P. E.

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Dear Brethren: There are special reasons why I should have your post-office address very shortly. I hereby, therefore, ask that you send me to the office below your full address. The coming Council bids fair to be one of much interest, and well attended. It should be well attended, and not only by presiding elders, but by pastors as well. Therefore, all pastors who come will find the same warm welcome and courtesies shown as last year. Places are sending in already their hospitable applications agreeing to give entertainment. Fraternally yours,

W. H. NELSON,
Cor. Secy. of Council.

THEY LIVE OUR MEMORY

Meridian, Miss.—Sister Nellie Holloways, a faithful member of St. Paul M. E. Church, departed this life February 18, 1903, at the age of 54 years. She had been a member of St. Paul for 37 years. She was a staunch Christian. To know her was to love her. St. Paul loses one of her best members and Bro. S. Holloway, our steward, loses a wife, friend and mother, whose place will be hard to fill. She leaves many to mourn. Her funeral was largely attended. Services by A. J. McNair and J. C. Hibbler.

Clinton, La.—Sister Adeline Trice, aged 55 years, is dead. She was a member of Vincent Chapel M. E. Church. She has been a member of the M. E. Church 27 years. She was faithful to the end. She is the sister of Brother Charles Barn, one of our pioneer fathers. She leaves many near and dear relatives to mourn. The funeral was conducted by A. Luster, pastor, assisted by E. B. Richards.

Crawford, La.—Death visited the home of Mr. Alphonse Harrison, and took his sister, Permelia Harrison. She was a faithful member of Mt. Zion M. E. Church.

R. C. WORSHAM, Pastor.

IN MEMORY OF MY LATE BROTHER, HENRY SHALLOWHORNE.

Mr. Henry Shallowhorne departed this life Friday, Feb. 13th, 1903, aged 58 years. He was accidentally shot while deer hunting. He was sick 29 days and died while undergoing an operation for the removal of the gall. Brother Shallowhorne leaves to mourn his untimely and sad loss, two brothers, one sister, his widow, two sons and one daughter. He resided and died at Bayou Merringuin, in the parish of Iberville, Louisiana, where he owned a farm and a beautiful home. He was industrious and frugal and was held in high esteem by his neighbors. He was considered a shining example of Christian piety. He was converted in 1872 under the preaching of Rev. Bedford Carr, of Casper Circuit, and joined

Rose Hill Baptist Church, in which he was a deacon at the time of his death. He was also a charter officer of The Homestead Benevolent Association. Among his last words were: "I have finished my course and have kept the faith." "It is God's will." I have been in this field of battle for the Lord for many years." He was interred in The Homestead Benevolent Cemetery, Feb. 14th. A large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends attended the funeral, among whom were the following divines, who assisted in the services: Revs. Archie Gatlin, Theodore Bessicks, Walter George Towne, his pastor, Edward Peterson and Rev. Samuel Green, pastor of Hartzell Chapel M. E. Church.

Peace to his ashes.
Sleep on, brother, in the hope of a resurrected Savior, for we shall meet again in that Beautiful Land, to part no more.

C. D. SHALLOWHORNE.

Terza, Miss.—Missie Lillian Flag Dickens was born in August, 1892, at Eckels, Miss. Feb. 18 she was a member of Spring Hill Sunday school and Junior Epworth League. She leaves a mother, grandmother, two sisters and a host of relatives to mourn. Asleep in the arms of Jesus.

J. A. Y. DICKENS

Kansas City, Kans.—Brother Collins Miller was born in the state of Alabama in 1833, and died Feb. 6, 1903, aged about 70 years. Brother Miller was converted in 1865 and joined the M. E. Church under the pastorate of Rev. Henry Green. He came to the state of Kansas in 1880, bringing with him his wife and an adopted daughter, Sister Miller, who is quite aged, and the daughter, Mrs. Annie Graves and her two children, Victoria and Collins Graves, are left to mourn his departure. Brother Miller was one among the first men in the organization of the M. E. Church in this city in 1880. He was also one of our oldest local preachers, having received his first licenses from Rev. J. C. Hartzell, now Bishop J. C. Hartzell, in the South, about 27 years ago. He was a devoted member of his church. He seldom missed a service. He was a devoted husband. The church has lost a devoted member and the community an industrious and peaceable citizen. Servant of God, well done. His favorite songs were "I'm a Soldier of the Cross," "Tell It to Jesus," "This World Is Not My Home," and "Where Shall I go to Ease My Troubled Mind?" He filled all the offices in the church at different times—trustee, steward, class leader and local preacher. The last two he held since the M. E. Church was organized in this city. His funeral was preached by the pastor, J. S. Burton, assisted by Rev. Young of the Baptist Church.

Cotton Plant, Ark.—Sister Georgia Howard, aged 25 years, wife of Brother Frank Howard, departed this life. She was a native of Houston, Miss., and was the daughter of Sister Joanna Brinker. She leaves a husband, three children, mother and other relatives. She was a member of Class No. 8, H. C. Johnson, leader. Her funeral was conducted by the writer Sunday, Feb. 22. She was a true wife, a loving mother and a faithful member of the church for more than five years.

C. A. TAYLOR, Pastor.

Taylor's Chapel, M. E. Church.

Huntsville, Tex.—Another member of St. James M. E. Church has fallen. Brother Samuel Hendricks, aged 70 years, after being confined for about four years, was called from labor to



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reward Feb. 21, 1903. He died in the triumph of faith. He was an old backslider but was reclaimed and joined the church.

At 5 p. m., Feb. 15, Sister Nancy Mason, one of the oldest members in age, and the youngest in Christ, fell asleep in Jesus, after an illness of five months. She died in the full triumph of faith in Jesus Christ. She was 90 years old and had been a Christian five months.

Sister Alice C. Johnson, member of M. E. Church, aged 45 years, also fell asleep in Jesus, after an illness of three months. She was converted to God in 1881 and joined the M. E. Church and lived a faithful life. She is not dead but sleeping.

A. C. CULBREATH, Pastor.

On the 4th of February Brother Granville Porter, a good and faithful member of Blue Chapel M. E. Church, passed from labor to his reward. He leaves a wife, seven daughters, four sons, one sister, one brother and a

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8:00 p. m.	New Orleans and Houston..... 7:05 a. m.
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6:15 p. m.	Sunset Limited..... 11:55 a. m.
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6:10 p. m.	Texas and Ft. Worth Ex. 8:15 a. m.
11:55 a. m.	Port Allen Local..... 8:20 p. m.
7:30 a. m.	Hot Springs, El Paso and California Express..... 7:30 p. m.
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9:45 a. m.	Saturday and Sunday..... 5:30 p. m.
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LITERARY NOTES

AMERICA'S PRESIDENTS.

Most boys of high school age will find new inspiration and ideals in Charles F. Benjamin's "Our Boys and Our Presidents," in the March *St. Nicholas*, while Mr. Benjamin's significant summary of America's choice of presidents will interest older thinkers as well:

From Washington to John Quincy Adams, without interruption, the presidency went to men who had been boys of so-called good family and position. From Jackson to McKinley it went chiefly to candidates who might be called "self-made men." From being men for the people the presidents became men of the people; and, small as the difference looks, the people have clung to it ever since it began with Jackson, the first of "poor boy" presidents.

The *Review of Reviews* for March opens with an editorial tribute to the late Dr. J. L. M. Curry, the veteran leader of the movement for popular education in the South. In the same magazine, Mr. George Perry Morris reviews the long public career of the late ex-Senator Henry L. Dawes, of Massachusetts, the steadfast friend of the American Indian. "The Sultan of Morocco and his Present Troubles" is the subject of an article by Dr. Talcott Williams which embodies full and accurate information regarding political and social conditions in Morocco. Dr. J. M. Buckley describes the methods by which the Methodist Episcopal Church has raised its "Twenty-Million-Dollar Fund," to celebrate the opening of the twentieth century.

The March *McClure's* will not only be read; it will be talked about for many days to come. Lincoln Steffens' "The Shamelessness of St. Louis" is an article that can't be dodged; it is, indeed, as Mr. Steffens says, "something new in the history of American municipal democracy." The terrible story of the despoliment of a great city by professional bloodsuckers has never been so powerfully told. Of distinct importance, also, is Samuel Moffett's article "The War on the Locomotive," which is a surprising revelation of what the trolley people are up to, in the new inter-urban development of electric travel. Miss Tarbell's fifth chapter of *Standard Oil History* treats of "The Price of Trust Buildings, and must certainly not be missed.

Rev. Charles Jones, Pastor, Troy, Ohio.—On Feb. 10 in Richard's Chapel M. E. Church, the emancipation celebration was held, under the auspices of the "Busy Bee" club. A splendid program had been prepared and was well rendered to a large audience. Our church was decorated in flags and pictures. Beginning at 8:30 p. m. the following program was rendered: Opening chorus, "America;" invocation by the pastor, eulogy of Abraham Lincoln by Clara Wilson; address, Life of Frederick Douglass by Mr. John Hall, this gentleman having been a personal friend of the noted hero; recitation by Naomi Sewell; oration by Octy Calvert, a young high school student, who acquitted himself nicely. Next was a vocal solo by Little Iva Jones, sang sweetly, "I'll Be a Sunbeam;" recitation, Annabell Vest; quartet by Mesdames Bertha Jones, Neva Skinner and Messrs. Octy Cal-

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A. P. Parker, Byhalia, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference was held by Dr. Williams Jan. 31, 1903. We had a grand time. Dr. Williams preached at 11 a. m. His sermon was edifying to all. Collected \$12.25. We are glad to have our same pastor, L. J. Terrell.

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Editorial Notes

Some people live as tho they have no thought of being useful in this life or happy in the life to come.

The more freely you leave all to God, the greater your claim upon Him and the more you will get from Him.

Why spend your time complaining of what others are neglecting to do; go and do something yourself—show others by example.

The reports from Santo Domingo speak in most complimentary terms of the services of United States Minister Powell. He has just succeeded in having the Dominican government withdraw the decree lowering the port charges which seriously affected the interests of the Clyde steamship line. Some of the Southern papers speak most complimentary of Mr. Powell, but we doubt that they knew he is a Negro.

And now it is reported that threatening notes are being written the leaders of the "Lily White" movement of Alabama, the understanding being that these notes are from Negro politicians of the state. Being somewhat acquainted with the Negro's characteristics and disposition, we have no hesitancy in saying we are confident this is a put-up job. The "Lily White" movement is undoubtedly repugnant to the intelligent black man, but he knows there is nothing to be gained by sending white men, who are its leaders, threatening notices. There is a white man in the woodpile this time, sure.

We simply cannot see what there is to be gained by those Negro newspapers that devote so much time and space to villifying Prof. Booker T. Washington. This is done for the most part by a few papers published at the North, while those published in the South in common with Mr. Washington, have their guns trained on the great questions which so seriously affect the Negro at this time. We are confident the editors referred to do not really know him, for to know him is to understand him and to understand is to admire the man. No man's heart beats truer to every interest of his people and no man is doing more for them than he. No doubt every man in public life expects some criticism, and to a certain extent this is desirable, but to say the least it should be just, especially at a time like this. If our northern contemporaries would devote more time to the study of the present day questions that interest the race, and devote more of their time and space to an effort to mould public sentiment for the good of the Negro and to hold our friends in that section, they would serve their people far more than they are now doing.

Blessed For the Sake of Others

In the giving of his wealth the philanthropist does so not that the few who may gather in educational centers shall be reached and helped only, but as these are helped they will help and reach others—carrying light into dark places unto those who sit in darkness. Education for individual improvement in order that one person shall be able to gain for himself, is selfish. Most blessings come not to the individual as such, but to the individual as a representative of a needy throng.

Christ stands out pre-eminently as an example of unselfish devotion for others. And the claim of His divinity is no more wonderful than the life He lived, so void of anything that looked toward selfishness. He lived not as a blessing only for them with whom he came in contact, but as these were helped into the divine life by His glorious personality they were to go unto all the world and disciple nations. Salvation is unto the individual for the purpose of reaching the next man. Not only are they who are specially called as ministers fishers of men, but every lay member who knows Christ as his personal Savior owes it to his faith to urge some one else into fellowship of this glorious heritage. Not only so—but the preservation of an individual claim to the "incorruptible inheritance" is predicated upon the individual letting his light shine so that other men may be constrained to glorify God.

There is a paradox; religion is a commodity of which the more we send abroad the more we keep at home. The same principle of the widow's meal—the more she gave the more she had. The Christian life that does not go beyond its possessor dies of its own hand of selfishness. Christian life begets Christian activity. Christian activity yields a larger life of strength and happiness. A missionary effort is not a benefit only to him for whom it is made, but returns a larger Christian life for all who take part in it.

Helping others is one of the best means of grace. Talents possessed and blessings bestowed are God's bugle calls to service for others.

A Just Estimate of a Remarkable Man

The most notable address of the year upon the race problem was that delivered on the evening of the 22d of February at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, N. Y., before the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences by Dr. Booker T. Washington. The deliverance was an unusually eloquent and convincing plea for wider opportunities for the Negro race, an impartial enforcement of all laws bearing upon the rights and privileges of citizens and a manly appeal to the better element of whites and blacks to come together in a spirit of candor and fairness to find ways and means to promote a system of practical co-operation for the good of both. The speech has had an extensive circulation, and the text is doubtless familiar to our readers. The effect of the deliverance, however, is

the main thing to us, and that it has been of vast benefit to the Negro people and edifying to the Caucasian, is well-attested by the subjoined excerpt from the opinion page of the Brooklyn Eagle. This highly significant editorial is, in part, as follows:

"The Institute did well to secure Booker T. Washington for its Washington's Birthday orator. The significance and the suggestiveness of a black man talking on the 'Educational and Industrial Emancipation of the Negro' on the anniversary of the father and founder of American liberty were manifest. Surely, the world does move. Men as representative as A. A. Healy, Albert J. Lyman and W. H. Baldwin expressed the views of the audience on Mr. Washington's address in fitting terms. In some minds still, Mr. Washington will be disposed of by the natural but erroneous remark: 'For a Negro he is a clever man, but if he were a white man, he would not be regarded as anything extraordinary.' That will not be said by any one who heard him. Those who have heard him—and they include minds like the presidents of Princeton, Columbia, Yale, Harvard and Cornell universities, senators, clergymen, bankers and poets—know that his abilities are remarkable in themselves and that few white men have to their credit such a record of wise thought, fine humor, stirring eloquence and great results in character-building as this man has to his. Not the race to which he belongs, but the obstacles which he has overcome and the justice which he is able to render to both races frame him with distinction. The marvel is that he is made neither boastful nor vindictive nor vain nor unjust by the recognition of his uncommon gifts. His duty is seen plainly before him. He treads no other path."

The right-thinking members of the Negro race will rejoice to see their conception of Dr. Washington's value corroborated by such able testimony, spoken in all sincerity, reaching heights far above prejudice, meanness or equivocation. It is well-calculated to put to shame the puerile pigmies of our race, who permit an ill-founded jealousy and unwise envy to blind their eyes to the great work the Tuskegee educator is doing for universal civilization. He is laying broad and deep the foundation of a race that will yet attain to influence and power in the world of art, science, literature, commerce and religion.

A Great Sinner Turned Preacher

We dare say few prominent daily papers in the South do more on certain lines to disturb the pleasant relations that should exist between the colored and white races of this section than does the *Commercial-Appeal* of Memphis, Tenn. We have no idea that it really intends to throw its influence in this direction to the extent it does, but nevertheless it does so. It fires an element of poor whites both in portions of Tennessee and

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Our Contributors

A Right Start

BY BISHOP W. F. MALLALSEU.

There is a French proverb which says, "It is the first step that costs," or as it might otherwise be translated, "It is the first step that is most important." In harmony with it it may be said that a right start means every thing as to the outcome of any business, or undertaking of whatsoever sort it may be.

This is especially true of every Methodist preacher when he goes to a new work. There are thousands of such in our great Church every year, for while the time limit is taken off yet it appears that a good many of our preachers move at the end of their first year, and very few stay more than three years, and the number that stay more than five years, will not equal more than four per cent. of the whole body of preachers.

We are a moving company, and the itinerancy is not in any danger of being destroyed by the removal of the time limit.

When every twelve months we pitch our moving tents a year's march nearer home, it is of the utmost importance that we lose no time in false starts, or in starting in the wrong direction.

The right start is first of all to leave the place open of one's successor, the old pastor ought to start out of his parsonage and out of the parish as soon as he can reach home after the reading of the appointments. If this is not done much harm will be done and the work will be hindered. When a pastor's time is up and he is sent to a new work he ought to vacate the premises and quit the place and the people at the earliest possible moment. The new man is entitled to the whole field, and he ought to have no lingering predecessor to hinder him, or confuse the people. The preacher who makes a right start will make it on his knees. Every preacher ought to be a ble truthfully to say as the Apostle Paul did to the Romans, "And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ." Paul could not have said that unless he had been on his knees before God, seeking with all his heart for a complete preparation for his work. God can supply all needs, but he will only supply those souls who cry to him for help. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost that can alone prepare the preacher for his work comes only as the answer to renewed consecration and believing prayer.

The preacher takes the right start when he keeps his vows and goes gladly and willingly to his work, no matter what or where that work may be. He commits his ways to God, and then trusts him to direct his paths. The unhappy man is usually the one who schemes and works to secure some particular place. It is far better to trust God to make all things right, no matter how wrong they may appear, than it is to worry and fuss, and think that some enemy has been trying to harm us. The United States puts on every silver dollar that it sends out from its mints, "In God We Trust." This would be a good motto for every preacher whether he goes to a new appointment or returns to an old one—with this motto stamped on his heart, and proclaimed with his lips, he will cheer all his people, and will surely make a right start.

Finally; expect salvation, expect to witness displays of God's power in the very first meeting and in all the meetings. If such expectation is

shown by the preacher the people will know it, and they will feel faith kindling in their souls, and very likely some precious penitent will start for the mercy seat at the very first meeting, and then the revival has commenced, and if people and preacher work together it will go on all through the year. Start right, brother, and God's blessing and a great victory will be yours.

Auburndale, Mass.

The Missionary Forward Movement

The times of the aggressive and progressive movements for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom on the earth, through the medium of the Church, are but mill stones in the Christian progress of the people, who can, if they will see more, yet to be done, and if they are faithful, they will seize opportunities as they come to them for doing. If earnest stewards of our Lord's heritage and faithful to the trusts He has imposed upon us, we will put His money to exchange, so that when He comes we shall present to Him His own with usury. There are records in the history of the world of different ages, viz: The stone age, the iron age, the age of letters, the steam and electric ages; but indeed, this is the Missionary age of the Church as well as the electric age of the world.

Our Christian religion is a missionary religion, and, therefore means go or send. Our Church the grand old Church, of ways and means has seized the opportunity of a "forward March" of the entire Church, in pushing the Victory of the Cross of Christ into every field of the world, and through the "Open Door of the Emergency Commission" to strengthen the spread of the Church as a world power, as an active factor in Christian civilization under the protections of the flags of many countries. She needs money and men in this effort. Hence she has divided the home Church into divisions and appointed "field secretaries to work up, and in each division.

Our division is the Southern division of the Church, and our secretary is the Rev. G. G. Logan, D. D., of the Upper Mississippi Conference. Dr. Logan is a young man of strength and ability, and if the ministry of the Southern division vigorously and prayerfully stand by the Church and this secretary, we shall not be a whit behind the other sections of the Church. Ask yourselves, shall we allow the other divisions and secretaries to do more according to numerical strength than we? Brethren, the battle is now on, we are being weighed.

The Upper Mississippi Conference has been honored by having the appointment of one of its members to the secretaryship. She stands third in lay membership in the list of our colored conferences. The State of Mississippi stands among the first with 40,000 members of our Methodism. This is the first time the State has been honored officially by a member of our Methodism being put in the field of the general church. Brethren, let us awake and put on our strength, this year and throughout the years to come, thus putting our efforts more fully before the eyes of the Church. The Washington, South Carolina, Louisiana and probably the Delaware Conferences, now raise about two and a half times as much for the benevolences of the Church, as either one of the Conferences of Mississippi, and yet they are no stronger than we are in lay numerical strength. So brethren of the Mississippi Conferences, you can see from these figures—and I think by investigation you will find that I am right—you can see that there

is very much need of our doing more. If it is for no other reason, than to show the Church that we appreciate very much the honor conferred upon us by selecting one of our number as a field secretary. The Conference, District Missionary secretaries should have a Missionary anniversary in connection with the District Conferences, as I shall do, and invite Dr. Logan to come. Thus we may increase our Missionary collections not only in this State, but throughout this Southern division. I verily believe if we do our duty in standing by the Church's servants, there is yet more to follow. Work is the sequel of worthiness.

Dr. G. G. Logan's address is Holly Springs, Miss. I am sure he will be willing to fill any appointment the brothers may make for him in order to push his cause.

N. R. CLAY.

Holly Springs, Miss.

The Negro in Jacksonville, Fla.

And this is Jacksonville! Surely not the Jacksonville that was burned some months ago. Well, I guess it is. No that is not just right either. It is the Jacksonville that has sprung from the ashes of its former self. While there are some parts of the burnt district not yet rebuilt, those buildings that have been erected are such a vast improvement over those destroyed by fire that it is evident the city has been helped by the destructive conflagration of 1901. The houses are more substantial, and larger than heretofore. Many of the residences, even of the colored citizens, are far superior to what they were. It is difficult to find a house now that has been rebuilt by individuals of either race as a family residence that is not two stories high. Some erected for tenants are equally commodious an imposing, but these are for the most part one story cottages.

The churches, nearly all of which were destroyed by the fire, have not yet been rebuilt, though a number are in course of erection. Among these is Trinity which is composed of the white members of the M. E. Church. Ebenezer Church, which is our first in membership and influence, has secured a beautiful lot 105 by 105, situated at the corner of two of the principal streets, and the building is soon to be erected.

One of the most interesting features of Jacksonville to me, is the development of the colored people on business lines. The city is not a large one when compared with a score of others in different portions of the South, but it is full of energy and pluck. It is said to have 35,000 inhabitants at present but the figures of the last census fall considerably below that. The population is about equally divided between the two races, with the whites a little in the advance. The relation between the races is, to my mind, ideal; that is to say, the man who respects himself and is trying to be somebody is respected and treated accordingly. We trust the day is not far distant, when it will be the same throughout the South. Then too, Jacksonville seems to have a superior Negro. The cheap black man is undoubtedly here but he isn't as much in evidence as we find him in most places. I saw dozens of young men who were pushing and driving as though they had something to do and not much time in which to do it. Many of them were bright, intelligent looking fellows and were polite and gentlemanly. I don't know just how to account for it, but somehow I was led to feel that they are inspired by the thought that there is something to live for. The tone of the city press must help to some extent. The after-

noon paper, the *Metropolis*, has a colored reporter, Mr. W. I. Lewis, whose entire time is devoted in gathering items of special interest to his people. He finds and reports some bad things, of course, but they are not all bad by any means.

I am sure it would interest the readers of the *SOUTHWESTERN* for me to call attention to some few of the business houses run by Negroes. Through the courtesy of my friend and host, Dr. J. Sth Hills, I took a drive over the city, and visited a number of these places. I shall not attempt to name each one but only a few of the principal establishments. First, there is the bank of the Capitol Trust and Investment Co. This house was opened last October and has met with success far beyond the anticipation of its promoters. Mr. S. H. Hart is president and Mr. E. W. Robinson, cashier.

Mr. Charles C. Davis and E. W. Robinson make up the firm of Davis and Robinson, who run a supply house that does an annual business amounting to about \$40,000. They carry fresh meats, game, vegetables, fruits, poultry, eggs,



THE IMPERIAL PHARMACY.
Jacksonville, Fla.

etc., and have contracts for supplying many of the ships, steamboats, yachts and private cars that come to the city. They have been in business thirteen years, and have twenty-five employees.

Mr. S. Boyce runs a dry goods store in which he employs seven clerks, all Negro girls.

Mr. Martin Ferguson also runs a supply house similar to that of Ross and Robinson, though not as large. There are five drug stores. Of these, the Imperial Pharmacy, owned by Drs. J. Seth Hills, A. W. Smith and J. A. Benadee, is one of the finest in the city. I am pleased to publish with this mention a picture of the interior of the building.

There are also a number of tailoring establishments. Among the most pretentious and successful are those run by Mr. George Walton and Mr. Charles Linkler.

Of groceries, there are quite a number and some of them are doing most excellent business.

Among those who devote their time to conducting their own private real estate business is Mr. J. H. Blodgett, who has just completed thirty-six beautiful tenant houses. By good fortune ten had escaped the flames, so that with forty-six houses to rent, he ought to be in easy circumstances. Mr. Blodgett's residence is a beautiful two story house that is a model for neatness and convenience. It is sure to attract the attention of the stranger.

There are also a number of real estate dealers. Among whom, I may mention Mr. R. R. Robinson, who is also president of a street railway company. This company has secured its franchise from the city and Mr. Robinson

informed me that they expect to begin building soon.

Among the successful lawyers are J. W. Whitmore, F. C. Thomas and John Walton. Mr. Whitmore perhaps the most successful.

The Central Trust Building and Loan Association of Florida and another by the name of the Afro-American Association are proven successful on their special lines.

One of the most unique and popular establishments of the city is the curiosity store run by Mr. Isaac Johnson. Northern tourists throng his place constantly. There they can buy jewelry, and different souvenirs made of native woods and other materials. He is also an accomplished taxidermist and is prepared to furnish mounted, any of the native birds, animals, or even down to an alligator.

But my, since it is impossible to exhaust the subject, I must stop for want of space.

I. B. S.

Life of Faith

Secret of Christ-Likeness

Our lives are the weakest part of us—or the strongest. A man knows the least of the influence of his own life. Life is not mere length of time, but the daily web of character we unconsciously weave. Our thoughts, imaginations, purposes, motives, love, will, are the under-threads; our words, tone of voice, looks, acts, habits are the upper-threads; and the passing moment is the shuttle swiftly, ceaselessly, relentlessly weaving the web, and that web's our life. It is woven, not by our wishing or willing, but irresistibly, unavoidably woven by what we are, moment by moment, hour after hour.

The secret of life, marked with a strange beauty of humility, fragrant with the odor of his presence, is found in the daily morning hour spent alone with the Master meditating on his word, listening with quiet heart to his voice. And no nagging fret, no noisy strife down in the drive of the crowd, can disturb the calm of heart he gives.—*Ram's Horn*.

Things to Forget

If you would increase your happiness and prolong your life, forget your neighbor's faults. Forget the slander you have heard. Forget the temptations. Forget the fault-finding and give a little thought to the cause which provoked it. Forget peculiarities of your friends, and only remember the good points which make you fond of them. Forget all personal quarrels or histories you may have heard by accident, and which, if repeated, would seem a thousand times worse than they are. Blot out as far as possible all the disagreeables of life; they will come, but they will grow larger when you remember them, and the constant thought of the acts of meanness, or, worse still, malice, will only tend to make you more familiar with them. Obliterate everything disagreeable from yesterday; start out with a clean sheet for to-day, and write upon it for sweet memory's sake only those things which are lovely and lovable.—*The Trumpeter*.

Face Responsibility

No duty, however hard and perilous, should be feared one-half so much as failure in the duty. People sometimes shrink from responsibility, saying they dare not accept it because it is so great. But in shrinking from duty they are really encountering a far more serious condition than that which they evade. It is a great deal

easier to do that which God gives us to do, no matter how hard it is, than to face the responsibility of not doing it. We have abundant assurance that we shall receive all the strength we need to perform any duty God allots to us; but if we fall out of the line of obedience, and refuse to do anything which we ought to do, we find ourselves at once out of harmony with God's law and God's providence, and cannot escape the consequences of our failure.—*F. R. Miller*.

Our Grumblers

We have a man in our Church who grumbles day and night; he grumbles at the cushioned pews, he grumbles at the light.

He grumbles at the organist; he grumbles at the choir; he grumbles at the way the sexton regulates the fire.

He grumbles at the minister; he grumbles at the text; and will no doubt go grumbling through both this world and the next.

And when he reaches heaven at last, unless he changes sharp, he'll growl because they've given him a second-handed harp.—*The Interior*.

Her Gift

The minister's eyes swept with intense searching the faces of his congregation. He had made an impassioned appeal for help in the support of a little mission church among the mountains—a section where rough men and women knew scarcely anything of God and the religion of Christ. He had hoped to inspire the people with the spirit of giving to make them feel that it was a sweet, blessed privilege, and—he had failed. A deep sense of deep desolation crept over him.

"God help me," his lips murmured mutely. He could not see the bent figure of little crippled Maggie in the rear of the Church—a figure that was trembling under the fire of his appeal. "Lord Jesus," the little one was saying brokenly, "I ain't got nothin' ter"—

What was it that made the child catch her breath as though a cold hand had taken her to her heart "Yes, you have Maggie," whispered a voice from some where; "you've got your crutch that was give ter you, and is worth a lot of shilin' dollars. You kin give up your best frien' what helps you to git into the park where the birds sing, and takes you to preachin' and makes your life happy."

"Oh, no, Lord," sobbed the child, choking and shivering. "Yes, yes, I will! He gave up more'n that for me."

Blindly she extended the polished crutch and placed it in the hands of the deacon who was taking up a scanty collection. For a moment the man was puzzled; then, comprehending her meaning, he carried her crutch to the front of the church and laid it on the table in front of the old pulpit. The minister stepped down from the rostrum and held up the crutch with shaking hands. The sublimity of the renunciation unnerved him so that he could not speak for a moment.

"Do you see it, my people," he faltered at last, "little crippled Maggie's crutch—all that she had to make life comfortable? She has given it to the Lord, and you"—

There was a moment of silence. The people flushed and moved restlessly in their pews.

"Does any one want to contribute to the mission cause the amount of money this crutch would bring, and give it back to the child who is so helpless without it?" the minister asked gravely.

"Fifty dollars," came in husky tones from the banker.

"Twenty-five."

"One hundred."

And so the subscribing went on, until papers equivalent to \$600 were lightly piled over the crutch on the table.

"Ah! you have found your hearts—thank God! Let us receive the benediction," almost whispered the minister, as he suddenly extended his hands, which were trembling with emotion. Little Maggie, absorbed in the magnitude of her offering and the love that prompted it, comprehended nothing that had taken place. She had no thought for the future, of how she would reach her humble home, or of the days in which she would sit helpless in her chair, as she had once done.

Christ had demanded her all, and she had given it, with the blind faith of an Abraham. She understood better when a woman's arms drew her into close embrace, and soft lips whispered in her ear, "Maggie, dear, your crutch has made \$600 for the mission church among the mountains, and has come back to stay with you again. Take it, little one."

Like a flash of light there came the consciousness that in some mysterious way her gift had been accepted of God and returned to her, and with a cry of joy the child caught the beloved crutch to her lonely heart; then smiling through her tears at the kind faces and reverential eyes, she hobbled out of the sanctuary.—*The Standard*.

Woman's Dominion

Woman's Home Missionary Society, Texas Conference

To the pastors, members and co-laborers engaged in the great work of W. H. M. Society, in the Texas Conference:

I trust that each of us entered upon the present year with the zeal and inspiration that comes from an abiding faith in Him who has promised to be an "ever present help." The top round in the ladder was not reached last year but we made progress.

Our work is growing. There was an increase in membership and in income. Let's go higher on the ladder of duty this year. The splendid "cut" of "our First Colored Deaconess Missionary Hall," which appeared in a recent number of the "SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE," should stir the life blood in every member of the W. H. M. Society throughout our colored Conferences. Deaconess Hall needs our prayers, the society she represents needs our material assistance. Will we give them? Dear sisters, let each of us strive to make this the grandest year in the history of our society. Pastors, will you please instruct the treasurers of your auxiliaries to send in their membership dues quarterly, to our Conference treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Marshall, Texas.

If you have not a large sum to send, then send a small sum. "The least you do for Jesus will be precious in His sight," if it is the best you can do. If you did not begin with the year, begin now to work for a good report to carry to Houston next November. Yours for success,

MRS. B. M. TAYLOR,
Corresponding Secretary W. H. M. S.
Lock box 293, Jefferson, Tex., March 2, 1903.

A Healthful, Attractive Kitchen

BY S. H. H.

Every woman loves to be thought a good manager, but you are not one if you are on your

feet from morning until night. For instance, the washing of dishes three times a day and cleaning up the cooking vessels is a business in itself. To stand through it all is fatiguing and no one can take a pleasure in it, unless she surrounds herself with comforts and every device for lightening the work: For instance a chair to sit in is a great help, then have mops to save your hands and to reach in washing long-mouthed dishes such as pitchers, etc. And it is a great help to keep borax on your kitchen table to keep things healthy. Flush your kitchen sink out with it daily—make a strong solution of borax water and pour it down the pipes to purify it. Your will be more healthy by doing so.

"I believe there would be fewer bachelors if there were more dainty attractive homes," said a mother with five sons growing up around her, while she showed me her own perfectly kept kitchen with every device known for saving labor.

"Have you a method in your work," I said. "Do you intend to have your boys bachelors, and to fall in love with your management and well-kept home and never leave you?"

"No, no," she said laughing, "I want my boys to marry; they will make better citizens and be happier, but I am bringing them up to think a woman must have every possible aid and help in their work, and especially in the kitchen, where they spend so great a portion of their time. I want them to be sympathetic and useful and neat."

No one can conceive how dainty and charming my friend's kitchen was, unless you had seen it for yourself, you would know she was a lady and an artist the moment you saw her kitchen.

Ginger pound cake is a delectable compound that has never lost its prestige on the island, but is little known outside. Cream together one pound of sugar and a half pound of butter. Add one pound sifted flour, one teaspoonful of ginger and six eggs, whites and yolks beaten separately. Bake very thin in square-cornered pans. As soon as taken from the oven sift fine sugar over it and cut into squares and diamonds.

Young Friends

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Dear Editor—It is my intention to be a worker for the Lord. I am only sixteen years of age. I joined the M. E. Church when I was ten years of age, and I have been a faithful member ever since. I am going to school in Meridian to Prof. J. L. Wilson. He is the president of the Meridian Academy. The teachers are very kind. They are good teachers and try to teach the children all they can. My father takes the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and I read about many noble men and women in it. I want to be like them. I want to be one of these days a noble woman. ZELIA ANDERSON.

In the Days of Jeremiah

BY MISS INEZ A. GODMAN.

A lightfooted lad of some eleven years ran swiftly through the narrow streets of Jerusalem. He wore a tunic instead of a coat, and a bit of cloth was bound to his head instead of a cap, but no one would have mistaken him for a girl; every inch of him was masculine and every movement spoke of strength.

He turned his course to the wall of the king's

garden and halted where a tree overhung. Grasping a branch and placing his bare toes against the wall he swung himself lightly to the top. The palace and gardens were beautiful in the sunlight, but giving them no heed he gazed earnestly beneath the shrubbery and uttered a low singing call. After a moment he repeated it and it was answered. Then a bright faced little lad came running through the shade.

"On Jerry," he cried, "I thought you had gone." He raised his arms and the older boy lifted him to the wall.

"Not yet Josiah, father concluded to stay over the Sabbath, so I came to make you one more visit."

"You're not glad," said the little fellow laying his hands on his friend's knee, "You're sorry. You wanted to go home."

"I am homesick for Anathoth and mother, but I am glad to see you once more."

"You love your mother more than your father," said Josiah. "That's the way with me."

"Good reason why, your father is wicked."

"He isn't," cried the little fellow, "that is not true."

"Don't get angry, Josiah. It's no fault of yours. Nevertheless your father is wicked and everybody knows it. Look at that smoke over there. What does that mean?"

"It's prayer," said Josiah.

"Prayer to whom? Jehovah?"

"No," faltered the little boy, "Baal."

"Yes, an idol made by men's hands, and who lets the people worship Baal but King (2 Kings, 21: 21.) Amon? Yes, and they say he worships the idol himself."

"It's not true," said Josiah, but his voice was weak.

"I don't know whether it's true or not, but I know what is true. There are women now on the housetops all along the streets baking cakes. And what are the cakes for, Josiah?"

"The queen of heaven," sobbed the child.

"Yes, in worship of the full moon. Don't cry Josiah, you are not to blame for your father's wickedness. When you are king, you must be a good king."

"Am I to be king, Jeremiah?"

"Of course when your father dies."

"Oh, I will be a man then."

"I suppose so."

"And what will you be, Jerry?"

"A priest, I think, to take father's place."

"That will be nice, then you will be near to help me be good and—"

Both boys sprang to their feet. Jeremiah grasped a branch of the tree to steady himself, and the little boy clung tightly to his companion. There had come a cry from the palace, a cry of bitter agony and strong fear. Then the doors burst open and a crowd of frightened people fled to the street screaming and wailing. No one turned to the corner of the garden where the boys were hidden by the foliage, but presently Jeremiah saw three men searching the shrubbery and one of them had an ugly knife in his hand.

"The little rascal has hid himself," said one, "I am sure I saw him come this way." Jeremiah's heart stood still, he realized that these men were hunting for Josiah. In an instant he had his hand over the little fellow's lips, and motioned him to silence, then he lifted him gently and quietly into a crevice between the tree and the wall and spread some leaves over him.

The men drew near but Jeremiah did not flinch. "They may kill me," he said to himself.

"They may plunge that knife to my heart, but I will not tell where the little prince is, neither will I make an outcry so that Josiah will move."

It was a brave resolve of a true heart but the men were intent upon the shrubbery and did not even raise their eyes to the wall where Jeremiah sat with bated breath and pale lips.

When the men had passed there crept a woman through the bushes, a handsome pale-faced woman in tattered royal robes. "Josiah," she called softly, "Josiah," and Jeremiah dropped gently to the ground and led her to the hiding place of the frightened little prince.

"My boy, my little boy," she sobbed as she wrapped him in her arms. (2 Chron. 33: 24). "They have killed your father and are seeking you. What shall I do? What shall I do?"

Jeremiah suggested that they go to his aunt, and after helping them over the wall he led them carefully through side streets. The aunt welcomed them cordially, and soon after Hilkiah the priest came hurrying in. He laid his hands on Jeremiah's shoulders with a sigh of relief.

"Jehovah be praised. They told me my son was at the palace, and I feared for you."

"I was at the palace, father," replied the lad, "but I came to no harm. I brought Josiah and his mother home with me."

Hilkiah was very much astonished, but at once made arrangements for the comfort of the royal guests.

For a day or two Jeremiah was very happy entertaining the little prince, and made great plans for taking Josiah and his mother to his own home at Anathoth. When he mentioned the matter to his father, however, the priest shook his head. "Oh no, my son, that cannot be. Josiah is king now and must return to the palace." Then he turned to the mother. "The murderers are all in prison and the people await their king. They come now to take you to the palace, and in a few days we will be ready for the coronation."

So the pleasant companionship was broken, and Jeremiah watched sorrowfully as the soldiers and nobles lifted Josiah and his mother to a chariot and bore them away.

"Now, my son," said Hilkiah, "your mother has sent Eliezar to inquire for our safety, and you had better return with him."

"Oh, father, I would remain to the coronation."

"I thought you wished to go to your mother."

"So I do, but I would see the coronation."

"Very well, I will send word that we will return a week hence."

So Jeremiah saw the little king crowned and a great occasion it was to him. The enthusiasm of the surging crowd kindled his heart, and he shouted with the loudest of them when his former playmate was led forth in the royal robes, and lifted to the horse of the late king.

Later when Josiah stood by a pillar in the Temple and repeated the solemn words the high priest bade him, Jeremiah was overcome with emotion and could hardly raise voice enough to cry with the others:

"Let the king live, let the king live."

But when they returned to the palace and a few high officers went in to swear their allegiance, Jeremiah felt a change of feeling. Hilkiah took his son with him to the Audience Chamber, and the lad stood back watching the old experienced men bow before this child and felt that it was not right. The little king was weary and moved restlessly from one foot to the other, putting out his hand when he was bidden and repeating the few words his instructors murmured in his ear.

A hand was laid upon Jeremiah's shoulder and he looked up into his father's face.

"Would you like to speak to the king? The audience is finished."

Without waiting an answer Hilkiah pushed the boy forward. A revolt sprang up in Jeremiah's breast. He could not, would not, bow down before this mere child, so few days ago his playmate. He would go no further; but Josiah had seen him and reaching out his hand

without any need of direction he said eagerly:

"Oh, Jeremiah, I will be a good king, indeed I will," and Jeremiah sank to his knees and laid a wet cheek on the little king's hand.

Educational

Emerson Memorial Home School

With two such institutions in the State as the Emerson and Boylan Homes, both devoted to the uplift of the women of the race, the Negro of Florida ought to give splendid account of himself. We called attention in our issue of March 5th to some of the work being done at Boylan, now our purpose is to glance briefly at the Emerson Home, located at Ocala, Fla. The superintendent is Miss C. M. Buckbee. Her co-workers being Misses Lizzie B. Welch and Anna M. Owens. In addition to the liter-



EMERSON HOME, OCALA, FLA.

ary work, they have a regular course laid out for the industries, such as sewing, cooking, laundering, etc. When through with their young women, they not only know how to keep a home but to choose one, being thoroughly instructed along this line.

Miss Buckbee has had years of experience as a teacher and takes great delight in her work. The literary department of the school is arranged into three divisions; the primary, intermediate and advanced, which takes the pupil as high as the eighth grade, and when completed prepare her to enter the preparatory department of some school of higher grade. The present session will close June 5th.

Cookman Institute Removing

While in Jacksonville, Fla., the editor had the privilege of visiting Cookman's Institute now being conducted on the second floor of the Odd Fellows' hall. The school is in charge of Prof. R. W. S. Thomas, A. B., and Miss Whitney, assisted by several teachers. The enrollment for the present session is about 200 and we are confident that excellent work is being done. We had the pleasure of witnessing the public exercises conducted for the entertainment of the Conference, and saw every evidence of thoroughness and care in the work being done. The singing which was in charge of Prof. Grant Grant was superb. Some of the recitations were superior to many we have heard in more pretentious institutions. The fire has not destroyed Cookman by any means; it will be heard from yet.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

Brady's Enemy

"Please, Mr. Joynes, there's a little boy at the back gate to see you."

"At the back gate? Bring him in, Peter."

"He won't come in, sir; says he's awful busy, and hasn't got time."

"How big is he?"

"About as big as my fist, sir," said Peter.

The good-natured gentleman went out to the back gate. "Well, countryman," he said pleasantly, "what can I do for you?"

The small boy—he was a very small boy—took off a soft dirty hat and held it behind him. "I've come to tell you, sir, that Bray's got to be killed."

"Bray, my big Newfoundland dog? And who sent you here with that information?" asked the gentleman, losing all his pleasant looks.

"Nobody sent me," answered the boy, stoutly; "I come by myself. Bray has runned my sheep free days. He's got to be killed."

"Where did you get any sheep?" asked Mr. Joynes.

"My sheep are Mr. Ransom's. He gives me fifteen cents a week for watching 'em."

"Did you tell Mr. Ransom that Bray had been running them?"

"No, sir; I telled you."

"Ah, that is well. I don't want to kill Bray. Suppose I give you fifteen cents a week for not telling Mr. Ransom when Bray runs his sheep. How would that do?"

As soon as the little shepherd got the idea into his head he scornfully rejected it. "That 'ud be paying me for a lie," he said, indignantly. "I wouldn't tell lies for all the money in the world."

When he said this Mr. Joynes took off his own hat, and reached down and took the small dirty hand in his. "Hurrah, herdsman!" said he. "I beg your pardon for offering you a bribe. Now I know that the keeper of Mr. Ransom's sheep is not afraid of a man four times his size, but that he is afraid of a lie. Hurrah for you! I am going to tell Mr. Ransom that if he doesn't raise your wages, I shall offer you twice fifteen cents and take you into my service. Meantime, Bray shall be shut up while your sheep are on my side of the hill. Will that do? All right, then. Good morning, countryman."—*English Magazine*.

A Call to the Southern Division for Missions

Dear Brethren—The Atlanta, Central Alabama, Central Missouri, Delaware, East Tennessee, Florida, Lexington, Little Rock, Louisiana, Mississippi, Mobile, North Carolina, Okaneh, Savannah, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Upper Mississippi, Washington and West Texas Conferences under the operation of the Open Door Emergency Movement, constitute the Southern division.

The Methodist Episcopal Church within the last few years by raising twenty million of money and gaining by conversions one million and a half souls, surpassed the expectation of the most sanguine, raised itself in the estimation of other great denominations, established itself as the financial and spiritual prodigy of the morning of the twentieth century.

The Church is moving along the lines mapped out by the Savior. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

As marvelous as have been the achievements in the past, to-day she is being called to even greater efforts and more glorious victories.

In her mission to save man and spread the Gospel of the Nazarene over the wide world from shore to shore and from pole to pole, the Methodist Episcopal Church calls upon the colored members to quit themselves like men, and join in the mighty effort of world evangelization.

The Church knows that we are not able to do as much financially as its white members, but she expects every member of us to do his duty. This is no criticism upon our past efforts, but simply a call to more glorious endeavor, which demands larger and more general giving, more prayers, and deeper consecration.

May I ask every *presiding elder* of the Conference herein named to join us with us to arouse the Church to greater missionary activity, and giving and an increase in the spread of missionary literature and intelligence? Will each presiding elder see to it that there is a committee on *Missions* in each charge, each Sunday school organized into a *Missionary Society*, that the District Missionary secretary be a person having special interest in and fitness for his work and that a Missionary anniversary be held in connection with each District Conference? Missionary literature can be had by writing me at Holly Springs, Miss., or Mr. S. Earl Taylor, 150 Fifth avenue, New York City.

May I ask the faithful pastors throughout these Conferences to join in with us? Send for missionary tracts. Plan to make Easter a great day. Arouse our entire membership to a sense of their responsibility in the conversion of the world. Get all to give a dollar who will. Line up the Sunday school, the League, and every institution of your local Church for the cause of missions.

See to it that every cent collected in the name of Missions go to the Missionary cause. Let every pastor send at once for the pamphlet, "Points for the Pastor," and the "Present Missionary Situation." Finally let all our people work, pray, give for *Missions* this year as never before. Shall be glad to give any information within my power concerning the work of the society. Yours for Christ and Missions,

GRIFFIN G. LOGAN.

Field Secretary of Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, Holly Springs, Miss.

Epworth League.

March 22.

Christian Education

(I Tim. 6:3-9; II Tim. 2:15-23.)

Monday—The value of wisdom. Prov. 4:5-7.

Tuesday—The invitation of wisdom. Prov. 9:1-16.

Wednesday—Wisdom calling. Prov. 8:1-11.

Thursday—Hear instruction. Prov. 8:33.

Friday—The higher wisdom. Col. 1:9-10.

Saturday—Wise unto salvation and furnished unto good works. II Tim. 3:15-17.

Being a Christian does not make a man stop wanting to be the best. It just makes him stop wanting to be the best merely for himself. He wants to be the best for Jesus Christ. As a man begins to feel the throb of an ambition to have his life count in the service of his Master he feels the need of training that he may be of the most possible value. Christian education is to supply this need.

Now it will be a good thing for us to stop and consider for a while what a thorough training, such as one can obtain in a Christian college, may mean to a young life. There are several points of emphasis one will find in a Christian college which is keeping its tone. The first is an emphasis on character. One is helped to feel that what he is counts tremendously in life. He is made to feel that his education is to help him to be a man of truer stuff, of finer grain. Then the thought of

development is held before him. He learns to feel, as he had not felt before, that he was meant to grow, and to keep on growing. The duty of growing gets into his inner feeling about life. Then the privilege of service is a thought he breathes in, until it gives life a new dignity, if the thought had not come to him before. If he had cherished it as an ideal, the ideal is confirmed and strengthened in him.

Coming more definitely to the particular things one gets in college, first there is the knowledge it gives. One needs to feel that he cannot get along without the past. And he needs to get a general view of the life of the past, its thought, and what each age has contributed to the world's knowledge and the world's power. He needs also to get a close knowledge of some particular lines of past achievement. This knowledge the college course offers him.

Then he needs to get raised into action whatever power of initiative and of thought there is in him. And the discipline the course of study offers will train his mind so that it will be more reliable than it would have been, and will make possible a new firmness of grasp and clearness of understanding. He will be helped to be not simply one who knows, but one who thinks. Then in the fields he passes over he will have the opportunity to find out his own aptitudes. One of the great things a college does is to give one a chance to discover himself. History, literature, philosophy, science, or mathematics—in one of these he may discover interest unknown before; and his own capacity for work in one of these branches may be so brought out that he finds his lifework.

A part of one's education is the acquaintance and friendship of the other young men and women in college. I think it was Emerson who said, "Send your boy to school and let the other boys educate him." What four years' intercourse with bright and alert young men and women in college means perhaps even those who have enjoyed its privileges can hardly estimate.

Then there is the personal influence of the teachers. Perhaps there are few schools where there are not some teachers whose personality enriches the life of all who feel its influences. Mark Hopkins has passed away, but many a little-known teacher has something of his spirit and something of his power. Thank God for them! They are a part of our country's treasure. The personal enthusiasm for learning, for high manhood and womanhood, with which they infuse their students, is one of the things which the college life gives.

The influence of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Woman's Christian Association will infuse a wealth of freshness and vigor into the student's religious life. It is hard for "cant" to thrive in one of these associations.

Then the world view of Christianity will be brought to the student of our Christian college. The sentence, "The world for Christ," will be flooded with a new meaning. Perhaps in this vision his life mission may be revealed to him.

So our young people will leave the college and go out to work in a world made new by their experience in college halls; with new knowledge and new power to serve their generation, and so to serve their God.

Epworth League Mass Meeting

The Atlanta City Union Epworth League held its first mass meeting of the year at Central Avenue Church, Feb. 23. The program which was under the direction of Mr. H. M. Kirk, third vice president, showed that no pains had been

spared in selecting the participants as some of the best talent of the city was represented. All the pieces on the program were interesting and instructive; they consisted of recitations, declamations, solos and music from the Capital City Band.

The paper rendered by Miss Lizzie B. Billups, "Noble Life," was indeed instructive and caused its auditors to look at life in a different light, and all were inspired to live a nobler life.

The speaker of the evening was next introduced. It is needless to say that Secretary I. G. Penn, did credit to himself, for the readers of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE who have heard him knew his ability as a speaker and his power to hold an audience.

In part he said: "Never in the history of the nation did we ever live in a greater age of advancement than this the 23d day of February, an age of inventions and enlightenment.

While in Alabama on the train I was sitting behind a white man, he raised the window, the draught being so intense I said: "Friend, won't you please put down that window?" "I can't put down the window—I've got to see." I concluded that all the ignorance about having to see is not among the Negroes.

The League in the Church to-day is the enterprise of our Church. There isn't a place to-day where we have a Church where you won't find an Epworth League—30,000 chapters and 3,000,000 members, you can't comprehend that, it was found upon calculation that if the members were put fourteen inches apart there would be enough Epworth Leagues to girdle this entire earth and then have some to spare.

What is the M. E. Church doing for our young people through the Epworth League? It is teaching them to save themselves and help save others.

"Young people, I say to you to-night, make up your minds unreservedly to do something to help others. I appeal to you to-night to disappoint any enemy who would look into the face of our boys or girls and say they are a disgrace to our race. I say *disappoint them*.

"We must reach some people in Atlanta, whom we are not reaching to-day. We must reach the unreached. The religion of the Lord saves. In God's name I call you to your duty. Blessings upon you."

EDWARD L. GORDON, Secretary.

To our Presiding Elders, Ministers and League Officers:

Dear Co-workers—Our office work has grown so large it becomes necessary that I should write you in order that the work may not suffer for the want of attention. I desire that you shall know my whereabouts and the method of handling our correspondence, that during the next few months though absent from my office we may handle business promptly and the work move forward. We have a regularly installed clerk in our office, 7½ North Broad street, Atlanta, Ga., in the person of my sister, Miss Marie J. Penn, who will answer correspondence and send supplies. Engagements take me for the next two months to the following places and mail addressed to me at my office or as given below will receive attention.

March 5-6, New Orleans, La., care 5215 Constance St., Rev. R. E. Jones.

March 7-9, Memphis, Tenn., care Rev. Jesse P. Price, 356 Calhoun St.

March 9-16, Central Missouri Conference, Sedalia, Mo., care Rev. W. J. DeBoe.

March 17-22, Lexington Conference, care Rev. J. W. Robinson, 4764 Armour Ave., Chicago, Ill.

March 23, Cincinnati, Ohio, care Western Methodist Book Concern, 220 West Fourth St.

March 25-29, Delaware Conference, Pocomoke City, Md., care Rev. J. H. B. Hubbard.

March 30-31, Princess Anne Academy, Princess Anne, Md., care Rev. Frank Trigg, A. M.

April 1-2, Norfolk, Va., care General Delivery.

April 3-5, Lynchburg, Va., care 1218 Wise St.

April 6, Lexington, Va., care Rev. A. Becks.

April 7-13, Washington Conference, Staunton, Va., care Rev. C. I. Withrow, A. M.

Will you see that the leagues elect delegates at once to the Sixth International Epworth League convention at Detroit, July 16-19.

Elect in time and plan to send every delegate elected. It more than pays for your young people to catch the spirit of our great church by attendance upon these truly great meetings of Methodism. Report the delegates elected to the office in Atlanta. Yours faithfully,

I. GARLAND PENN,

7½ North Broad, St., Atlanta, Ga.

Sunday School Helps

By Rev. G. N. Jolly, D. D.

Lesson XII. March 22, 1903. Title—Paul's Message to the Ephesians. (Eph. 2:1-10.) Golden Text—By grace are ye saved through faith. (Eph. 2:8.) Time—A. D. 64. Place of writing—Rome.

The Church at Ephesus was founded by St. Paul. It grew rapidly and became a strong hold of Christianity. For many years it was one of the leading churches in the connection. It was presided over by Paul, Timothy and John. This epistle is rich in thought and language, and is the most divine composition of man. If the reader has a spark of love for the gospel, the study of this letter will fan it into a flame. Paul's design was to establish them in the faith of the gospel, guard them against errors, excite them to holiness of conversation, and animate them in Christian warfare. The first three chapters are doctrinal; the church of Christ is the subject. The last three are practical, and show the unity of the Church in a diversity of gifts; the old and the new man; the relation of husband and wife is a type of Christ and the Church; other domestic duties; and the Christian people. The language of the lesson is highly figurative. We have first Spiritual Death; and secondly Spiritual Resurrection.

I. *Spiritual death.* (vers. 1-3) 1. *Original sin* is the corruption of the nature of every man, that naturally is engendered of the off-spring of Adam, whereby man is very far gone from original righteousness, and of his own nature inclined to evil, and that continually. (Discipline). It is "that guilt and stain of sin which we inherit from Adam, who was the head and origin of all man kind." (Roman Ch.) Little children are not sinners; they have violated no law, but they are sinful. They have inherited a depraved disposition. Sin is in their nature as fire is in the flint. The most patient of all men, in speaking of original sin said: "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one." (Job 14: 4). The sweet singer of Israel said: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psa. 51: 5). The apostle said: "As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, that all have sinned." (Rom. 5: 12). As like begets like, so Adam's descendants were like himself, sinful,

and when they arrive at an age of responsibility become sinners.

2. *The omission of duty* is one result of original sin. "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin." (James 4: 17). The servant who knows his Lord's will and does it not shall be beaten with many stripes. (Luke 12: 47). The man who neglects plain Christian duties is guilty before the Lord like the man who violates divine laws. The service of the Lord is unpleasant and slavish to the unregenerate man. But he does not escape responsibility by neglecting duty. When God gives golden opportunity, and man slights them, he is held responsible for what he should know.

3. *The transgression of law* is another result or original sin. In this sense sin is any thought, word or deed that is a violation of the laws of God. The world's best standard for moral conduct is found in the Ten Commandments. The first four commandments teach man his duty to God. The letter of these precepts is found in the literal thoughts expressed by them, but their spirit may be seen in the words of Jesus: "Thou shalt love the Lord with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind." (Luke 10: 27). We should love God singly, with all the heart; earnestly, with all soul; actively, with all the strength; and intelligently, with all the mind. The last six commandments teach man his duty to his neighbor. Their letter is in the thoughts expressed; their spirit may be seen in the words of Jesus: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matt. 22: 39). On these two commandments, the substance of the ten, hang all the law and the prophets. The man who keeps their letter and the spirit has the joys of heaven in his soul, and the man who breaks any one of them is a sinner and therefore guilty of all.

4. *Death is the result of sin.* In a Scriptural sense death is separation. Moral death is the separation of the soul from God; in Adam all died. Physical death is the separation of the soul from the body; with this death we are all familiar. Eternal death is final banishment from the presence of God and the glory of His power; it is going into outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. Moral death we have all experienced. Physical death we must all endure. But it is the mission of the gospel to save from eternal death, and largely from the causes that lead to it.

II. *Spiritual life.* (vers. 4: 10). That which follows is taken largely from Binney's Theological Compend. 1. *Atonement*: "For His great love wherewith He loved us." (ver. 4). God has shown His love to us in many ways, but in none more clearly than in the gift of His Son. The atonement is that satisfaction offered to divine justice by Jesus Christ, who underwent by His suffering and death, the penalty due to our sins. The Hebrew word signifies *covering*, and intimates that our sins are by the death of Jesus, hid from the avenging justice of God. The atonement is full; it is sufficient for all the sins of all the people. 2. *Faith*: "By grace are ye saved through faith." The instrumental cause of salvation is faith in God, and in Jesus Christ the Son of God. We are justified through present faith. We are not saved by tomorrow's faith foreseen, nor by yesterday's faith recorded, the one implies justification from eternity and the other to eternity. The acts of saving faith are three. (1) The *assent* of the understanding to the truth of God in the gospel. (2) The *consent* of the will and of the affec-

tions to this plan of salvation. (3) From this assent of the enlightened understanding, and consent of the rectified will, results actual trust in the Savior, and personal apprehensions of His merits.

3. *Repentance*: "God hath quickened us together with Christ." (Ver. 5). Evangelical repentance must precede saving faith. Repentance means a change of mind. Worldly, or legal, repentance has respect to the outward life only, while evangelical repentance has respect to the moving causes of the outward life. He hates his sins and also the cause that constrained him to commit them. Repentance implies knowledge of sin; sorrow for sin; renunciation of sin; confession of sin; and restitution. The great motives to repentance are the commands, the promises, and the threatenings of God. 4. *Regenerations* "And hath raised us together with Him." (Ver. 6). Regeneration is that work of the Holy Spirit by which we experience a change of heart, it is the recovery of the image of God on the soul. This in the Scriptures is variously expressed: "Ye must be born again. If any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creature. Put ye on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." It is "partaking of the divine nature." There is no salvation independent of regeneration. God is holy and cannot look upon unholy beings with approbation or delight. Heaven is a holy place and none but holy beings are capacitated for either its enjoyments or employment. The Scriptures teach that none but the regenerate can possibly be saved.

5. *The witness of the Spirit*: "And hath made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." (Ver. 6). The witness of the Spirit is the inward testimony of the Holy Spirit to the sonship of believers; from which flows a comfortable conviction of acceptance with God. The testimony of the Spirit is two-fold. (1) The *direct* testimony is an impression made on the soul by the Holy Spirit that we are the sons of God. (Rom. 8: 16). (2) The *indirect* witness is the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. The fulness of this attainment should be sought by every Christian. 6. *Sanctification*: "That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace." This doctrine is known by many names, as, full redemption, full salvation, the fulness of the Spirit, perfect love, perfection, holiness, and sanctification. We need not be over careful about a phrase to express it. Sanctification is that maturity in grace, and participation of the divine nature, which excludes all sin from the heart, and fills it with perfect love to God and to man. Justification is a change of state from guilt to pardon, sanctification is a change of nature from sin to holiness. This doctrine is by no means involved in obscurity, though it has been the subject of much controversy in the church. The time when this state may be attained is also a matter of dispute. While some admit the doctrine of purgatory, or some other intermediate state, others contend that it may be attained in this life. The Scriptures clearly maintain this last hypothesis. (Deut. 6: 5. Psa. 51: 7. Matt. 5: 8, 6: 10. 1 Thes. 5: 23). Errors of judgment, infirmities of body, fears occasioned by surprise and strong temptation, are not inconsistent with perfect love. There is no such state of Christian maturity in this life as will not admit of any advancement, or from which there can be no departure.

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A Great Sinner Turned Preacher

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Mississippi against the Negro, and they know no better than to think they must carry out the teachings proclaimed. In this particular that paper is a great sinner and is indirectly responsible for many of the crimes of which this class is from time to time guilty. However, the *Appeal* turns preacher and gives out, editorially, a deliverance that we are sure will do some good. Still, if it had given the matter real serious thought it would not hold President Roosevelt responsible for the kind of doctrine being promulgated by "candidates for office." The candidate in question has run for office on the same platform twice before and been defeated. He is stronger now evidently than ever, largely because of the sentiment made by the *Appeal* since the occurrence at Indianola in his state and to which the paper refers. We are glad it shows a disposition to try to check some of the influences it has helped to set in motion.

Again, we sincerely trust the editorial in question will put the Negro of Mississippi and other states as well, to thinking, for it is certainly time he was doing so. We are glad to reproduce the editorial and thank that paper for the same. It is as follows:

"The furore raised by President Roosevelt in appointing Negroes to office and the postoffice trouble in Indianola, Miss., have inflamed public sentiment and aroused public indignation. The occasion has been seized upon by candidates for office and, if correctly reported, one conspicuous candidate for an important office in Mississippi is delivering addresses that contain appeals to race prejudice that are most unwise and which are calculated to do great harm.

"No matter what the Negro is, he is here. He was not consulted about being brought here, he is taxed for remaining here, and they try to put people in jail for taking him away. Our industrious fellow-citizen 'Peg' Williams can explain this out of the abundance of his somewhat checkered experience. He is not going to leave because it is a physical impossibility for him to do so. He is going to remain. And no matter what eloquent politicians may have to say about it, the people do not want the Negro to leave. He is the agricultural laborer of the South and the South cannot get along without him. He is adapted to the country and to the Southern white people. His very improvidence is the strongest support of the white man's domination. The southern white man is munificent and prodigal in recklessness and were he compelled to employ any other class of labor it would go ill with him. Drive the easy-going, careless and childish Negro out and tenant the plantations with Teutonic, Latin or Mongolian races and very few generations would pass before the descendants of the present day rich planters would be moving in covered wagons in search of new homes or working as servants and tenants of the newcomers, who would own the land. A Negro family may make \$1,000 a season above

expenses as many have done and are doing, but this as a rule is not invested in real estate, which would make of the tenant master of a part of the soil. He must needs 'blow it in' about Christmas time on foolish fineries, excursions and other forms of nonsense, and he is already being fed and clothed or 'furnished' by the landlord before a plow goes in the ground for next year's crop.

"A thrifty, saving, frugal peasantry would herd and hoard every dollar coming into its hands and ere long would be lending the planter money or buying his land from him. The invincible stinginess of the European peasant would be an overmatch for the open-handed generosity of the Southern planter, who is accustomed to the come-day-go-day, happy-go-lucky Negro laborer, and in time would tell to the planter's disadvantage.

"Hence the Negro is a necessity to the southern white man, and he is going to remain. He cannot get away and no one wants him to leave. He should remain and remain in peace, and on terms of good feeling and interdependence, and any one who, for the sake of political preferment or otherwise, inflames race prejudices and passions or in any way mitigates or destroys the existing good feeling does the Negro a great wrong. We must allow those engaged in the heat of the chase for office a long latitude and a liberal amount of opportunism, but when they pursue a course that is sure to do the public a grave injury they should be admonished of their error."

An Appeal For Aid

Rev. T. A. Brown, who was at the recent session of the Louisiana Conference, changed from Lake Providence to Morgan City, La., has met with the misfortune of losing all of his household goods. They were being shipped down the river to this city enroute to Bro. Brown's new work, when the boat which contained them, the Valley Queen, was entirely destroyed by fire. His loss included books, furniture, bedding, clothing, and everything else to be found in a well ordered home. There was no insurance and the loss leaves Brother Brown and his estimable wife entirely destitute. He appeals to the brethren and friends for aid. Will you not help him? It may be your turn next. Contributions sent for the purpose to this office will be acknowledged in our columns.

At the recent session of the Book Committee it was agreed on motion of Rev. Dr. G. G. Logan to appoint a sub-committee to consider the advisability of recommending to the next General Conference the establishment of a book depository at some point in the South. The committee consists of Mr. J. N. Gamble, Rev. Dr. G. G. Logan and Mr. A. T. Cass. The committee reports its conclusions to the next session of the Book Committee.

His many friends will be pleased to know that Rev. G. R. Bryant, the new pastor of Wesley Chapel, Los Angeles, Cal., is meeting with excellent success. It is reported that when his predecessor became convinced that the people wouldn't accept him as pastor for another year, he issued certificates of membership to his personal friends that they might go and join other churches, and then went himself and joined the A. M. E. Church. A few acted on his suggestion, but not many. The church is moving forward and Bro. Bryant is arranging to organize at Pasadena.

The 16th inst. three deaths occurred in Mexico from the plague, 121 persons have recently died there from it.

Zion's Herald says: "Bishop Hendrix, who will attend the bicentennial of John Wesley at Middletown and Boston, will bring with him for inspection the MS. diary or journal of John Wesley, which he kept while in this country in 1736-7, as the bishop became the fortunate purchaser of this most precious of all Wesleyana; in 1900, while fraternal messenger from the M. E. church, South, to the British conference."



REV. HARRY B. HART,
Pastor Haven Memorial M. E. Church, Winona,
Miss.



HAVEN MEMORIAL M. E. CHURCH,
WINONA, MISS.

One of the most remarkable records made last year by any one of our pastors in church building was by Rev. H. B. Hart of Winona, whose picture along with that of the new church we are pleased to present our readers. The old church which had shortly been renovated at considerable expense, burned June 23, 1902. In five months a really beautiful new edifice had been erected at a cost of \$3,000 and paid for, except about \$300, which will soon be cleared off.

To accomplish this his people worked nobly, but they were greatly assisted by the white citizens of the town and by other friends as well. Not only so, but these same white citizens and the Baptists assisted in caring for the annual conference which met there in January last.

The bubonic plague is said to be spreading in Mexico.

Personal and General

Bishop J. M. Thoburn was 67 years of age Feb. 7, 1903.

Bishop John H. Vincent has passed his seventy-first birthday.

Miss Estella M. Thornton has gone to Bennettville, La., to teach a private school.

On March 3, Bishop C. D. Foss consecrated two young women to the office of deaconess.

A report of the editor's visit to the Tuskegee Conference may be found in the farmer's column.

Mrs. Bessie Bush, of Boyce, La., after a pleasant visit to New Orleans, has returned to her home.

Bishop C. C. McCabe presides at the Washington Conference instead of Bishop Fitzgerald, as at first announced.

Mr. William Pitts of Massachusetts has given \$32,000 for religious work among the colored people in Georgia.

Mrs. Hubbard, wife of Rev. Dr. B. M. Hubbard, this city, has been quite sick for a week or two, but is now convalescent.

Our readers will rejoice to learn that the condition of Bishop Merrill is greatly improved and that his physician considers him out of danger.

Nine thousand dollars has been appropriated by the Illinois legislature for a statue of Miss Frances E. Willard, to be placed in Statuary Hall at Washington.

The editor of this paper, Dr. I. B. Scott, spent Sunday, the beginning of this week, in St. Louis, Mo. He is now attending the Central Missouri Conference in Sedalia, Mo.

The mother of Bishop Fitzgerald celebrated her ninetieth birthday February 18. Ninety times has she read the Bible through in these ninety wonderful years.

Mrs. Goodwin, widow of the late Rev. D. D. Goodwin of the Mississippi Conference, is now living in St. Louis, Mo., with her children, at 1426 Singleton street. Her friends will be pleased to know she is well and getting on fairly well.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Hubbard, of the Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., gave a reception in honor of the graduates of the various departments of the school, Thursday evening, Feb. 26, 1903.

Rev. W. H. Stephens and Mrs. Stephens, missionaries at Bombay, India, reached New York by steamer Liguria, March 5. They are to spend the year in the United States on furlough and will reside for the present at 2511 Prairie street, Milwaukee, Wis.

The Christian Student for February, which contains official reports of the annual meeting of the board and of the thank-offering for schools and colleges, as well as other items of interest, can be had at the New York office for 25 cents per annum.

Rev. and Mrs. D. C. Hailey, of Lasater, Tex., are greatly afflicted in the death of the only boy of the family, some weeks ago. May the Lord comfort and bless them. We regret the delay in publication of this notice.

The bi-centennial of John Wesley's birth was duly celebrated in New York last month, addresses being delivered by President Roosevelt, Dr. J. R. Day, Bishop Andrews and others. We shall give some report of the occasion shortly.

Mr. W. I. Lewis, of Jacksonville, Fla., who is a reporter on the daily *Metropolis* of that city, is doing excellent service for the race in presenting his people in a proper light before the reading public. We appreciate the courtesies shown us while there.

Prof. I. G. Penn, A. M., passed through the city recently enroute to points in Texas where he had engagements, and returned on the 7th instant to fill engagements in several of our city churches. He went from here to the Central Missouri and Lexington conferences.

Mrs. Hattie J. Epperson, wife of Rev. J. E. Epperson, pastor at Wolf City, Tex., has passed to her reward. She was a splendid woman and had traveled faithfully with her husband for a number of years. Her death was a glorious triumph.

Rev. G. T. Mussington, who was at the last session of the Louisiana Conference appointed to Fairview and Flournoy, was in the city last week and seems much pleased with his new work. He thinks when the high water goes down he and his work will go up.

Mrs. W. H. Lanier passed through the city last week enroute home from a visit to her sister at New Iberia, La. Mrs. Lanier is the wife of the talented president of Alcorn College, the Mississippi state school. While here she was the guest of Mrs. G. W. Henderson of Cleveland street.

We thank the secretary of the Tennessee Conference, Rev. T. W. Johnson, for a copy of the minutes of the last session, which reached us March 6. Brother Johnson is making a good record as a secretary and we congratulate him on his work.

The Memory Guild being edited in the church papers by Bishop H. W. Warren, presents some of the best hymns of the church. The Memory Guild member's pledge card will be sent those who wish to join at any time. Address the Bishop at University Park, Colorado.

We thank Rev. J. W. Robinson, pastor St. Mark's Church, Chicago, where the Lexington Conference convenes March 18th, for the program and directory prepared for the session of the conference. It contains a number of items of special interest to those interested in the session.

Those pastors who are specially desirous to push the canvass for the benefit of the Open Door Emergency Fund of the Missionary Society should send at once to Mr. S. Earl Taylor, the executive secretary, and secure samples of the literature that the commission has prepared for distribution. This literature will do its own work if given a chance.

The singing of Miss B. Mai Boyd is one of the attractive features of a visitor's entertainment at the Tuskegee Institute. Her voice possesses body and sweetness, and never fails to impress the listener. The singing by the choir and the student body is always good, but theirs constitutes the setting for the magnificent gems furnished by Miss Boyd in the solos she sings.

Chaplain G. W. Prioleau, of the famous 9th cavalry, now stationed in Fort Walla Walla, Wash., was in the office to see Editor Scott and was greatly disappointed to learn he was not in the city. The chaplain will return to Fort Walla Walla as soon as his wife's property affairs are settled. The sad death of Mrs. Prioleau was mentioned in our issue of last week.

We are pleased to acknowledge the assistance rendered us in securing subscribers during the session of the Little Rock Conference at Clow, Ark., by the Rev. G. A. Hall of that conference. Bro. Hall is one of the young men of that body, but is making an excellent record. He is a hustler and stands well with the people. Through his influence we secured an unusually large list of new names and he promises us fifty more during the year.

The souvenir programme and directory prepared by Rev. Chauncy I. Withrow, pastor at Staunton, Va., for the fortieth session of the Washington Conference, which convenes at his church, April 9th, is a model of convenience and neatness. We appreciate having one.

A coal and gas company has been organized by a number of prominent men of the race, with headquarters at Columbus, Ohio. The enterprise is spoken of in the most hopeful manner by a number of our contemporaries, and we certainly wish it success.

News Notes

Great Britain will take part in the St. Louis exposition.

The wife of Bishop Cranston rests in Jacksonville, Ill., the home of her childhood.

The Louisiana Colored Insane Asylum will be located near Pineville, on the Red River.

A bill is before the legislature of Pennsylvania providing prizes for mothers of large families.

The names of the new battleships will be Vermont, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi and Idaho.

One day in each year is to be set apart in the schools of Maryland for the study of an event in the history of the state.

A banquet celebrating his four years of service was tendered Mr. Choate, the American ambassador, in London.

Ira D. Sankey, the world-famous evangelist, has been stricken with blindness at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The old catalpa tree taken by Sir Walter Raleigh from Virginia to London in 1585 and planted in Gray's Inn Gardens, is said to be dying.

The nomination of Dr. W. D. Crum to be collector of customs at Charleston, S. C., has been sent to the senate again by President Roosevelt.

A great mass meeting was held in Brooklyn, N. Y., March 8, for the purpose of raising funds to erect a memorial in honor of Henry Ward Beecher.

The situation along the Mississippi river is alarming. Much damage is being done by the high water.

The legislature of Virginia voted to appropriate \$15,000 to defend the suits brought by Negroes to test the constitutionality of the recent suffrage laws.

A bill has been passed by the legislature of Arkansas requiring street railway companies to operate either separate cars for the races or provide separate apartments.

The killing of eight colored miners in West Virginia has been pronounced cold-blooded murder by Chris Evans, who was sent to investigate matters.

The Roosevelt Invincibles is the name of one of the latest organizations among the colored men of New York city. It will favor the nomination of President Roosevelt in 1904.

The senate passed a joint resolution for placing a bronze tablet commemorative of John Wesley's first sermon in America, in the customhouse at Savannah, Ga., March 7, 1736.

Dr. W. F. Oldham in an article to the *Epworth Herald* of March 7, styles Bishop Thoburn "a modern prophet of the Lord." An excellent cut accompanies the article. Bishop Thoburn will be in the United States this month.

The number of bills introduced during the fifty-seventh congress aggregated 17,500, of which 3,190 were reported, and more than 2,000 passed. The amount of money appropriated during the session was \$1,554,108,514.

The first annual conference of the Negro presidents of the colored agricultural and mechanical colleges of the southern states closed March 6. A declaration of principles was adopted by the conference.

A joint resolution was presented the senate of Wisconsin by Senator Patten, March 5, authorizing and requesting the governor to call upon governors of other states to appoint ten delegates to a convention to be held in Atlanta, Ga., July 4, to discuss, and if possible, settle the race problem.

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THE TUSKEGEE NEGRO CONFERENCE.

In order that our readers in general and the farmers in particular might have some definite idea of what is meant by the Tuskegee Negro Conference, the editor of the SOUTHWESTERN took occasion to attend that meeting held on the 18th and 19th of last February. We cannot give a full report of the meeting but desire to publish an outline sufficiently definite to be of service to those who shall read it.

In the first place, the meeting is composed of farmers from all parts of the South. There were, of course, prominent men of the various professions and business pursuits, but we desire to speak principally of the farmers present. There were hundreds of these. They came from Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, the larger number, of course, being from Alabama. Many of them were poor men struggling to get homes, while a large number of others had been successful in purchasing land, so that they possess, in not a few cases, hundreds of acres.

The meeting was begun, as any meeting intended for the highest good of men, should begin, with devotional exercises. After singing one of the old time hymns, the scriptures were read and prayer was offered. President Booker T. Washington then delivered a brief address, setting forth the object of the meeting. We should be glad to publish this in full but have only space for a few brief sentences. He said: "From the first it has been the main work of this Conference to confine itself to a simple and informal consideration of the methods and means of securing homes, the freeing ourselves from debt, the saving of money, the encouragement of intelligent producers, the payment of taxes, the cultivation of habits of thrift, honesty and virtue, the building of school houses and churches, the securing of education and high Christian character, and friendship between the races. While not forgetting other important interests of the race, we believe that these constitute the primary foundations upon which all races began their career of freedom and usefulness. As we count to-day the many homes that have been secured, school houses built, debts paid, taxpayers produced, and state and local Negro conferences that have been organized in every section of

the South as a result of our little beginning twelve years ago, I think we have some right to feel that these meetings have not been held in vain.

"Throughout the entire race we must keep alive a feeling of hope and encouragement. We have seen darker days than those through which we now seem to be passing. No race that is patient, long suffering, industrious, economical and virtuous, is persistent in efforts that make for progress and that cultivate a spirit of good will toward all mankind, is ever left without reward. We shall get more out of struggle than out of contentment."

Dr. Washington then announced that he would hear from those who had acquired homes. Perhaps, we ought to say some of these were influenced by the conference to purchase their homes, others were present on this occasion for the first time. The talks made by these plain, hardworking and, in many cases, uneducated farmers were extremely interesting, and we wish they could be presented to our readers in full. As a rule, they told how they secured what they have. Many of them had purchased land and then by some means lost it. Others had gone through all kinds of privations and hardships and yet had triumphed in spite of them. Not a few had been held down for years by mortgages at excessive rates of interest, ranging from 12 to 100 per cent. Yet many of these very men are now large land owners and employ a number of tenants.

Mr. Provo, of Sprague Junction, Ala., owns 67 acres and has some good stock.

Mr. Wood of Barber county, owns 600 acres; has a gin on his place and his wife runs a store. When he saw that the corn crop was going to be short last year, he sowed peas and thus supplied himself with an abundance of food for his stock.

Mr. Ford, of Tallahassee, Fla., has 200 acres of land and says he did without most everything until he got it paid for. He raises cattle and horses. Last year he sold 65 turkeys to the state for the banquet held on the completion of the capitol. He raised in all, last year, 150 turkeys.

Mr. E. L. Jackson, of Albany, Ga., has 1,800 acres of land, on which he works 47 mules. He said, "I don't give mortgages now, I take mortgages on black and white. I have put the first bale of cotton on the market in Georgia for eight years."

Mr. Squire Jones, of Fort Gaines, Ga., a young man, owns 1,500 acres of land. He runs a number of drays on which he hauls 10,000 bales of cotton annually and makes a large crop on his own account.

Mrs. Lucy Nelson, of Dadeville, Ala., owns 40 acres. She and her mother attend this and sometimes rent more. When she began, she had a puppy which she traded to her brother for a little pig. From that pig she raised eight others and has not found it necessary to buy a single pound of meat for seven years. She also makes a good winter garden.

Mr. Rankin, of Evergreen, Ala., owns 1,015 acres. He has on his place about 50 laborers; raises his hogs, horses, mules and cows. "I own the place that I used to rent," said he, "and live in the house once occupied by the man who rented to me."

Mr. R. B. Moore, Macon county, owns 219 acres, makes good crops and raises his own stock.

Mr. William Boyd, of Ellerton, S. C., owns 300 acres of land. He said that providence is always against a man who is always in debt, but he had

learned to keep out. He said, "No one is a farmer but the man who lives off of the produce of his farm."

Mr. M. S. Alexander, of Maillard, La., said that in the sugar belt of Louisiana where he lived, a man who owned as much land as some of the gentlemen who had spoken would soon become a millionaire; that lands in his section were worth \$100 an acre; that he had 300 acres. Sometimes he works 75 hands, 27 of whom are Italians, and noticed that these Italians draw more cash than all the colored hands, for they spend theirs almost wholly in the store. Mr. Alexander was formerly a school teacher, but saw no chance for permanent progress at this, so as early as 1877, borrowed \$250 of his father, with which he began purchasing land. He exhorted the young people to apply themselves on this line.

Mr. Coleman, of Butler county, has 680 acres of land. He said he got his start by working hard and wearing homemade clothes, the cloth being weaved by his wife.

Mr. Thomas Buchanan, of Waco county, told of how he had even hitched himself to a plow and pulled while his wife held it, in order to get a start. He says that he has stock and a plenty to do him, but no home. He purposes to have a home by the next conference.

Mr. Reese, of Jackson county, Miss., reported for the people of his section. He said that in his county the people own real and personal property to the amount of \$100,000; many of them own good homes, some few are in business and all have work who want it.

Mr. Ben Harper, of Georgia, has a large farm, a store in town where he also has \$7,000 worth of property. His income is \$150 per month. His farm pays ten bales of cotton per annum rent.

Conference Notes.

It is certain the conference inspires many men to secure homes.

The open air barbecue which followed the conference was greatly enjoyed by the farmers.

Many white friends of the North make it a point to be present every year.

A number of the large Northern newspapers had their reporters present and they supplied themselves with many photographs to accompany their reports.

It would be a good thing if at least one farmer from every community in the South could attend these meetings.

The Workers' Conference which came the second day was composed of many of the leading educators of the race, white and colored. The addresses were informal but earnest and effective. It is remarkable to note the various schemes being used by these workers in different parts of the South for the uplift of the people in the communities where they live. It would be an inspiration to our readers to see the names of those present but our space forbids.

One of the plans inaugurated for the development of a community was mentioned by a Mr. Edwards, who called it the Black Belt Improvement Society. He said that the organization has 10 degrees but no one has thus far gone higher than the 7th. Those who desire to join pay 50 cents initiation fee. The first degree requires that the



individual desire to do better; the second, he must have three chickens and one pig; the third, he must have a cow; fourth, he must have one acre of land; fifth, some land and a house; sixth, forty acres and two mules; seventh, 80 acres and two mules. "This," said he, "is as far as we have had occasion to define the degrees."

Prof. William E. Benson, of Kalliga, Ala., told of the county fair which is held in his community. Prizes are given for the largest number of bushels of potatoes, pounds of cotton, barrels of corn, produced on a given acre. Also, prizes that encourage stock raising, improvement in farm methods, etc. He told of the kind of fertilizer used by some of the farmers to avoid paying the price required for commercial fertilizer. It is made of cotton seed, leaves and manure. A pen is built and a layer of leaves one or two inches deep put down, then a layer of cotton seed and another of manure, and so on until the supply of materials is exhausted. It is allowed to stand thus for two or three months until sufficiently decomposed to be put on the land.

Prof. B. R. Booker, of Arkansas, referred to school gardens and told what he was doing to train his pupils in scientific gardening and incidentally scientific farming. He recommends that if the school does not own a plot of land sufficiently large for the purpose that even the front yard be so utilized.

There was much more said on various lines that our readers should know, but, for want of space, we must close.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

I wish to inquire for my mother and brothers. Mother's name was Ann Lowden; brothers, Charles and Fribby Lowden. They were sold to Mr. Wm. Whisker at Mission Valley, Tex. My name is Margaret Williams, residing at 213 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Sisters: At our last meeting, at Crystal Springs, Miss. during the annual conference, we pledged to do more for the cause of Christ and missions. It is near time for us to make our quarterly report. I hope our workers that were appointed on the different districts will all do what they can to make a good report. Headed by Mrs. H. May, state organizer, success is certain. We must and will carry the Mississippi Conference for missions to the front. May our meeting that is to be on the 14th of May, during commencement week, at Meridian Academy, Meridian, Miss., be one of inspiration. Preparations will be made to care for all sisters interested in the

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work to come and be with us. Let me hear from you. Write to Mrs. J. R. Crump, corresponding secretary, Bolton, Miss., for supplies.

Yours for humanity,

Mrs. J. L. WILSON.

J. H. Thompson, Pastor, New Orleans, La., Haven Chapel.—On Friday night the 20th we were greatly surprised by a large number of members and friends. The company was led by Miss Silvia Dixon, Mr. George W. Forest, Misses Mary Foster, Henrietta Taylor, Winnie Parker, Mary Lovette. The young people who accompanied them were lively and rendered several selections of music which were enjoyed. After a few brief remarks and prayer by the pastor and Brother Forest, they served the guests with ice cream and cake, and presented the pastor with a purse and several pounds of nice groceries. Miss Leah Drew of the Baptist Church, was in the midst.

J. D. Gilbert, Pastor, Cary, Miss.—I arrived at my post of duty on the 1st day of February. I found the people alive to all the interests of the church. They went to work in a joint board meeting of the two churches and bought furniture for parsonage. They have furnished it nicely—stand set, etc. They are doing all they can to make the pastor comfortable. The weather has been so bad since our arrival that it has retarded the progress of our church, so far as services are concerned. Nevertheless we are working from house to house. Amount raised for parsonage furniture \$25.50.

A. M. Quinn, Pastor, Pearlinton, Miss.—I arrived at my new charge on the second Sunday in February and was cordially received by my people and friends. The collection for the day was \$38. Shortly after bringing my family the good people gave us a reception at the parsonage. On Feb. 12 to my surprise a storm party led by the good brothers and sisters of Pearlinton, visited the parsonage with many good things for our comfort. The brass band accompanied the party. On the 20th of February the young men, led another storm to the parsonage. We have as fine people here as can be found anywhere. May God bless them.

J. A. Y. Dickens, Sardis Circuit.—At Spring Hill M. E. Church Mr. Reuben Laird, class leader, has been very sick. He is better now. Miss A. B. Laird, Reuben Laird's daughter, is also better. Mrs. Susie Laird who some time ago went to visit her sister in Memphis, Tenn., does not improve. Mr. J. Arthur Baker is very sick with slow fever. We hope they will soon be well again. Dr. K. P. Perkins, of Batesville, visited Eureka, Miss., some days ago and reports thirteen cases of smallpox.

J. H. Holden, pastor, Fort Worth, Tex.—I entered upon my new field of labor January 15. My first visit was to Morgan, Tex. There I found no members, but plenty of material to make members of. I was successful in

THE FIRST STEP

Of the child is an event in the mother's life. How proud she feels when the attempt to walk is begun so early as to evidence childish courage and sturdy strength. Such pride should be enjoyed by every mother. But it often happens that the child is timid, weak and deficient in vitality, and clings to the mother's arms with no desire to walk or play.

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obtaining the schoolhouse for religious services. I preached on Sunday. From there I went to Meridian and found two members. The weather was so disagreeable that I could not have service. At Cleburne I found three members. On account of the weather, I didn't hold any service. I feel more determined to battle for the Lord than ever, although it seems very gloomy; but exegtical studies in the Pentateuch teaches me that in all of God's days the darkness comes first and the glory last. I am only a young minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and, this being my first appointment from the annual conference as a supply, I solicit the prayers of the praying people that I may do a great work for the Master.

L. C. Thomas, Pastor St. Paul M. E. Church, New Roads, La.—I arrived at my appointment on the 4th of February. I have started our Sunday school, and I have added seven probationers to the church. We have raised money to beautify our church. We have a few faithful members at St. Paul. We are trying to reach the hearts of our Catholic friends, as they are great in number. The doors of St. Paul are always open to both saint and sinner. I am planning for a glorious year's work at this place. We are expecting our presiding elder on the 6th of April. We will be ready with written reports. We are trusting in God alone for success.

W. M. Bell, West Point, Miss.—I arrived on this circuit February 1. The good people of this work received me very cordially. I took hold of the work where the former pastor left off. It seems that each member and friend has taken new courage. My first quarterly conference was held Feb.

20-21, Rev. C. W. Walton, presiding elder, in the chair. Nineteen members were present with well written reports, each showing that something had been done both spiritually and financially. The elder gave a much needed address to the members concerning their duty to God, the church and their fellow-man, which will ever be remembered. Elder Walton possesses strong executive powers. He preached on Sunday to a goodly number. Raised this quarter \$26. The good old SOUTHWESTERN was not forgotten. Find enclosed cash for three subscribers. Pray for us that we may go forward.

James W. Hutchinson, Reporter, Fairfield Charge, Shreveport, La.—We are glad to announce that since the arrival of Miss Edna B. Seals at this place things have been going on nicely. A private school was opened with 23 scholars. The number is still increasing. Since then she has gone before the parish school board and has passed a first grade examination for the public school here, which opened in January. Too much praise cannot be given the institution from which she received her instruction. May its walls be filled for years to come.

A. C. Culbreath, Pastor; Prof. B. F. Carter, Secretary, Huntsville, Tex.—Rev. W. A. Fortson, presiding elder, held our first quarterly conference February 7-8, with good results. All of the officials were present but two or three, and all presented a partial report showing some improvement on all lines. The estimating committee made their report, which was as follows: For the pastor, \$400; traveling expenses, \$30; rent, \$60; total, \$490. The presiding elder's apportionment by district stewards' meeting is \$80, and benevolent apportionment \$130. Grand total for the church, \$700. The presiding elder preached two good sermons and administered the Lord's supper to 53 communicants. Paid presiding elder \$14.90; paid pastor \$30; rent \$15; other purposes \$22. Total amount raised this quarter, \$81.

L. W. Goodson, Pastor, Talladega, Ala.—The Talladega circuit is alive. Everybody seems to be satisfied and is hard at work building up the church. We have had 14 accessions to the church in town since the annual conference. We have plans on foot to raise all of our benevolent collections. I am also glad to say that both the Sunday school and Epworth League are alive and at work. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 14 and 15, were great days with us. Rev. E. M. Jones, B. D., presiding elder of the Anniston dis-

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In the summer of 1903 I was taken violently ill. My trouble began with pain in my stomach, so severe that it seemed as if knives were cutting me. I was treated by two of the best physicians in the county, and consulted another. None of them suspected that the cause of my trouble was kidney disease. They all told me that I had cancer of the stomach, and would die. I grew so weak that I could not walk any more than a child a month old, and I only weighed sixty pounds. One day my brother saw in a paper an advertisement of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy. He bought me a bottle at our drug store, and I took it. My family could see a change in me, for the better, so they obtained more, and I continued the use of Swamp-Root regularly. I was so weak and run down that it took considerable to build me up again. I am now well, thanks to Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and weigh 148 pounds, and am keeping house for my husband and brother, on a farm. Swamp-Root cured me after the doctors had failed to do me a particle of good.
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trict, was present and held his first quarterly conference on Saturday and addressed the Sunday school on Sunday morning. He preached three sermons. Raised for the presiding elder \$14.12. Total amount raised during the quarter \$55. Received into the church on Sunday three. I have had one subscriber to the SOUTHWESTERN and several more promised.

Walter S. Jackson, Pastor, Bedford City Charge.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held February 2 and the reports showed that there was an increase along all lines. The Sunday school, under the faithful superintendency of Mr. Geo. Davis, has excelled last year. It is free of debt and has a surplus in its treasury. The Epworth League, under the efficient and zealous president, Miss Ella P. Terry,

has run well and has been a great help to the church in keeping the young converts of our revival of last November spiritually awake. The Lord gave us sixteen to add to our church. We have paid our presiding elder in full, \$40, an increase of \$4; and on February 3 a reception and housewarming was given in honor of our presiding elder, Dr. D. W. Hays. It was a great success. The committee of ladies and the waiters served a first-class menu. The affair will not be soon forgotten by those who were present. There is quite an increase in our benevolent collections this conference year. The pastor will be paid up in full. The stewards and stewardesses, under the leadership of Mr. Robert Davis, recording steward, are now arranging to raise the balance due, which is less than \$100. We entered upon this work last March. We found a mortgage debt of only \$350 and \$7 in bank. We have reduced the mortgage to \$269.50, paid current expenses and now have in bank \$65.56. The trustees are encouraged and have decided not to resume work on the new church until the mortgage debt is paid. Our presiding elder ably presented the cause and urged most earnestly the support of our church papers and especially the SOUTHWESTERN, with much effect, as the pastor has received since the pledge of five subscribers for April. We are watching, praying and working, leaving results with God.

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G. N. Johnson, Pastor, Clow, Ark.—We are glad to say that our beloved members, also the people of the community, show great appreciation of my return another year. Their reception was cordial and cheering. All departments of the church with their equipped leaders have taken new life and are coming rapidly to the front. The large increase of attendance and interest manifested in church, Sabbath school and Epworth League are marked indications of a glorious revival. The Woman's Home Missionary Society, with its newly elected officers, are greatly encouraged, and, with its plans, will do greater work financially and spiritually. Its work last year in comforting the needy and clothing the orphans has left a marked record. The beloved Bishop Walden, Drs. I. B. Scott, W. P. Thirkield, J. M. Cox, Illiff and George and Prof. Penn and Mrs. Nasmyth made a strong sentiment here for Methodism during the annual conference. May the seed not wither. The good done is immeasurable. We have planned a pyramid rally for F. A. S. E. S. The SOUTHWESTERN is being more and more loved, as it makes its weekly visits. I have heard several say: "I see what I have lost by not having this paper in my home long ago." All in-

terests of the great church shall be kept before the people. The Lord is with us.

J. W. Bowen, District Steward of Mayes and Alice Grove.—Our second quarterly conference was held February 21. Elder J. H. W. Moore preached to a large crowd. Elder Moore is loved by all. Our pastor, J. Mosley, is the right man for our circuit. We all take the SOUTHWESTERN and we like the paper. We are expecting to move our church this year and build elsewhere. We paid the elder \$6.75, the entire apportionment for the second quarter.

Lost Friends

I want to inquire for my husband's brother, Morris Garland, who lives in Hale county, Ala. He has an aunt, Adeline Key, who lives at Union Town, Ala. Her name may be changed. His grandmother is Fanny Minkey, who also lives in Alabama. Pastors, please read this to your congregation. If found write me at Sealy, Texas, Austin county. MRS. ESTELLA I. GARLAND.

Conference Notices

PULASKI DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Freeman, April 4-5; Princeton, 11-12; Graham, 18-19; Pocahontas, 25-26; Pearisburg, 25-26; Bluefield, May 2-3; Christiansburg, 9-10; Radford, 16-17; Childress, 23-24; Dublin, 30-31; Draper, June 6-7; Pulaski circuit, 13-14; Independence, 20-21; Pulaski, 27-28; Bland, July 4-5.

Brethren of the Pulaski district, please take all benevolence and conference claimants during this quarter that you can make a full report at our district conference, which convenes at Pearisburg, Va., July 8-13, 1903. Several of our old friends and acquaintances have been invited to attend this, our third session. Remember our motto,
W. E. MITCHELL, P. E.

To the Members of the Upper Mississippi Conference: Dear Brothers—the Journal is now ready for distribution. Please send in your obligations so as to help us to get it out of the press.
N. R. CLAY, Secty.

The cabinet of the Meridian District Epworth League is called to meet at Meridian, Miss., in St. Paul M. E. church, April 3, 3 p. m., 1903. All officers are especially requested to be present without fail; business of importance. Business session 3:15 p. m.; at night 7:30 p. m.

LITERARY PROGRAMME.

Song service and testimony meeting, Rev. A. J. McNair, Mrs. E. L. Smith; "The League and its Relation to Missions," Rev. J. C. Hibbler; "Are the Pastors Interested in the League Work? If not, Why?" Rev. C. W. Ivy. Solo, Miss Amanda Rayford; "Do the Leagues Add to the Sunday School or Church? If so, How?" Rev. W. H. Smith; "A District League Convention and its Work," Prof. J. T. Rush; "How to Introduce the Study of the Bible in the District," Miss Ellen M. Hinton; "Should a District Convention and District Conference meet at the same time?" Prof. A. Buckley; "The Best Method of Increasing Attendance," Rev. C. R. Gavins; "What Steps Should be Taken to Organize the Leagues into a Missionary Force?" Rev. A. J. McNair, J. B. Bryant, Mrs. E. Evans, J. M. McIntosh.

Address by Rev. J. L. Wilson, D. D.

All other officers are expected to take part in the topics. Let every member be present; don't forget the day and date. Yours for the work,

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Dear Brethren—April 12 is Easter Sunday; get your programs in trim, rally your forces and let's raise at least all of our missions on that day. Remember our district is pledged to raise \$100 for missions above the receipts of last year. Second Sunday in June is Children's day. Make it a success for Christian education. The Sunday school and Epworth League Convention will convene in Trinity M. E. Church, Millen, Ga., April 23, 1903, at 2 o'clock p. m. Let's make it a grand success. Programs will be out in time.

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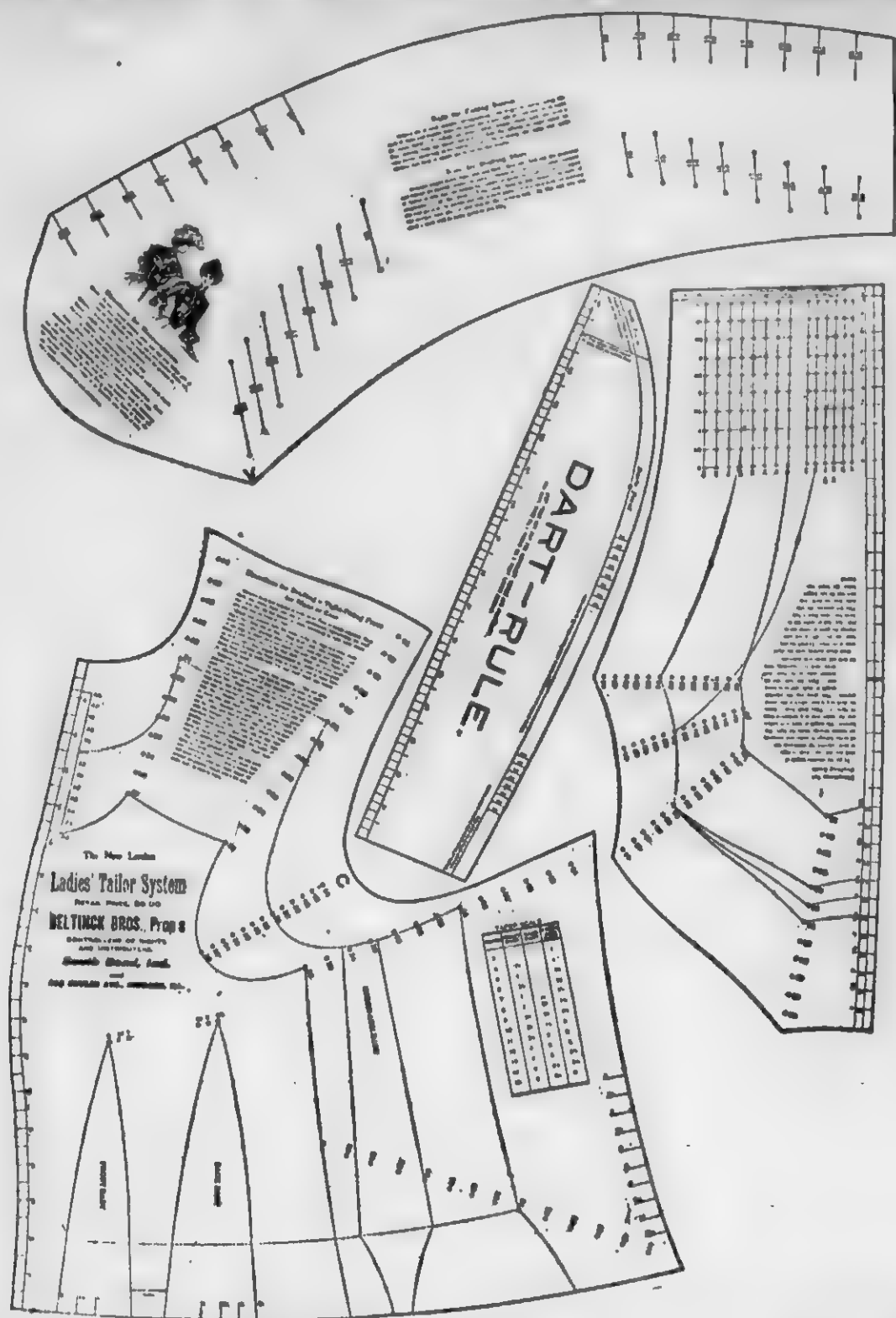
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Dear brothers, please try to make Easter a day indeed for our mission cause, as we failed on Lincoln's day on account of the continued rain. Observe the day at a set time to best suit your several charges. Also set a day for Church Extension and get the programs, which can be obtained free on application at our parent board. Remember that we must try to educate our people up to the point of giving to our benevolent causes, and the only way to do so is to observe the days, carry out the program and preach or lecture on the different causes. Our Epworth League and Sunday School Convention will meet at Pilot Point, Tex., May 12. I am looking for Brothers Penn, Jones and our conference president, Rev. M. S. Jordan. Remember that each local chapter must send one delegate and the delegate must bring ten cents for every member of his local chapter. This rule holds good with the Sunday school delegates also. I want to meet all of our pastors at this convention with a host of young workers for the Master. Don't forget the SOUTHWESTERN, one of the best papers of our connection, with a live man as editor. We are expected this year to do more for our school at Austin than ever. Bro. Lovingsood is the right man in the right place, let us stand by him. I am glad to say to you that up to date we have added to our different charges throughout the district one-half as many members as we did all of last year. God be praised, let the good work roll on. Try to help the sisters get their W. H. M. Society well on foot, for I want them at our District Conference in full bloom. Yours for the Master.

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Dallas, Tex.—Brother Wm. Gregory, a faithful member of St. Paul M. E. Church, Dallas, Tex., departed this life Feb. 19. He lived to a ripe old age and died in full triumph of faith. He leaves a wife and one daughter and a number of friends to mourn his departure. M. C. OAVINNE.

Vicksburg, Miss.—Sister Seleena Johnson, aged 50 years, a member of Wesley Chapel Church, Vicksburg, Miss., departed this life Feb. 19, in full

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triumph of living faith. Her last words were, "I'm going to heaven."

M. WHITE, Pastor.

Elberton, Ga.—Brother Alex Rabuch, of Elberton, departed this life the 17th of February. He was a faithful member of our church. Leaves a dear mother and many friends to mourn. Rev. Anthony C. Cheerless preached the funeral.

Sister Rachel F. Prigmore, aged 73, the wife of Jas. Prigmore and mother of Rev. J. F. Prigmore, departed this life Feb. 2. She leaves to mourn five children, all of whom were at the funeral, except one. Fifty years of her life was spent as a member of the church. She was a consistent Christian. She was conscious until the last.

She and her husband succeeded in educating all of their children and lived to see them all grown, as the youngest was 26 at her death. She leaves a 170-acre farm out of debt and well furnished with everything to run a farm successfully. Miss Maggie G. Prigmore, who had finished her fall school a month before her mother's death, was with her throughout her illness. We bow with humble reverence to his Divine will and say to Sister Prigmore, "Sleep on, we will meet you where the secrets of all hearts are disclosed and God will be the judge." The burial services were conducted by L. S. Slaughter.



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Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty God to remove from our midst Brother William Lamore, Jr., the son of William and Mary Lamore, a member of M. E. Church and Sunday school; and, Whereas, We as officers and members, bow in humble submission to the will of the most high, who doeth all things well; therefore,

Resolved, That the church, Sunday school and choir have lost one of their best members, but heaven has gained a saint. Our dear young friend has joined the Celestial Choir and will sing anthems with millions gone before.

Resolved, That the members extend their sympathy to his parents.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the SOUTHWESTERN for publication.

N. KYLES, Supt. of Sunday School.
A. C. MORRILL, President Choir.
A. C. MITCHELL, Secretary.

His remains were laid to rest in the St. James M. E. Cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. D. Crockett, and Rev. A. Willis, of the Baptist Church; and A. C. Mitchell, the writer.

Hahnville, La.

Washington, La.—Sister Sophia Ellis departed this life Feb. 24, in full faith. Her last words were, "I am trusting in the Lord."

Brother Jack Brinta was drowned Feb. 7.

Sister Maria Thomas departed this life Feb. 16. The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want.

A. GRAY.

Zachary, La.—Brother Wesley Taylor, aged 21 years, fell asleep in Jesus Feb. 24, after an illness of five weeks. He was a faithful member of Albert Chapel, and died fully trusting in the Lord. He leaves his father, mother and other relatives and friends to mourn. His funeral was largely attended by the members and friends on the 25th. I was assisted by Revs. A. C. Governor and R. T. Scott.

E. H. CLARK, Pastor.

Dallas, Tex.—Rev. E. Jefferson, one of the oldest preachers of the Texas Annual Conference, fell asleep in Jesus on Feb. 20, in Sherman, Tex., where he had some time since moved to find a better place to make a living for family and himself. He was my pastor when I was a lad in the 70's on the Huntsville Circuit. I can see him now in my mind as he used to preach

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to us in the old Gallilee church, four miles west of Huntsville. Oh, how sweet his sermons were to my young, boyish heart. They brought light to my little soul as never before. He was a loving husband, a kind father and a faithful minister, always taking his work to heart, with no complaint. He could lead his people without any division whatever. I never shall forget the last sermon that I had him preach for me last year at my fourth quarterly conference at Sherman, Tex. As old and feeble as he was, he had the old time fire in him. He is gone to come to us no more, but let us try to go to him. Rest on, sweet angel, we will meet thee.

"Tossed with rough winds, and faint with fear,

Above the tempest, soft and clear; What still, small accents greet my ear?

The Lord sayest, "Tis I, be not afraid."

"Tis I who led thy steps aright,
"Tis I who gave thy blind eyes sight,
"Tis I, thy Lord and life and light,
Be not afraid."

L. H. RICHARDSON.

Montgomery, Ala.—Sister Emma C. Jones was born in Selma, Ala., 1873, and died Feb. 27, 1903. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church, Sunday school and choir. She was also an active member of the I. B. O. Society, the Mutual Aid and the International Order of 12 of the Sir Knights and Daughters of Tabor. She leaves a mother, husband and five children to mourn.

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Lodi Ct., Tex.—Bro. J. O. Sills, of Logan's Chapel, departed this life on Dec. 20. His death was caused by a fracture of the thigh on the day before. Brother Sills was truly a loyal and faithful member of the church. He was always found at his post. He considered the claims of the church upon him before any other claims in the world. He was a young man and strong in the confidence of his God. He leaves a wife and two little girls, besides a host of friends to mourn his loss. Funeral services conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Carr.

S. W. COLEMAN.

Pluto, Miss.—Sister Mary Ellison departed this life on the 4th of February, 1903. She was about 98 years old and was a member of the M. E. Church at Roseneath 20 years. She leaves two daughters and one son and many friends to mourn her death.

Sister Gertie Norris, aged 32 years,

was a member of the M. E. Church 20 years. She died February the 13th. Five children, a husband and a father are left to mourn.

WM. PAYNE, Pastor.

February 19th, A. Daniels, the son of S. P. Daniels accidentally shot and killed himself. He was a good young man and lived a Christian life. He was born 1869.

S. TILLMAN, Pastor.

Luling, Tex.—Sister Eliza Huff, an esteemed member of Wm. Taylor Chapel and veteran of the cross, departed this life Feb. 13, aged 66. She had not been ill but died suddenly. She pushed the battle to the gate. Though nearly blind, she was in the service on Sunday just before her death, and while the word was being preached, she was praising God. She died as she lived. She leaves four daughters, three sons and many friends to mourn. Her funeral was preached by the writer.

J. W. STONE.


Clarksville, Tex.—"Another Pioneer Gone." Louis McDonald, a local preacher in Red River county for forty years, departed this life Feb. 21, aged 68 years. He was one of the path finders of Methodism in and around Clarksville, and it was due to his efforts that the church was established. He was a lover of Christ and Methodism. Among those prominently connected with the Texas Conference converted in his meetings, we mention Revs. J. E. Epperson, Paul Halley and E. B. Hocker, and those in the local church at Clarksville are Sisters Caroline Newman, Texana Triplett, and a host of others, numbering more than one hundred and fifty, who testify to his faithfulness in the dispensation of God's eternal word. He used to preach from that powerful and convincing scripture text: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life, thro Jesus Christ our Lord." He had "the old time" religion. His body was laid to rest in the old Fair Ground cemetery, where he had conducted many successful revivals, there to await the summons from on high. The biography of his life was read by the pastor; the sermon was preached by Rev. John Jackson; eulogy on his life, by Rev. J. E. Epperson; reminiscences, by P. Halley.

"Servant of God, well done!

Thy glorious warfare's past;

The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last."

Brother Wade Cooper, an earnest, consistent Christian, a class leader in the church and a steward for forty years, departed this life Feb. 17, 1903.



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On this same day, Hattie J., the wife of Rev. J. E. Epperson, pastor at Wolfe City, who died there on the 17th inst., was brought to Clarksville, her old home. On the 19th we had a double funeral. The funerals were preached at the same time. Rev. Dr. Parker came down by special request to preach both funerals. He was assisted by the pastor. Sister Epperson was a lovable Christian woman. Brother Epperson has the sympathy of the entire community.


"Somewhere the load is lifted,
Close by an open gate,
Somewhere the clouds are rifted,
Somewhere the angels wait;
Somewhere, beautiful Isle of Somewhere,
Land of the true, where we live anew,
Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

JAS. I. GILMORE, Pastor.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Opelousas, La.—Mr. Willie Mason and Miss Susan Allen were joined in holy wedlock on February 25, 1903. E. C. Golins officiated.

Mr. Wm. McAllister and Miss Willie Lewis were united in the bonds of matrimony Feb. 24, at the home of the bride. They are both members of the Mt. Pleasant M. E. Church. May prosper.



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perity attend them through life. S. Jossel officiated.

Mr. Spencer Stewart and Miss Martha Stevenson, both of the City of New Orleans, were united in holy matrimony on the night of Feb. 25, 1903. Rev. J. M. Richards officiated. A pleasant reception was held the same evening at the residence of the groom's mother 1108 Adams street. Refreshments were served to a number of friends present.

Crystal Springs, Miss.—Prof. J. P. Murray and Miss Hattie E. Smith were united in holy wedlock Feb. 26. Notwithstanding the continuous showers of rain and the darkness of the night, 8 o'clock found the church full. The pastor officiated. The reception at Mr. Tom Thornton's was worthy and pleasant. Prof. Murray is one of the first teachers in this county and a Christian worker and teacher in our congregation and Sunday school. The bride is also a teacher in our Sunday school and secretary of the conference Sunday School Institute. The prayers and best wishes of this entire community are ever extended toward this happy couple. A. M. TROTTER.

Elberton, Ga.—Brother John Burton and Miss Jennie Clark were united in marriage at our church Feb. 26. The bride is one of our best young women of Elberton, Ga. Rev. Anthony Cheerless performed the ceremony.

Rosedale, La.—Mr. Harris Brown and Miss Mary Guinles were joined in holy wedlock Feb. 9.

Mr. Sam Coolie and Miss Celestin Brisker were married Feb. 7.

Mr. Isalah Collins and Miss Lily Minnon were married Feb. 26. S. Green officiated.

Jeanerette, La.—At the home of the bride, Mr. Moses Conner and Miss M. C. Elzy were united in bonds of matrimony Feb. 5.

Mr. King Joseph and Miss Annie Phillip were married Feb. 4. They are members of our church and subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN. M. T. Fairfax performed the ceremony.

Vicksburg, Miss.—At the bride's residence, Mr. Frank Williams and Mrs. Ophelia Watson, both members of the M. E. Church, were joined in matrimony Feb. 18. Pastor M. White officiated.

Alzheimer, Ark.—At the M. E. Church, Newman Chapel, Feb. 22, Mr. Will Burnett was married to Miss Lettie C. Standfor. Rev. J. C. Adams officiated.

Pulaski Circuit, Va.—Mr. Stephen K. Durmon and Miss Mary Lee of Wythe county, were married at the Baptist church in Max Meadows, Feb. 18. The marriage reception was given at Mr. Charley Clark's, Jr., and was one of the nicest ever given in this place. The ceremony was performed by J. M. Watson.

WEDDING BELLS AT MALLALIEU.

The beautiful marriage of Miss Angèle De Manuel and Mr. Austin J. Young took place at Mallalieu M. E. Church on Wednesday evening, Feb. 25. The decorations were artistic. The church was well filled with loving friends and spectators. Many white citizens witnessed this notable wedding. The audience stood on tiptoe while the lovely bride found her way to the altar, where she was joined by the groom. The minister met them at



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the altar and there, under a beautiful
arch, the connubial knot was tied. The
reception at the Electric Hall was all
that could be wished. The bride is
one of Mallalieu's most winsome young
women. The groom is industrious and
highly respected. Misses L. Johnson
and C. Eads attended the bride. The
writer officiated. B. M. HUBBARD.

Lodi Ct., Tex.—At the residence of
the bride's mother, Mr. W. J. Waites
and Miss Rebecca Tolbert were united
in marriage on Feb. 12.

In Marshall, Tex., Feb. 25, Mr. Wil-
liam Love and Miss Hattie Allen were
quietly married. Ceremonies performed
by A. W. Carr.

Vicksburg, Miss.—On Feb. 26, at the
M. E. parsonage, in Ellisville, Miss.,
Mr. William Crosby and Miss Lena
Comfort were united in holy wedlock
by Rev. S. A. Cowan, presiding elder
of the Shubuta District. Mr. Crosby is
a young man of pious habits, son of
A. K. Crosby, Sunday school superin-
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Last week was a good week for us, the reason evidently being that the brethren in the conferences are redeeming their pledges. We are under obligations to Rev. C. W. Whitehead and A. D. Jaques, of the Little Rock Conference; E. C. Cox, of Georgia; J. C. Hibbler, C. W. Jones and J. I. Garrett, of Mississippi; E. H. Forrest, of Tennessee; W. S. Curtis, of Texas; and to G. R. Bryant, of California. We are also under obligations and are grateful for the other faithful workers who may have toiled just as hard in their fields with less numbers to show. We point with pride to the above list. Keep it growing, brethren.

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LITERARY NOTES

Mount Zion M. E. Church had quite a high day last Sabbath, closing with the sacrament administered by Dr. J. F. Marshall, presiding elder. Quite a large number communed. The pastor was present but not able to serve. One subscriber was secured for the SOUTHWESTERN. Fifty subscribers are pledged for this year. A revival meeting is going on.

The first quarterly conference of First Street M. E. Church convened on the 5th inst., Rev. W. R. Butler presiding. The church starts out on another prosperous year. In keeping with the recommendation of the bishops' commissioners of election of lay delegates were chosen. Brothers J. A. Moton, E. H. Anderson and T. M. J. Clark are the judges.

Miss Fannie Emory, daughter of John Emory and Nellie Emory, was united in marriage on Thursday, March 5, 1903, to Mr. Edward Robertson, at the residence of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Richards, No. 624 N. Miro street, by the Rev. Wm. Davis.

Brother Philip Johnson, while in to see us the other day, became an annual subscriber to the SOUTHWESTERN.

S. G. Mitchell called in to see us this week and renewed his wife's subscription for the SOUTHWESTERN. Brother and Sister Mitchell are old subscribers of the paper.

NOTICE, EASTER!

To the Sunday School Superintendents and Epworth League Presidents, Greeting:

Dear fellow-laborers in the Lord's vineyard, the great work of the grand old M. E. Church is very largely committed to you. And, we take this advantage of time near at hand when we shall read of the Easter past. As the pastors on the Columbus District are striving as never before to make April 12 red letter day for missions, they depend upon each of you to bring about grand results. Begin now, if you have not already, to supply your different departments with the necessary literature by writing to Dr. R. E. Jones, 429 Carondelet street, New Orleans, La., for supplies. We must get our young people in line for high achievement. The pastors and your presiding elder are with you, in your noble efforts to win in a worthy cause. Three

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enjoyed his stay. Rev. Cheerless made
everything pleasant for him. He also
spent the nights with Mr. and Mrs. B.
F. Green.

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Editorial Notes

The sunshine that is seen in your life, not only helps you, but those who behold it.

It is useless to complain because others do what they can to injure the good name of the race, when you stand idly by and do nothing to redeem it.

Your church may be doing very well without you, but those who take the lead in its work would certainly feel better satisfied if you were doing your part to help the cause along.

There is to be no more liquor sold in the Capitol at Washington. This is in accordance with the vote of both houses of Congress. Such a step ought to improve legislation and the temper of the members as well.

We recommend to those ministers who complain that they are never given a good charge, to make the one they have better than it was when they were appointed to it. Then they will have a good one and be entitled to another.

The white mine operators and property holders of South Africa are asking of England the privilege of using "forced labor." They desire to have the power to compel the Kaffirs to work. It is a sort of enslavement of the African natives they are asking England for, and it is hard to believe that the mother of philanthropy and the enemy of human slavery will yield them their desire.

The fifty-seventh session of the United States Congress adjourned on the 4th inst. The number of bills introduced was 15,000; more than 2,000 of these are said to have passed. At noon on the 5th inst. the Senate convened in extra session by order of the President. This became necessary on account of the failure of the regular session to ratify the Panama treaty, which provides for the construction of the canal across that isthmus, and the treaty with Cuba.

For the third time a "Jim Crow car bill" has been defeated in the state legislature of Missouri. It failed of final passage in the House of Representatives last week by a vote of 70 to 55. It is said it was supported by two-thirds of the democratic members and opposed by the other third and all the Republicans. We are informed that the vote in its favor was a little larger this time than it has ever been before. We trust, however, this does not mean that the sentiment in its favor is growing. Some of the democratic representatives withdrew from the hall rather than vote for it.

Why Do Our League Chapters Decline?

In more than one annual conference which we have visited during the past few months, we have heard the pastors complaining of the difficulty of keeping alive the Epworth League chapters in their charges. Many of them seem really anxious to fall on some method by means of which the difficulty may be remedied.

In a number of instances the chapters, after being organized and even after running a few months successfully, fail. Being thoroughly impressed with what we believe to be the absolute necessity for some such organization, we are prompted to call attention to the matter editorially.

In the first place we shall attempt to inquire as to the cause of failure. Are our young people different from those of other sections of the church? Or is it that they are lacking in proper leadership? Are they so fully attached to less instructive and helpful influences, that they cannot be persuaded to take an interest in such a work as this?

We cannot say how the pastor who reads these lines will answer the queries here made, but it may help some should we suggest one or two of the hindrances to which our attention has been called. First, it is said that some pastors do not make an earnest effort to keep the chapters alive because they do not constitute a source of financial income; they are for revenue only. It is difficult to believe that any man interested in the future of his church could be so narrow and selfish. Still, it may be so. In this connection we have noticed that many of those who report successful chapters to the annual conferences invariably emphasize the fact that they have raised so much money for one purpose or another, or, as is not infrequently the case, have contributed money to give some kind of present to the pastor.

We have no criticisms to offer to this particular feature of League work, for we think it perfectly legitimate to train our young people to assist in doing what they can to support the church, but such work should be incidental rather than have the impression made that the chapters were organized for this purpose. For, as it would seem to us, the wiser course would be to first get them thoroughly organized and not only at work but interested in their work. We believe that when this is done they will be ready and willing to assist the church in any way possible. While there are some expenses for lights and fuel connected with the running of every chapter that should be provided for in some way, it is nevertheless wise to have the young people feel that they are a part of the church, and are not to be unduly crowded even along this line. Hence their contributions should be entirely voluntary.

In the second place, we dare say many chapters decline because they are not properly conducted; that is, not conducted so as to entertain any considerable number of the members. According to

the plan of the wheel, the variety provided for is sufficient to satisfy any legitimate taste, but one must know how to work to advantage even as good a plan as is there given.

For instance, in the spiritual department, after the few scriptural references have been read, some leaders seem at a loss to know what next to do. Hence the meeting virtually dies on their hands, and the interest in the League as an organization is entirely destroyed. What might prove the proper remedy in one community may avail nothing in another, therefore we must leave to each chapter the finding of an answer to the query as to what else should be done. It is just possible, too, that one department of the League can be worked more successfully in one community than in another. Nevertheless we believe there is some feature of literary work in which young people everywhere can be interested, and we may say as much of the Mercy and Help department, which provides for the needy and occasionally gives a reception to which all the aged members of the church are invited.

If by calling attention to this matter we may succeed in prompting the leaders of the churches to institute inquiries that shall lead to making the League chapters more effective and helpful to our young people our purpose is fully served.

John Wesley Remembered

The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, has long since been acknowledged one of the most remarkable men the world has seen. The religious influence set in motion by him has reached the uttermost parts of the earth and is doing more to bring the kingdoms of this world into subjection to the Lord Jesus Christ than any other known to men. Not only does Methodism honor his memory and acknowledge his greatness, but men everywhere who know of his work and desire that which is best for mankind. In line with these thoughts was the meeting held in Carnegie Hall, New York City, on the evening of the 26th ult. So great was the interest that an audience of several thousand were packed into the hall, and it is thought that fully ten thousand were turned away for want of room. The occasion was the celebration of the bi-centennial of the birth of Wesley. The meeting was under the auspices of the Metropolitan Twentieth Century Thank Offering Commission and was a fitting culmination to the magnificent effort made by the Methodists of the city to raise a million dollars to pay the debts and endow certain Methodist organizations in and about the city. Of the desired amount about \$850,000 have been raised. That our readers may have some conception of the scope and importance of the meeting we reproduce an excerpt from a description of the same published in the *Central Christian Advocate*, as written by Dr. F. Mason North. It is as follows:

Probably never in the history of the denomination
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Our Contributors

On the Death of Mrs. Cranston

MEXICO.

Her faith was sure,
Her heart was fixed,
There was not a cloud in her sky
When she fell asleep
In a foreign land,
In the way that God's children die.

She knew them all—
The loved ones there;
She blessed each one with a smile,
When the messenger came
From Jesus' home,
And bore her away—for awhile.

"Show me the way,
My Father,"
"Show me the way," she said:
And she smiled, when the Father
Showed her His way—
Could she choose another, instead?

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,"
She sang in her earth's last day:
When the angel bands
From the sorrowless lands,
Waited to bear her away.

"Show me the way,
My Father"—
Oh Father, show us Thy way,
That winds from this valley,
So deep and dark
To that world of endless day!

If only Thou lead us,
Father,
And if Thy way it be,
Whatever betide,
We are safe with our Guide—
Oh, help us to trust in Thee!

Earth's blossoms
Over her dust,
But the River of Life at her feet:
And about her
God's unspeakable peace—
And soon, again ye shall meet!

'Tis but a little distance
To that city that shines as the sun:
But a little while
To work and wait,
Till the Master shall say,
"Well done."

FRANCIS S. BORTON,
Puebla.

American Citizenship

By REV. J. H. REED, D. D., Pastor Wesley Chapel
M. E. Church, Little Rock, Ark.

What constitutes the State? Is it the *individual*? the *family*? the *tribe*? the *race*? Neither individual, family, tribe nor race can lay claim to the origin and establishment of human government to the exclusion of the other; for government is ordained of God. What then? Men are *born* into the State, and find themselves individually and collectively bound together by the principles of civil, social and political rights which cannot be *disregarded* nor *discarded* with impunity. The struggle of the centuries has been the endeavor of statesmen and jurists in the expansion of universal liberty, which had its birth in the rise and spread of *representative democracies*. The "*Divine right of kings*" had its origin in the deluded idea of *individualism* in the governmental affairs of mankind. So rank had this false theory grown in the political history of the world that Louis XIV of France made the declaration: "*I am the State*." But the mighty march of *republicanism* crushed the hollow sphere of absolute monarchy and established upon the ruins of crumbling empires and kingdoms a new system of government founded upon the popular will and backed by the old Roman dictum: "*Vox populi vox dei est*." Out of the conflicting struggles and strifes of the centuries the American Republic had its origin. Born into statehood by the long travail of cruel wars and baptized in human blood, this mighty republic has been nurtured as a "*child of Providence*," and to-day she

is enrolled upon the catalog of nations as the greatest world-power in the sisterhood of modern national states. The badge of American citizenship, therefore, becomes the most sacred trust committed to a collectivism of individuals as a heritage of freedom bequeathed to the liberty-loving people of the western continent. Our magna charter, the Declaration of Independence, the sheet anchor of the republic, speaks in unequivocal terms that "all men are created equal and endowed with certain *inalienable rights*, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." This declaration was maintained by the mightiest revolution in the history of nations. In the triumph of arms and the permanent establishment of these fundamental principles of human government, the term "*all men*" was applicable to every son of the American commonwealth. This was the seal placed upon the badge of citizenship; but in the development and growth of the republic, another mighty and significant event brought into our national life a newly emancipated race, conceived in *bondage* but nevertheless dedicated at the shrine of American liberty, in a *second* triumph of arms, to the same proposition that "*all men are created equal*." The theorists in national government immediately put a new interpretation upon this former "Declaration" and fixed another standard of citizenship upon color and previous condition of servitude. Under these new and changed conditions, out of slavery into an emancipated life, the conflict for nearly four decades has been for the re-establishment of the true standard, not of a new, but of the same old citizenship. The first appendices to the great volume of liberty that had been written in human blood, were three amendments to the national constitution, the interpretation of which was written in a larger language—*citizenship for the new Negro*, whose birth into the national life was regarded by one section as an anomaly and looked upon with forebodings and doubts by those who saw in it the sequence of following events. We must acknowledge as careful observers and candid reasoners the mistakes of the "reconstruction period," which stands as a most memorable chapter in the history of American politics. Measures and policies were adopted to meet the emergencies of the times. Bad men took advantage of the situation and preyed upon the duplicity of this new child just initiated into the complicated duties of American citizenship. Two causes stand back of the sad results of this deplorable period in the new life of the Negro: First, the over-anxiety of those who had fought for the maintenance of the Union that the newly emancipated slave should be speedily clothed in the full garb of a citizen, thus forcing a condition of premature statesmanship, the basis of which was founded upon the avarice and greed of the historic "carpet-bagger," whose zeal for office destroyed his better discretion for the political growth of the Negro. Second, the mistakes on the part of the Negro himself, who, because of ignorance at the time, overstepped the bounds of fitness and adaptability in that formative period and crucial turning point in his political life. As we look at it from our present view-point, both these conditions stand out in bold relief upon the background of American history, as growing out of *repression* and *oppression* on the one hand, and determination to better the black man's condition on the other. But that dark day has passed. New social and economical conditions have grown up in the new South. This new citizen has increased numerically from four millions of chattel slaves to nearly nine mil-

lions freemen, all under the dome of this mighty temple of Anglo-Saxon civilization. The old freedmen are rapidly passing from the stage. Two new men—white and black—face each other upon the broad platform of human rights. One the descendant of the former master, the other the offspring of the former slave; both with high hopes and aspirations of a radiant future under the stars and stripes which now float in splendor over a reunited people. In the growth of political parties, these two distinct race varieties must carve their own niche upon the craggy heights up which the races and nations of the earth are now climbing. We are both citizens under the Constitution. For the one to snatch the ballot from the hands of the other is an infringement upon the most sacred right bequeathed to mankind by the Creator, who made of one blood all races of men. Do we not see in this condition the necessity for sober judgment rather than unjust and unconstitutional class legislation? Government was not ordained for clans and classes, but for humanity. So that every legal enactment that tends to segregate the political, social, civil and religious interests of the races, solely upon the ground of color, is but the entering wedge to sever the bond of governmental unity and destroy the solidarity of the human race. We face to-day graver problems than at any time in the history of the emancipated race. The question that now presents itself is this: Will man permit his *fellow-man* to occupy with *him* the same plane upon which the races must work out a divine destiny? This is not a problem of the North nor the South, but a mighty human problem. Its solution is not found in the constitutional conventions for the disfranchisement of a part of American citizens, nor in the segregation of the races upon the public highway, nor by the *criminations* and *recriminations* of senators and state and national legislatures, nor the fulminations of crazed and prejudiced malcontents that disturb the body politic; but the secret of real harmony for the white man and black man as citizens of this great American commonwealth can be found in the decision of the stronger race to stop its futile attempts at crushing the oak, much less whole forests, back into the acorn. The firebrand that sets aflame our whole civilized life is this studied attempt at racial repression in legislative halls. Especially is this true in the enactment of laws to regulate the *social* relation of the races. *Social equality* has become a "Banquo's ghost" in the midst of our advanced and advancing civilization. Here is the point at which our Caucasian brother needs to use more common sense and consistency. Every enlightened mind recognizes the truth that each individual, as well as each race, fixes his *own* social standing. As man is *born* into the State, and therefore becomes a citizen, so is he *born* into the social relations of the world. His political destiny depends upon his own preferences of political beliefs and prerogatives, so his social relationship turns upon individual choice of social companions. Thus, the *social equality* idea, with legal restrictions, is but the delusion of a prejudiced brain, which imagines the amalgamation of races because it sees the races exercising their *God-given, heaven-born social rights* with no restrictions. All of this bad feeling is a false alarm that startles the deluded masses and causes irritable *race hatred* to rise up against imaginary wrongs committing acts of cruelty and oppression upon a struggling people. The best leadership of the Negro in America, and the best blood of the race detest and disdain the idea of

racial amalgamation as much as does the purest Caucasian upon the continent. It is not therefore a question of social equality; the whole thing turns upon *superiority* and *inferiority* in race relationship. We believe in the declaration:

"Fleecy locks and dark complexion
Cannot forfeit nature's claim;
Skins may differ, but affection
Dwells in black and white the same."

The Negro pleads the development of citizenship and Christian manhood. His place, like that of all other races, is what he makes it. Why, then, circumscribe certain limitations in the social and civic affairs of the races. Let *absolutely alone*, the adjustment of every relation would be satisfactory to all. Nullification acts never settle questions permanently. Back of these there stand the principles of eternal truth and justice, which will at last crush error and wrong beneath the feet of the moving multitudes. The Negro is human; he is born into the State, and therefore is a citizen; he is born, like other men, into society with all of its complex relations and social distinctions; it is therefore unjust and unmanly to stamp out all of the higher social aspirations of the race, on account of the ghost of "*Negro domination*," a false delusion that wanders down the track of American civilization. Not a voice can now be heard in State or national legislative halls as a representative of the black population of the American government. Yet this is proud America! The land of the free and home of the brave. Land where the ancestors of this black race died in cruel bondage of two and a half centuries of unrequited toil. The productive force that has made this whole Southland blossom and bloom under the magic touch of agriculture. Our sainted dead sleep beneath the willow and their spirits mingle with the former master in the land of shadows. We are Americans. Neither the silent nullification of constitutional amendments that brought us into civic life, nor national disfranchisement nor the deportation schemes of colonization land grabbers, abetted by our enemies, can drive nine million citizens from these shores. We are here to stay and work out our destiny under a higher power than legislative halls, who do the bidding of a prejudiced constituency. We recognize our difficulties; we see even high churchmen adopt miserable compromises, makeshifts and subterfuges instead of the strong advocacy of human rights; we note that the public press, with *wholesome exceptions*, is biased in utterances upon the citizenship and rights of a struggling race; we deplore the fact that even the pulpit, especially in the section where it could mould public sentiment, is silent upon the great problems that confront the two races in their complicated relationships; we know that the lynchers' rope has swung thousands of unfortunate innocent victims into eternity, and mob violence shakes its fist in the face of law and order. Despite all this, we further recognize that there is a divinity that shapes our end, and that no race can destroy its fellow-man *socially, civilly* and *politically*, without *destroying itself*. The philosophy of the lowly Nazarene is the basis of true national greatness. We build upon this, and the future is safe. Slumbering empires and kingdoms are beneath our feet. Ours is a greater destiny. These contending races and nationalities must move forward toward "one far off divine event." In the finality of human government the destiny of black and white is the entrance into the "*parliament of man, the federation of the world*." Little Rock, Ark.

Moral Stamina the Need of Our Young People

BY REV. JAMES M. HARRIS, B. A. L.

The following question was put to a body of Epworth Leaguers: "To your mind, what is the greatest need of our young people?" Among the answers given were these: (1) Common sense; (2) stability; (3) religion; (4) bull-dog tenacity; (5) ideals; (6) more religion in our schools; (7) perseverance; (8) courage; (9) more backbone.

Yes, it is true, as young people we need all these things.

Common sense is the chief corner stone of a successful life. It is the stone upon which all others must be laid.

A common sense education surpasses all others, because it teaches us how to apply our knowledge to the common things of everyday life.

Stability, tenacity, perseverance and ideals are also bright stars in the crown of success.

But, Rome and many other great cities of antiquity cry out from the dust, saying, "All these have I kept from my youth." And the Master looks down from heaven and says, "One thing thou lackest."

O! where are Rome and Carthage? Tell me what sealed their doom? Rome had ideals, for her ideals were in her gods. Rome had stability, perseverance and tenacity. There never was a braver and more tenacious soldier that walked the field of battle than the Roman.

O! where are Athens and Sparta? Sparta had perseverance, stability and bull-dog tenacity, if I may use such phrase. It was the Spartan law that bade her soldiers die rather than yield. It was bull-dog tenacity that caused Leonidas and the brave three hundred to sacrifice their lives at Thermopylae. It was because of perseverance that a marble lion was erected at the grave of Leonidas and pillars to the three hundred. And the Greek poet, Simonides, wrote, saying: "Go, strangers, and to Lacedaemon tell that here, obeying her behests, we fell." Rome was great, Carthage was great and Greece was great. And, may I ask, what sealed their doom? Ah! hear the Master: "One thing thou lackest." Moral stamina.

Immorality killed Rome. Immorality killed Greece. And Immorality is death to any nation, race or individual.

To my mind one of the greatest needs of our young people to-day is what we call moral stamina. By this we mean: (1) Good moral character; (2) moral courage to do the right in the face of opposition and temptations. This also implies religion or that something that re-establishes man with his God, and makes him walk in the way that God has marked out for him.

Men do not fail in life because they are born to fail, but they run counter to God's plans, and hence become shipwrecked upon life's stormy sea. The Scriptures say: "There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof is death." Christ says: "I am the life, the truth, and the way." "Seek ye, first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all things shall be added unto thee."

But, after all, it is moral strength, along with mind strength, that is needed.

Our young people have mind power. Every year scores of young men and women come from the college walls. They have equipped themselves in every department of knowledge, science, philosophy, mathematics, and art.

It is no longer a question of preparation on the part of the Negro. The Negro is fitted for any

position in life. What the race needs is a fair chance. Justice and equity at law and equality in the industrial pursuits.

But, it has been claimed, and I fear justly so, that the moral fibres of our young people are weak. They have not the courage to say "no" when moral issues are at stake. Many of our men are afraid to speak against the liquor traffic and gambling dens of our cities. And it is also to be regretted that many of our ministers of the Gospel are afraid to preach or speak against the popular (or so called) amusements and can-rushing, beer-drinking, parlor dancing, card-playing, club houses and dancing academies. These things are against us, and should be condemned by press and pulpit. We need more moral stamina to speak against wrong. Many of our young men and women who might be bright stars in our sky, are in the slums of our great cities. Many are leading lives of dissipation. Why is all this? Is it because these young people have not been taught the right way? Nay, they have not the moral courage to withstand temptations. Many a young woman has yielded to the monster of immorality when she knew it was wrong. Mother told her so, father told her so, friends told her so, and her conscience told her so; but she had not the moral courage to withstand. This is also true of young men who lead lives of dissipation.

But shall we despair? No, never! We have some strong young people, with pure character, high ideals and moral courage. Let them organize, devise plans and means to save these unfortunate ones. To this end we feel that the Young People's Congress in Atlanta, Ga., was the child of Providence.

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Life of Faith

The Memory Guild For Learning Best Hymns

BISHOP H. W. WARREN.

RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.

No wonder the guards were affrighted and became as dead when an angel, with face like lightning, rolled away the stone from the sepulchre, and Jesus came forth. Unnamed millions had gone through the gates of death one way, but none had come back of themselves the other way.

But the terror of the guards was the hope and cheer of the world. There is a life so high and persistent that death cannot touch it. We join in the joy of the bounding billows of the hymn. It was written in 1817, the year of the author's ordination. He was a Unitarian minister in Boston and professor in Cambridge Theological School.

THE VOICE OF TRIUMPH.

Lift your glad voices in triumph on high,
For Jesus hath risen, and man shall not die;
Vain were the terrors that gathered around him,
And short the dominion of death and the grave;
He burst from the fetters of darkness that bound him,
Resplendent in glory, to live and to save:
Loud was the chorus of angels on high,
The Saviour hath risen, and man shall not die.

Glory to God, in full anthems of joy;
The being he gave us death cannot destroy:
Sad were the life we may part with to-morrow,
If tears were our birthright, and death were our end;
But Jesus hath cheered the dark valley of sorrow
And bade us, immortal, to heaven ascend:
Lift, then, your voices in triumph on high,
For Jesus hath risen, and man shall not die.

HENRY WARE (b. 1794, d. 1843).

"Jesus My Brother"

By DAVID M. SPENCER.

How do the Japanese receive our religious ideas? Well, very much as do other sinners. They are quite human. One Sabbath I was leading a love feast service in a nice little country church on this district, and read for the opening of the meeting I John 3:1-11. My thought fas-

tened upon the first and second verses, and I brought out royal relationship, our family nearness to Jesus Christ, and emphasized the fact of His being our elder Brother. A terrible storm was sweeping over the country, and the fields were all flooded, the streams swollen, the streets—you could navigate small boats in some of them.

In the company was one believer who had stripped himself to his waist, bound his lower clothing about his shoulders, and waded for miles in water, sometimes to the waist, in order to reach that love-feast at 9 a. m. Aided by the Spirit, my explanation of the Word seemed to capture his whole being. He moved about on the mat in a manner unusual to a Japanese in such a service. He laughed and wept by turns. His face fairly shone with new light. When I opened the meeting for testimony he immediately spoke somewhat as follows: "I came to this meeting this morning to get something, and I have it. I have read this Bible a good many times, and have listened to many sermons and prayers, but I never knew before that Jesus was what He is. I called Him my Savior, and I loved Him for that; but I never before understood that Jesus is my ani san (a term which means "elder brother," full of reverence and love). I've got a new hope. This is great joy—Jesus my brother!"—*World-Wide Missions*.

You Will Never Be Sorry

For putting the best possible construction upon the doings of others.

For the dollars you have given to mission work.

For promptness in keeping your promises.

For being patient with cranky neighbors.

For giving an unfortunate fellow a lift.

For sympathizing with the oppressed.

For being square in business deals.

For being generous with an enemy.

For the influence of high motives.

For being as courteous as a duke.

For bridling a slanderous tongue.

For asking pardon when in error.

For stopping your ears to gossip.

For standing by your principles.

For being loyal to the preacher.

For discounting the tale-bearer.

For harboring clean thoughts.

For thinking before speaking.

For being candid and frank.

For living a white life.—*Epworth Herald*.

How Stanley Found God in Africa

Generally we send Americans to convert the natives of Africa, but the following letter by the most world-renowned explorer of the present day, Henry M. Stanley, will show how God caused the trials and misfortunes of an American in Africa to bring this intrepid discoverer to realize that the Bible is true, and that God always answers prayer.

In writing an account to Emin Pasha relief expeditions, Stanley said:

"You, who throughout your long and varied life have steadfastly believed in the Christian's God, and before men have professed your devout thankfulness for many mercies vouchsafed to you, will better understand, than many others, the feelings which animate me when I find myself back in civilization, uninjured in life or health, after passing through so many stormy and distressed periods.

"Constrained at the darkest hour to humbly confess that without God's help I was helpless, I vowed a vow in the forest solitudes that I would confess His aid before men. Silence, as

of death, was round about me; it was midnight. I was weakened by illness, prostrated by fatigue, and wan with anxiety for my white and black companions, whose fate was a mystery.

"In this physical and mental distress I besought God to give me back my people. Nine hours later we were exulting with a rapturous joy. In full view of all was the crimson flag with the crescent, and beneath its waving folds was the long-lost rear column."

In another instance he says:

"Each officer has economized his rations of bananas. Two were the utmost that I could spare for myself. My comrades also were as rigidly strict and close in their diet, and a cup of sugarless tea closed the repast. We were sitting conversing about our prospects, discussing the probability of our couriers reaching some settlement on this day, or the next, and the time it would take them to return, and they desired to know whether in my previous African experience I had encountered anything so grievous as this. 'No, not quite as bad as this,' I replied. 'We suffered, but not to such an extremity as this. Those nine days on the way into Iturru were wretched. On our flight from Bumbire we certainly suffered much hunger, and also while floating down the Kongo to trace its course our condition was much to be pitied. We have had a little of something, and at least large hopes, and they die, where are we? The age of miracles is past, it is said, but why should they be? Moses drew water from the rock at Horeb for the thirsty Israelites. Of water we have enough and to spare. Elijah was fed by ravens at the brook Cherith, but there is not a raven in all this forest. Christ was ministered unto by angels. I wonder whether any one will minister unto us?'"

"Just then there was a sound as of a large bird whirring through the air. Little Randy, my fox-terrier, lited up a foot, and gazed inquiringly; we turned our heads to see, and that second the bird dropped beneath the jaws of Randy, who snapped at the prize and held it fast as in a vise of iron.

"'There, boys,' I said, 'truly the age of miracles is not past,' and my comrades were seen gazing in delighted surprise at the bird, which was a fine fat guinea-fowl. It was not long before the guinea-fowl was divided, and Randy, its captor, had his lawful share; and the little doggie seemed to know that he had grown in esteem with all men, and we enjoyed our prize each with his own feelings."—*Scribner's Magazine*.

Woman's Dominion

Secret of Baked Beans

PLENTY OF FAT PORK THE POINT TO REMEMBER, SAYS AN EXPERT.

"Being cooked in a bean hole doesn't have anything to do with the fine quality of the baked beans you get in the woods," said Frank Brown, the veteran camp cook of the Maine forests. "Anybody can have just as nice baked beans as he can find in the camps if he will take the pains to cook them the way we do it.

"The real soul of baked beans is fat, salt pork and plenty of it. I've tried beans that were baked in butter and in cotton seed oil, and both will keep a hungry man from starving, but I'm real glad that my religion will let me eat pork fat.

"Plenty of pork and plenty of time in the cooking will make any kind of beans fit to eat. Make ready a big iron pot with an iron cover that fits close, and fill the pot half way up with strips

of raw salt pork, taking care that no lean strips get in and throwing away all the bones.

"Then wash the beans and let them soak in water until their coats begin to wrinkle. When they are showing signs of swelling pour them in the pot on top of the fat pork, drop in a peeled onion, a gill of mustard seed and a pint of black molasses, and solder on the lid with cement or wet clay.

"After this put the pot in a slow oven or in the ground among hardwood coals, and don't go near it again for two days and two nights. You hear the women tell about filling up the bean pot with warm water now and then so the beans won't stick to the sides. That's all rot.

"When there is pork fat enough inside the pot, there's no need of filling up with anything. The water is what spoils the cooking.

"After baking for forty-eight hours the bean pot should be removed from the fire and carried to the table and the beans poured directly from the pot to plates of those who are to do the eating. If you try to dip the beans out with a spoon you are sure to mash them, and mashed beans are about the worst things you can eat.

"When cooked as I have described, the beans should be thoroughly saturated with fat and as red as live coals. They will skate clear across a plate when dumped from the pot, and when you pour some molasses over them and eat them with hot cream of tartar biscuit and strong tea, they will stand by you longer than all your friends and most of your relatives.

"Anybody can have them, too, if he will take the pains to cook them right."—*New York Sun*.

Destroying Insects

Bits of raw cotton or wadding saturated with the oil of pennyroyal, and placed in corners, on closet shelves and in boxes or drawers, will drive away several kinds of objectionable insects, cockroaches, ants, etc. Placed in a saucer in the windows it will help drive away flies. I have been told that it does so completely. Saturated pads of the pennyroyal placed between the mattress and around the bed will drive away the plague not given in the list of those with which Egypt was scourged for her sins. For this dreadful pest another excellent preventive and cure is an application to infested places of equal parts of kerosene and spirits of turpentine. Put the solution in the joints and cracks of the bed, about the surbase and in any other places where the insects have found lodgment, and fill all cracks with hard soap that can be so treated. This is an old-fashioned and reliable remedy.—*March Woman's Home Companion*.

Healthful Sleep for Children

BY JANE H. WILKINS.

A very important portion of the life of children is the time given to sleep. During the period of growth the constructive operations of the body continue active, by night as well as by day. Therefore all the influence surrounding children, even more than grown people, at night should be healthful.

As far as possible, children should have separate beds, even if two are in the same room. The sleep will be sounder and more refreshing, consequently more conducive to health. A common and most mistaken habit is to allow young children to sleep with aged people. During the nutritive regeneration of the tissues, which takes place in sleep, a child would be a heavy loser if lying close to a person of declining years.

Impure air also tells much more quickly upon

a child than a grown person. A lack of proper ventilation through the night in the sleeping room may explain why many a child goes to bed laughing and good-natured and wakes up in the morning dull and ill-tempered.—*The Ledger Monthly*.

New Ideas for Collars

Every woman knows that much depends upon the collar of her shirt-waist. That is why the smart girl is always bothering her pretty head to think up new ideas in stocks. Among the novelties which she has designed is a plain stock of linen slashed here and there all the way around. Through these slashes narrow black velvet ribbon is threaded, tying in a little knot just below the stock in front. The ribbon must be of sufficient length to have two long ends, for they display part of the charm of the collar. Clover-shaped little pieces of white linen with their edges embroidered in black silk are made with a hole in the center, so that they may be strung on these velvet ends of the tie. The narrow embroidered turn-over collar gives the finishing touch to the stock, which is embroidered to match whatever color velvet ribbon is used.—*March Woman's Home Companion*.

How to Cook a Husband

The Dodge Publishing Company, New York, announces new paper editions (50 cents) of Elizabeth Strong Worthington's books, "How to Cook Husbands" and "The Gentle Art of Cooking Wives." The following extracts are taken from "How to Cook Husbands."

"Some women keep their husbands constantly in hot water. Others let them freeze by their carelessness and indifference. Some keep them in a stew by irritating ways and words. Others roast them. Some keep them in pickle all their lives." "Now, it is not to be supposed that husbands will be good managed in this way; turnips wouldn't, onions wouldn't, cabbage heads wouldn't and husbands won't. But they are really delicious when properly treated."

"It is better to have none unless you patiently learn to cook him. A preserving kettle of the finest porcelain is the best, but if you have nothing but an earthenware pipkin, it will do with care."

"Tie him in the kettle with a strong cord called Comfort, as the kind called Duty is apt to be weak. They sometimes fly out of the kettle and become burned and crusty on the edges, since, like crabs and oysters, you have to cook them alive."

Stewed Salt Codfish

Cover one cupful of picked codfish with cold water; let it soak two hours; pare and cut into dice two potatoes; put them in a stewpan; cover with boiling water and boil until tender; then drain and add three cupfuls of milk, half a cup of bread crumbs and two level tablespoonfuls of butter; drain and scald the codfish; drain again and add it to the potatoes; let boil up once; add pepper and salt and serve hot.

Young Friends

Jack and His Bean Stalk, or the Decrease of Illiteracy in the South

If Jack climbs his bean stalk at the rate of a mile a day and the bean stalk grows at the rate of a mile and a quarter a day, when will Jack reach the top of his bean stalk? Plainly, only after he has begun to climb faster than the bean stalk grows.

If in thirty years the number of illiterate white voters in a state has increased 21,363, at the same

rate when will there cease to be illiterate white voters in that state? Plainly, only when—they are disfranchised. But when will there cease to be native white males of voting age who cannot read and write? Certainly, not until better schools are provided and lazy and indifferent parents are required to send their children to them.

It is probably not generally known that in every southern state there has been in the last thirty years an increase in the number of white males twenty years old and over who can neither read nor write. Yet it is true; and it is furthermore true that in no state south of the Ohio and Potomac has there been a decrease in the number of illiterates of this class in any decade since 1870. On the contrary, there has been an increase in illiterates of this class in every state in each of these three decades.

In 1900 there were in Virginia 8,847 more illiterate white men 21 years old and over than in 1870; in West Virginia 11,351 more; in North Carolina 21,363 more; in South Carolina 3,375 more; in Georgia 10,559 more; in Florida 2,682 more; in Kentucky 21,991 more; in Tennessee 14,705 more; in Alabama 14,185 more; in Mississippi 2,936 more; in Louisiana 19,991 more; in Texas 34,285 more; in Arkansas 9,913 more. In 1890 there were in all these states 175,843 more illiterate white men than in 1870. At this rate, when will there cease to be a large number of illiterate native white voters in these good states? This is a matter for the earnest consideration of every legislator and every good citizen in all these states, and the problem of Jack and his bean stalk suggests the remedy.—*Southwestern Educational Notes*.

Days of Jeremiah

(Continued.)

CHAPTER II.

By MISS INEZ A. GODMAN.

Again our little friend runs through the streets of Jerusalem, but he is larger now. Nearly two years have passed and Jeremiah has lived with his parents at (Jer. 1:1) Anathoth, and seen nothing of his king. It was such a little way to Jerusalem and he did long to go, but very seldom would his father consent, and then for only a few hours at a time.

Now he was to stay with his aunt for a month, and the first chance that occurred he ran swiftly to that same friendly bough and swung himself up the wall. Alas, there was a guard who promptly upset the young climber, and he found himself in the street again. This was discouraging, but he was not disheartened. Day after day he watched his opportunity, and at last found a time when the young king himself was in the garden. Jeremiah bravely swung himself up to the old place and sung softly the old call. Josiah was surrounded by friends and courtiers, but he turned at once and ran towards his old friend.

"Oh, Jeremiah, where have you been all this time? I have so longed to see you." He reached up his hands in the old childish fashion, and Jeremiah took them but dared not lift him up; the guards were too near.

"I have been trying to see you for two weeks, Josiah, but the guards drive me back." The little king smiled sadly. "The guards are always with me now, Jeremiah. I am so tired of being king."

"Never mind, Josiah, it will be better by and by." The little boy shook his head. "It will never be any better. One can't stop being king when one likes. The only way to get out of being king is to die."

"But you must not want to die, Josiah. The people are hoping so much from you. Father prays to Jehovah every day for you, that you may be a righteous king."

Josiah's lips quivered. "They won't let me do the things I want to, but when I get big I will do them." He saw the guard coming up and turned away. "Good-by, Jeremiah. Tell your father to bring you to the palace to see me."

This Jeremiah begged his father to do, but met with a firm refusal. "There are many meshes of trouble in kings' palaces, my son. You are better off at home."

Jeremiah was disappointed but resolved to try his tree again. Here was another disappointment, for he found that the tree had been cut down. Evidently it was not intended that the king should have unauthorized visitors. He walked away gloomily, and soon after returned to his home.

The next five years were busy ones. Jeremiah had duties with the cattle and in the vineyard. Learning the Hebrew language was no easy task, and penmanship in those days was an art that took long to be mastered. Seldom did the lad go to Jerusalem and never saw the king.

Hilkiah was growing old and his health began to fail, yet he longed to be in the Temple, so he concluded to move to Jerusalem. This brought Jeremiah within reach of the palace, and he determined to see his king once more.

One morning as he walked by the garden wall considering how he might best gain entrance, he saw that his tree had grown again. The branches that hung over were small, but Jeremiah was a lithe, active young man and needed only a slight support to help him up. In a moment he was on the wall and gazing straight into Josiah's eyes. For the young king stood beneath the tree and looked up at the noise overhead.

There was no one else in sight, and when Josiah reached out his arms as of old, Jeremiah threw prudence to the winds and, springing down, wrapped his old playfellow in his arms. I think both lads had moist cheeks, when Jeremiah drew back and gazed about anxiously, his prudence returning. Josiah laughed. "You need not fear the guards. They are there, but will not trouble us. I take some authority to myself these days."

"So you like it better being king?"

A shadow passed over Josiah's face. "There are pleasanter lines than a king's life," he said, "but I am making the best of it that I can, and if one is old enough to be married, he certainly is old enough to have some little authority?"

"Are you married?" questioned Jeremiah. "Are you not very young?"

"They insisted," replied the king, "and I am willing enough."

"May I know who?"

"Oh, I think so; everyone will know soon. Zebudah, the daughter of Pediah, of Rumah."

"I hope she will make you a good wife," said Jeremiah bashfully.

"That remains to be seen; but, Jeremiah, I want to talk with you about other things. I am going to be king now on my own responsibility, and (II Chron. 34:3) I have determined to seek the Lord with all my heart." He spoke with great solemnity and raised his face to heaven. Jeremiah was much touched and could only reply by laying his hand softly on the young king's shoulder. "I was praying over the matter just now," continued Josiah, "and it seemed as if Jehovah sent you in

the midst of my prayer. I want you to help me, Jeremiah."

"How can I?"

"Oh, in so much. You can read and must know a great deal of law; then your father has told you many good things."

"True," said Jeremiah, thoughtfully, "but I fear I have been neglectful and inattentive. Why do you not learn to read yourself, Josiah?"

"I have spoken of it, but there seems to be a general opinion that a king should have a scribe to serve him, just as he has a cook."

"I don't agree with that," said Jeremiah.

"Nor I, and I intend to read for myself. Meanwhile do you come to me often and tell me all you can."

"You had better have my father; he can help you more than I."

"No," said Josiah firmly, "I have enough of priests and scribes and captains and servants." He turned and faced his friend. "I want you, Jeremiah."

And Jeremiah looked straight into his eyes, saying:

"I will come."

(To be Continued.)

Educational

South—Both Must Be Educated

Two races live and work side by side on the soil of these states. In industrial and civil life they are inseparably united; in social life influencing each other at every point, but forever divided. "In all things purely social * * * separate as the fingers, yet one as the hand in all things essential to mutual progress." Both these races must be fully and freely educated, each race and each individual according to native ability and demands of life. The only solution of what we call "the race problem" is the right education of all individuals of both races. One-third of the people are black. This third must do one-third of the work and produce one-third of the wealth, or it must be a burden to the other two-thirds, bringing down by so much the total production and the total wealth. It must represent one-third of the moral virtue and civic strength, or it must be a menace and constant source of weakness. We must also remember that light is sweet to the black child as well as to the white child, and that

"Without light, all life is sad."

—Southern Educational Notes.

Dr. Bowen at Little Rock

The citizens of Little Rock were highly pleased at the presence of Rev. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, of Gammon Theological Seminary. He reached the city on Sunday afternoon, March 1, and preached at Wesley Chapel on Sunday night to a crowded house. On Monday morning, March 2, in company with Dr. J. M. Cox, he visited the Arkansas Baptist College and addressed the faculty and students of that institution to the gratification of all. At 11 o'clock same day he addressed the students and faculty of our own Philander Smith College. The climax of his visit was reached on Monday night at 8 o'clock, when he lectured at the college chapel, which was crowded to its utmost capacity. Several white citizens were present on invitation of Mrs. H. M. NaSmyth. The lecture has no place in a mere synopsis, for such would do injustice to the speaker. Suffice it to say, however, the great audience hung upon the inspiring words of this faithful servant of the church for two hours. The lecture inspired

hope within the breasts of our people at this time of excitement upon the race question. Long live our great men!

J. H. REED.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.-C. Conference

Bishop Moore's Chinese Cash

Bishop D. D. Moore, while in this country, has sold several hundred old Chinese copper cash for \$1 each. The cash were dug up in grading the grounds of the William Nast College at Kiukiang. By experts who have examined the coins they are said to be 1,200 years old. The money given is applied toward a fund for a new dormitory for William Nast College. A few of the cash are in the hands of Dr. Homer Eaton, Treasurer of the Missionary Society, 150 Fifth avenue, New York, and can be had at \$1 each by addressing him.

Missionary Map of the World

The large missionary map of the world published by the Missionary Society deserves a further notice in these columns. It is printed on strong muslin and makes a most striking wall decoration for a Sunday school or prayer meeting room. Pastors who desire to promote a vital missionary prayer life among their people can do nothing better than to hang this map where the people can see it from week to week. Prayer for missions and conversations about missions will be far more definite and to the point if the people have some clear conception of the physical outlines of the continents where the races of men live, and some definite ideas as to the prevailing religions. The map can be had, express paid, for \$3, in every case the cash to be in advance.

The Census of India

The summaries of the census of India taken last year have now been received, from which it appears that the total population is 294,362,676. This is an increase of a little over 7,000,000 since the census of 1891, when the population was 287,223,431. The smallness of the increase within the decade is doubtless to be accounted for by the ravages of the bubonic plague and the famine. But the census reveals some interesting facts in reference to the Christian population. The *Dnyanodaya*, of Bombay, has collated some of the figures, showing that the Protestant Christians now number 1,148,259; the Roman Catholics, 1,202,039; and the Eastern church 573,050. This makes a total Christian population of 2,923,348. In 1891, the census returns reported 556,661 Protestant Christians, while, including the Roman Catholic and Eastern churches, there were 2,159,781 bearing the Christian name. This shows that Protestant Christian adherents have more than doubled within the last decade, while the total number enumerated as Christians have increased 28 per cent. These are certainly encouraging figures, but, encouraging as they are, they by no means indicate the full measure of advance which the Christian religion has made among the Hindus. No statistics can measure the leavening forces of Christianity which are now at work within the Indian empire.—*The Missionary Herald*.

A Great Religious Revival in Australia

Australia has been looked upon by many persons as the land of wild and reckless living. But a change has come over it within recent years. Melbourne, especially, has lately been the scene of a noteworthy revival. In a great simultaneous "mission" no less than 214 churches took part.

It was preceded by a far-reaching league, in which some 15,000 persons participated. The missionaries numbered fifty, and the services were held, not in the ordinary churches, but in town halls or tents. Denominationalism was lost sight of, for the time being, and all Protestants gave themselves, heart and soul, with the utmost unity and fullest co-operation, to the common work of soul-saving.

The popular response was spontaneous and cordial. No building appeared to be large enough to hold the crowding audience which assembled to hear the Word of Life. Even the exhibition building, an immense structure, was so filled at times, while crowds gathered about it, that it seemed, it is said, like "a besieged building." The theatres lost their fascination for many, and the Christian service evinced the greater drawing power.

One writing of the depth and extent of the gracious work maintains that it established, as never before, "how deep and strong is the religious instinct in the Australian character," and "how overwhelming is its response to any adequate appeal." Several facts are mentioned in support of this declaration. Australia has, "proportionately, more churches than any other country, the number being 6,013, or 210 to every 100,000. England has 144 churches to every 100,000. Russia only 55 to the same number."—*Presbyterian*.

Protestantism in France

Intellectually the Protestants of France seem to be wide awake. Here are a people numbering only one-sixtieth of the population of France; yet they have obtained such prominence in both the intellectual and political leadership of the country as to demonstrate the superiority of Protestant over Catholic training. For it is to be noted that during the last seventeen years in the annual examinations for admission to the great Polytechnic College, where military engineers and staff officers are trained, the seventeen boys who successively won the highest place were all Protestants.

But the most striking evidence of Protestant prominence comes from a Catholic pen. It appeared, a few days ago, in the ultra-montane *Croix*, whose editor says: "This audacious minority, a mere one-sixtieth, is now dominant in the land of Charlemagne and St. Louis; there are Protestants everywhere in all the branches of government, in the Cabinet, in the highest law courts, in the chief university offices. One recently became President of the Senate; another was close upon becoming President of the Republic itself." Is not this a case of *post hoc, propter hoc*—of cause and effect? It certainly has a look that way.—*Christian Work and Evangelist*.

Rome's Yoke Too Heavy in Austria.

The journal of the Austrian Evangelical Church, the organ of the "Los von Rom" movement, states that the number of conversions to the Evangelical Church in 1901 was more than 6,000, while in the previous year it was 4,516. During the four years in which this movement has been going on, the number of converts in Austria alone, without taking into account the similar movement in Hungary, has amounted to more than 21,000. In 1901, thirty-eight Evangelical churches and stations were founded, thirteen of which were in Lower Austria, Styria, Carinthia and the Tyrol, provinces which have hitherto been known as the citadels of Catholicism.—*Missionary Review of the World*.

To the People of Louisiana

We, the Press Committee of the Shreveport Anti-Saloon League, acting by instructions of that body, issue the following address to the people of our State:

Whereas, the legalized liquor traffic and the evils associated therewith have grown to such alarming proportions as to threaten the stability of society and the very foundations of our government, constituting the one dark cloud which hangs menacingly over every home, spreading far and wide the deadly vices of intemperance, gambling and impurity; resulting as they do in four-fifths of all the crime, poverty and sorrow among our people, who otherwise would be prosperous and happy.

And, whereas these evils so destructive of manhood and womanhood, so corrupting to the administration of public affairs, and so prolific as sources of misery, find their chief strength and protection in the open, legalized saloon; which, from its entrenched position behind the strong arm of the law, breeds lawlessness, propagates immorality, and results in the deepest shame and dishonor. And, whereas many otherwise good citizens have mistaken this legal privilege as the moral right to engage in this awful business for revenue only; and, whereas our silence in not protesting against the iniquity of a traffic, of which our government is a partner, has given us complicity in all of its terrible fruits; and, whereas we believe the time is now ripe for a forward, aggressive, organized move against this licensed evil; therefore we appeal to the good people all over the State, of every class, creed and party, to meet at once and unite in organizing Anti-Saloon Leagues in their respective communities, to the end that they may not only clear their own consciences of guilt, but by ceaseless agitation may drive the saloon evil from their midst.

Though the habitual drunkard may not be saved from a drunkard's grave, yet by outlawing this lawless business and by taking away the dignity and respectability it derives from its legal right to exist, the young men may be largely shielded from the temptation daily before their eyes in the omnipresent bar-room. But only by wide spread local organization, centralizing in a State League, can we hope to make headway against this deeply rooted evil. Therefore all ministers of the gospel and our whole Christian and moral citizenship, both men and women, should stand together in this movement to abolish the most wicked environments that ever cursed a free people.

In sending forth this appeal from the Shreveport Anti-Saloon League we are reminded that the campaign against the lottery, which resulted in driving it from our State, began in North Louisiana. May this serve as a prophecy of final victory in beginning this State-wide crusade against a legalized evil which has despoiled more homes, and broken more hearts, and wrecked more lives, and damned more souls than all other causes combined.

All interested parties are urged to write at once to A. S. Lutz, 1548 Southern Avenue, Shreveport, La., for full instructions relative to organizing Anti-Saloon Leagues in their respective communities.

CLAUDE L. JONES,
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Committee.

Epworth League

March 29.

Missionary Meeting—Heroes of America—Livingstone, Cox, Mackay, Good

Monday—The command as found in Matthew. Matthew 28:4-20.

Tuesday—The command as Mark gives it. Mark 16:14-20.

Wednesday—In Luke's Gospel. Luke 24:47-47.

Thursday—The command as found in the Acts of the Apostles. Acts 1:8-9.

Friday—How can they believe who have not heard? Rom. 10:13-15.

Saturday—Paul's commission. Acts 26:16-18.

The Master's vision was a part of his bequest to his Church; and that vision embraced the whole world. The Christian Church is more and more getting to live with the world on its heart. And so it must live if it would be loyal to its Master. But not only heart, but head and hands, must be enlisted, for the Master crystallized his vision into a command, "Go to the world." A part of the wealth of the Church is its memory of the men and women who have given their lives in obedience to this command. It has become to them a mighty pulsing watchword, and amid dangers and sacrifices and sufferings they went forth in the war of conquest. Mighty heroes! Our lives are richer for them. We are glad to remember them, and glad to do them honor.

A part of the great field of warfare made sacred forever by the deeds of valor, of fighting unto death of God's warriors, is the continent of Africa. This year the young people of the Epworth League have the opportunity, by following the pages of Mr. Taylor's book, "The Price of Africa," to come under the spell of some of the lives which have been offered up that Africa might be redeemed. Every member of the Epworth League who can do so ought to read Mr. Taylor's book. It is written with a freshness which pleases, and it throbs with a zeal for the coming of the kingdom which will push its way into many a reader's heart.

The sturdy Scotch missionary and explorer, David Livingstone, stands out before us, and we see a man whose truthfulness, bravery, and devotion to his Master fairly dazzles us. When we have read of his journeys—and Stanley has pointed out to us that the Scotch traveler marked by his journeyings a cross on the continent of Africa—when we read of his faithfulness, who, to keep his word with some natives, plunged into the depths of the continent, turning away from the ship which would have carried him home, to recross Africa, meeting what perils he knew not; when we read how at last on his knees, alone in the depth of the continent he loved, he met death, how the natives buried his heart in the continent for which he gave his life, we feel that he has sealed Africa for God.

But his was not the only life which throbbed with earnestness for Africa's salvation. Melville B. Cox, the pioneer missionary of our own Church, who spent less than five months in Africa and then met his death, author of the noble words, "Let a thousand fall before Africa be given up," lived in utter devotion to the same Savior whom Livingstone served, and died a messenger to the same Africa.

Alexander Mackay, another of Scotland's noble sons, example of the consecrated versatility that puts all gifts at the Master's service, spending eleven years on the shores of the Victoria Nyanza, pioneer missionary to Uganda, where he toiled,

translator and printer, teacher, controversialist, winner of the hearts of black men, founder of a work which is the marvel of those who knew it—he, too, found a grave in Africa; he, too, was an offering of a fine, able manhood on the altar for Africa's redemption.

Adolphus C. Good, one of Pennsylvania's sons, knew what it was to toil long in Africa, to suffer hard things, to see great results of his work, to come home to America, and with wonderful power to stir the hearts of men as he pleaded for Africa, then to return to its shores, to hear from the ship his native friends praising God for his return, as he came again to them, to go in to work, and at last to find his grave also in Africa.

These of whom Mr. Taylor tells in "The Price of Africa," and many others, have labored and died for that continent. Yes, we are glad to remember them and glad to honor them. But is that all? The same Savior whose command sent them to brave peril and suffering and death still says, "Go to the world."

The Christian privilege, nay, his duty, is still a duty to the world. We have seen how these men obeyed their Master.

With some of us duty is ended, as we send. Some of us He would have to go.

Are we willing to hear his command? Are we willing to obey?

Plan of Episcopal Visitation For 1903

Central Missouri, Sedalia, Mo.—Mar. 11..Hamilton.
Kansas, Holton, Kan.—Mar. 12.....Foss.
Lexington, Chicago, Ill.—Mar. 18.....Merrill.
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 18..Mallalieu.
New Jersey, Asbury Park, N. J.—Mar. 18...Fowler.
Wilmington, Easton, Md.—Mar. 18.....Cranston.
Missouri, Carrollton, Mo.—Mar. 18.....Hamilton.
South Kansas, Fort Scott, Kan.—Mar. 19.....Foss.
Cent. Pennsylvania, Altoona, Pa.—Mar. 25...Merrill.
Virginia, Eagle Rock, Va.—Mar. 25.....Warren.
Delaware, Pocomoke City, Md.—Mar. 25.....Fowler.
Saint Louis, Marshall, Mo.—Mar. 25.....Hamilton.
Southwest Kansas, Sterling, Kan.—Mar. 26.....Foss.
Newark—Apr. 1.....Warren.
New Eng. Southern, Brockton, Mass.—Apr. 1..Fowler.
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.—Apr. 1.....FitzGerald.
New York East—Apr. 1.....Goodsell.
New York—Apr. 1.....McCabe.
Northwest Kansas, Stockton, Kan.—Apr. 2.....Foss.
Okaneb, Guthrie, Okla.—Apr. 2.....Hamilton.
New England, Brookline, Mass.—Apr. 8.....Andrews.
North Indiana, Noblesville, Ind.—Apr. 8.....Walden.
Vermont, Northfield, Vt.—Apr. 9.....Warren.
Washington, Staunton, Va.—Apr. 9.....McCabe.
Troy, Saratoga Springs—Apr. 9.....McCabe.
Maine, Bridgeton, Me.—Apr. 15.....Andrews.
New Hampshire, Woodsville, N. H.—Apr. 15..Warren.
East German, Philadelphia, Pa.—Apr. 16.....Fowler.
Wyoming, Binghamton, N. Y.—Apr. 16.....FitzGerald.
Northern New York, Carthage, N. Y.—Apr. 22..Merrill.
East Maine, Newport, Me.—Apr. 22.....Andrews.
Eastern Swedish, Providence, R. I.—Apr. 23.....FitzGerald.

Porto Rico, San Juan.....Warne.
Bombay, Bombay—Dec. 3, '02.....Thoburn.
South India, Kolar—Dec. 18, '02.....Thoburn.
North India, Lucknow—Jan. 2.....Thoburn.
West China Mission, Chentu—Jan. 7.....Moore.
Northwest India, Muttra—Jan. 14.....Thoburn.
Mexico, Pachuca—Jan. 15.....Cranston.
Bengal, Calcutta—Jan. 21.....Warne.
Burma Mission Conf., Rangoon—Jan. 28.....Thoburn.
Liberia, Cape Palmas—Jan. 28.....Hartsell.
Malaysia, Singapore—Feb. 10.....Warne.
W. S. A. Miss. Conf., Concepcion—Feb. 18.....Joyce.
Central China Miss., Nankin—Mar. 4.....Moore.
South America, Rosario—Mar. 18.....Joyce.
Japan, Nagoya—Apr. 1.....Moore.
S. Japan Miss. Conf., Nagasaki—Apr. 17.....Moore.
Bulgaria Miss. Conf., Loftcha—Apr. 22.....Vincent.
Korea Mission, Seoul—May 1.....Moore.
Italy—May 14.....Vincent.
Switzerland, Neuchatel—June 3.....Vincent.
North China, Pekin—June 3.....Moore.
South Germany, Pforzheim—June 10.....Vincent.
North Germany, Zwickau—June 17.....Vincent.
Denmark Miss. Conf., N. Bornholm—July 29..Vincent.
E. C. Africa M. Conf., Umtali—July 30.....Walden.
Hartsell.
Fin. & St. P'b'g Miss., Tammerfors—Aug. 6.....Vincent.
Sweden, Helsingborg—Aug. 12.....Vincent.
Norway, Horten—Aug. 19.....Vincent.
Hinghua Miss. Conf., Hinghua—Nov. 5.....Moore.
Foochow, Foochow—Nov. 14.....Moore.
W. Cent. Afr. M. Conf., Quessua—Dec. 16.....Walden.
Hartsell.

N. B.—Because of his impaired health, no Conferences have been assigned to Bishop Hurst.

J. N. FITZGERALD, Secretary.

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.

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John Wesley Remembered

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tion in New York has a Methodist assembly at once so numerous and so representative been convened. To name laymen and ministers upon the platform and throughout the house would be the rehearsal of large achievements in the commercial and industrial world, and in every great department of the church's activity. In too large a degree unfamiliar with one another to be themselves impressed, it may be by the meaning of their common presence with intense interest in the central theme of the evening, to one whose thoughts could combine them into one coherent group, the unused and unseen forces of the church were revealed. In a half-dozen boxes on one side were so many millions of money that the one million for which New York Methodism is struggling seems a bagatelle.

The leadership of the church was there in the persons of Bishops Andrews, Foss and Fowler. The executive heads of the Book Concern, the Missionary Society, the Board of Education, the Sunday School Union and Tract Society, the Woman's Foreign and the Woman's Home Missionary Societies, the American Bible Society, the presidents of the universities, the faculties of theological seminaries and preparatory schools, the editors of the great church papers, the pastors of important churches, the devoted missionaries who are solving our hardest city problems, the presiding elders of wide districts, the noble women who, in societies, in churches, in parsonages, are supplementing and sweetening the toil of burdened men, the young people who have in brain and heart the church of to-morrow, combined to make a memorable setting for a most significant event.

Yes; the presence of the Chief Magistrate of the United States proved a great magnet for Methodism. Long ago it was planned to ask William McKinley to be the guest on such an occasion. With reverent affection many a heart was softened even amid the plaudits which greeted the President's entrance. But if Mr. Roosevelt is not a Methodist, he understands Methodism and its relation to the vital forces which from the pioneer days have been at work to build the character of a mighty nation. When he entered, escorted by the chairman of the meeting, Mr. Samuel W. Browne, by the president of the Social Union, Mr. J. E. Leaycraft, and the executive secretary of the Commission, Dr. E. S. Tipple, accompanied by the bishops and the speakers, and attended by his immediate friends, Captain Cowles of the Navy, Private Secretary Loeb, Dr. Rixey, and Mr. Latta, the vast audience was upon its feet and with full volume, after long-continued applause, sang the national anthem, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

For the moment the hymn, the profusion of national colors in the decorations, the President standing erect and spirited, the type and embodiment of national feeling, in the vibrant center of the mighty throng, drew from every soul the emotion of patriotism.

Without the slightest suspicion of the patronizing spirit, with broadest appreciation of the spirit and deeds of John Wesley and his followers, with confidence in Methodism as a permanent factor in the development of the American people, it was not difficult to see that to his own strenuous nature, the enterprise, the heroism, the rough integrity and the plain, direct doing of the early Methodists of the frontier made the strongest possible appeal.

It was a notable address. Interrupted repeat-

edly by applause, and in the closest sympathy with the concourse of Methodists, the President of the United States emphasized for the nation and the world the exalted place to which, by sheer force of what he believed, what he did and what he was, John Wesley has been lifted among the great personalities of the race.

To the Methodists throughout the land it is needless to say what they of the metropolis deeply felt, that the addresses of Chancellor Day and Bishop Andrews, which followed that of the President, were worthy of them and the occasion. Dr. Day, who delights in a broad canvas and in portraying "The Gospel of John Wesley," found room for an ample discussion of the epoch, the man, his training, his message, his relation to his age, his influence upon us of to-day and upon the great to-morrow of the church. When Dr. Day's address is read, it will be found an important contribution to the literature of this bi-centennial year.

And equally true is this of the masterful effort of Bishop Andrews, whose vigor of intellect and of body shows no sign whatever of abatement. He is to us, who frequently hear him in the debate of committees, board of management, address and sermon, a perpetual marvel. Affection for him grows fast, but no faster than admiration. Crowded to the difficult end of a long and stimulating evening, he took for his theme, "Then and Now: 1703-1903." He marshaled the facts of the contrast with the mind of a statesman and indicated the trend of the future with the vision of a seer. His address will be a cherished possession of the church for decades to come.

Happy Childhood Days Recalled

When the bill requiring separate railway and street cars for white and colored passengers came up on its final passage in the legislature of Missouri a number of petitions both for and against it were presented. Among those who opposed the passage of the measure was Dr. J. W. McClure, of Sedalia, Mo., who sent a letter to his representative, from which the following is an excerpt: "In my judgment, the members of the Missouri legislature would be more humanely engaged were they trying to do something that might in some measure expiate the terrible crime of slavery for which they and their ancestry were guilty as hell. For 250 long years the poor Negro was their back log in the winter and shade tree in the summer, and now to enact any law that would further wound their hearts and bring humiliation upon them is something so unkind that if I was in your place I would suffer myself paralyzed from the top of my head to the soles of my feet before I would do it. Sweetest memories of my lifetime, Mr. Bothwell, carry me back to childhood days when, with little Negro playmates, I joined in innocent plays.

"I will not forget them, no matter what others say, For they loved me when we were little, and I hope they do to-day. Never shall I forget them, unless my memory fails, For we all played together in our little shirt tails.

"Vote against the bill and serve your God, your country and humanity."

It is thought by some that Dr. McClure's letter influenced some of the democratic friends to vote against the bill, or to do as others did, withdraw from the hall. At any rate it was defeated.

Epworth League Program for March 29

Epworth League chapters desiring to use the special missionary program which has been prepared by our Young People's Department should write to Mr. S. Earl Taylor, 150 Fifth avenue, New York. Sample copies will be sent on application.

A New Church Proposed

The editor of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE had the pleasure of spending Sunday, March 8th, with Union Memorial M. E. Church, St. Louis, Mo., Rev. Dr. R. E. Gillum, pastor. This church is the result of uniting Wash Street and Elliott Avenue churches, and if the present success attained is a fair indication of what the future of the society is to be, the wisdom of the union will be fully verified. It has had the effect of cheering and inspiring the people to such an extent that their confidence in their own ability to do—to bring things to pass—is greatly increased. They are encouraged and are not only gathering a large membership but are preparing to erect a great house of worship. When the present pastor took charge of the church three years ago there were 412 full members and 7 probationers; now there are 843 full members and 139 probationers. The old Wash Street Church property was sold for \$10,000; of this \$2,000 was used to clear the Elliott Avenue property of debt and the remainder deposited in bank to begin the erection of a new building on the Elliott avenue site. As soon as the cold weather is over, the trustees will provide a tent to worship in and the present building will be torn down. The new edifice will cost from \$25,000 to \$30,000, and it is to be modern in all its appointments.

We had the pleasure of attending the quarterly conference, presided over by Rev. C. M. Keaton, and enjoyed the session no little. Our pastors who have members moving to St. Louis should take occasion to call their attention to our church and notify Dr. Gillum where they may be found. There is no doubt that large numbers will be going there from now on, on account of the Exposition for which such extensive preparations are being made.

Boylan Home Settlement

While in Jacksonville, Florida, a few weeks since, through the courtesy of the ladies of Boylan Home, we had the privilege of visiting a community, a little way out of the city, in which special effort is being made to train and elevate the people. The work is being conducted by Miss A. R. Ingraham and Miss Hattie L. Townsend and was begun Oct. 1, 1901, in a cabin, where they gathered about them 30 pupils. The enrollment for the present session is 54. As the interest in the work increased, it became evident that larger quarters would be necessary, so they began praying for a building. The first donation for the purpose was \$600, which came through Mrs. S. M. Y. Whetstone; since then other friends have contributed \$1,051. The building is completed. It is called "Ingraham Faith Cottage," and a sign bearing that name is over the front door. The work is connected with the Boylan Home and hence is called the Boylan Home Settlement. In their work the ladies have touched ninety families, whom they visit from time to time and make suggestions as to proper care of their homes, their children, etc. In addition to their school-room work, a Bible class has been organized, in which there have been, from time to time, more than twenty local preachers.

Those who are familiar with the conditions that prevail in many of the communities near our large cities will be able to appreciate the work accomplished by this movement. We are sure the ladies in charge are doing a work that could be done in no other way, and that will eventually transform this community of rough, untutored country folk into intelligent Christian citizens.

The Missouri legislature has passed a bill making chicken stealing a penitentiary offense.

Personal and General

President Roosevelt's tour of the West and Northwest begins April 1.

Bishops Warren, McCabe and Hamilton are kept busy dedicating churches.

The mother of Jacob A. Reis died at her home in Ribe, Denmark, Feb. 22.

Rev. J. W. Robinson, secretary of the Epworth League of India, is in this country.

The editor, Dr. I. B. Scott, is attending the Lexington Conference, which is now in session in Chicago, Ill.

The King of Sweden and Norway presented the Swedish Seminary in Evanston, Ill., a copy of his printed works.

Rev. C. D. Crockett desires all friends to address him at Handsville, La. He was in the city a few hours this week.

Prof. Joseph A. Reddix, of Darrowville, La., has been appointed principal of the public school at Napoleonville, this state.

Dr. M. W. Dogan, president of Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., recently made a pleasant and profitable visit to Galveston.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Crawford, President of Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., has returned with his family from a recent trip to Europe.

A copy of minutes of the West Texas Conference reached the office this week, for which we thank the secretary, Rev. Andrew Foster.

Miss Jessie Fortune, the brilliant daughter of Editor Thomas T. Fortune, is a teacher in Public School No. 31 in New York City. Her pupils are all white.

The city of Jerusalem is to be reproduced at the St. Louis World's Fair. It will cover twelve acres and will be inhabited by 500 natives of the real Jerusalem.

Dr. P. W. Watts, a graduate of the Pharmaceutical Department of Flint Medical College, this city, is now connected with the Gray Pharmacy Company, in Beaumont, Tex.

We learn through the father of Sister Rachel Sutton that she is dead. She was a faithful Christian, and our hearts go out in sympathy to the bereaved ones.

The missionary addresses of Rev. P. J. Maveety of Michigan Conference, were highly pleasing to the people of Ohio, who were permitted to hear him while he was in their state.

Rev. W. Felix Waters, the assistant business manager, left the city this week for a trip through the East. He will attend the Delaware and Washington conferences.

Mrs. Wm. McKinley, the widow of President McKinley, continues her daily visits to the tomb of her dead husband. Each day she places a bouquet of flowers upon the tomb.

Rev. Prof. Herbert F. Fisk, D. D., LL. D., principal of the Northwestern University Academy, and one of the ablest educators of our church, is ill at his home in Evanston, Ill.

Miss Susan B. Anthony and many other distinguished women are in the city this week to attend the annual convention of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, which meets today.

Dr. Daniel C. Gilman, former president of the Johns Hopkins University, was elected president of the American Bible Society on the 5th inst. He succeeds Judge Enoch L. Faucher, who died three years ago.

The nomination of Rev. Ernest Lyons for Minister Resident and Consul General at Monrovia, Liberia, has been confirmed by the Senate. Rev.

Lyons is a colored minister of the M. E. Church and pastor of a large church in Baltimore, Md.

"Marauders, Miracles, and Men of Mexico" was the subject of a lecture by Bishop J. W. Hamilton, March 10, in Sedalia, Mo. It was delivered in the First Street Church in the interest of George R. Smith College.

Miss Estella E. Hawkins, of Cincinnati, O., whose poetical production has attracted considerable attention, is teaching at George R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo. She is giving perfect satisfaction and enjoys her work.

Rev. Hubbard Daniels, presiding elder of the Shreveport district, Louisiana Conference, was in the city this week to move his family to Shreveport, La. They leave to-day. With them will go the best wishes of a host of friends.

The Missionary Society has recently received a special gift of \$50 from a farmer in the state of Washington, who is cultivating a "missionary potato patch." This gift is the second "yield" the society has had from this patch.

Secretary Shaw, accompanied by his wife and daughter, was in the city the first of the week, but left for Beaumont, Tex., where a reception was tendered him by the business men. The Secretary returns to New Orleans to-morrow.

The assistant editor of *The Christian Advocate*, Dr. S. J. Herben, is supplying the pulpit of a suburban church near Newark, his home. *The Epworth Herald* says Dr. Herben is so popular that the people would like him to continue indefinitely.

Bishop D. H. Moore, who is in charge of the conferences in East Asia, sailed for his field of labor on the 11th inst. He is accompanied by Mrs. Moore, their son Julian, Dr. Homer Eaton and a number of missionaries, who go to work in different foreign fields.

It is announced that Dr. W. F. McDowell, secretary of the Board of Education, will be tendered the presidency of Boston University, the place recently made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Warren. We are confident that it would be difficult to make a better selection.

Attorney F. B. Smith, our rising young lawyer of this city, made a most effective argument before the court on March 10. It was one of the most sensational cases that has been tried of late before the criminal courts of this city. Numerous congratulations were extended Attorney Smith.

Rev. Arthur J. Amery, who entered our Malaysia Mission in 1894 and who, after five years, came to America on furlough, sailed from New York March 10 by steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. After a stay of six weeks in England he expects to rejoin our Malaysia Mission. He is a member of the class of 1903 at Drew Theological Seminary.

Bishop S. M. Merrill, who has been sick for some time in a Chicago hospital with pneumonia, continues to improve, but it is feared he will not be strong enough to preside at the session of the Lexington Conference unassisted. Hence Bishop Walden will be present to do what may be found necessary for him to do. That conference is in session in Chicago this week.

Mrs. Susie J. Lane, the widow of the late Prof. J. I. Lane, A. B., who made such an excellent record as a teacher in Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., where he was employed for a number of years, is living at her home in Sedalia, Mo., and teaching in George R. Smith College. We are sure that she has many friends who will be glad to learn of her whereabouts.

Prof. Shelton French, principal of the City

School of Sedalia, Mo., is a man of culture and ability. The school of which he is in charge has eight rooms and an enrollment of 350 pupils. His teachers seem well prepared for their work, and some of them are exceptionally bright. The professor has an interesting and intelligent family and we were gratified to be entertained in his home.

Prof. A. C. Maclin, A. B., a graduate of Walden University, Nashville, Tenn., is the teacher of mathematics in George R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo. He taught a number of years as principal in the public schools of McMinnville, Tenn., and is still a member of the church in that place. His purpose is to spend his vacation in the state of Tennessee and assist the brethren in the district meetings in their Sunday school and Epworth League work.

Bishop Mallalieu writes in *The Central Christian Advocate* of March 11 on "Our Achievements in Mississippi." Is is a just tribute to the heroic pastors and to Methodism in that state. It ends by describing colored Methodists of our church in the South at large. He says in part: "No better colored people can be found in the South than ours. They always vote for prohibition when they have a chance to vote. They keep the Sabbath; as a rule, they are frugal, industrious, and good citizens."

News Notes

Again the report comes that Pope Leo XIII is very ill.

Much distress is caused in Japan by the failure of the rice crops.

The corner stone of the Galveston sea wall was laid February 23.

Wireless messages are to be sent from the Pacific coast to the Hawaiian Islands soon.

A traveling medical university will be established in Germany for the benefit of country doctors.

The senate met in extraordinary session at noon March 5, in obedience to the president's proclamation.

San Francisco at the present time leads the world in the number of its citizens who are yearly cremated.

Colonel James Henderson Blount, former congressman and diplomat, died at his home, Macon, Ga., March 8.

Andrew Carnegie has decided to give \$100,000 to Western Reserve University for a school to train librarians.

The inventor of the Gatling gun, Richard J. Gatling, who died a few days ago in New York city, was 85 years old.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, a nephew of the poet Emerson, and the last of his family, was recently married to Miss Agnes Jewett.

President Roosevelt has accepted an invitation to go to Denver, Colo., as the guest of the Chamber of Commerce of that city.

The fifth anniversary of the death of Miss Frances Willard was fittingly celebrated by the Central Union Auxiliary of this city.

Of the thirty senators whose terms expired at the close of the last session of congress, thirteen failed to secure re-election, 6 of whom are Republicans and 7 Democrats.

The Mormon missionaries in rural communities in Mississippi are a source of disturbance to the people, who desire to be rid of these Mormon apostles and the effects of their teachings.

A petition signed by citizens of standing and repute, largely presidents and professors of colleges, asking for further and proper inquiry into conditions prevailing in the Philippine Islands, has been presented the Senate by Senator Hoar.

It has been decided by the United States Supreme Court that Admiral Dewey and the officers and men under him in the naval battle of Manila bay are entitled to the prize money. One-half goes to Admiral Dewey and his men and the other half to the navy pension fund.

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Geo. C. Marshall Editor

March is seedtime for the Southern farmer. We hope you have succeeded in getting your soil well pulverized. Seed will germinate and the tender plants grow to greater advantage in soil that is nearest dust.

Many farmers have found the early planting of cotton of great benefit to them in their fight on the boll weevil. Such plants mature a larger quantity of fruit than the later plantings.

We trust all of our farmers will plant large areas of corn, oats and other grain, as well as a plenty of forage this year. The farms depend upon these crops, and a farmer's prosperity can be measured by the attention he pays to his grain and forage.

The price of cotton has reached ten cents just about the time a farmer has none to sell. As it is nearing the season for planting, there will be great temptation for the farmer to cut off some of his corn land and devote it to cotton. We warn you to take care in making this step. Plant what cotton you want, but increase the grain crops.

IS HE UNLEARNED?

We have often been delighted to read the spicy letters our Arkansas farmer friends have written us from time to time. Until they did begin to write, we frankly confess we had no idea there were any progressive farmers in that State. We are now believing that that commonwealth has a large number of intelligent colored men who have made substantial headway in the world. On Feb. 26 we published a communication from Mr. A. M. McAllister of Morrilton, Ark. He told us so many interesting and valuable things, yet we wished he had doubled its length. We would he had told us why he left his Carolina home; how did he manage to pay \$2,000 down on a farm of 111 acres out of its first crop, and also something about the value of his different crops. He says he is practically out of debt, has a modern gin house, a happy home, and a bank account. We like to hear a farmer say he is out of debt, raises all of his corn and cures his own bacon. Indeed, to raise grain and hogs is the way to independence. We would judge from the letter that he has but one child. This seems to be an extraordinarily bright boy of

twelve years. We hope he gives him ample opportunities for schooling. A lad so precocious ought to receive every advantage our schools can afford him, and we would like our friend to tell us more about the making of linen.

Surely, Mr. McAllister is not unlearned. He appears to have succeeded in learning a vast amount about the useful, practical things of life. The two months he spent in school, his observation and his experience, have done for him more than a college course has done for some men. He forgot to tell us about that patient, stirring woman at his side, who has been his constant helper in all he has striven to do. We can not overlook her, for we can see her through all the long, weary years doing her utmost to assist him rise in the world.

We want you dear friend, to write us again. You have so much yet to tell us.

The receipts from the sale of Missouri's surplus poultry and eggs last year were \$17,000 greater than the receipts from the State's surplus crops of corn, wheat, oats, flax, timothy seed, clover seed, millet seed, cane seed, cotton seed, castor beans, tobacco, broom corn, hay and straw. The farmer's wife seems to be the better farmer, after all.

DONATED A \$20,000 FARM.

Denver, Feb. 27.—David Brothers, president of the Colorado Fruit Growers' Association, and one of the best known horticulturists in the west, yesterday donated his fruit farm of thirty-six acres, highly improved, to the Y. M. C. A. of Colorado to be used in connection with the projected sanitarium for consumptives, for which the association has been collecting funds for the past year. A larger number of tents will be erected as domiciles for the patients, who will be permitted to pay for their keeping in work on the farm. The farm is valued at over \$20,000.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

M. Cooper, Florence Charge.—We were assigned to this place by the bishop and presiding elder on the 26th of January. On the 4th of February we made our arrival here. Several met us at the depot and directed us to the parsonage, where we found sisters awaiting to welcome us. They had quite an elaborate supper spread, and everything arranged home-like for our comfort. The people seem to be glad of our presence, and we are working hard to bring things to the front. It has been predicted that we would not be able to obtain any subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN, but I've already been able to send in seven new subscribers; think there'll be more when I have time to see them all. On the 14th and 15th my first quarter was held with Brother A. Davis, presiding elder, in the chair. We had a full conference. The reports speak well for the future. On Sunday the elder preached an able and soul-stirring sermon; administered the Lord's Supper to about 46; paid presiding elder up in full for the quarter. We do heartily thank God for the progress already made, and are looking for a pentecostal shower of blessings on the en-

tire work. We pray that we may be able to report more souls for Christ than ever before in life. Give us your prayers that we through God may achieve the victory.

H. J. Jordan, Pastor, China Grove, Miss.—We are home again, and have started on our third year's mission. My different congregations were overjoyed at my return and they seem to make things more pleasant than ever, especially at the headquarters church. On the night of February 20th, just before I retired, the crowd came to the parsonage with 60 or 70 pounds. After a nice talk and words of instruction by Prof. J. D. Reeves, we lead in prayer, after which all departed in peace. We are expecting to rebuild or renovate both our parsonage and church. Pray for our success. The following are the names that pounded us on the 20th inst.: Margie V. R. Caroline Conerly, Elnora Forten Curry, Prof. J. D. Reeves, recorder; Brothers James Hammond, Jno. Fells, K. C. Conerly, S. Jones, Sisters Myra Hammonds, Ann Fells, E. Finch, Ada Finch, Hellen Conerly, Lulu Jones, Sarah Bacon and Lily Magee, Misses Gussie Conerly, B. Ratliff, Carrie Bador, Mary M. Magee, Messrs. N. W. James D. James, Geo. Carr, I. Carr, Ben Conerly, J. J. Jones and Sherry Jones.

C. G. Gavin, Pastor, Lillian, Miss.—This circuit is still alive. I arrived from the annual conference at Crystal Springs in good faith to enter upon my second year's labor for the Master. My people received me gladly. We have entered upon our work with the intention of doing more this year than we did last. The long talked about parsonage of last year is at this writing very near completion, and we hope to move in by the first quarterly conference, which is the 14th and 15th of March. We have willing workers on this charge. Brothers James Carr, Allen Windan, Dave Bland, Wm. Johnson, Adie Poties, Frank Fulton and others deserve great credit. Brothers James Carr and Allen Windan seem to have a great deal of push and energy respecting the parsonage which is a neat little structure and will suit a family even larger than ours. My experience teaches me more and more that any work is what we make it. Sister Amanda Carr, a faithful class leader and a strong member of St. Paul has shared the pastor's vow made in the annual conference to carry to Hattiesburg 35 subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. She has begun the canvass. Sister Carr is indeed a willing worker and a mighty shelter in the time of a financial storm.

C. W. Ivy, DeKalb, Miss.—I am so gratified with what Dr. Nelson of the Central Alabama Conference said in the SOUTHWESTERN regarding the reading of the Bible. I hope our young preachers will take great pride in reading it daily, so they may be able to benefit their congregations. I have read the four gospels since the conference closed at Crystal Springs. I have been studying the Bible for a long time. I have great taste for reading. Before the civil war I was reading the Bible and newspapers. My owners gave me a good start when a boy and I have kept it up to this day. We are praying for subscribers and a revival.



Mrs. A. B. Clay, Holly Springs, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference was held Feb. 20 and 22, 1903, Dr. N. H. Williams, presiding elder, in the chair. The conference was said to be the best in years. We had a full attendance of the members. The committees on the various departments of church work made good reports. The pastor also reported the work for the beginning of the year in good shape. The committee on estimating pastor's salary put it up to \$560. The Sunday service was beneficial to the church. The presiding elder preached a splendid sermon to a very large congregation after which the sacrament was administered to 126. At night the pastor preached an interesting sermon to a good crowd of anxious listeners. The elder was paid in full \$20. The parsonage committee has refurnished the parsonage, and the pastor and family are in good spirits for a successful year's work.

G. W. Cain, Pastor, Gate City, Va.—Our second quarterly conference convened at Big Stone Gap, Va., Feb. 22 and 23. Our beloved elder, R. A. Swan was in the chair. Amid the stringent times our work was greatly increased. This was seen from the reports, an increase of ten on membership this quarter. Under the watchful care of our elder and the goodness of the Master in two years we have increased the membership from 15 to 96. Sunday was a high day with us. Elder preached three sermons to the delight of all. Raised \$16.11; paid elder \$10; raised all money this quarter, \$45. Thank God we are moving on. We are looking after every department of the church.

Chas. Wofford, Pastor, Merrill Circuit, Tex.—I began in my new field of labor three months ago. I am glad to say the good people here met me with a hearty welcome. On Feb. 21-22 my first quarterly conference convened at Reed's Chapel, the new M. E. Church, with Rev. F. Parker, D. D., presiding. The conference was largely attended by the officers with their reports. On Sunday the presiding elder's lecture and sermons were grand and highly praised by all that heard him. He administered the Lord's supper to a number of happy souls, and the church seemed to take on new life. We raised the presiding elder's salary in full. Raised for all purposes during the quarter \$40. We also have plans on foot to repair the old St. Paul M. E. Church.

Mrs. Bell Mack, Van Buren, Ark.—Mr. and Mrs. Abe Tibbett celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their wedding on the evening of Feb. 21. It was their silver wedding. They were the



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recipients of many presents. Mrs. Rebecca Richardson and Prof. L. D. Wiley stood with the supposed bride and groom. Rev. Geo. T. Saxton made appropriate remarks. The home was beautifully decorated with smilax. The color scheme of the dining room was pink and white. Refreshments were served. Misses Laura Cole and Myrtle Mack furnished music for the evening. The affair was much enjoyed by everyone present. Brother and Sister Tibbitt are members of the M. E. Church. As officers they are true to every duty.

W. F. Smith, Pastor, Gadsden Charge.—On the first Sunday in March we raised \$105 on indebtedness. This church is spiritually and financially alive. We expect to raise every claim, and have laid plans to lift another hundred dollars in the next month. Rev. S. H. Dukes, superintendent of the Sunday school, is working for a successful Easter rally.

J. T. Martin, Pastor, Eutaw, Ala.—I was royally received by the good people of Eutaw. I was hailed with songs, prayers, essays and addresses. Brothers Moses Frisby and Frank Wilbert are the preacher's stewards. They are true and tried Methodists and stand by our Zion. Brother Frisby is the Sunday school superintendent. Under his leadership the Sunday school has increased along all lines. Mrs. Millie Frisby is the teacher of the first Bible class and also the organist for the church. She is a loyal Christian lady and always at her post. Mrs. Mary Henderson, teacher of the second Bible class, is very faithful in the discharge of her duty. The Epworth League, under the presidency of Mrs. Millie Frisby, is being as helpful as possible. Our church is alive, and the entire membership say they are going to support the pastor at all hazards. A few weeks ago we were agreeably surprised. Friends brought eighty pounds of choice groceries to the parsonage.

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They say this is only a foretaste of what things are going to be. I said, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." I raised \$131.96 in 45 days. Rev. G. W. Staples, presiding elder, knows how to make a district go. He is a man in the pulpit, knowing how to handle God's Word to the delight of his hearers. He is a presiding elder in the chair and knows how to touch the hearts of his officers. Our watchword is, For God and humanity, onward, forward march. We have a plan on foot to have all the officers take the SOUTHWESTERN. In this way we will have a goodly number of the members take the paper. By motto is, fifteen subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, \$100 for missions.

W. McNeill, Pastor, Waynesboro, Miss.—The presiding elder, S. A. Cowan, held the first quarterly conference at Mt. Carmel M. E. Church Feb. 18, and a goodly number were present with written reports. Paid the elder \$7 and pastor \$20. In the midst of the first quarterly a great storm came to the parsonage. Brother J. W. Whitaker, a faithful steward, came in with a half barrel of flour, and Brother Josh Melone came with another half barrel of flour on top of that.

T. B. Cooper, Pastor Scott Chinn Chapel, New Orleans, La.—On Feb. 23, 1903, at the home of Miss Virginia Grant, a constant member of Scott Chinn M. E. Church, a reception was given in honor of her pastor and family. It was very pleasant. After songs and speeches refreshments were served. Then a pleasant chat was enjoyed. Many gifts were presented the pastor. A delightful time was enjoyed. On March 1, which was the first Sunday in the month, we had the memorial sermon of Brother Philip Gray, preached by Rev. A. H. Banks, Rev. T. A. Brown and Rev. J. A. Lindsay. Brother Gray was a member of that church for 35 years. He died a consistent Christian on Jan. 29, 1901.

Emiel Bullock, Bullock's Chapel, Miss.—We thank the Lord and bishop for the return of our dear pastor, Rev. H. J. Jordan. He has been here two successive years and is entering upon the third. During the two years past he has accomplished a great work and hopes to do more and better work for the advancement of our souls this year than ever before. We believe that Rev. Jordan is the right man assigned to the right place, where he can do the most work for God. May God bless the China Grove and Tylertown charge and also the entire Brookhaven district.

W. N. Bolton, Pastor, Ruleville, Miss.—I am getting along fairly well on my new appointment. The outlook is promising. I am praying for a great revival this year. This is my first appointment. I desire your prayers that I may be as the text that Bishop W. F. Mallieu preached in the Upper Mississippi Conference at Winona, "Walk and not faint." I shall get as many subscribers as I can. Please notify the people through the SOUTHWESTERN that I am living in Ruleville, Miss., and they may write me there.

Thomas James, Pulaski District, Va.—Our second quarterly conference convened Feb. 21-22. The presiding elder not being present, the chair was filled by Rev. I. M. Weems. The officers had written reports which showed great interest in the church work. Sunday

How long will it take the man to fill the sack if he does not stop the leak? To attempt to nourish the body when the stomach is diseased is like trying to fill the sack with the hole in it. When the stomach and other digestive and nutritive organs are diseased, there is a constant loss of nutrition.

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"Three years ago I was taken sick with what the doctor called nervousness and indigestion," writes Mrs. Warren E. Parker, of Orange Street, Nantucket, Mass. "He gave me medicine for the trouble, but I could not eat even a little toast or oatmeal without suffering severely. In a few months I began to have distressing pains right in the pit of my stomach. I called the doctor again and he said I had catarrh of stomach; gave me medicine but it did not do any good. I lost 25 pounds in three months. I then commenced taking Dr. Pierce's medicines and soon began to feel better. I have taken six bottles of 'Golden Medical Discovery,' two of 'Favorite Prescription' and six vials of Dr. Pierce's Pellets. I have gained ten pounds. Can eat everything."

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Rev. Weems preached a logical and soul-stirring sermon. We paid the elder in full and have raised this quarter, for all purposes, \$120. Thank God, we are still alive. Our Epworth League is going forward. We have interesting meetings every Friday night. We have a discussion every meeting night. Mr. Peter Hoff has furnished our church with lamps.

H. C. Crump, Pastor, Texarkana, Ark.—This place has started into the new year with new zeal. Sunday was a great day, with an unusually large congregation, to greet the new pastor and family with many good things. They made us feel that this proud congregation was in front of any other in Arkansas. On Thursday night a happy band came, led by G. H. Henry, Mrs. Willie Henry, Mrs. Lizzie Jackson, Rev. W. J. Reynolds, Mr. Richards, Mrs. Ferguson, Rev. S. C. Crowley, J. H. Henry, Ellen Kent, Park Hawkins and a host of others. After singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," a few words from Brother G. H. Henry stated why they came. This was responded to by the pastor, after which they unloaded 200 pounds of edibles of every variety. Rev. Wm. Fuller called it a mob, but the pastor and family can always welcome such mobs. God bless these people.

WESLEY'S SERMONS.

LAKE CHARLES, LA.

My Dear Doctor Scott—I wish to say that I have been reading the sermons of Mr. Wesley for years, and they have been of untold good to me. I now wish to help some struggling young man in the ministry by donating these books. Any young minister who has a poor charge and will pledge his word to read these books faithfully, with prayer, may write to me, stating the same. I

shall be glad to send these sermons to him as a gift.

I am, sincerely yours,

S. J. Wood.

139 Boulevard street.

W. E. Blackson, Pastor, Denison, Tex.—Our first quarter was held in our New Haven Chapel M. E. Church February 28 and March 1, Rev. L. H. Richardson, presiding elder, in the chair. Our presiding elder has three very much needed qualities for this great work—firmness, positiveness and kindness, and I'll add patience. If we have those qualities we ought to succeed. Our quarter was very successful and as you well know, this quarter has been somewhat hard, but in spite of everything we raised for all purposes \$108. Our membership is small but our minds are large. For in the last seven months we have built and completed the neatest church in the West Texas Conference, and we can boast of having the second best church in this conference. I am making a thorough canvass each Monday in each week, beginning with the first Monday in March. I find a house to house canvass is the best. Look out for Denison on all lines. We have sent in \$5 for Samuel Huston College. Next is the SOUTHWESTERN. Pray for the success of our work.

J. A. Patterson, Pastor, Centerville, Miss.—Rev. R. P. Threlkeld, presiding elder, was with us Feb. 23, and held the first quarterly conference at Merrill Chapel M. E. Church. It was a success. He preached an excellent sermon to the delight of all who heard him. All are anxious for the next quarterly conference to come. This is my third year. Established a new preaching point with 18 members and 31 Sunday school scholars, six officers and teachers. This work bids fair to double this year.

W. M. Johnson, Pastor, Mountain City, Tenn.—My second quarterly conference was held March 1 with Rev. R. A. Swann presiding. Rev. Swann is the hustling presiding elder of the East Tennessee Conference, and does not leave a stone unturned when holding his quarterly conferences. Wherever he goes the people are always glad to see him come. Sunday was a great day with us. The elder's sermon in the morning was enjoyed by all. Rev. Davenport of the North Carolina Conference, preached at night to the delight of all, and twenty came forward for prayer. Collection \$17.13.

R. H. Flemming, Pastor, Central, Ala.—The Methodist Episcopal Church is built here in Central Alabama at last. I was appointed to this mission work by Bishop Andrews, D.

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D., and when I arrived I found no church; there had never been an M. E. Church here. I found two members. With the Lord to help, I went to work and now the church is up and I preached my first sermon there March 1st.

H. C. Crump, Pastor, Texarkana, Ark.—My quarterly conference convened Feb. 21-22 with Rev. T. R. Wamble, presiding elder, in the chair. He looked after the interests of the church with care. The officers were present with good reports, showing that the work was improving on all lines. The elder preached two stirring sermons. Love feast was enjoyed and sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered. Presiding elder \$14.50, pastor \$25.

B. Carr, Pastor, Fouché, La.—Our first quarterly conference was held Feb. 28 and March 1, the presiding elder,

Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, presiding. The quarterly was grand. The presiding elder preached a strong, heart-searching sermon. The house was crowded. Rev. Shallowhorne knows how to manage his work and when to do so. The church made no mistake when we appointed him to North Louisiana. God bless him and his family and work. We look forward to a glorious year's work on all lines. Collection \$22; number of conversions for the quarter, one; number of accessions, two, and probationers, four; SOUTHWESTERN, ONE.

Rosa Mitchell, Monroe, La.—On the 23d of February a grand surprise party was given by the King's Daughters of St. James M. E. Church for the pastor, Rev. Carroll. They came in singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee." The door was soon opened and they marched in and filled the table with groceries. The pastor enjoys such calls and wishes them to come again. The crowd left singing "God be with you till we meet again."

M. C. Rodgers, Pastor, Rowland, N. C.—Our second quarterly conference was held at Salem M. E. Church, Rowland and Salem charge, Feb. 28 and March 1, with our esteemed presiding elder, I. Wells, in the chair. Most of the brethren were present at roll call. The reports showed signs of some improvement in the work. Accessions to the church, 5; subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN, 4. On Sunday morning Presiding Elder I. Wells preached a wonderful sermon to the delight of all that were present, followed by the sacrament of the Lord's supper; 103 communed. Raised for all purposes this quarter, \$140.35. Presiding Elder Wells also preached at 8 p. m. in Rowland, N. C., and while he held up Christ as a living Savior the spirit of the Lord was with us in great power. We are in the midst of a glorious revival. Two have professed hope in Christ and the meeting is still going on and the church is being greatly revived and seekers are inquiring the way to salvation.

C. L. Anglum, Pastor of Florence and Harrisonburg, Sicily Island, La.—I arrived at this point Feb. 4 and was gladly received by the officers and members and white friends, and many of the Baptist brothers came to the parsonage to welcome me. The stewards met and determined to do more for the cause of Christ and the SOUTHWESTERN. Now, brethren, pray for me that souls may be converted. Many thanks to Sister Molly Wilson, who presented the pastor a fine hat and \$6 for conference; Sister Adeline Phillips, \$1; Brother B. J. Phillips, \$2; Brother H. S. Spillers, \$3; Sister Jane Adams, 75c. Brother Jack Adams, \$10 for the pastor's suit of clothes. Many thanks to these good brothers and sisters and friends for their kindness, and may the Lord bless them.

S. S. Myers, Byhalia, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference was held Jan. 21 and Feb. 1. These were high days with the members of Bright Prospect M. E. Church. Our presiding elder was with us. All officers were present with written reports, which showed advancement along all lines. Paid presiding elder in full, \$11.25; paid pastor this quarter, \$5; total, \$16.55. Rev. N. H. Williams administered the Lord's supper to 47, assisted by Rev. L. J. Terrell and Rev. A. P. Parker. Pray for us.

S. Green, Pastor, Rosedale, La.—We have begun our third year's work at this place. We have done our work well in the past and now we are taking it up where we left off, and with the help of Him who doeth all things well and with the help of this loyal congregation we will continue our 75 subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN at this place this year, and then we will have the paper in the home of every member of this church.

Wm. White Pastor, Bentonville, Ark.—The first quarterly conference was held at Bentonville charge Feb. 28, Rev. M. N. Langston in the chair. Sunday was a high day in Zion. At 11 o'clock the elder preached one of his best sermons. This is a great charge. The most loyal set of officers we ever saw constitute the preacher's cabinet. Raised during the quarter, \$35. The old church is moving on.

A. J. Folk, Beaufort, S. C.—I want to report the proceedings of our first quarterly conference under the pastorate of Rev. J. B. Thomas. This charge is in a more prosperous condition than ever before in its history. The conference was convened in Wesley M. E. Church, Beaufort, S. C., on Feb. 25. Elder W. M. Hanna, D. D., presided. The reports submitted were as follows: Paid to presiding elder, \$11.90; to pastor, \$106; to trustees, \$27; total, \$144.90. This is an excellent financial showing when the fact is taken into consideration that the charge has a membership of only 150.

M. White, Pastor, Vicksburg, Miss.—I arrived at Vicksburg with my family and household goods on Feb. 5. I am trying to get hold of things the best I can, with the help of the Lord. On the third Sunday, Feb. 15, at 11 a. m., my wife's first time in the church, she had a paralytic stroke in her left side. She has been in bed ever since, unable to use her left side at all. I want to thank the many sisters and brothers of Wesley Chapel for the kindness shown us during her illness and my distress. The good sisters crowded the parsonage night and day to see how the pastor's wife was getting along. I'm glad to say we have not suffered for anything since we have been here, and the good members say we shall not suffer for anything they can do for us for our comfort. May God bless the friends and good members of Wesley Chapel for their kindness. Yours for Christ and His church.

S. D. Davis, Pastor, Newberne, Ala.—Our church at Newberne and Antioch is alive and is moving along nicely. We were cordially received and all seem to be satisfied with the appointment. The parsonage committee, led by Sisters S. P. Melin, S. C. Scott, Winnie Harper and Sallie Hornbuckle, has made the parsonage comfortable for the pastor and his family. Now we are down at it to make this a year of great success for God and our great church. The Sunday school is in care of Prof. D. B. V. Walthall, who is laboring to make it second to none. Brother Walthall is kind, faithful, painstaking and sensible. The Epworth League is in care of Prof. H. A. Clark, who is a great leader of the young people and takes great delight in his work among them. We are praying and working for advancement along all lines. We are doing all we can to secure our pledge to the SOUTHWESTERN. Our first quarterly conference was held the third Saturday

in January by our beloved presiding elder, G. W. Staples. Many members were out with written reports which showed that the work had begun to take on new life. The elder preached three able sermons on Sunday, which were full of wholesome instruction and the Holy Ghost was among us. A goodly number communed at the Lord's table. Pray for our success.

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Ed Hocker, Pastor, Vandalia, Tex.—My conference was a success, notwithstanding the snow and rain. We raised our claims and had one convert, who was 50 years old. The Lord was with us. Dr. Parker preached a great sermon on Monday, and the people praised the Lord as never before.

L. C. Thomas, Pastor, New Roads, La.—Sunday morning our Sunday school was well and promptly attended. Sunday night St. Paul was crowded with the good people of New Roads. The editor of the New Roads Banner was present. God poured out his spirit upon all. All of the friends donated nicely. We are working up the great paper at New Roads. We are expecting our honorable presiding elder April 6th. Pray for our success.

A. J. McNair, Pastor, St. Paul M. E. Church.—The first quarterly conference for St. Paul M. E. Church was held Feb. 20-22. Rev. J. C. Hibblers, presiding elder, was in the chair. Nearly all of the officials were present and made good reports. The elder was well pleased with the spirit of the church. He said that he saw signs for greater success this year than was last year. Sunday was a high day; love feast at 11 a. m. The spirit of God was wonderfully manifested. At the close of this good service the pastor preached the funeral of Brother Frank Fagan, who died on the 21st of February. He was 16 years of age. He joined the church in 1902. From this first quarterly conference we go out praying for a glorious revival to begin. Pray for our success.

Wm. Roberts, Pastor, Corinth, Miss.—I was reappointed to this place for this conference year, and my people received me joyfully. As an evidence of their appreciation a party led by the McKinley Club left at our home many groceries. On Saturday, Feb. 17, a storm visited the parsonage, blowing in six sacks of fine flour. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. I desire to express my appreciation of the Christian manner in which I have been treated by these good people. I was never treated better by a congregation, and, being a sick preacher, my family is well cared for. I have been confined with neuralgia to my bed for fifteen days, but am getting some relief at this writing and hope to fill my pulpit soon. I sincerely ask an inter-

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J. H. Love, Batavia, O.—We have just closed our revival. The Lord has given us a great victory, fourteen souls having been brought from the thralldom of sin. Praise his name.

Lost Friends

I want to find my people whom I left in Vergour when I was a little girl. They brought me and sister across the river and my father came over the next Sunday and stayed with us all day. I have never seen him since. His name was Joe Bolding. My mother was named Rennar. My name is Margaret Patton. My sister's name is Harriet. We were sold to a man named John Smith, who brought us here. Any information will be gladly received. Wish all the pastors would read this letter in all of their churches. Please write me at once at Alexander City, Ala.

MARGARET PATTON.

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The commencement at Clark University will take place on May 13 instead of May 20.

To the Executive Committee of Epworth League and District Vice-Presidents of the San Antonio District:

In order to to better understand ourselves and also to keep our district league and Sunday school convention in working order, and District Missionary Committee you are asked to meet in Gonzales, Tex., April 15 at 5 o'clock p. m., to lay plans for the work. The religious program of the district for this year will be considered. Come praying for a great time. The names of those interested are as follows: Dr. G. J. Stames, N. U. Graves, Jennie Allen, A. L. Corker, W. L. Hamard, D. N. Walker, Rev. H. Swann, P. E.; J. W. Weakly, T. H. Wyatt, R. L. Rankin, Adeline Thompson, N. E. Jones, E. S. Spriggs, J. B. Whitley.

M. S. JORDAN.

Cuero, Tex.

Conference Notices

NOTICE TO MOBILE CONFERENCE.

Your conference minutes are now ready for distribution. I haven't the money for postage, etc. I shall not be the blame for any further delay. The presiding elders promised to send balance in money from their several districts, so postage, etc., could be secured. I have not received it yet. Each presiding elder is responsible for money on his district. I am, obediently, your servant,

N. H. SPEIGHT,

Conference Secty., Marion, Ala.

HOLLY SPRINGS DISTRICT.

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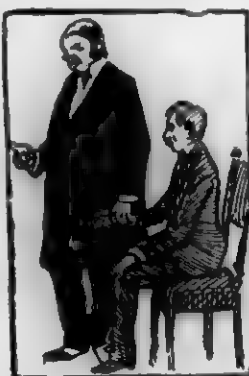
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Dear Pastors and Brethren: Let us put forth the necessary efforts for great results Easter day. A financial success for missions will stimulate a revival for souls over the district. Let us have 500 conversions. And now the plan is fixed for the election of lay delegates during the week of or on the date of the second quarterly conference. The pastors will see to it that thorough notice is put out for the elections at the times and places designated. It is hoped that all the elections will be held during this round.

Yours faithfully,

N. H. WILLIAMS.

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Belton and Kell Branch, March 28-29; Temple and Troy, April 4-5;

Georgetown, 11-12; Simpson Tabernacle, 18-19; Sam Huston College, 23-24; Manor, 25-26; Luling, May 2-3; Wesley Chapel, Austin, 9-10; Lockhart, 16-17; Winchester, 23-24; Giddings, 30-31; Littig, June 6-7; Cedar Creek, 13-14; Burnett, 17-18; Davilla, 20-21; Bartlett and Holland, 24-25; Smithville, 27-28; San Marcos, 29-30.

Dear Brethren—The past three months have been months of rain and cold weather, consequently very little has been done in your respective charges. However, let us make the best of what seems to be the inevitable. Let us catch new inspiration from such passages as, "We know that everything worketh together for good, to them that love God;" "God is faithful;" "Lo, I am with thee always," etc. Brethren, do your best on Easter to raise all missionary claims; send at once, if you have not done so, for Easter programs. See that your standing committees report at every quarter. Let us strive

to have glorious revivals throughout the entire district this year. The blessings of God rest upon each of you and your families is the prayer of

Yours fraternally,

N. J. JOHNSON, P. E.

To the Preachers of the Pine Bluff District:

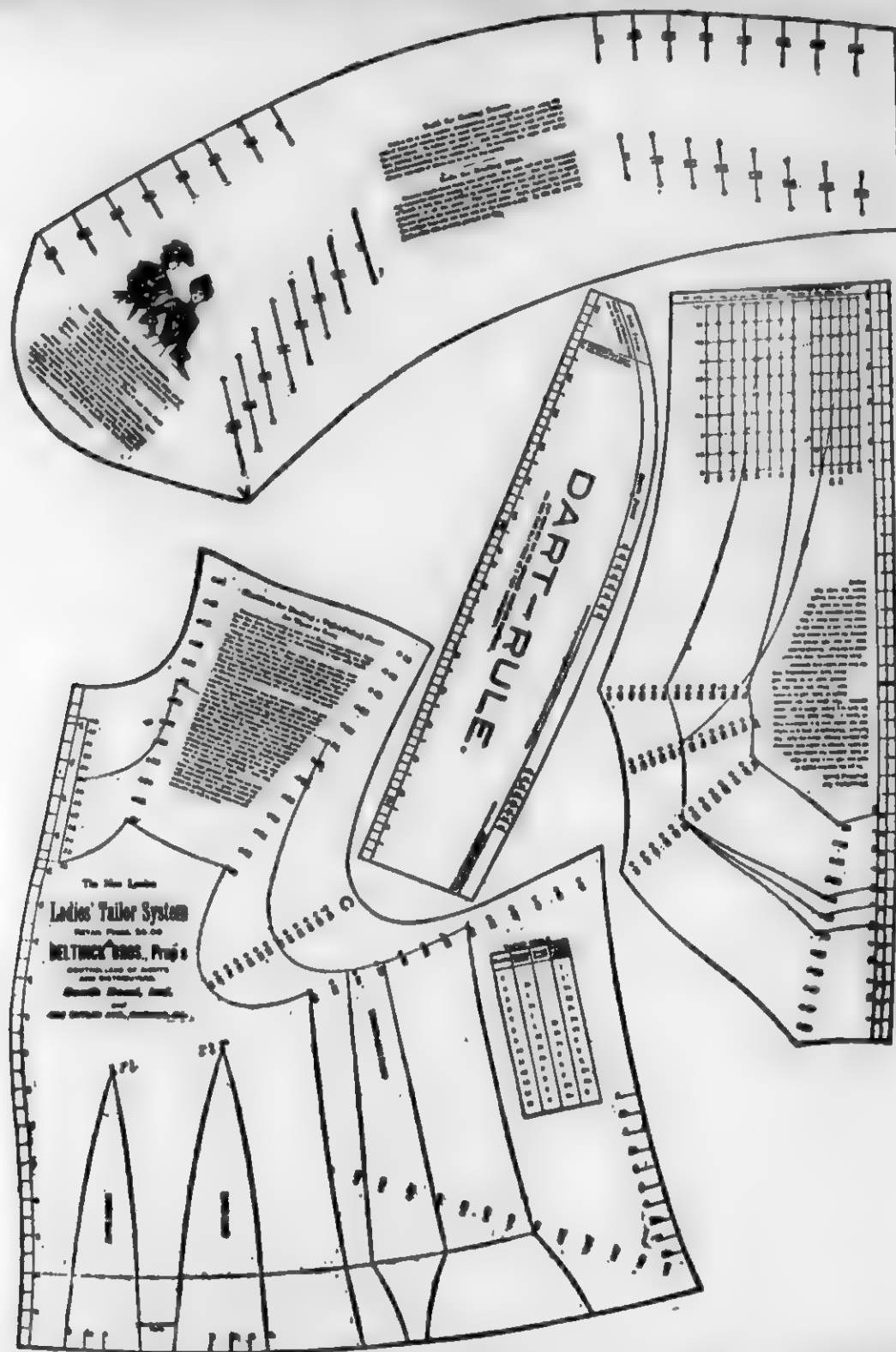
Dear brethren, I have had to change the first round on account of the smallpox and high waters on the lower part of the district. I will be to each brother's work one week sooner. Please take notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

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W. S. SHERRILL, Treasurer of State League.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT.

The preachers' meeting will convene at Scott's Chapel, Port Allen, La., Thursday, March 26, at 3 o'clock. Brethren; let us meet and plan to make this a great year for the district and Methodism. Let us lead in souls and subscriptions to the SOUTHWESTERN. We can if we will. The presiding elder is requested to be present with us. B. J. REDDIX, President.

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RESOLUTIONS IN MEMORY OF MISS ARLEAF R. MONTGOMERY.

Canton, Miss. — Whereas, it has pleased the great Architect of the Universe to cause the grim sentinel of death to again alarm our outer door and summon from among the workers of the temple, while in the morning of life, at a moment least expected, one of our most loyal sisters and earnest co-laborers, Miss Arleaf R. Montgomery, and, whereas, in her death the Central Chapter No. 65, O. E. S., of Canton, has lost one of its brightest jewels and most faithful members. The City Graded School has been deprived of one of its most faithful, ambitious and accomplished teachers. The Methodist Episcopal Church has lost one of its most enthusiastic adherents and untiring workers. Our bereaved sister, Susie Montgomery, has lost her only child, who was in life an ideal daughter and a source of comfort; and the community has lost a citizen whose life has been exemplary; be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Central Chapter No. 65, Order of Eastern Star, extend to her widowed mother our heartfelt condolence, and that, while we mourn her loss, we bow in humble submission to the will of Him in whom we have our being and who giveth and doeth all things well.

Resolved, further, that her life be held up as an example for the girls of our community and they be admonished to follow her footsteps.

Resolved, further, That as a token of respect to the memory of our departed sister, the lodge-room be draped in mourning for three months; that the secretary spread these resolutions upon the minutes and that they be published in the *New Light*, the *Mississippi Baptist* and *SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*, and a copy be sent to her mother.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. WILLIAM J. LATHAM.

Mason, Tenn.—Eddy, the son of Brother Cox, died March 4, aged 8 years. Sister Cox and her four daughters are faithful members of the church.

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B. F. THOMAS, Pastor.

Sardis, Miss.—Lillian Floyd Dickens, after a short illness, departed this life Feb. 18, aged ten years. She was a great favorite of the entire community was a child of rare ability, culture and refinement, a lover of church and Sunday school. She was vice-president of the Junior League at Springhill. She asked to be permitted to join the church and said she wanted to be a Christian and was promised that she could join on her next visit to the church, but before she came again she had joined the church triumphant. Rev. W. H. McCarty conducted her funeral.

From earth her immortal spirit fled,
On wings of angels bright;
Treading the path her Savior led,
Her soul filled with delight.
On earth no more her face we'll see,
She's gone no more to come,
But with her we soon shall be,
Into our heavenly home.

J. A. SLATE, Pastor.

Aberdeen, Miss.—Charley McDonald, son of Rev. Warren McDonald, pastor at Aberdeen, Miss., after an illness of several months, died Feb. 3, aged 20 years. He was a devout Christian and patient sufferer. He said that he was going to rest and asked that his sister accompany him to the station. His funeral was conducted from St. Paul M. E. Church by the presiding elder, C. W. Walton. May the comforting influence of the Holy Spirit sustain the hearts of the bereaved.

W. H. H. GALLION.
(Received March 2.)

MRS. HATTIE J. EPPERSON CROWNED.

Mrs. Hattie J. Epperson, the wife of Rev. J. E. Epperson, departed this life at Wolfe City, Texas, Tuesday, Feb. 17, at high noon, after a brief illness of two weeks.

Sister Epperson was born Feb. 24, 1856, at Clarksville, Texas. She professed religion at the town of her birth during a splendid protracted meeting in the year 1877, under the pastorate of Rev. Doctor Morris, and united with our St. Paul M. E. Church. She was joined in marriage to Rev. J. E. Epperson the same year of her conversion, and moved on through the years of their union in great peace and love. During their marriage six precious children were born to them, all of whom have preceded her to the upper and better land, except Miss Susie, who survives her. Her husband felt called to the ministry and joined the Texas M. E. Conference and was appointed respectively to serve Brookston, Honey Grove, Cooper, Greenville, Lodi and Wolfe City and Lodania. Sister Epperson was found at her husband's side in these appointments, aiding him to bring up good temporal and spiritual reports to his conferences. She showed herself in every way anxious about her husband's ministerial welfare. As a result their labors were followed by material improvements, good revival meetings were conducted with scores and scores of precious souls led to Christ and His blessed church in each appointment. Sister Epperson was a bright Christian and proved herself to be a true and faithful minister's wife and follower of her Christ to the last, as she went about doing good. She was conscious and died happy.

Just before she breathed her last she sang this song: "Tis the promise of God, full salvation to give unto him who on Jesus, his Son, will believe," etc. A good woman has gone to her reward. Rev. Epperson feels that the entire people of Wolfe City rendered him good assistance during his wife's sickness.

Her remains were laid away at Clarksville, Texas. The funeral services were conducted at St. Paul M. E. Church by Freeman Parker, her presiding elder, assisted by Jas. I. Gilmore, our pastor, and Rev. Simmons of the Missionary Baptist Church.

FREEMAN PARKER.

Boyce, La.—Sister Julia Calbourne departed this life Feb. 16, after an illness of three days. She was born in the year 1864, converted when only 14 years old, and joined the M. E. Church, in which she lived a consistent Christian until death. She was the sister of Mrs. Emmett, the wife of Rev. Wm. Emmett. She leaves a husband, one sister and one brother and other relatives to mourn. The funeral was conducted by the writer, J. L. Augustus. Bro. G. W. Banks assisted.

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daughter of Brother S. B. Brady and Mrs. Jennie C. Brady, was born Jan. 3, 1877, and died Feb. 18, 1903. She professed religion when she was 11 years old, and lived in the church 15 years. Before dying she sang: "I Am Going Home to Die No More." Miss J. C. Brady was one of the Sunday school workers here. Rev. L. J. Terrell being absent, Rev. E. M. Anderson of the C. M. E. Church conducted the funeral services. Miss L. C. Brady leaves a mother, one sister and two brothers to mourn.
S. S. MYERS.

Brother Wagg Qualls, a faithful servant of the Lord, passed away in great peace on December 30, aged 100 years. He was a true member, a good Christian and a devoted husband. He said: "I am going to live with Jesus."
N. TOOLE.

Jacksonville, Tenn.—Sister A. B. Reasonover, a member of the Godonville Church for five years, died Dec. 24th, 1902. She was born Dec. 2, 1885. She was a good member of the church,

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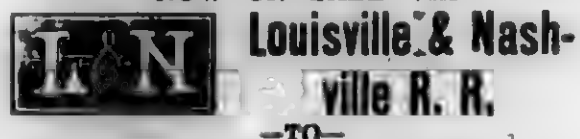
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Coggins, of Georgia; David Hall, of Arkansas; N. N. Sidney, W. C. Clay, J. C. Hibbler and G. W. Moody, of Mississippi, and A. W. Carr, of Texas. While these brothers have made good additions to the list, let all remember the old Scotch adage, "Many littles make a mickle," and that to the faithful and persistent work of the whole is due the gratifying increase in our list. We are grateful to all.

CRESCENT CITY NOTES

State President E. H. Anderson hereby gives notice to the various presidents and members of local chapters of the Epworth League that he will begin his official visit to the various chapters within a few weeks.

We desire a few copies of the issues of March 5th and 12th. To any one sending good copies of those issues we will reward them by sending something in return.

LITERARY NOTES

Under the head of Child Training, in the April *Delineator*, are a number of valuable suggestions for keeping the air of the house pure. Among them are the following:

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B. J. Reddix, Baton Rouge, La.—I Promised ten subscribers. I have sent in eight this week, and if you will send me ten copies of the paper as samples I will send in possibly eight more. On Feb. 5 Mr. Scott Smith and Miss Eugenie Hayward were joined in marriage. Both were Christians.

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Editorial Notes

A revolution has broken out in Nicaragua.

It used to be an insult to some of our subscribers to notify them that their subscription had expired, but they are getting over that.

Strange that your religious convictions keep you from doing so few things that are considered objectionable both by your church and the best people.

A bill to prohibit lynching is before the legislature of Kansas. It provides that any sheriff who shall permit a prisoner to be taken from him shall immediately forfeit his office.

The city of Chicago has 140 Methodist Episcopal churches. We know of a number of annual conferences that haven't as many preachers in them as has this one city.

A farmer in the state of Washington cultivates a "missionary potato patch," and has just sent the society \$50, the income from the sale of its second crop. There are many farmers in our territory who might profit by this example.

"No man is good enough to govern another man without that other man's consent."—A. Lincoln. It might be well for those papers that seem to delight to quote Mr. Lincoln's words in order to show what he thought of the Negro to consider the foregoing sentence.

The legislature of the state of Missouri has passed the anti-cigarette law and the governor has signed it. The law prohibits the selling or giving away to minors under 18 years of age any cigarettes, cigarette wrappers or paper, under a penalty of a fine of \$100 for each offense. All honor to Missouri. Wisconsin and Michigan both have similar measures under consideration and we hope they may be passed.

The extra session of the United States senate has closed. The treaty which relates to the construction of the Panama canal was passed and so was the treaty with Cuba. But strange to say the latter was passed with the proviso that it must also be passed by the house of representatives, which cannot be done till congress convenes in regular session in December next. This is said to be extremely displeasing to the president, who had convened the senate in extra session that the pledge of the party to Cuba might be fulfilled. It looks as tho the Democrats won in the contest, but whether so or not those who opposed Cuban reciprocity did.

Saving the Probationers

We were much interested in the leading editorial published last week in the *Christian Advocate*, titled "To Save the Probationers." This is a live question in every part of the church and we are sure will interest the pastors of our territory. There are not a few who feel that it is as difficult to save the probationers after they join the church as it is to save them before. It is not enough to succeed in having an individual pledge himself to lead a better life, or even that he should profess faith in Christ. For often he has worldly attachments from which it is extremely difficult to free himself, and unless he can be lead to transfer his affections to the church services, and to such association and companionship as will tend to interest him and elevate his thoughts, he will almost invariably drift away. The work of the pastor then is to seek to secure this transfer. The question is how shall it be done? We dare say the methods used are about as numerous as the minds that originate them, and nothing that might be suggested could be worked with equal advantage by all. Then, too, the tastes of the probationers must be considered, not forgetting, however, that the ultimate purpose is to lead them up to the point of delighting in spiritual things. This much said, we desire now to present the leading suggestion set forth in the editorial referred to. It is as follows:

"By what means are the probationers to be saved? By teaching, association, example, by the hand and tongue of sympathy, by the testimonies of old travelers in the path which he has chosen for himself, by song, by the solemn or the tender voice of prayer, and by the blessedness of confession—not to priest, parson, or preacher, but to all who forsake not the assembling of themselves together; not of specific acts, except to those who have been injured by them, but of the perturbations of the spirit, the neglect of duty, the littleness of faith, the dullness of the heart, the meagerness of attainment, as well also of every joy, uplifting, or deliverance.

"And how shall these opportunities be afforded? Never yet in all the history of Christianity has anything been devised so well adapted to the needs of all such souls as the ideal Methodist class meeting, and so effective. The ideal class meeting—not the formal, moralizing, monotonous, door-swinging-upon-its-hinges type, nor the discursive or flippant conversation class; not the Bible class under another name, nor the lecture with a little talk interspersed, nor the class in which twenty hymns are sung, one long prayer offered, and just as little speech as possible, to conserve the breath of the singers between every two hymns. But the ideal class, with a leader who thinks his function the greatest responsibility and most blessed privilege he ever had, who has a personal interest in every member, who knows why they are absent, visits them when sick, counsels them like a son, a brother, or a father, according to age, and who sings, not for the sake of singing, but for the sake of the truth and feeling in the hymns; who makes morality and religious conduct to grow out of religious experience, and who seeks by every means to obtain for himself spiritual illumination."

Dancing to Support the Gospel

In a certain community which we visited some time since a member of the leading Methodist church said to us: "For a number of years the pastors of our church have given entertainments at which they provided music for the young people to dance, in order that they might raise money for the support of the church. This was done in some cases to secure money for the benevolent collections. But our present pastor has stopped all of that and we get more money now than we did before." In another community which we visited shortly afterward a pastor was pointed out to us who gave entertainments of this character to raise funds, and that too while his brother minister, whose church was but a few blocks away, was conducting a revival for the salvation of souls.

Relative to these instances, we are glad to say that we know them to be the exception and not the rule by any means, among the ministers of the M. E. Church. This is why we feel that attention should be called to them. We declare unhesitatingly our conviction to be that if the church of God cannot be supported by proper means, it ought to go down, as it surely will. We recognize the fact that there are communities where the people have been educated to depend upon entertainments for the support of the gospel and pastors find it difficult to secure the means necessary to run the church without pursuing this course. This is for the most part where the membership is small or the church is so involved financially that every means considered legitimate is resorted to to meet its obligations. We regret that even this is true, but for the present there seems no way to avoid it. Nevertheless we are confident it is only necessary to call the attention of our conscientious pastors to the abuses herein referred to in order to place them on their guard. For we are sure it is not their purpose to do or tolerate anything that will reflect upon them as Christian men or bring reproach upon the gospel of Christ.

The Separate Street Car Law Sustained

With one stroke of the pen, as it were, the judges of the Supreme Court of Louisiana have dispelled the hope of thousands of persons that they would declare the separate street car law unconstitutional. As at present enforced it may be satisfactory to those whites who favor such a law and care not for the rights and feelings of others, but if the letter and spirit of the law were lived up to it would not be satisfactory to either whites or Negroes. And it would not be satisfactory to those referred to but for the fact that it gives them the advantage. The court sustains the law on the same ground on which the separate car law for steam railways was sustained, namely that accommodations for the two races should be equal. This is not the case however, and if the law were so enforced we are sure it wouldn't

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Our Contributors

Faithful in all Things

BY BISHOP W. F. MALLALIEU, D. D.

Some preachers are content to preach and do nothing else; some make a specialty of pastoral work and have small care for the study or the pulpit. Some look after the Sunday school and the social meetings and let all other interests care for themselves. Such preachers are lop-sided. They are like Ephraim, cakes unturned. A cake unturned is apt to be burned on one side and raw on the other. Perfect cakes need to be turned and baked on both sides.

All round men is the demand of intelligent and thriving churches. No man can answer to this reasonable demand unless he is faithful in all things.

The preacher must know his church and people. If he does not he will surely be a failure. He is in no position to be really faithful unless he comes in contact with those to whom he ministers. A lazy man never knows his people. The careless man is almost as bad as the lazy man.

First of all then the faithful man has his eyes wide open to all the needs of his people, and he is earnestly diligent in his endeavors to supply them.

The preacher who does not begin early in the week to prepare his sermons for the next Sunday is far from being faithful. The faithful preacher will spend at least five hours of every five days in the week in his study. The old sermons may be very good, but he wants something new, and so he goes to work on Monday, or Tuesday, and devotes five forenoons to the preparation of his next Sunday's sermons. He aims to do his very best every time. The faithful preacher is on hand at the appointed hour to commence the services of whatever character. Whoever else is late he will not be, and an example of this sort is worth volumes of scolding that preachers sometimes give the late comers. And it is almost as important to close promptly at a reasonable hour as it is to begin on time. The faithful preacher does not shirk the common duties and turn the work over to local preachers and others. He does his own work, and sees to it that others do theirs.

The faithful preacher attends the Sunday school and the class meeting, and looks after the Epworth League and all the interests of the young people.

The faithful preacher diligently visits from house to house, and seeks in all his visits to encourage the saints, and win sinners. He never spends his time in hearing or telling tales about other people. He is bent on saving the souls of the people. He steadily pushes revival work, and consecrates the most favorable weeks of the year to special revival services.

The faithful preacher is always a success. He does not need to beg the presiding elders and the bishop to exalt him and give him important churches, and put him ahead of his brethren. The people will find him out if he is faithful in all things, and they will insist upon having him here and there and yonder. He will surely be in demand. The great fact in this connection is that any preacher may be faithful, and, so in proportion as God has given him power he may rise from year to year. He need pull no wires, he need not urge his claims, the people and the authorities will see his good works and his praise will be among the churches, and by and by the Master will say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," and that will be heaven and a fadeless crown.

Auburndale, Mass.

The Problem as Seen by a Sensible Southern Man

At a Sunday conference between the white and colored citizens of Atlanta, Ga., the following speech was delivered by Rev. Dr. H. S. Bradley, pastor Trinity M. E. Church South. We take it from the *Atlanta Constitution*.

He was discussing the question:

"Is it necessary in pulpit, school room, public speeches and in the homes to advise conservatism and peace?" and he spoke as follows:

"This, as I understand, means, 'Is there a real race problem? Is there danger of a race conflict, and can we best settle the problem and avert the danger by advice, in all public and private places, to conservatism and peace?'"

"If, in order to advise conservatism and peace, it is necessary to discuss the 'race problem,' then I unhesitatingly answer, no. I had rather have absolutely no advice by anybody, on even as safe matters as conservatism and peace, than to have the 'race problem' discussed from all these quarters. About the only 'race problem' we have is the misconceived offspring of discussion. We are about to talk one into existence. Many a man has been made sick by reading patent medicine advertisements. He feels sound and well, but his eye falls upon the long list of questions as to tongue, pulse, breathing, dreaming, loss of memory, dizziness and a thousand other things that any healthy man would have and forget, and he sees that these are symptoms of Bright's disease, consumption and the rest, and straightway he feels unwell, goes to doctoring himself with the quack's 'cure-all' and ends by having a real case of sickness. Many of us can remember having listened to ghost stories till we found a bogey in every corner. A man sits before his fire reading the argument of a celebrated astronomer as to how much heat is being given off by the sun. In his imagination he follows the astronomer as he pictures the earth growing colder and colder till it floats a frozen planet about a dead sun. It is true the scientist says this will not be for millions and millions of years, but the man finds himself shivering in spite of himself, and he straightway orders a car load of coal.

"A little piece of insolence or impudence on the part of a white boy for a white man that passes unnoticed would, if offered by a Negro boy to a white man or a white boy to a Negro man, afford abundant material for a diseased mind for a column article on 'race problems' and 'threatened riots' and 'slumbering volcanoes.'"

"Personally, I should regard myself as incendiary if, in order to justify my discussion of the so-called race problem, I should inform my congregation of all the Negro insolence of which I hear or the specific crimes of individuals of the Negro race. My duty in speaking to a white audience is to hold up the large opportunity the white race has to help and bless the black race.

"And I should feel that one of your preachers was incendiary, an enemy of both races, who before a Negro audience, in order to justify his discussion of the race problem, retailed stories of injustice and oppression by the whites.

"I would say, advise righteousness, industry, soberness, courtesy, high moral manhood and womanhood, the eleventh commandment, and leave all vague race problems undiscussed.

"We should be careful in discussing grievances that we do not make out people believe they have grievances from which they never suffered before. The priest who tried to help Pat confess meant well, but Pat was a horse trader, and when the priest asked him if he had ever filed his horse's teeth to make him appear younger, Pat replied

with the twinkle of an eye that showed the grasp of a new idea, 'Faith an' Oi niver thought of that.' He never failed to confess that sin afterwards.

"Most of us in trying to bring about our ideal of peace and happiness have begun work at the wrong end of the problem. As a great Christian nation it is still necessary for us to listen to Jesus.

"The conditions in our time are like paradise as compared with the conditions in Palestine about A. D. 30, when Jesus began His public teaching. When the French revolution came the French peasants were paying \$11 in taxes out of every \$13 earned and taxes were levied with even less justice in Palestine. Mark Antony had given the custom receipts of Jericho to the Egyptian harlot Cleopatra and the publicans who formed the taxes oppressed the people without mercy.

"Fortunes, proportionately vastly larger than the wealth of the Astors and Vanderbilts of to-day, were piled up at the expense of thousands of starvelings.

"Tiberius at Rome dealt out offices with a degree of favoritism and selfish villainy that Dick Croker would scorn to be guilty of. There was no ballot, no popular election. There was not even the semblance of religious liberty. 'To think was to risk life.' The hordes of unemployed filled the market places, but found no employers. Millions went to bed hungry every night.

"The piety, the patriotism and the pockets of the Jews had been outraged. Some of the more daring and desperate, like Barabbas, had taken to highway robbery and murder.

"Upon such a scene, whose hard lives we cannot even imagine, Jesus came. Thousands of eyes turned to him as thousands of eyes turned to Mirabeau in France or thousands of other eyes turned to Joseph Arch in England.

"Now look at Jesus as He sees the conditions, feels the yoke and opens His mouth to teach. He was in full sympathy with the working classes. He had served thirty years at the carpenter's bench. He was in full sympathy with the patriots. No Jew more loyal or loving breathed the atmosphere of Judea. He was in full sympathy with the spiritual reformers. Indeed, He went beyond even the most ardent.

"But listen to what He said. His platform of reformation is found in His great opening address. In all the eight great planks of the platform He reiterates the principle, change yourselves. Never once did He say 'change your conditions, fight for your rights, resist the oppressor, raise a revolution.' Always His words were: 'Your conditions will be all right if you will get yourselves right.'

"They refused to listen to him. They raised the revolution. It brought ruin incomparably worse than that which it sought to remedy. When Titus marched back to Rome from Jerusalem the sun of Jewish national life had forever set. The tenth legion marched through a forest of crosses upon every one of which hung a Jew.

"No wonder Jesus wept when they approached the city of Jewish pride and saw the impending peril. If they had only known the things that made for peace, namely, the childlike spirit, meekness, hunger and thirst for righteousness. Mercy, purity of heart and the gentleness had saved themselves and their nation. So, I would say to the white man to-day, do you find your contact with the Negro unpleasant? Then, change yourself; there is something wrong with you. And to the Negro I would say, do you find your association with the white man unpleasant? Then, change yourself; there is something wrong with you.

"The great question that each one of us should ask himself is, 'How can I do the greatest good to the greatest number, regardless of how I am appreciated?' 'How can I be a benefactor not only to my own race, but more magnanimously, to all men?' 'How can I bring the kingdom of peace and good will to pass on earth?'"

"Any man, white or black, who will answer that question candidly, sincerely, honestly, will find that the race problem has lost its color and has grown dim in the light of a glorious opportunity to save humanity. No two races in the history of the world have had such an opportunity for mutual forbearance, sympathy, service and blessing as the whites and blacks in the South. In God's name let us give an object lesson of Christianity to the world!"

"It is a great pity that a few bad men of the white race and an equally small number of the black race should by their misconduct and mouthings embitter a million good people of both races. For one I am determined that they shall not do it. It would be impossible for a Negro blackguard to so insult me as to make me hate Bishop Turner, and I believe it would be impossible for a white blackguard to so insult Bishop Turner as to make him hate me. It is as unreasonable for me to hate all Negroes because of the crimes of a few as it would be for me to blow up the Chinese empire with dynamite because a Chinese laundryman stole my collars.

"Let us not confuse the individual with the race, but put character above color and principle above pigment cells. Let each individual determine to deserve the good will of the other race.

"I am not an optimist, if to be an optimist means to shut ones eyes to facts, but I have confidence that our people are going to live together peaceably, and my hope is founded on the two great rocks of faith. I believe in God and I believe in folks. I do not believe that our Father is making an experiment with our world. There is 'one far off divine event toward which all creation moves.' It is God's providence that you are here and in God's providence that I am here, and each of us should recognize it.

"But I believe in people also. We have not done our duty by you since the war of secession, and you have not done your duty by us; but, all things considered, we have all done very well. We will all do better in the future. What each has done shows what possibilities there are and gives foundation for my confidence. No race could have acted more nobly than yours during the trying years of the war, and I do not believe that that fine spirit has died out. The fact that all the professions save teaching and preaching were closed to you after freedom has been till now a blessing. It has directed all the educated talent to the task of teaching the mind and the conscience of your people. To-day the market is about to be glutted with these wares—the ranks are already full. But in the nick of time the new door opens. Our country is on the eve of great industrial development and educated carpenters, bricklayers, smiths and workers generally will be in demand as never before. Incompetence that stands on the principle, 'I am as good as anybody,' will not go. The sober body, skilled hand and trained brain, whatever be the color of the skin, will do the work of the South in the days that are to come. And a satisfied employer is always a friend.

"So, instead of discussing race problems and counseling peace, I should say to you preachers, stick to your Bibles, preach righteousness, and to you public teachers I should say, inculcate morality and virtue. Say to your people, 'merit respect

and you command respect.' Say to your women, 'The future of the race is largely in your hands.' 'Give your children the sustaining assurance of virtuous motherhood.' 'Do you covet recognition and respect any man, not only will not respect, but will despise a woman that sells her virtue even though it be sold to him.'

"Say to your youths that they can help by sobriety and honesty to remove the stigma, that in our police court proceedings is made a matter of jest, that any Negro boy will gamble and steal.

"To our preachers and teachers I would say, 'Tell those of your people who fear social equality, that social equality does not even exist in the white race, and that it comes like the kingdom of heaven, not with observation, not by racial uprisings and resolutions, but, man by man, individual by individual; that they must see to it that social equality shall not come by placing themselves on the level of the Negro prostitute, thus finding equality by descending to the level of an inferior. Social equality is not so much to be dreaded by either race as the moral equality of a mutual sin.

"The peace and prosperity of our two races will never be brought about (or continued) by legislative enactment or by resolutions in mass meetings, but will be enhanced as each individual gets himself right and assumes the right attitude to duty.

"Honor and shame from no condition rise,
Act well your part, there all the honor lies."

"We speak with swelling words about emigration and colonization, and it sounds large and statesmanlike. Such great schemes are fascinating as compared to the patient and prosy method of Jesus, of hand to hand, individual reform. But aside from the fact that Christ's plan is best there are two supreme obstacles in the way of these high-sounding schemes. In the first place, the good Negroes (and there are more of that kind than any other) do not wish to go away from their old homes and friends, and in the second place their old friends, the good white people (and there are more of them than any other), do not wish them to go.

"Again it is the personal problem. It is all right for the other fellow's servant to be shipped away to Africa, but mine must not go. I can't afford for him to go. The other fellow doesn't mind mine going, but he wants his to stay. And so with the servant. He talks about the other fellows going away in ship loads, but, personally, he has made up his mind, away down in the secret recesses, that he will stay where he is. And he is right.

"The race problem is the other fellow's problem. There is no race problem at my house or on my hands. I am thinking of the other fellow. He hasn't any race problem on his hands or at his house. He is thinking of me. If the other fellow will let my race problem alone and I will let his alone, to our surprise, we will find that we have no problem, and to-morrow I will get up at my usual time, after a hard night's study, and find a steaming breakfast ready for me prepared by my big, fat, good-natured 'race problem,' while at night she takes home to the children a basket of food, a magazine and a newspaper, given her by her 'race problem.'

"If I could gag all street loafers, break all the whisky bottles, spill all the ink of half-informed newspaper editors, and put all the preachers who preach without a call from God or man, save as they call themselves, into heaven, where they think they are going, the balance of us would get along right respectably, and never know that we had a big problem on our hands."

Life of Faith

The World's Fortress

Year after year, century after century, the church makes this world a safer place in which to live. It is a strong tower in the day of battle. To it the pursued may flee and find secure shelter. In removing some incrustations of dirt and varnish from the old woodwork above the central doors of Westminster Abbey the workmen found it thickly penetrated with many shot. Numerous bullet holes were visible. Some of the old doors when removed subsequently were found also to have been riddled in the same way. The abbey had been used as a real fortress for the protection of loyal subjects. No building on earth does so much to protect and defend every good cause and every interest dear to man as does God's house.

"These temples of his grace,
How beautiful they stand
The honors of our native place,
The bulwarks of our land."

What One Little Girl Did

The minister had preached a sermon urging every one to try to do something for Jesus.

After the service a little girl went to him and said, "I think I can do something for Jesus."

"And what do you think you can do, dear?"

"If, sir," she replied, "you would put some little tracts on keeping God's day into envelopes, and address them to people who keep their stores and shops open on the Lord's day, I could carry them to them."

The minister did as she suggested, and put the addressed envelopes into the little one's hands, and six places of business which were formerly kept open on Sunday have been closed.—*Ram's Horn.*

"But I Lost My Boy"

"Under whose preaching were you converted?" was once asked of a young man. "Under nobody's preaching," was the reply; "I was converted under my mother's practicing." Says another son: "I tried hard to be a skeptic, but my mother's life was too much for me." In painful contrast is this sad story: A boy of seventeen came to his mother's room one night and said: "Mother, I have been going to the special meetings in Central church, and have about decided to be a Christian. If you will go with me to-night, I think I can decide it." The reply she made was: "My son, I cannot go to-night; I have an engagement." "To my shame," said the mother, "he found out what the engagement was—it was at a euchre party. I kept my engagement, but I lost my boy. He has not been in church for a year. No word of mine can effect him. My prayers have been of no avail, and I am heart-broken."—*Indian Witness.*

Silent Fidelity

If there is one thought that should burst out in the mind of a Christian like the revelation of a roseate dawn, it is the thought of being faithful back there in the shadow—in the least as well as in the greatest. It is the sphere of many, not to labor upon the heights, but in the valleys. Like Barnabas, we are called to walk in the shadow of some greater Paul to minister obscurely or by indirection. Yet Christ needs all such, and will note each act of faithful service.

John Ruskin thought that a house must be well-built in the dark corners as well as in the open spaces. Much more the Christian must be true in every private service, that the Temple of the Lord may be true throughout. If the great ship

that plows the deep needs not only a captain to issue orders, but also a pilot whose hand shall never leave the wheel; if the mighty bridge needs not only strong girders and cables, but also the silent strength of invisible hands of steel gripping the rock of ages; if the noble cathedral needs not only priests and sacristans and acolytes, but also some humble guides, who, like the monk of the story, shall be willing to pass from view themselves in the presence of the most sacred things—so also does the kingdom for its enrichment, for its strengthening, require to have those whose chief characteristic shall be silent fidelity, perfect adherence to duty even in the shadow of obscurity.—Edgar W. Work, D. D.

Woman's Dominion

Just Suited to the Southern Climate

I was glad to be able to respond to the housewife who reads the *ADVOCATE* and who is also kind enough to say that she has been helped by the recipes, etc., I have sent to it.

This is my real desire, to help my sister housekeepers, and I study to get the best methods and recipes, so as to benefit them.

The stain you ask about is just suited to a southern climate; I used it in Florida several winters, when sojourning there in search of health. It seems especially adapted to the plans and it is inexpensive and easily cared for. I have gotten numbers of inquiries this month already for such stains for floors, as housekeepers are beginning to do their spring cleaning.

The stain I like best and have used most is made by mixing a tablespoonful of burnt umber to a pint of boiled linseed oil. If you desire a lighter shade, use a little less oil. Try the shade on a piece of wood before applying it to the floor, so as to get the color you wish.

To have your floor a success you must first get it clean, but don't try to remove grease spots with strong soap or lye, as it will leave it cloudy and uneven beneath. Make a nice warm suds of soft water and add enough Pearline to make a good cleansing suds. When it is perfectly dry apply your stain with a paint brush. You can put on a second coat after a few days, but one coat usually does. I hope you will succeed. S. H. H.

Selection of Flowering Shrubs

Formerly the plan of setting shrubbery consisted of dotting single plants here and there over the lawn. The result was that the green sward was cut into, making it very hard to properly care for the grass and giving anything but an attractive appearance to the landscape. Gradually planters have learned that the massing of shrubs is much more attractive and satisfactory, and they also realize that it is not at all necessary to confine these groups to plants of one variety. Indeed, it is a recognized rule of planting shrubbery in masses to have one or more plants flowering at different seasons; that is, some that bloom in early spring, others in late spring, some during the summer and some during the fall. In this way it is possible to have more or less bloom throughout the season.

Many of the old well-known classes of flowering shrubs are more desirable than the newer ones. Among the different varieties of *Spiraea* the *S. Prunifolia*, or, as it is better known, "Bridal Wreath," is one of the best and it is just as popular now as during the year of its introduction long years ago. Then, there are the varieties of so-called lilacs, mock orange, *Calycanthus*,

Hydrangeas, *Althea*, *Wegelia* and *Viburnums*, all of which are profuse bloomers and range in season from early spring to late fall.—*Ex.*

Young Friends

Days of Jeremiah—Chap. 3

BY MISS INEZ GODMAN.

That promise was a good thing for both boys. It oft times held them steady during the next four years. When Jeremiah became absorbed with his city companions and neglected going to the palace for several months, Josiah said to him: "I have needed you, Jeremiah, and you were long in coming."

"Why did you not send for me?"

"I shall not send for you. I have too many servants now to come at my call. You must come at your own bidding."

"I will come more frequently," said Jeremiah, and he did. He made it a rule to go regularly once a month, and when Josiah's wedding was celebrated and he was surrounded by a whirl of gayeties, Jeremiah's monthly call was an anchor to his thoughts.

During these years a son was born to Josiah, a great delight to the young king. The little fellow was named Eliakim, meaning "God raises." "God shall raise him," said Josiah, "I have given him to Jehovah."

After a year or two another son was born and Josiah named him Jehoahaz, or "God seizes hold." "Jehovah shall have this one also," he said to Jeremiah, as they walked upon the roof in the moonlight. "Both of my sons shall be brought up to serve the Lord their God."

"It may not be easy to bring them up for Jehovah when they see Baal worshiped at every corner," replied Jeremiah.

The king looked out over the city and surrounding fields. Patches of smoke marked altars to idols on every hillside and high place, while on scores of housetops the women could be seen offering cakes to the "queen of heaven," as she rose in full glory behind the eastern hills.

"Jeremiah," exclaimed the young king, "I have been wicked in my delay. At once I will go forth against this evil. Oh, Jeremiah, ask Jehovah to give me strength," and both young men knelt in prayer.

2 Chron. 34: 3, 4. Josiah did go forth the very next day, handsomely dressed, riding the royal horse, with a great retinue of priests and soldiers following. Jeremiah was with them and his heart grew full as he saw the king overthrow an altar under a tree, just outside the city gate. The soldiers shouted and broke down both altar and idol, while the priests kindles a fire of the debris, singing psalms and praising the Lord.

On they went to the next, and the next; demolishing everything in the shape of heathen altars, and scattering the worshipers. At each place Josiah stood and spoke to the people warning them against rebuilding the altars, and calling upon them to worship Jehovah alone.

It was a wonderful day to Jeremiah. He was with a crowd of his city comrades, who shouted and tore down the altars with the soldiers; but Jeremiah touched no altar and uttered no shout, he simply hid his face in his arms and wept. He felt a new power in his soul that stirred his being to its very depths and he longed to be alone.

As it drew towards evening they came to Anathoth, and he saw the vineyards of his home in the distance. He at once sought out Josiah.

"My king," he said, "I wish to remain here."

Josiah looked around puzzled until his eye fell upon the nearby village.

"Oh, you are homesick. Very well. We now return to the city, but in a day or two I shall start out for a longer journey. We will pass this way and you can join us then."

Jeremiah bowed and walked silently and alone across the hillside, while the happy, weary crowd went shouting towards Jerusalem.

Two days later the king returned with a great following. 2 Kings 23: 4-20. They began demolishing where they had left off, and Josiah often looked around for his friend; but Jeremiah did not put in an appearance, indeed he was not conscious that the king had returned, neither did he hear the shouts and singing. Flat on his face he lay in a corner of the vineyard, wholly absorbed with the thought that the Presence of Jehovah overshadowed him.

He felt that God would speak with him so he waited and prayed. At last one night when a fast waning moon showed crimson through the vines, there came as it were a voice to his soul.

Jer. 1: 6. "Jeremiah, I have appointed thee a prophet unto the nations."

The young man lifted his face to the purple sky.

"Ah, Lord God!" he cried, "I cannot speak; for I am a child."

Again came the voice: "Say not, I am a child, behold I have put my words in thy mouth."

Was it the night breeze that touched his lips? Could the winds send such a thrill through his being? Jeremiah fell upon his face and the voice came a third time:

"To whomsoever I shall send thee thou shalt go, and whatsoever I shall command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid because of them; for I am with thee to deliver thee."

Several days passed before Jeremiah returned to Jerusalem, and he could hardly realize that he was the same person who had left it but a fortnight before. He had sprung from childhood into manhood in those few short days, and he felt the Presence of the Almighty with him as he walked the road exultant in his mission.

The king had not yet returned and the city was very quiet. The excitement attendant upon his departure had died away, and the people felt their lives empty without the idol worship to which they were accustomed. The women began slyly to bring out their little altars, and by the time the moon was full incense was arising from every street.

(To be Continued.)

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

Cable messages to the daily press state that on Friday, March 13, King Victor Emmanuel of Italy received in private audience Dr. William Burt, presiding elder of the Rome district, Italy conference. At the close of the audience, Dr. Burt received the decoration of the order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus, as a token of His Majesty's appreciation of Dr. Burt's labors in Italy, extending over seventeen years.

Only a few weeks since, King Victor Emmanuel received in private audience Dr. N. Walling Clark, formerly at the head of our theological school at Rome, and now traveling in papal Europe and the Levant, under the auspices of the World's Student Christian Federation.

Dr. Burt is an alumnus of Wesleyan University, class of 1879, and of Drew Theological Seminary, class of 1881. He holds the degree of

Master of Arts from Wesleyan University, and is also a Doctor of Divinity. He entered the New York East conference in 1881, and was transferred therefrom to the Italy conference in 1886.

The Methodist work in Italy began in 1872. The statistics for 1902 show 21 ordained Italian preachers, 1,923 full members, 534 probationers, an average attendance at Sunday services of 2,513, and 120 in Sabbath schools. The Methodist church property in Italy is valued at about a third of a million dollars.

Educational

One Great Central School

REV. N. H. SPEIGHT, D. D.

The great Black Belt of the state of Alabama was for a long time neglected by the conference and the F. A. & S. E. Society. Not until the Central Alabama conference divided and we became the Mobile conference was any attention given to this part of the state by the church outside of the Marion district along educational lines. But as soon as we became a separate conference and adopted the Marion Institute as our conference school; then some of the leading members of the Central conference brought about the agitation of "one great central school for the two conferences." They succeeded in getting a commission appointed to select a place for the central school. The commission settled on Birmingham, which means to give up the Black Belt again. The writer being a member of that commission, opposed the move then and stands opposed to it now. I will never agree to go beyond the northern boundary of the Mobile conference to establish a school to educate the Negroes of the Black Belt. It means a failure. The school at Huntsville has done good work for the people in the northern part of the state; but as long as that school has been located there, I don't think twenty students in all from this part of the state have attended it. It seems to me that it would be far better that each conference would build and maintain its own school as our good brothers in Mississippi are doing, than for us as a young and coming conference with such vast territory to ever agree to leave this territory again to others since it has been committed to our care. Dr. Nelson of the Central conference, who was a leader in the move to go to Birmingham, now opposes it. I quote from his letter. This is what he says: "Birmingham has not offered anything but a little piece of land, which the land company is trying to get us to take, in order to sell other land to Negroes. Since I saw this, I oppose Birmingham and I always will if they do no more for us than to try to get us to act as agents for a land company to sell land for them to others of the race." Although this very point was argued by Dr. Buckner and Presiding Elder Smith as a reason why we should go to Birmingham. That the land company would give a small piece of land, the size of one or two city lots, and would sell land around it cheap to other Negroes. Dr. Nelson seemed to have been so eager for the project that he failed to note that point until after the commission adjourned. I am glad, after all, that he has seen it and now states that he opposes Birmingham. I quote a word from Dr. Thirkield, who is far sighted and seems to be looking to the best interest of the church and people and not the land company. He says: "Before Birmingham is settled on, I trust they will very carefully consider the claim of Marion, as the center for the work. I have been attracted by the quietness and beauty of the town; its good railroad connections,

and it is much nearer the center of the state." This point, "center," was argued before the commission by the writer; it was hooted off by men that seem to have been eager to be land agents for the Birmingham land company.

I quote from Dr. Nelson's letter again. He says: "You have a strong plea when you show show what your people at Marion, and conference have already done." I can't feel that the members of the Mobile conference can or will ratify the action of any commission that will try to draw them from the territory committed to them for spiritual and moral growth, and intellectual development. Now, if the Central Alabama conference is a failure, as one of the presiding elders of said conference stated to me, because remote from the great body of the Negroes, why should they ask that we leave them? Would we not be blind to do so? Then if they want the two schools for good, why not come to the great body of Negroes? By so doing we could carry out the policy of the great church in going to the people, and not try to take the people to them. Now consider the following facts, and I think you will agree with me that we cannot afford to leave Marion to go anywhere.

First: The Black Belt has been neglected by our educational work for a quarter of a century, indeed, ever since the church was organized in the state. And while we neglected it, other denominations have steadily drawn on our people and are yet doing so.

Second: Our conference is only two years old and is destined to be the conference of the state if we will cultivate the territory committed to us by building and maintaining a school where our young people can be educated under our care without going so far to reach our schools, and where our young ministers can be prepared for their life work.

Third: If we further neglect the Black Belt the A. M. E. Church, the Baptist Church, the C. M. E. Church, the Congregational Church, the Presbyterian Church, and the A. M. E. Zion Church, with their schools in Selma, Talladega, Union Town, Thomasville, Marian and Tuscaloosa, will take the entire territory and divide it among themselves, and the great boasted M. E. Church that can better help the race than any other Christian body, will only be a name. It would be far better that the Central conference with its school take care of the northern portion of the state, and we look after the more central and southern part, than to once think of leaving.

Fourth: Remember that the Mobile conference is bounded East by Georgia, South by the Gulf and the Appalachicola river in Florida, West by Mississippi, and North by the 33d parallel of latitude. Thus you will see that the Mobile conference is a great deal larger than the Central Alabama conference so far as territory is concerned, and therefore Marion is the most central place when we take in consideration the two conferences. Again, both Bishops Andrews and Mallieu think that a church school should be in the Black Belt, the long-neglected portion of Alabama. I feel like saying, as did one of old: "We are doing a great work and can't come down." Bishop Andrews heartily approved the action of the Mobile conference when they adopted the Marion Institute as a conference school.

Fifth: We have bought property and met our first payment as men. At the session of the last conference, we passed resolutions looking to the next payment.

I think that I voice the sentiment of a great majority of this conference when I say we can't

afford to throw the hard earned money of the people of this portion of the state away which they have given to purchase property for a long desired and much needed school. But our aim is to take care of and look for the best interests of the flocks committed to our care. I feel that we would prove ourselves less than good shepherds to do otherwise.

Sixth: The Black Belt is the real home of the Negroes of the state, and we are now seeking to build up our people. To do this, we must live, work, and die in their midst. Let the Mobile conference stand firm by the people of the Black Belt and never agree to take hold of any scheme that will draw us from them. We want to build no air castles, but remember we are building for time and eternity. Brother pastors, these people are committed to our care, we will not be hirelings, but will be shepherds of the sheep. If the Central conference desire to bring their school, because of its failure, we welcome them; if not, we bid them God speed and say to them, we can not go.

Remember, we are a conference, and no commission can act for us. Whatever the commission do or determine to do, must be reported back to the conferences for their ratification. Now I plead with you as the Mobile conference to push our educational work in our conference with all our might. I hope the brethren everywhere will remember that I stand for the Black Belt of Alabama and for the Marion Institute first and last. Marion, Ala.

Tuskegee Institute Notes

Mr. E. W. Frost and wife, of Milwaukee, Wis., spent two days at the school last week. All of the departments were visited, and Mr. Frost spoke to the students in the chapel. His talk was helpful and encouraging.

The trades of the young men are now housed in the Slater-Armstrong Memorial Trades building. The new sawmill is also completed and preparations are being made to move the machinery from the old sawmill to the new one.

Monday, Feb. 16, was a red letter day at Tuskegee. Mr. Francis J. Garrison, son of Wm. Lloyd Garrison, spent the day with us. It was indeed a treat to the students to hear a speech from such an illustrious man.

ROBT. K. WALLACE.

Epworth League

April 5.

The Danger of Indifference

(Hag. 1: 2; Heb. 2: 1-3; Jude 3: 20, 21.)

DAILY READINGS.

Monday, March 30—Not heeding God's command. Gen. 2: 16, 17; 3: 6.

Tuesday, March 31—An indifferent race. Gen. 6: 5-13.

Wednesday, April 1—A youth indifferent to his birthright. Gen. 25: 29-34.

Thursday, April 2—Indifferent to their deliverer. Exod. 2: 11-14.

Friday, April 3—Heedless of God's house. Hag. 1: 1-9.

Saturday, April 4—Neglecting the great salvation. Heb. 2: 1-4.

The Word.

"This people say, It is not the time for us to come, the time for Jehovah's house to be built" (Hag. 1: 2). The chosen people have returned from captivity and are rebuilding the city. Their homes have been freshly constructed with fine interior finish, while God's house "lieth waste." Is there any better way for a people to advertise their indifference to God and religion than themselves to live in good houses, that smell of new woods, paint, and varnish, and let the exterior of

their church take its tones from twenty years of storm and sun, and the interior its frescoing from smoke and cobwebs? Or, what is perhaps worse, not to have any church at all?

"We ought to give the most earnest heed to the things that were heard" (Heb. 2: 1). The people of Capernaum and Jerusalem, Herod the Great, and Pilate did not give heed to the things they heard concerning Christ and from Christ. We know what happened to them. "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it" (John 2: 5).

"While I was giving all diligence to write... I was constrained to write... exhorting to contend earnestly" (Jude 3). The words wheel into line like a cavalry squad preparing for a charge. From all that we know of Jude and his older and more eminent brother, James, we may be certain they were never accused of indifference. They were not indifferent to the claims of their great Brother, nor his actions, in the days of his ministry, though they did not then believe on him. Still less were they indifferent when, with his resurrection, they were converted and entered his service.

The Theme: "The Danger of Indifference."

1. We are religious beings. It has been abundantly proven. Yet we are set against being religious as a practical matter. The history of man in his relation to God is, on his part, one long record of neglect, forgettings of mercies, backslidings.

2. Such a massive fact must have a deep root. Yes, its root is as deep as depravity. "The mind of the flesh is enmity against God" (Rom. 8: 7). We are not indierent to eating and drinking, to money-getting, to politics, to the newspaper. Why should we be to our Bibles, to prayer meetings, to Christian work? Because there is something about these things, or rather about us, that makes them "against the grain." We are not structurally in line with them.

3. There is a standing danger of religious indifference. Not until we are changed through and through, wonderfully saved, can the gravitation be the other way—not self-ward and world-ward, but Christ-ward. Suspect yourself of spiritual indierence; it is born in you. Examine yourself and you will find it at some point. "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil" (Jer. 13: 23).

4. The theme is true in another sense. Not only is there danger of indifference, but indifference is dangerous. "How shall we escape, if we neglect" (Heb. 2: 3). To be indifferent it to be dead at that point, to be out of correspondence. Henry Drummond has made us see that. The boy who has no interest in arithmetic cannot know it. Has beauty no meaning to you? Then you cannot know pictures. Are you indifferent to purity and love divine? Then you cannot be saintly. Indifference blinds the eyes and shuts the doors to God's best gifts. If we are indifferent we shall lose what we have acquired in God's service, and be in danger of eternal loss.

5. Socially as well as individually indifference is a peril. What is the one overwhelming obstacle to a progress of Christ's work and a growth of the church such as we desire? Indifference. Our fight against wickedness is not so hopeless as is the problem of stolid indifference. Think of the multitudes in the cities, and in the country as well, who are indifferent to anything religious, who appear to be utterly without thought or feeling as respects the soul in its higher relations. He who can invent a dynamite or a solvent that will break or melt this stony unfeelingness of the

masses toward Christ will gain an immortality of honor as a missionary. Yet the secret is already discovered. It is for those who now call Christ their Master to cease from indifference.

The Likenesses and Lessons.

Indifference can be overcome by the power of the Holy Spirit. A distinguished preacher from England, while in this country was called to Kentucky to deliver a commencement address, and was invited by one of the professors to visit the great caves near by. In the early stages of the trip through the cavern, chilled and repelled by the cold and damp, he desired to return. But when they came to the hall of wonders, and the guide lighted the magnesium ribbon, while the professor played "Home, Sweet Home" upon the stone piano of stalactites and stalagmites, the visitor was charmed and could have remained for hours. So the Holy Spirit can light up the Word, and trained hearts call out music from even the stony things of the Christian life, till indifference shall be overcome. Christ has a remedy for all our indifference. If we get closely in touch with him we shall find the cure.

He will also teach us how to master the indifference of the people to the church, and to the aims that are dear to our young people's organizations.

The marvelous growth of the Salvation Army is an example of what persistent onset against the religious neglect of the masses can accomplish.

The Christian forces growing in commercial and industrial lines, like the "Gideon" ranks among the traveling men, and similar movements among the railroad employees, prove that there is a way by which Christ can newly and powerfully enter most unpromising fields.

The Cleveland Missionary Conference demonstrated that one year, almost one week, could change the seeming apathy of a great church into a flame of fresh devotion and inspire a grand advance.

"There are few signs in a soul's state more alarming than that of religious indifference" (F. W. Robertson).

Suspect danger when you find yourself losing interest in the means of grace, or reluctant to speak, pray, or do other Christian service.

Watch young converts, and seek to overcome their first tendencies to neglect their duty.

The beginnings of indifference in the League chapter can be perceived and counteracted by alert and faithful effort.

Epworth League Notes

BY SECRETARY PENN.

Judging from the inquiries which come to our office through the mail, there never was more interest being manifested in the Epworth and Junior League than now. Every mail brings requests for literature, helps to organize, and seeking information about some department. We have noted also that the Leagues ordering regularly every year the Prayer Meeting Topics, Year Books, and such literature as is issued yearly, are on the increase, which is a sign of permanency of the work among us. This is gratifying. We often wish we might make special mention of the work which is being done. We commenced it once, but our mail brings information from so many, that to attempt individual mention of the good work done here or there is to set a precedent which we can't live up to. We must be excused, however, for the mention of a few now. There is the Little Rock Conference Epworth League under the leadership of President Jacques and First Vice-President Miss H. M. Nasmyth, ably

assisted by the Cabinet of the Conference League, ministers, and President Cox of Philander Smith. They have bought an Epworth farm and made the college a present of the same. Up in Virginia, at Tazewell, the Junior League under Miss Virginia M. Warren is doing wonderful work and Miss Warren is using up-to-date methods of object lesson teaching. The Junior League is one of the brightest features of the church, so Pastor Brooks told me at Conference. This reminds me to say that by actual count a dozen preachers have come up to me at Conferences with shining black suits, looking good, and they tell me that the League did it. In every case we have had reason to thank God that the young people are looking out for the preacher and hope that the preacher will look out for the young people. The Junior League at Clark University, under Miss Marie Hardwick, has joined Bishop Warren's Memory Guild and learn each week some blessed old Methodist hymn, which the bishop calls attention to in our church advocates. What Methodists these young people will be!

In Georgia, Presiding Elder Arnold calls in the office regularly for supplies for the Leagues on his district. Down in Mississippi, Rev. B. H. S. Ferguson, installed as Epworth League president of the Upper Mississippi Conference, is starting out vigorously to bring the work to the front. His own League at Greenwood is a model and he is going to bring the Conference League up to it. Further down in Mississippi, Rev. R. N. Jones at Moss Point has such a working League and they are such a loyal and proud set they are badging themselves with thirty and fifty-cent badges. If we begin to mention the League work up in the Washington Conference, starting with Mt. Zion, Ebenezer, Asbury and then Baltimore, and in Delaware Conference and back to Louisiana and Texas we will surely take all the space of the *Southwestern* and the editor, as good as he is, will object to that. Suffice to say, brothers and friends, the work moves. Get in the front of the procession and let no League be better than yours. We have on hand some constitutions and by-laws for both Epworth League and Junior League which we can send you if you will write for them. Let us have an Epworth League and Junior League in every church and chartered with the charter framed and hanging in the church. Address us to our office, Room 11, 7½ North Broad street, Atlanta, Ga. Our Epworth League office is downtown now, two beautiful rooms, well furnished, with books in one and office proper in the other. You should see it. Order your Epworth League supplies from Atlanta, Ga., as per address given above.

Your attention to the following items is greatly desired:

First, get ready to observe the fourteenth anniversary of the Epworth League, Sunday, May 17, 1903. On this Sunday let every League take a collection for general league expenses and purchase one or more sets of the Reading Course.

Second, the Sixth International Epworth League Convention meets July 16-19, at Detroit, Mich. Our ministers and Leaguers should go. Each League should at least send one delegate and begin early to get ready to send the delegate. This is to be the greatest meeting in our history. Let our people be there in large numbers. We were 800 strong at Indianapolis. Let us go up 1,000 strong to Detroit. Our Leagues should elect their delegates and report to our office at once. The sooner delegates are elected the better. A chance that we should not lightly consider, is our opportunity to attend these conver-

tions, come into contact with our white friends and let them see our worth. Brothers, start in time to get ready. Bring the matter next Sunday to the attention of the Leagues. Elect early.

South Atlanta, Ga.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson I, April 5th, 1903. Title—Paul's Farewell to Ephesus (Acts 20: 18-35). Golden Text—Remember the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, how He said. It is more blessed to give than to receive, (Acts 20: 35). Time—A. D. 55. Place—Miletus.

It was Paul's plan to sail from Corinth into Syria, and pass on up to Jerusalem. The Jews were watching for him, hence he returned to the holy city through Macedonia. A number from Asia, who were with him at Corinth, tarried for Luke and Paul at Troas. In that city they remained one week. Paul preached to them an entire night. A young man fell from a third story window and was taken up dead. The apostle restored him to life. They sailed south. Paul, for lack of time, did not stop at Ephesus. When they came to Miletus he sent for the elders of the Ephesian church. The lesson we study to-day is a part of his address to that body. In it we see Paul's life at Ephesus; (17-21) his determination to go to Jerusalem; (22-27) his exhortation to the Ephesian elders; (28-31) and his benediction upon them (32-35).

I. *Paul's life at Ephesus.* 1. "He served the Lord with all humility of mind." He labored three years at that place. His life during this period was well known to these elders. He was not exalted above measure, though he was not a whit behind the chief apostle. He realized his dependence upon God, and felt that without Him he could do nothing. There is no godliness without humility. All great souls are humble. 1. He also served the Lord by warning "every one night and day with tears." He knew the justice, power and goodness of God; the plan of salvation wrought out by our Lord; the immortality of the soul; and the rewards and punishments that awaited the people beyond the grave. His manner of preaching was by reasoning and persuading. The minister should avoid affectation, yet be thoughtful and sympathetic. 3. He endured many temptations and trials. Some of these are recorded in the previous chapter. They were caused by the Jews, by the sons of Scevia, by Demetrius the silversmith, and by Alexander the coppersmith. Paul was tempted in all points like as we are, yet he remained true to the Lord. 4. "He kept back nothing that was profitable unto them." He did not shun to declare unto them the whole counsel of God. He preached that which was popular and that which was unpopular. It is the minister's duty to proclaim, not what the people desire to hear, but what they should hear. 5. He taught them publicly and privately. He preached in the synagogue, in the academy, and in the home. The minister should visit the people and teach them the way of life. The amount of time to be spent in this way cannot be determined. Preaching is the minister's chief work, yet smaller duties should not be neglected. 6. The burden of Paul's preaching was: "Repentance towards God and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ." Repentance means a change of mind, a godly sorrow for sin, and a consecration of the life to God. Saving faith is the "substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." These are the two leading doctrines of the gospel. Through them the sinner is saved, and without them he is lost.

II. Paul's determination to visit Jerusalem.

1. He went "bound in the Spirit." He was constrained by the Holy Spirit: making the journey by divine guidance. God may impress us with certain duties, but he never goes above or beyond His written Word. 2. He did not know what would befall him there. The fact that he would suffer was plain, but the manner of his suffering was not known. Many anciently were led by the Spirit without knowing the way through which they would pass. God has wisely hid our afflictions from us. 3. But bonds and afflictions could not turn him from the path of duty. He could march into the gates of death better than he could neglect the will of God. He did not count his life dear, but would finish his course with joy. His was the way of the ministry of Jesus, and the testimony of the grace of God. 4. He felt they would see his face no more. He spoke here as any one, not guided by the Holy Spirit, might speak. Yet from his letters it is clear that he was at Troas, Miletus, and likely at Ephesus, after this. 5. He desired them to know he had done his whole duty. If any were lost their lives would not be required at his hands. He was free from the blood of all men. He made them witnesses of this fact. He called them to record that he had done his entire duty. Oh! that all ministers could say as much.

III. *His exhortation to the elders.* 1. They were to take heed, (1) to themselves. To their mind by giving attention to reading, study, and meditation. To their soul by prayer, preaching, fasting, holy conversation, and the sacraments. To their bodies by food, drink, dress, and exercise, make them as strong and durable as possible. (2) To the flock over which the Holy Spirit made them overseers. The souls committed to their trust were to be fed. The doctrines of the gospel were to be preached, and the sacraments duly administered. These would build them up and make them steadfast in the service of the Lord. 2. There were dangers before them. (1) From without. After his departure greivous wolves would enter in. He had by his presence, and watchful care, kept the flock from danger while he was with it. But when he should depart, sly, cunning, false teachers, would be heavy, strong and mighty against them. The apostle likely referred to Judaizing teachers who would if possible win the flock back to Judaism. (2) From within, men would arise speaking perverse things. These likely refer to Jewish Christians who would insist on the disciples keeping the customs of the Jews along with those of the Christians. We may be tempted through the world, the church, and the flesh. 3. There were duties before them. They were to watch and remember. Keep an eye on the false teachers, and suffer no doctrine presented that would be misleading. Drive out erroneous doctrines by introducing truth. Observe the flock. See and know the members, and when any are neglecting the means of grace, or straying from the fold, labor to bring them back. They were to remember the conduct of Paul while among them: He for the space of three years labored night and day to save souls. He made the people's interest his own. He warned them with tears to flee from the wrath to come. The church never had such another worker as Paul. When we compare our life with his we blush with shame.

IV. *His benediction upon them.* 1. He commended them to the grace of God. He invoked the blessings of heaven upon them. The word of His grace refers to the gospel of our Lord. This gospel was able to build them up, or make

them grow and become established in love. It would give them an inheritance among the holy. It would justify, sanctify, and glorify them. 2. He referred them to his example. He taught that they which preach the gospel should live of the same, yet he labored with his own hands to support himself and those that were with him. He was a great scholar and a mighty preacher. Highly honored of God, who bestowed on him miraculous power. Yet he thought it right to labor for his daily bread, and for those who worked with him. The gospel makes labor honorable. 3. He exhorted them to remember the words of the Lord Jesus when He said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." These words of Jesus were not recorded by any of the evangelists. It is a diamond among rubies. Not all the valuable things Jesus said and did came down to us. Artaxerxes said: "To bestow is more honorable than to take away." Aristotle said: "It belongs to a freeman to give rather than to receive." Seneca taught: "He who bestows imitates the gods, but he who receives is like the usurer." True happiness consists not in receiving but in bestowing. The spirit of charity is better than the spirit of covetousness. None who are really craving are truly happy. God is love.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation For 1903

Central Missouri, Sedalia, Mo.—Mar. 11..Hamilton.
Kansas, Holton, Kan.—Mar. 12.....Foss.
Lexington, Chicago, Ill.—Mar. 18.....Merrill.
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 18..Mallalieu.
New Jersey, Asbury Park, N. J.—Mar. 18..Fowler.
Wilmington, Easton, Md.—Mar. 18.....Cranston.
Missouri, Carrollton, Mo.—Mar. 18.....Hamilton.
South Kansas, Fort Scott, Kan.—Mar. 19.....Foss.
Cent. Pennsylvania, Altoona, Pa.—Mar. 25....Merrill.
Virginia, Eagle Rock, Va.—Mar. 25.....Warren.
Delaware, Pocomoke City, Md.—Mar. 25....Fowler.
Saint Louis, Marshall, Mo.—Mar. 25.....Hamilton.
Southwest Kansas, Sterling, Kan.—Mar. 26....Foss.
Newark—Apr. 1.....Warren.
New Eng. Southern, Brockton, Mass.—Apr. 1.Fowler.
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.—Apr. 1.....FitzGerald.
New York East—Apr. 1.....Goodsell.
New York—Apr. 1.....McCabe.
Northwest Kansas, Stockton, Kan.—Apr. 2....Foss.
Okaneb, Guthrie, Okla.—Apr. 2.....Hamilton.
New England, Brookline, Mass.—Apr. 8....Andrews.
North Indiana, Noblesville, Ind.—Apr. 8....Walden.
Vermont, Northfield, Vt.—Apr. 9.....Warren.
Washington, Staunton, Va.—Apr. 9.....McCabe.
Troy, Saratoga Springs—Apr. 9.....McCabe.
Maine, Bridgeton, Me.—Apr. 15.....Andrews.
New Hampshire, Woodsville, N. H.—Apr. 15..Warren.
East German, Philadelphia, Pa.—Apr. 16....Fowler.
Wyoming, Binghamton, N. Y.—Apr. 16....FitzGerald.
Northern New York, Carthage, N. Y.—Apr. 22.Merrill.
East Maine, Newport, Me.—Apr. 22.....Andrews.
Eastern Swedish, Providence, R. I.—Apr. 23....FitzGerald.
Porto Rico, San Juan.....Warne.
Bombay, Bombay—Dec. 3, '02.....Thoburn.
South India, Kolar—Dec. 18, '02.....Thoburn.
North India, Lucknow—Jan. 2.....Thoburn.
West China Mission, Chentu—Jan. 7.....Moore.
Northwest India, Muttra—Jan. 14.....Thoburn.
Mexico, Pachuca—Jan. 15.....Cranston.
Bengal, Calcutta—Jan. 21.....Warne.
Burma Mission Conf., Rangoon—Jan. 28...Thoburn.
Liberia, Cape Palmas—Jan. 28.....Hartzell.
Malaysia, Singapore—Feb. 10.....Warne.
W. S. A. Miss. Conf., Concepcion—Feb. 18....Joyce.
Central China Miss., Nankin—Mar. 4.....Moore.
South America, Rosario—Mar. 18.....Joyce.
Japan, Nagoya—Apr. 1.....Moore.
S. Japan Miss. Conf., Nagasaki—Apr. 17....Moore.
Bulgaria Miss. Conf., Loftcha—Apr. 22....Vincent.
Korea Mission, Seoul—May 1.....Moore.
Italy—May 14.....Vincent.
Switzerland, Neuchatel—June 3.....Vincent.
North China, Pekin—June 8.....Moore.
South Germany, Pforzheim—June 10.....Vincent.
North Germany, Zwickau—June 17.....Vincent.
Denmark Miss. Conf., N. Bornholm—July 29.Vincent.
E. C. Africa M. Conf., Umtali—July 30.....Walden.
Hartzell.
Fin. & St. P'b'g Miss., Tammerfors—Aug. 6..Vincent.
Sweden, Helsingborg—Aug. 12.....Vincent.
Norway, Horten—Aug. 19.....Vincent.
Hinghua Miss. Conf., Hinghua—Nov. 5.....Moore.
Foochow, Foochow—Nov. 14.....Moore.
W. Cent. Afr. M. Conf., Quessua—Dec. 16....Walden.
Hartzell.
N. B.—Because of his impaired health, no Confer-
ences have been assigned to Bishop Hurst.
J. N. FITZGERALD, Secretary.
By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.

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The Separate Street Car Law Sustained

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stand long. Under the circumstances it is impossible that the colored citizens of New Orleans will be satisfied with the manner in which the law is enforced. For the reason that comparatively few have been riding since the screens were placed in the cars, very little space has been allotted to Negro passengers; and hence those who did ride have been for the most part compelled to stand. We have not been in the city since the court's decision was rendered and therefore have no means of knowing how the law is being enforced by the company or whether any plans are being inaugurated by the colored citizens to look after their interest. We are sure, however, that something will be done if our people have any self respect whatever. The Negro need not sit idly by and expect his rights to be respected. There is no doubt that there are many people in the South who believe in dealing justly by him, but they are either not in control of affairs or else fear to do that which they believe right. Under the circumstances proper steps should be taken so that those who are compelled to ride may do so in a fairly comfortable manner. To say the least this is their due, and no fair minded person will hold the contrary.

Another Question For the General Conference

An interesting question for adjustment in the next General Conference will doubtless be found in that recently presented by the Pittsburg Annual Conference. A correspondent of *Zion's Herald* calls attention to the matter in the following language, and the *Michigan Christian Advocate* thinks it foreshadows a lively debate in the General Conference:

"A few years ago the conference adopted a set of rules for the government of the body. It was provided in those rules that they should apply to all subsequent sessions; that they might be amended or changed by a mere majority vote on the first day of any annual session, but that it would require a two-thirds vote to annul or suspend them at any other time. At the next session after the adoption of these rules the presiding bishop, when his attention was called to them, decided that in his opinion the conference was not a continuous body in such sense as that one session could make any rules for the government of a succeeding session. When his attention was called to the fact that the bishops at one of their meetings had expressed, as a body, a contrary opinion, he stated that he knew this, but that he was not present at that meeting and did not agree with the opinion. In the absence of the adoption, at any session, of rules of procedure, the conference is thus subject to the will of the bishop as to the conduct of its affairs.

"It is alleged that some of these so-called permanent rules of the conference are not pleasing to the presiding officers. One of these rules is: 'No person, not a member of this conference, except the bishop in charge, may occupy the time of the conference for more than ten minutes at any regular session;' and another: 'That no public collection or subscription, except the collection for the sexton of the church in which the confer-

ence is held, may be taken at any regular session of the conference, except by order of the conference;' and still a third is: 'The conference shall sit with closed doors to consider the questions of admission on trial and admission into full connection.'"

As we understand it there is no question as to the right of an annual conference to adopt such rules for its own government, but whether one annual session has the right to make them binding upon succeeding sessions. To our mind there is no question about this, and we think a majority of the General Conference would so vote.

Central Missouri Conference

The Central Missouri Conference assembled for its annual session at Sedalia, Mo., in Taylor M. E. Church, Wednesday, March 11, 1903. Bishop John W. Hamilton, D. D., one of the two youngest and at the same time one of the greatest of our bishops, presided. The sacrament was administered with great solemnity. The former secretary, J. A. Dorsey, being absent, A. H. Higgs, one of his assistants, was asked to call the roll and he was elected secretary. His assistants were B. F. Abbott and W. H. Smith. Statistical Secretary R. E. Gillum was assisted by H. A. Henley, F. S. Bowles and J. M. Harris; and Treasurer G. W. Reeves chose as his assistants W. R. Riviere and W. A. Bohannon. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Mayor Babcock on behalf of the city of Sedalia, Prof. H. L. Billups and Prof. Shelton French on behalf of the public schools and the college, and the Rev. Dr. Jacoby on behalf of the churches of the city. An appropriate response was made by Bishop J. W. Hamilton.

In response to the question, was the character of each preacher examined? the character of Presiding Elders Richard Davis, J. Will Jackson and C. M. Keaton passed and they made their reports. Following them the character of each effective elder passed. The bishop appointed Rev. Dr. R. E. Gillum to preside at the statistical session. Two members of the conference were reported deceased, J. G. Dinsmore and Edward Anthony.

The conference was visited by quite a number of ministers and prominent men. The official visitors were Rev. Drs. A. B. Leonard and G. G. Logan of the Missionary Society, W. I. Haven of the Bible Society, W. F. McDowell of the Board of Education, W. D. Parr of the Church Extension Board, A. C. George of the S. S. Union, J. F. Berry of the *Epworth Herald*, I. B. Scott of the *SOUTHWESTERN*, and Prof. I. G. Penn of the Epworth League. The conference extended a hearty welcome to all these officials and listened with very great interest to their addresses.

The missionary sermon was preached by Rev. J. M. Harris of Kansas City, and was instructive and helpful. Jno. E. Tice was received on credentials from the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America. W. B. Clark came from the A. M. E. Zion Church and his orders as a deacon were recognized. Received into full connection, J. H. Boone, A. R. Martin and John E. Tice. Continued on trial, I. F. White. Ordained an elder, J. M. Harris; ordained deacons, Jno. H. Boone and Allen R. Martin. Received on trial, S. P. Johnson, who was excused from first year's studies. The case of S. L. Evans was referred to the presiding elder of his district for the investigation of rumors against him.

The most interesting and spirited debate of the session was on a resolution thanking the legislature of the state of Missouri for defeating the proposed separate car law. The resolution was afterward adopted by an overwhelming majority.

A resolution was also adopted condemning promiscuous and Sunday excursions.

The following statistics will indicate the results of the year's work. There would be no advantage in comparing them with those of the year previous since the conference was divided after these were made up.

Membership: Probationers, 670; full members, 5,584; total, 6,254.

Collections: Missionary Society, \$488.80; Church Extension, \$210.76; Sunday School Union, \$28.64; Tract Society, \$22.47; Freedman's Aid Society, \$343.45; Education, \$155.10; American Bible Society, \$5.25; Woman's Foreign Missions, \$8.25; Woman's Home Missions, \$9.90; total, \$1,272.62. General Conference expenses, \$33.00; Conference Claimants, \$139.10; Episcopal fund, \$130.26; special collection for Geo. R. Smith College, \$182.95; total, \$1,757.93.

(Appointments in next issue.)

The Rev. Dr. Ernest Lyon was nominated by President Roosevelt as minister to Liberia, and promptly confirmed by the senate. As much as his many friends will be gratified that one so able and so deserving has been thus honored, they will at the same time regret his necessary absence from this country. Nevertheless the doctor's appointment is specially pleasing to Methodist Episcopalians whose prominent men have hitherto received such limited recognition at the hands of the chief executive. At the same time they feel confident that a man has been selected who will do faithfully and well the duties incumbent upon him. We extend congratulations.

Miss Meta Vaux Warrick, the Afro-American sculptor, has done work that has called forth praise from many intelligent sources. Her conception and execution of "The Man Eating His Heart," "Carrying a Dead Body," "The Wretched," and the "Thief On the Cross," clearly evince not only the soul of an artist, but the fine, exact, powerful and harmonious working of hand and brain.

Citizens and students at Madison, Wisconsin, by lifting of hands, convinced Senator Tillman of South Carolina, who was addressing them on "The Negro Question from a Southern Point of View," that they approved the policy of President Roosevelt even to the closing of the post-office at Indianola, Miss.

The *Christian Index*, the official organ of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, says Bishop Beebe, Bishop Holsey and Bishop Lane are the oldest Negro bishops in the world. Up to last May these venerable fathers had held not only all the annual conferences in their church for thirty years, but all the district conferences.

Ladies who desire to be able to do their own cutting and fitting will do well to read our advertisement on page 14 of this number of the *SOUTHWESTERN*. We give you the chance to become a seamstress for \$1.25, and you get the *SOUTHWESTERN* besides.

Whitecaps, disguised beyond recognition, near Barwick, Ga., took a colored man and his boy from their home and severely whipped them and gave them 48 hours to leave the state. Another Negro's house was fired into and his son fatally shot. An attempt was made to catch another colored man but he eluded them and escaped to the swamp. No reason is known for this outrage. The colored victims are said to be respectable people.

Personal and General

Presiding Elder W. R. Butler was in the city last week.

The next meeting of the bishops will be held at Meadville, Pa., April 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Alexander of Maillard, La., were in the city a short time last week.

The Rev. R. J. Campbell will succeed the Rev. Joseph Parker at City Temple, London.

Rev. J. C. Eusan, B. D., is filling the chair of Latin in Tillotson College, Austin, Texas.

Mrs. Nancy Dunn, of Baton Rouge, was in the city to attend the marriage of her niece, Miss Ethel Sykes.

Mrs. Josephine Beck of St. Louis, Mo., after a visit to relatives in this city, left for home on the 14th.

Rev. N. McNeal left the city Saturday to take charge of our work at Dulac, La. We wish him abundant success.

Rev. Frederick William Farrar, dean of Canterbury since 1895, died in his seventy-second year, March 22, in London.

Dr. Joseph C. Alexander and Rufus Cantrell, connected with the "body snatcher" disgrace in Indianapolis, have been jointly indicted.

We are sorry to learn that Brother G. M. R. Husbands of Yazoo City, Miss., has been confined to his bed for three weeks.

Rev. William T. Trammell, president of the Huntsville District League of the Central Alabama Conference, has resigned his position.

The *Western Christian Advocate* of March 18 honored its first page with a beautiful picture of Dr. R. S. Rust, Sr., and his grandson, R. S. Rust, Jr.

James Madison Bell, the colored poet who wrote "We'll Rally Round the Flag, Boys," is dead. He was a native of Ohio and 74 years of age.

James H. Wolff, Esq., is the first colored man to be elected Junior Vice-Commander of the Department of Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic.

The other week Mr. R. C. Bruce of Tuskegee addressed the members of the colored Y. M. C. A. of Mobile, also the Mobile Negro Business League.

Rev. C. W. Kershaw, of Shriver, La., was in the city the other day. He is enjoying his work. Sister Kershaw has been sick, but is now improving.

Rev. M. C. Cavines, our pastor in Dallas, Texas, has just closed a glorious revival with 36 converts and 66 accessions to the church. For all purposes his church raises \$35 a week.

Hon. Isaac L. Henson, son of Presiding Elder Mack Henson of West Texas Conference, has written a book, "Pharaoh's Decision in the Action of Wrong vs. Right."

Mrs. A. J. Cooper, principal of the colored high school, Washington, D. C., interested a large audience in Baltimore, Md., recently in an able address on "The Requirements of Young Men."

Mr. Walter E. Scott, of Houston, Texas, brother of Mr. Emmett J. Scott of Tuskegee, and Miss Ella Walls were married at the home of the bride's mother, in Austin, March 8.

Mr. Rufus Meroney delivered an address before faculty and students of Sam Huston College, Austin, Texas, last week. Mr. Meroney is a graduate of Tillotson College, and a teacher in the public school of Austin.

Dr. J. F. McKinley of Chicago, Ill., has been visiting his old home, Austin, Texas. Dr. Mc-

Kinley is greatly loved and admired by the people of Austin and they made his stay among them very pleasant.

Mrs. Ada McKinley of Chicago, Ill., recently visited her mother in San Antonio, Texas, and friends in Austin, Texas. She was the recipient of many kindly courtesies from friends of both cities. Mrs. McKinley is a favorite in Austin.

Rev. T. F. Robinson, of Many, La., was in the city this week to see his wife, who has not been well for some time. Sister Robinson returned with her husband to Many. Her doctor thinks she will be benefited by the change.

We are pleased to note the fact that Bishop Merrill, altho not able to preside at the session of the Lexington Conference which was held in Chicago last week, is sufficiently improved to be moved from the hospital to his home.

Rev. Ernest Lyon, minister resident and consul general to Liberia, will not leave for Africa before June. He will remain in charge of his church until the meeting of the Washington Conference, of which he is a member, which meets April 9th.

Rev. Jatt Ellis of Ten Saw, Ala., on account of the high water, has been unable to hold services for some time. He has not seen land for nearly nine weeks. His wife is sick and he has no money to get a doctor. His appeal on another page of this paper is pitiful.

Mr. Charles Stewart, the traveling newspaper correspondent, spent a few days in New Orleans recently. He gave an earnest, straightforward talk Sunday morning at St. Peter's Chapel on the Bible and delivered an eloquent address before the faculty and students of Leland University, the following Monday evening.

Prof. H. L. Billups, a graduate and formerly a teacher in Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., is now the veteran of the Faculty of George R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo. He has been there for a number of years and has made a most excellent record. The professor has been invited to deliver the annual address before the alumni of his alma mater during the month of May.

News Notes

A complete roster of the officers and enlisted men of the Union and Confederate armies will be published.

Last week was a record breaker for new subscribers and renewals through the mail. Try it again, brethren.

The Missionary Convention at Buffalo next month will be addressed by Dr. A. B. Leonard and Mr. S. Earl Taylor.

Ex-President Cleveland will make an extended trip through the West. He will be present at the dedication of the St. Louis Fair grounds.

Cincinnati, O., was the principal contestant with Los Angeles for the next General Conference. Well, there are worse places than Cincinnati.

The Virginia bill providing for placing a statue of General R. E. Lee in Statuary Hall of the Capitol at Washington became a law without the signature of the Governor of the state.

The Ohio river is falling, but according to Dr. I. M. Cline, the forecast official of the weather bureau, this city, the Mississippi and the Atchafalaya will continue to rise for three or four weeks.

The flood situation is yet serious. The March winds are severely testing the levees along the Mississippi river. The river is falling at Memphis, but is rising south of there. Mails in the Mississippi valley are being delayed.

James Tillman, ex-lieutenant governor of South Carolina, who murdered Editor Gonzales, has not thus far been able to secure bail and is therefore still in prison. It is barely possible that such cases as this may impress the South with the folly of allowing the murder spirit to run riot; let us hope so at any rate.

Mr. Roosevelt Is Right.—The renomination by the President of Dr. Crum to be collector at Charleston, S. C., is right. If anybody claimed that the nominee is deficient intellectually or morally, or that he would not make a first-class official, the case would be different. But the only objection to Dr. Crum is that his skin is not white. We admire the President's good sense. Also his nerve. The nomination should be promptly confirmed.—*Epworth Herald*.

The foregoing is what Dr. Berry wrote when Dr. Crum's name was sent to the new senate. Since that body adjourned the President has again nominated Dr. Crum, this being the third time, and he will now qualify and take charge of the office. We join with the *Herald* in saying: "Mr. Roosevelt is right."



PROF. E. H. McKISSACK, A. M.,

PROFESSOR OF NATURAL SCIENCE IN RUST UNIVERSITY, HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS.

We take pleasure in presenting our readers a good picture of Prof. E. H. McKissack, A. M., professor of natural science in Rust University, Holly Springs, Miss., and who has been a member of the faculty for ten years. Notwithstanding his arduous duties in connection with the university the professor finds time to interest himself in every movement for hastening the coming of Christ's kingdom on earth and for the uplifting of his race. He is president of both the Sunday school convention and lay association of the Upper Mississippi conference; superintendent of Asbury M. E. Sunday school at Holly Springs; has been twice a delegate to the General Conference; is a stockholder in the North Mississippi Oil Mill, Holly Springs Ice Factory, and the Merchants' and Farmers' Bank of Holly Springs; has been secretary and treasurer of the Odd Fellows' Benefit Association for sixteen years, during which time the widows and orphans have been paid more than \$250,000.

He was one of the men selected to meet President Roosevelt while in Memphis, Tenn.

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The severe blizzards of the past winter have caused the death of many cattle on Western ranges. Some herds were entirely wiped out.

The wet winter and spring have set the Southern farmer behind in the preparation of the soil and in planting. There is no need of discouragement, however. There is yet ample time for those who are active to secure stands, and we are sure the surplus moisture that lies beneath the soil will help to make a bountiful crop.

Supposing you have successfully managed the breaking of the soil in the two months just gone by, we now urge you to give strict attention to the planting of your various seeds, and the securing of the necessary quantity of plants to the acre. Poor stands reduce your yield. Get the drills or rows a proper distance apart, and then arrange the stalks to their places.

We call upon you again to permit no hostile legislation, or rampant speeches on the race question, to diminish your efforts towards acquiring homes in the sections where you dwell, and to use every chance you get for the education of yourselves and families. The rights of a citizen are guaranteed to you by the Constitution of the country which means that the people gave you citizenship. That some loud-mouthed persons threaten the perpetuation of these rights should give us no worry. Several generations ago Calhoun organized a section of the United States to trample upon the black man by welding shackles of slavery upon his ankles. To-day Tillman is opposing the progress of the black man by advocating castes. As Calhoun's doctrines could not endure, so will Tillman's fail. And the cause is self-evident. Their foundations are out of harmony with the American spirit. America has no room for caste.

Texas is such a big state, with such a various climate, that almost anything from a cocoanut to a cabbage can be grown within its borders. Along the Gulf coast, experiments are being made with many plants and trees indigenous to the tropics. Secretary Wilson believed that tea could be grown there as well as in China, and recent experiments have proven his ideas correct.

Figs are also grown successfully along the coast, and in some places the culture of silk worms is shown to be profitable. Texas can also raise any kind of live stock and produce as good ones as any state in the Union.

The Farmers' Improvement Society of Texas has 3,000 members, who have more than 50,000 acres of land. The society was organized by its present president, Robert L. Smith, a native of Charleston, S. C. He moved to Texas in 1885 and has lived there ever since, engaging in many useful efforts for the benefit of his race.

He himself is a prosperous farmer, owning many acres of fertile lands in West Texas, and is a fine model for his membership. He is an ardent admirer of the Tuskegee ideas and makes an annual trip to that excellent institution. He now holds a responsible Federal position that pays \$2,500 per year. We are glad to be informed that this appointment has not diminished his opportunity to labor in behalf of his people.

Fort Worth Live Stock Reporter: Texas produces more cattle than all the southern states combined, and they are owned by a comparatively few men—each of whom numbers his thousands of acres of land. This condition is passing. The great cattle baron sees his finish. The millions of acres that were a few years ago lying over this state in a practically wild condition, have been encroached upon by wire fences, which now in turn must give way to civilization, and the hundred thousand-acre pasture will become a home of numerous families, each holding running from half a section to a section, every acre made to produce, and from each, a few cattle, a few hogs and a few sheep will come to market twice a year. The steer will be bred and fed to 1,500 pounds, instead of 800 pounds. The hogs and sheep will be produced with the same end in view—the best for the market. Whence one hundred come now, one thousand will come then, heavier, better, finer stock.

DOINGS OF THE
WORKMEN

G. G. Golston, Pastor, Baldwin, La.—In my article for publication I mentioned that Mrs. F. A. Landry and company brought over a hundred pounds of choice groceries. Please put it two hundred pounds or more, for since weighing I found 256 pounds.

J. J. Hamilton, Pastor, Childress Station, Va.—Our second quarterly conference was held at Mountain View February 14 and 15. All officers were present, except a few, with good reports. Our work is in advance of what it has been. Sunday Rev. W. E. Mitchell proved himself a preacher. We had a soul-inspiring sermon preached by Rev. T. H. Austin, of Ivanhoe, Va. Brother Mitchell spoke in the interest of the church and Southwestern. We paid our elder \$10. The good Sisters of Rough and Ready surprised us recently. The party was led by Sister Lavina Barrett and the rest of the good sisters followed. They brought me many good things and will send me a barrel of flour soon.

H. Bright, Pastor, Center Point, Ark.

—My first quarterly conference was set for the 14th and 15th of February. Rev. T. R. Wamble, presiding elder, was at his post. Since my return to this work I must say I am greatly encouraged to see the doubled interest among the brethren for the work. We are pulling out on the right track. Three have subscribed for the paper and we expect to get all of the officers to do as well. On February 12 a band of young ladies and gentlemen came to the parsonage about the first watch of the night with a large assortment of groceries. Miss Lee Weston made the opening address. Afterward all sang "Go Spread the Tidings Round." After the song Miss Vancy Clardy and Miss Nooma Graves were the reporters. When they came we had heavy hearts; they left us with light ones. Everything looks bright. Pray for us.

W. Hartley Jackson, Secretary, Navasota, Tex.—Pursuant to the call of Presiding Elder Bryant, the pastor's district met in Bethlehem M. E. Church, Hempstead, Tex., February 19th and 20th. The inclement weather prevented a full attendance. Still we had a good and interesting meeting. Revs. J. A. Tillory and James Jordan had charge of the spiritual work, and it was a season of joy. The presiding elder reported his district as somewhat behind as to the spiritual and financial work, owing to the wet winter. Rev. Joseph C. Eusan, B. D., of Giddings, Tex., was a visitor to the session. His lecture on the work of Christianity and its needs was strong and powerful and will be long remembered. The district stewards were very liberal in their work. They assessed the presiding elder's salary at \$1,108.50 for this year. Many good subjects were discussed during the session. The presiding elder was proud of the work of the district the last conference year, tho some of the pastors fell short on their benevolence at the annual conference of what they reported at the district meeting at Hockley. This he regretted no little. Mr. Frank Constant, of Navasota, proves to be the model district steward in the Texas Conference, in fact the best in Texas. The committee on program made the program for the ensuing District Conference, Sunday School Institute and Epworth League Convention of the Navasota district, Texas Conference, to convene at Lyons, Tex., time to be named later. Rev. J. O. Williams and his good people made it very pleasant for the visitors. The city and county is in the midst of a hot prohibition campaign. Prof. Wm. Drake, the principal of the city, took the opportunity to give our meeting one of his strong prohibition lectures. It was good and to the point. I think they will win. I never saw white ladies so determined in my life. Oh, may our Western women catch the inspiration for good. Friday the meeting closed; one of the best sessions of its kind that we have ever held.

C. E. Alexander, McMinnville, Tenn.—Our quarterly conference was held on the 9th of February. It was a dark, threatening day. Elder M. Williams preached at night. The collection was taken before preaching, which amounted to 71 cents. The elder had a disappointed look on his face, but when reports were read the stewards reported \$21.50. Of course he was surprised. The members are assessed 10 cents per

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H. G. Glenn, Pastor, Huntsville, Ala.—We celebrated Lincoln's Birthday at the M. E. Church Sunday, February 15. Interesting addresses were delivered by Prof. R. G. Robinson and Mr. H. V. Cashen. Excellent papers were read by Miss Josie E. Holmes and Miss Bessie L. Martin. A collection was taken for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. Our choir furnished excellent music, suited to the occasion. Prof. W. L. Riley, our organist, deserves great credit for faithfulness. Dr. G. G. Logan, Field Secretary of the Missionary Society, was with us. Sunday, February 22, he preached at 11 a. m., and delivered an address at 7 o'clock on the subject of missions. A large congregation was present at both services and manifested great interest. Brother Logan has his work greatly at heart and will doubtless accomplish great good for the missionary cause. After his lecture he called for subscriptions, and \$58 was subscribed for missions. Dr. B. E. Scruggs subscribed \$5. A white gentleman in the congregation subscribed and paid \$1. Brother Logan put new life and new impetus in the missionary cause here, and we bespeak for him great success in his work. The pastors will do well to have Broth-

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W. H. Simpson, Pastor, Newport, Ark.—The members and friends of our church expressed their heartfelt thanks to God and our good bishop for returning us their pastor for the third year by giving a grand surprise party at the parsonage Thursday night. Mrs. Simpson and I feel very thankful to them for their kindness. The Rev. Dr. W. R. R. Duncan, our presiding elder, held our first quarterly conference February 21-22, which was quite a success. The doctor was at his best and preached three excellent sermons to a full house. Quite a number took sacrament Sunday night. Seven united with the church. Raised \$12.50 Sunday, \$9 for presiding elder and \$3.50 for pastor.

M. P. Franklin, Pastor, Lake Charles, La.—I moved here last Saturday evening and started in for another year's work. Everything seems favorable for a great year's work. My friends can address me Box 269.

E. Jeanie Miller, Benj. F. Burge and Toliver Withrow, Writers, Forest City, N. C.—Our second quarterly conference convened at Wells' Springs Church Feb. 14. Our beloved presiding elder, Rev. M. M. Jones, having been confined at home with la grippe, was unable to be with us, so at the hour appointed our pastor, Rev. J. C. Robbins, took the chair, called the house to order and did the business of the conference. The reports of pastor, leaders and stewards showed an increase of \$66 over last quarter. Paid the elder \$18.60; paid pastor \$39; for building, \$36; for parsonage furniture \$8.80. Total, \$102.40. On Sunday at 11 o'clock sharp our pastor preached to a fine congregation and he was certainly at himself. He chose for his text the last clause of the 17th verse of the 19th chapter of Matthew; and he (as he always does) handled it to the delight of all who were present. After the sermon eighty-one of our own members, all save one, came forward and took the Lord's supper. Our pastor is one of North Carolina's modest pastors and is much loved by all the people of this charge, and is respected by the white people at large. We are proud of our pastor, and stand by him in his work. He has begun his third year with us and his sermons are just as fresh and refreshing as they were the first year he was with us. We solicit your prayers for our success.

J. F. R. W. Summerhill, Pastor, Duplex Circuit, Tenn.—Regardless of the inclement weather a large, appreciative audience assembled at the Rural Hill M. E. Church to witness the recital of the following program on Lincoln's Birthday: "Wait," Rural Hill choir; an original poem, Miss M. V. Kinnard; selections, a group of boys; "Beautiful Light of God," choir; a

"WILFUL WASTE"



That old copybook maxim finds its most forceful application in the waste of vitality, which is called "burning the candle at both ends." A woman is often tempted beyond her strength by domestic or social demands. Some day she awakens from this waste of strength to the woeful want of it. She has become weak, nervous and miserable.

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GREETING.

Hail Lincoln! Hail thy natal morn
On which a hero-child was born;
Hail birthday of an uncrowned king!
Let heaven's resounding echoes ring.

Hail Model! Type of love divine,
Where'er the sun of freedom shines;
Hail Martyr! to thy life-blood's pour
We chant the dirge of human woe.

Hail Conqueror! thy tomb shall be
The shrine where each shall mourn for thee;

Hail Loved One! brightest of the train
That ever graced this fair domain.

C. C. Sharp, Pastor, Queen City, Tex.—February 12 was a happy night to the pastor and his family. The good people at Queen City, both Methodist and Baptist, sinners and friends, stormed the parsonage. Among those present were Dave Johnson, captain, assisted by the strong women of the Methodist Church; Susan Scott, Patsey A. White, Barbara Veel, Easter Penble, Barbara Bingham, Nealy Williams, Mary Muldrew, Annabelle Bingham, Margie Washington, Lubendy Broxton, Lula Harper, F. W. Johnson, Dave Scott, Jalep Butts, Elvira Spinler, Per-

lie Johns, Tenble Graham, Tilda Graham, George Shanbray, Rev. J. McDonnell, Lucy Butts, Edmond Johns, Charlie Veel, Dave Johnson Turner, Lee Green, Lutie Johnson Turner, Lula Williams, Lara Cary, and many others. After everybody had laid their gifts on the table attention was called by the pastor thanking the good people and friends for their kindness. A song was sung and prayer was offered by the pastor. Our membership is small at this place, but we have some old members who will never neglect their church. They promise to do more this year than last. We soon hope to report a new parsonage. Sister Caroline Williams, of Alamo, one of our strong Methodists, at one of my weakest points, raised for the pastor through the good people \$4.60 and groceries. She is a heroine and a mission worker.

Edward Jackson, Local Preacher, Shady Grove, La.—The first of this month was a high day at this place. The Rev. H. J. Proctor was in the pulpit and was at his best. He preached a good sermon. He had a very good audience and how our hearts burned while he expounded to us the words of God. He is the right man in the right place. He is a God-sent man and he carries sunshine with him wherever he goes. Now we ask the prayers of you all, for our success.

Harriston, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference was held Feb. 28, with our beloved presiding elder, R. P. Threlkeld, in the chair. Twenty-eight officers had good reports. The presiding elder was well pleased with our work, drilled the officers on all lines of duty. He assured them that they had done well, but there was room for improvement. He preached an able sermon, which helped us spiritually and financially. He left a lasting impression on all who heard him. Love-feast was enjoyed by all. Since the quarterly conference the brethren have almost completed the parsonage. They are pushing things to the front. May the Lord bless our presiding elder. He stirred the men up to a sense of their duty. We are doing all we can to bring up our benevolence. Pray for us. Our motto is upward, forward, march.

P. W. Clark, Pastor, Alexandria, La.—Our first quarterly conference was held Feb. 28. Rev. S. Duncan presided. The officers took right hold of Elder Duncan and he took hold of them. Notwithstanding the bones are scattered and are very dry, there was a great coming together and signs of life are seen on every side. The elder preached on Sunday night to a full house and the Spirit filled the Temple. There is no doubt but he is one man for the hour on this district. All are hopeful of a good year's work. Our first battle against the debt will come off April

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An interesting letter to our readers from Mrs. E. Austin of New York City:

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26. The elder has charge of one side and the pastor the other. Collections during the quarter \$27.

J. F. R. W. Summerhill, Duplex, Tenn.—Our second quarterly conference convened in Book Chapel Feb. 21. Rev. A. Phillips, presiding elder, being unable to attend on account of sickness, Rev. W. S. Pettes presided. Brother Pettes makes a good presiding officer. He stirred the conference in the interest of the Church. The brethren say that they are going to do more for the advancement of the cause of Christ than ever. We had a grand time on Lincoln's birthday. A collection was taken for Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society. The quarterly conference appointed a committee to arrange for a grand Walden University day on the 29th of March. We want to raise all we can on that day. Brother Pettes being present to hold the quarterly meeting.

He assisted in the funeral of Brother Grant Flemmings, the father of Rev. Jas. Flemmings.

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Lewis Anderson, Steward, Orange, Tex.—The Church at Orange is in a flourishing condition, and Methodism is felt here more than ever before. Rev. S. W. Johnson is the man for this place. He has secured four yearly subscribers and says he must have 10 by April the 20th if the Lord be pleased. He has added 20 to the Church. Raised on Freedman's Aid day \$15. Feb. 28 he was taken with a paralytic stroke. He is some better to-day.

N. R. Randolph, Pastor, Natchitoches, La.—I have commenced another year's work. Moses led us in sight of the promised land and the conference takes him away. Now Joshua has come and with the help of the Lord, we are going over Jordan. The Rev. S. Duncan, presiding elder, came to us on time. We had a good crowd out to meet him. Our souls were made happy by the sermon he preached. Rev. J. McKee of Compti, accompanied him to my home and remained over night. We had quite a pleasant time. Our quarterly conference was a delight to all, though it was pouring down rain. We had 55 members up to the annual conference; three have been moved by letter and five probationers dropped, leaving 47 members to start the work of 1903. We raised for all purposes up to the conference \$459.70, an increase of \$51.65; paid pastor \$139.50; decrease \$60.50; paid presiding elder \$30.45, an increase of \$12.45; benevolence \$32, an increase of \$6; paid on building church \$257.75, increase \$157.75; total raised and expended \$459.70. Pray for us. We are going higher. We want to finish the Cane River Church this year at the cost of \$150. Paid presiding elder \$5. Pray for us that the Lord will bless us this year and give us more souls and subscribers for the paper.

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L. J. S. Bell, Pastor, Summit, Miss.—We arrived here with our family on February 20 and took sick with a severe case of la grippe, which developed into laryngitis which had us laid up from work for two weeks. We are now convalescing slowly. We are being treated by Dr. V. Simmon of

this place. We hope soon to be able to begin our year's work. The dear people here have endeared themselves to us by the kindly way they have taken care of us during our illness. On the first night that our family arrived they stormed us. The party was led by Sister Sisley Brown and Sister Florence Weatherby. They came in singing and left us happy with many pounds. Others came next day and are still coming. We could not attend our Magnolia appointment, so Rev. Dukes of the A. M. E. Church, went in our stead, and worked up a surprise. Our members and friends there sent us lots of eatables. This storm was led by Sister Nora J. Stella and Sister Lillie McGowan and others. God bless these dear people. We pray God's choicest blessing upon them. We are well pleased with our new field of labor. We are praying for 100 conversions and 10 yearly cash subscribers for our grand old SOUTHWESTERN which is the best race paper published. We want 2,000 subscribers from the Mississippi Conference. Say brethren, let us lead as others will follow. Pray for our success this year.

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L. A. C.

E. H. Holmes, Pastor, Ruleville, Miss.—My first quarterly conference met Feb. 28 and March 1, with Rev. J. W. Winbush, presiding elder, in the chair. Owing to bad weather a good many of the brethren were not present, but the reports showed progress on all lines of church work. The new presiding elder made many friends. On Sunday he preached to a crowded house to the satisfaction of all, and every one who heard him, said he was the right man in the right place. The brotherly love and fatherly care with which he governed the conference will long be remembered. God bless him and may he live long to do the work of the Church. Collection good this quarter. Forty-seven knelt around the altar and took sacrament. Victory is perched on our banner and we are rallying around it. We expect to make this the best year's work in the history of the circuit. Pastor and people are in love with each other. Look for subscribers soon. Pray for our success.

A FINE KIDNEY REMEDY.

Mr. A. S. Hitchcock, East Hampton, Conn. (The Clothier), says if any sufferer from Kidney and Bladder Disease will write him he will direct them to the perfect home cure he used. He makes no charge whatever for the favor.

H. B. Hart, Pastor, Winona, Miss.—Last Monday night after the leaders and stewards' meeting was over the leaders and members came singing, "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior," and left \$15 in money and about 150 pounds of everything good to eat for pastor and wife. The storm started Monday night; now it is Thursday night and good things are still blowing in the parsonage. The party was

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Conference Notices

ANNISTON DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Oxford, March 21-22; Anniston and Oxanna, 28-29; Attalla, April 4-5; Cove and Crudup's Mines, 7-8; Asheville, 11-12; Collinsville and Ft. Payne, 18-19; Alabama City Mission, 21; Gadsden, 25-26; Cedar Bluff, May 2-3; Ball Play, 6; Oak Grove, 7; Center, 10; Aswell's Cross Road, 9-10; Heflin, 16-17; Talladega, May 16-17; Alpine Mission, 21; Sylacauga, 23-24; Ashland and Lineville, 30-31; Dedowee, June 6-7; Roanoke, 13-14.

Dear Brethren—Make ample preparations for the proper observance of Easter, so as to be able to raise your full apportionment for missions. Also plan to make Children's Day a great day among our young people. In fact, let us study hard, plan well to build up every department of our several charges. Keep up revivals in your churches. Yours faithfully,

E. M. Jones, P. E.

WAYSIDE NOTES OF THE ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

I left New Orleans on February 25 for Boyce and St. Paul. We met Brother J. L. Augustus and was received nicely by him. Brother Augustus is a model pastor, and the people love him. Brother Wm. Emmett at St. Paul is holding his own and his people seem to love him. Notwithstanding it rained very hard on the day I held the quarterly conference, we had a good meeting. From Boyce I went back to Alexandria, met Brother Clark and held his quarterly

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conference on Saturday night. We have a great people and a fine church here. At Pineville Brother Pierce is doing well. Three persons were received into the church. Brother Banks starts off well at Kateland. I rode 10 miles and preached at night. Tuesday morning I left Kateland for Clarence, where I met Brother John McKee with a fine horse and buggy of his own whom Brother Rundolph had sent to meet me. We drove five miles through mud and rain to meet the little congregation and Brother Rundolph at Grand Ecore. If we had a hero in the Louisiana Conference, it is Brother W. R. Rundolph. He is making great sacrifice for the Church. Brother John McKee is doing well at Compti. We drove 10 miles through mud and rain to Natchitoches. Here we met Rev. Price who is resting from the labors of the annual conference. Rev. Price is hopeful of another good year's work. Many souls are being converted and brought into the Church. Everything is in good shape and he is ready for his first quarterly conference. My health is good and we anticipate a great year's work.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Palmetto, May 13; Waxua, 14; Marrow, 15; Bunkie, 16-17; Cottonport, 18;

Markville, 19-20; Booneville, 23-24; Cheneyville, 22-24; Eola, 26-27; Lonepine, 28; Lecompte, 29; Alexandria, 30-31; Pineville, 31; Welchton and Poland, June 1-2; Avoca and Rapides, 3-4; Boyce and Valage, 6-7; Boyce, St. Paul, 6-7; Kateland, 5-8; Colfax, 9; Valley Chapel, 10; Grand Echoe, 12-14; Natchitoches, 13-14; Newton, 15; Old River, 16; Woodsworth and Stoney Creek, 17-18; Lake Charles, 20-21; Welch and Jennings, 22; Crowley and Rayne, 23; Lafayette, 24-25; Opelousas, 26-28; Washington, 27-28; Cade, 29-30; St. Martinsville, July 4-5; Abbeville, 11-12; Abbeville Mission, 13-14.

Dear Brethren: We have started on our second round. Push the benevolences and come up to the District Conference with your benevolences raised. We want 1,000 converts this year. S. DUNCAN, P. E.

A FORTUNE IN EGGS.

I get so many letters from my old home about preserving eggs, that I will answer them through your paper. I started 1888 with \$30, bought eggs at 8 to 10 cents in summer, preserved them and sold in winter at from 25 to 30 cents a dozen. I preserved eggs 12 years and made \$30,000. My niece started in 1894, with \$10, which she reinvested each year, with the profits, and now she has \$16,346, all made from \$10, reinvested for eight years. You can buy eggs from 8 to 10 cents and sell them from 25 to 30; figure the profits yourself. To preserve them costs a cent a dozen. I can't answer letters as I travel, but any person can get desired information by addressing the PEOPLE'S SUPPLY CO., No. 5, New Concord, Ohio, enclosing a 2 cent stamp; they started me. This is a good business for city or country. C. GREEN.

NASHVILLE DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Sparta Ct., April 25-26; Sparta Sta., 25-27; McMinnville Ct., May 2-3; McMinnville Sta., 9-11; Manchester, 16-17; Hillsboro, 23-24; Tullahoma, 23-25; Shelbyville, 23-24; Christiana, 30-31; Murfreesboro, June 6-7; Murfreesboro Sta., 13-15; Murfreesboro, Miss., 13-14; Cainsville, 20-21; Nolensville, 27-28; Smyrna, July 4-5; Clark Memorial, 11-12; Thompson Chapel, 11-12.

Dear Brethren: The Nashville District must not fall behind on 29th of March for Walden University. I hope each pastor will be able to report at least \$5. The president will be very much disappointed if he does not raise the thousand dollars. We must not let him fail. Keep the Easter day collection fresh in the minds of your people and make a strong pull for missions on that day.

M. WILLIAMS, P. E.

WACO DISTRICT.

The Waco District League Convention will meet at Groesbeck, Tex., June 3-6, 1903. The presiding elder, pastors and two delegates for each 25 members or two-thirds fractional part thereof (notwithstanding each chapter must send one delegate) will compose the membership of said convention.

W. H. HAWKINS,
President Waco District.

CUMBERLAND RIVER DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Gallatin, May 3-4; Mitchellville, 2-3; Algood, 10-11; Cookeville, 9-10; Gordonsville, 16-17; Stonewall, 23-24; Braden Chapel, 30-31; Alexandria, June 7-8; L'letty, 6-7; Cherry Vallar, 13-14; Lebanon, 21-22; Seay's, 21-22; Hartsville, 27-28; North Lebanon, July 4-5; Springfield, 11-12; Payne, 18-19; Gravel Hill and Gainsboro, 25-26.

Dear Brethren of the Cumberland River District: We must put every charge in the district in class first. I most prayerfully trust that you will do your duty and that each charge on the district will be in class first next year, where it belongs. The Missionary Society of this great church of

ours, I believe, is the greatest in the world. It has given to the Tennessee Conference \$226,000 since it commenced its work in the South, 1866. Take 25 round collections this year, 12 Sunday School Missionary collections; hold 12 missionary prayer meetings; at each take a missionary collection and take a general Easter missionary collection in each charge and the desired end will be reached.

Missionary convention at Algood, beginning May 7 and continuing five days. It will be held in connection with Algood and Cookeville quarterly meetings. Also at Stonewall, beginning May 22 and continuing ten days. Also a missionary convention at Braden Chapel May 28 will hold four days. At Hartsville, beginning June 26 and continuing three days. These missionary meetings mean to push the missionary interests and put missionary life in the missionary cause in the district. I will try to secure the services of Drs. Logan, Hammond, Hamilton, Hubbard and Byrd, and others. Yours for success. H. W. KEY, P. E.

P. S. Dear Brethren, rally as you never did before and let us put each charge in the district in class first.

To the Pastors and Laymen of the Vicksburg District:

Dear Brethren: Easter is almost here. Let us make it a great day for the cause of Christ. I will soon have finished my first round and though the weather has been bad, we have done remarkably well. Use envelopes and mite boxes to raise your money in connection with your regular assessments. Push your committees. Try to raise your entire assessment on Easter and Children's Day. I want every pastor to send five subscribers to Dr. Scott by April 12. I am yours fraternally, R. P. THRELKELD, P. E.

NOTICE.

To every member of the Florida Conference: The Journal of the Florida conference, 31st session, held at Jacksonville, Jan. 29-Feb. 2, is now ready. The books have been compiled and printed, the publishers now stand ready to deliver the work but demand the settlement in full upon delivery of the job. You who only subscribed at conference and promised to pay please send your amount and let us who did pay get the use of our money we advanced to close the contract. Also any brother who has changed his postoffice please drop me a card, so that I can know where to send your minutes, or else I may send your books to the wrong place. Remember, I don't know the address of all the ministers; the name of the charge is not always the name of the P. O. Yours respectfully, JOS. M. DEAS, Secty. of the Conference, M. E. Church, Gainesville, Fla.

SEDALIA DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Georgetown, March 28-29; Blackburn, March 31-April 1; Sweet Springs, April 4-5; Odessa, 7-8; Wellington, 9-10; Lexington, 11-12; Maltaband, 14-15; Marshall, 18-19; Dresden, 21-22; Knob Noster, 23-24; Warrensburg, 25-26; Holden, 28-29; Windsor, April 30-May 1; Clinton, May 2-3; Osceola, 7-8; Springfield, 9-10; Ozark, 12; Mt. Vernon, 14-15; Carthage, 16-17; Neosho, 19-20; Joplin, 23-24; Smithton Ct., 30-31; Versailles, June 6-7; California Ct., 13-14; Sedalia Ct., 20-21; Sedalia, Taylor Chapel, 27-28.

Dear brethren, all eyes are on the Sedalia District. Can any good thing

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Sedalia District, Central Missouri Conference:

The district stewards will please meet at Sedalia in Simpson Chapel, May 30 at 9 o'clock, a. m. This district stewards' meeting is important; please be present. WM. H. SMITH, P. E.

Lost Friends

Please look up my wife's kinfolks. Names are as follows: My father's name, Marshall Jones; mother's, Betsy, brothers', Scott and Charles; sisters', Mary, Eliza, Eola and Rosla; and Aunt Jane. I left her in Richmond, Va., where I lived; father lived in Hanover county. Our owners were the Callar's family. My name is Emma Lewis now. Any information as to where they are will be thankfully received. Address A. Lewis, Olivier, La.

I would be very glad if any one could give me any information as to the whereabouts of Rev. J. C. Roberts, formerly pastor of Vine Street M. E. Church, Knoxville, Tenn. He is a dear friend of mine and I am very desirous of hearing from him, but have seemingly lost all trace of him.

Attalla, Ala. L. H. HUNLY, Pastor.

LITERARY NOTES

John Vance Cheney has a delightful paper in the March N. E. Magazine on Nature Love Among the Poets of Ancient Greece, and John Ellery Tuttle writes of the Maryland Tea Party and of the burning of the brig "Peggy Steward" by that daring patriot, Chas. Warfield. Frederick William Jones has an interesting sketch of Marconi's Cape Cod Station, illustrated by hitherto unused photographs. A. S. Atkinson warns us against some of the Modern Pests and Perils, and Montgomery P. Sellers has an essay well worth reading, on New England in American Colonial Literature. Several stories and verses complete a number which is unusually good. (America Co., Boston, 25 cents.)

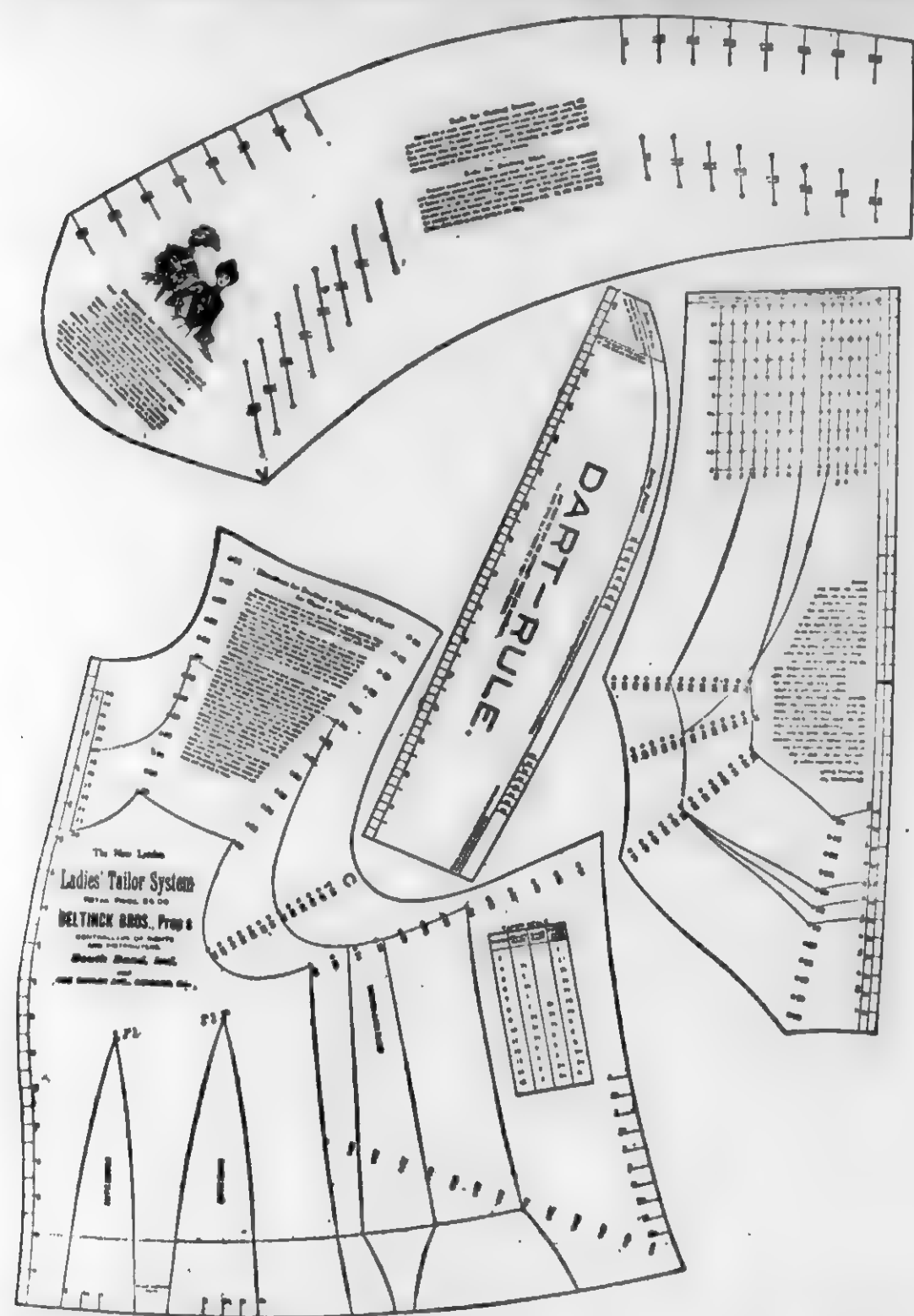
Ray Stannard Baker, whose articles on "The Great Northwest" are ranked by *The Century* among the more notable and valuable of the year's offerings, found the nine thousand miles which he and Mr. E. L. Blumenschein traveled gathering materials for their pictures, written and drawn, full of adventure. He visited all the important cities in the five Northwestern states. In all of the different cities they were afforded every possible assistance in their work.

THEY LIVE OUR MEMORY

Jeanerette, La.—Roseset Mitchel, aged 110 years, a faithful member of St. Peter M. E. Church, departed this life March 2. Sister Mitchel was a member of the church for over 30 years. She leaves a host of friends. She was blind for about two years. "I am waiting on the coming of the Lord. I am ready to go," were her last words. M. T. FAIRFAX.

Forest, Miss.—On the 4th of March Sister Lou Smith, a faithful member of Ebenezer M. E. Church, fell asleep

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in Jesus. Her last words were, "Look for me in heaven." She was a true servant of the Lord.

On March 5 Mr. Will Thompson's child, aged 3 years, died.

On March 7 Brother Baker Nunly's child went to live with Him who said "Suffer little children to come unto me." N. TOOLE, Pastor.

Duplex, Tenn.—Brother Jackson Stephenson departed this life Feb. 19, aged 74 years.

On the 20th of February Brother Graw Flemings died after 11 years of suffering and confinement to his room. He was 88 years old. He was a fighter in the Mexican war. He leaves a wife and two sons to mourn their loss, and a host of friends.

I. F. R. W. SUMMERHILL, Pastor.

Lettsworth, La.—Brother W. M. Scott, a member of Robson Chapel M. E. Church, was born March 12, 1824; died March 2. He was a faithful member of the Church. He leaves a wife and nine children, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, T. J. Johnson, assisted by Ely Williams and C. J. Smith.

CALVA BATTS.

Harmony Grove, Ga.—On March 3 the death angel invaded our camps a few days ago and took from among us one of the most active members of Warren Chapel, Sister Rosie A. Williams. The spirit of Christ permeated her life. She was a faithful soldier of Christ. She stood loyally by the old Church. Duty was a pleasure to her. She was humble, sweet spirited and kind to every body. She had an incurable malady, from which she suffered for many years. Her last and final severe attack lasted her about three months, which ended her mortal life Feb. 18, 1903. Her words were during her last illness, "The Lord's will be done, I am ready to go." Her funeral was conducted by the writer assisted by Rev. W. L. Wiley of the C. M. E. Church. Sister Williams was a faithful member of Sunday school, Epworth League and the Woman's H. M. Society. She was also a subscriber to the SOUTHWESTERN. A touching program was rendered by the Epworth League and Sunday school at the memorial service March 1. Program:

Song—When the Roll is Called Up Yonder, I'll be There.

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Her Faithfulness to Epworth League, by Mrs. R. A. R. Johnson.

Her Faithfulness to Her Church, by Miss Louise Freedman; (a paper), Mrs. J. H. Halley.

Song—Asleep In Jesus.

Her Faithfulness In Her Home Life, by Miss P. H. Hopson and Mr. C. W. White.

Her Qualities In Social Life, by Mrs. Betsey Jackson and A. N. Bennett. E. R. MILLER, P. E.

Huntsville, Ala.—Brother Robert Anderson, aged 68 years, one of our faithful class leaders, departed this life in full triumph of faith March 6. He was a good citizen, and well thought of by all. He leaves a wife, a brother and a host of friends to mourn.

A. G. GLENN.

Guntersville, Ala.—Brother H. W. Erskin aged 52 years, a royal leader of his people, and a faithful member of St. Paul M. E. Church in Guntersville, Ala., departed this life March 3rd. He leaves a wife and nine children and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Three of the children are married. He was a man of deep thought in heart and true to his profession. His funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. V. D. Oatman.

Butler, Tex.—The conflict is over. The victory is won. Another Christian life has been finished in joy and peace to the glory of God, the Father Almighty. On March 3d Sister Leona F. Solomon, wife of Mr. J. E. Solomon, aged 24 years, was called to God from this earthly tabernacle. When in her early days she gave herself to God as a trophy for His redeeming love, and was accepted of Him. She was strictly religious, having been taught the path of rectitude and righteousness by her loving father and mother. She was con-

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verted at school when only 12 years old, and lived a consistent Christian until the day of her death. She leaves a father, mother, five sisters and two brothers, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. And to-day she is in that land where no tears dim the vision, no grief swells the bosom, no heart string ever break, no long weary torturing pain to rack the body and madden the brain, and well could she sing:

On Jordan stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

Her funeral was largely attended and conducted by her pastor, Rev. G. M. Stewart, assisted by Rev. M. Wilson.

R. H. STEWART.

Clinton, La.—Mrs. Rodia Butler lost her little baby, Mattie, aged seven months.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman mourn the loss of their little baby. The mother is a member of the Macedonia M. E. Church. Funerals were conducted by the writer.

A. B. VENABLE.

Rosedale, La.—Miss Gracey Jackson, the daughter of Brother William Collins, died March the 1st. She leaves a father, stepmother, two brothers and many friends to mourn.

Sister Emma Mathew, a member of Hartzell Church, died March the 8th, aged 50 years. She leaves two sons, three daughters and many friends to mourn. Rev. C. C. Wright, presiding elder, and Rev. H. Taylor, assisted the writer in the funeral services.

S. GREEN.

Walnut Cave, N. C.—Sister Rockeyan Gipson departed this life Feb. 26. She leave a husband, mother, two sisters and one brother to mourn her loss. She was a member of our Church and a living Christian. She was laid away in the Welch cemetery. A. B. McQueen officiated.

Sulphur Rock, Ark.—Miss Ella Cul-lens, a faithful member of the M. E. Church and a student of Philander Smith College, died on the 9th inst., in full triumph of faith. She leaves a mother, father, four sisters, three brothers and a host of friends to mourn the loss. Blessed are they that die in the Lord.

R. B. FAGAN, Pastor.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Baton Rouge, La.—At St. Mark M. E. Church Mr. Amos Newman and Miss Fanny Haney were joined in marriage on March 10. B. J. Reddix officiated.

Darrowville, La.—On March 7 Mr. Raphael Nickolas of the Baptist Church, was married to Miss Jane Benjamin, a prominent follower and worker of our Church. A. B. Harris, pastor, officiated.

Benson, La.—On Feb. 19 Mr. W. M. Jefferson and Miss Bertha E. Haynes were happily united in marriage at Clinton, La.

On March 4 Mr. Henry Durham was married to Miss Fannie London at the groom's residence.

On March the 8th Mr. Ed Lee and Mrs. Margaret Wilson were happily united in marriage at the bride's residence. Quite a number of white peo-



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White officiated.

Fayette, Miss.—At Adams Chapel
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Sophia Watts were joined in holy wed-
lock. The church was beautifully
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people of the town were out to witness
the ceremony. Many and valuable
present were given. The reception
was at one of the halls. Mr. Chaney
is a trustee of our Church, and Miss
Sophia is a teacher in our Sunday
school and also belongs to the Board
of Stewardsesses. S. H. Cannon of-
ficiated assisted by Rev. R. P. Threl-
keld, presiding elder of the Vicksburg
District.

Chateau Hill, Va.—On Feb. 25 Mr.
Hayes Richardson was married to
Miss Susie Russell at the home of the
bride by Rev. Billingsly. A grand re-
ception was served to the host of
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Editorial Notes

The brethren are doing well sending in subscribers pledged, but you haven't sent one.

Live for yourself alone and your supplies, both spiritual and temporal, will only be about sufficient to keep you breathing. A lean, stingy soul seldom gets supplies equal to his own needs.

Every individual should have pronounced convictions on the great questions of the day. Each should look closely and diligently for the right and wrong, and adjust himself accordingly. He who has never formed the habit of taking sides on important questions just as one chooses between two or more persons in selecting his friends, will most likely always be a weak and vacillating individual.

It would seem that at last the Southern idea of the separation of the races is being carried to its legitimate conclusion. The Southern Bank of Savannah, Ga., has arranged separate windows for its colored and white depositors. We believe that there will eventually be separate counters, clerks, etc. Perhaps when this has taken place the colored man will begin to realize the mistake he is making in not establishing and supporting business enterprises of his own.

Our good friend, the editor of the *Texas Christian Advocate*, devotes a column of his editorial space to a discussion of the sensational statement credited to Bishop Hamilton some weeks ago by the secular press, relative to the inter-marriage of the races. When the editor of that paper has suffered as much from the reports sent out by sensational reporters as have the Negro and the Negro's friend, he will never accept a sensational report on any subject as sent out by the secular press without many, many grains of allowance. We have just spent a week at one of Bishop Hamilton's conferences in Missouri and heard him say more than once that he had been misrepresented.

A distinguished minister of New York City speaks of the Italians of that city as "the newest race problem." This gentleman has simply made the discovery in his city that the people of this country are going to wake up to some day, not only as to the Italians but a number of other foreign peoples. The country is at present so busy listening to the howl of that element of southerners who evidently feel that the only way to save the white man is to decitizenize and dehumanize the Negro, that even those foreigners who are neither in harmony with our government nor in sympathy with our institutions are lost sight of almost entirely. Meanwhile their unamerican teachings continue to spread while even the Christian Sabbath is being undermined.

Our Women and Ourselves

We believe it unquestionably true that the strength and stability of any government are measured by the patriotism, the devotion of the citizens of the same. It may possess some standing without this but will never be and can never be what it should without that degree of interest and patriotism that prompts its citizens to feel that their interests as individuals are identical with those of their government. While we may not be justifiable in saying thus it is with woman in her relation to man, there is no denying the fact that it adds no little to both her strength and beauty to be cheered by the courage and supported by the strong arm of man. However interesting and attractive she may be herself, the fact that there is a strong, manly man somewhere who not only believes in her but is devoted to her, adds to her own independence and inspires the respect, the admiration of others. To say that the men of a race will be what the women make them is to state only one-half of the truth. Men and women make each other, or at any rate when properly associated they are the stronger and the better for that association. Hence, after all, they are what they make each other, and neither is thoroughly made until the finishing touches have been put on by that one who becomes at once a help and an inspiration at every turn in life. He who stands idly by expecting some woman, however admirable she may be, to exalt him by her qualities of head and heart will surely be disappointed. She may continue to rise but he certainly will not. The result will be that her greatness will only emphasize his littleness. And now, returning to the thought with which we began, we may add, the patriotic citizen magnifies his government when his government in turn magnifies him. Thus they have grown together and it is equally true of individuals.

In the making of a race this dual growth is especially necessary. While, as is generally accepted, the mother plays a more important part than the father in the formation of the character of the children of a home, we believe that here the distinction ends. They either pull together and thus uplift and help each other, or the want of such harmonious action will soon make itself evident in the degradation of one or both. In this connection we sometimes doubt whether our men estimate the women of the race at their true value and at the same time give them the support they should have in the accomplishment of that which is not only best for themselves but best for all concerned. What she is and what she has accomplished in the face of the grave difficulties with which she has had, and even yet has to contend, prove her real worth and her possibilities as well. God has made her of the very best material and she has proven, what we sincerely believe, that she has no superior. Her greatest need is the unswerving support, the con-

stant and unstinted devotion of a brave and chivalrous man. All this she should have; the question is, will she have it? As worthy and deserving as she has already shown herself, she only awaits, so to speak, the bidding of the men of her race to prove to them and to the world how much greater heights she can attain.

Bishop Smith and That Pullman Lawsuit

A letter of recent date from Bishop C. S. Smith of the African M. E. Church calls our attention to his strictures as published in the *New York Age* on the action of the Rev. Dr. H. T. Johnson, editor of the *Christian Recorder*, in suing the Pullman Palace Car Company. It seems that Dr. Johnson was refused a meal on a dining car passing through the State of Virginia and entered suit against the Pullman Company for the same. A New Jersey court awarded him judgment for \$500. Among other things Bishop Smith says:

"For one I am not disposed to regard the judgment secured by Dr. H. T. Johnson against the Pullman Company as a substantial victory. That company has always been a good friend of the colored man, and it gives employment to more of that class than any other corporation in the world. It is not, and never has been, the policy of the Pullman Company to discriminate against persons by reason of color. For more than twenty years I have been one of its regular patrons, and therefore have had abundant opportunity to test its real disposition toward the colored people.

"As I understand it, the Pullman Company did not refuse to serve Dr. Johnson with food. It was not a question of absolute refusal to serve him, but as to the time when they would serve him.

"We should hesitate long before striking at our friends. I know that the Pullman Company is a good friend of our people. If we prod them to retaliation they need but to give a wink and every Southern State will follow the example of Georgia, to say nothing of the probable discharge of their thousands of colored employees. The company asks that they be informed of any incivility or disrespect shown toward their patrons by agents or employees."

In his letter to this editor the Bishop says: "I do not ask you to endorse it unless your judgment so approves," and we take him at his word. But for the letter calling our attention to it we should undoubtedly have passed over the publication referred to without comment, for we knew Bishop Smith's position on the subject because of having read a similar criticism of his on the subject a number of months ago. He is evidently sincere in his convictions and hence entitled to his opinion. Nevertheless he doubtless recognizes the fact that he stands almost entirely alone as far as the prominent members of the race are concerned. Our opinion is that if his theory had been lived up to by the race even he would not be far beyond the "cattle car" to which he refers in his letter to the *Age*.

As we understand the Bishop's argument he
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Our Contributors

Commencement Exercises of Meharry Medical College

The commencement exercises of the medical and pharmaceutical and dental departments of Walden University were given at the Tabernacle Monday night, March 2, before one of the largest audiences ever gathered in this city. The lower floor was filled, and there were but a third of the seats in the gallery vacant, probably 5,000 persons being present, quite a number of whom were white.

The occasion marked the end of the most successful year in the history of these departments of the institution. There were forty-one graduates from the Meharry Medical College, the largest number in its twenty-seven years. The Dental College, which has been established seventeen years, had five graduates, and the Pharmaceutical College celebrated its fourteenth anniversary with five graduates.

Besides the usual programme of addresses by graduates, presentation of medals and conferring of diplomas, there were two short talks by leading

humor. He said it was an inspiring sight to see these young men and young women go out to help humanity. "Give them something to do," he said, "and also give them something for doing it. Don't think because he comes, stays only five minutes and charges you \$2 that he thinks his time entirely too valuable. It is not the five minutes he is charging for, but for the four years, or twenty years, that he has been preparing for that five minutes. Hold on, young men. Your bread may be like the preacher's sometimes, rather scarce. Then some of you will have to follow some of your patients, but hold on and you will win."

VALEDICTORY ADDRESSES.

Before the talks were made by Dr. Dunton and Bishop Tyree there were songs by a choral society of fifty voices and other music. A. Bernard McKissack then delivered the salutatory, having for his subject "The Physician and His Civic Good." He was followed by T. Primus Moore with the pharmaceutical valedictory, his subject being "The Relation of the Physician to the Pharmacist." After a duet John P. Frierson delivered the dental valedictory, his subject being "The Dental Surgeon and His Work." He was fol-

lowed by Harry Jordan, the medical valedictorian, whose subject was "Preventive Medicine." After several songs by a quartette Dr. Dunton delivered his address and was followed by Bishop Tyree.

Dr. George W. Hubbard, the dean of Meharry, who had presided and had charge of the proceedings, then awarded the various prizes and medals that had been offered. He called on Dr. R. F. Boyd to present the medals offered by Dr. Daniel Williams, of Chicago, for the best paper on how to prepare a patient for an operation at his own home. It afterwards turned out that this was done for the reason that a young man whom Dr. Boyd had trained in Mercy Hospital won the prize. At the conclusion of these awards almost every graduate received one or more presents from relatives and friends.

Dr. J. Benson Hamilton, president of the university, then conferred the degrees and awarded the diplomas, and the exercises were closed with a benediction.

Pharmaceutical—Miss Mattie L. Blackwell, Tennessee; Solomon C. Clemmons, Georgia; A. T. Jones, Georgia; Mrs. E. E. McCoy, Mississippi; T. Primus Moore, Georgia; E. M. Turner, Arkansas; A. L. Logan, Kentucky.

Dental—D. F. McCarrion, South Carolina; J. P. Frierson, Tennessee; Wm. D. Holder, Tennessee; L. P. Jacobs, Alabama; J. C. Johnson, Alabama.

PRIZES.

Prizes were awarded as follows:

The U. G. Mason medal for gynaecology was given to W. S. Adams, of Nashville, Tenn. The medal offered by Dr. J. E. Perry, of Columbia, Mo., for the highest standing in the entire course of anatomy and dissecting was awarded to N. W. Este. The J. T. Wilson medal for best work in surgery was won by R. L. Gordan, of Mississippi.

Dr. Daniel H. Williams, of Chicago, offered a prize for the best essay on the preparation of a patient and detailed method of preparing for and conducting a surgical operation in a private residence, for which W. P. Kyle, of Texas, was the successful contestant. H. C. Tinsley, of Kentucky, was given a second prize for the excellence of his essay on the same subject.

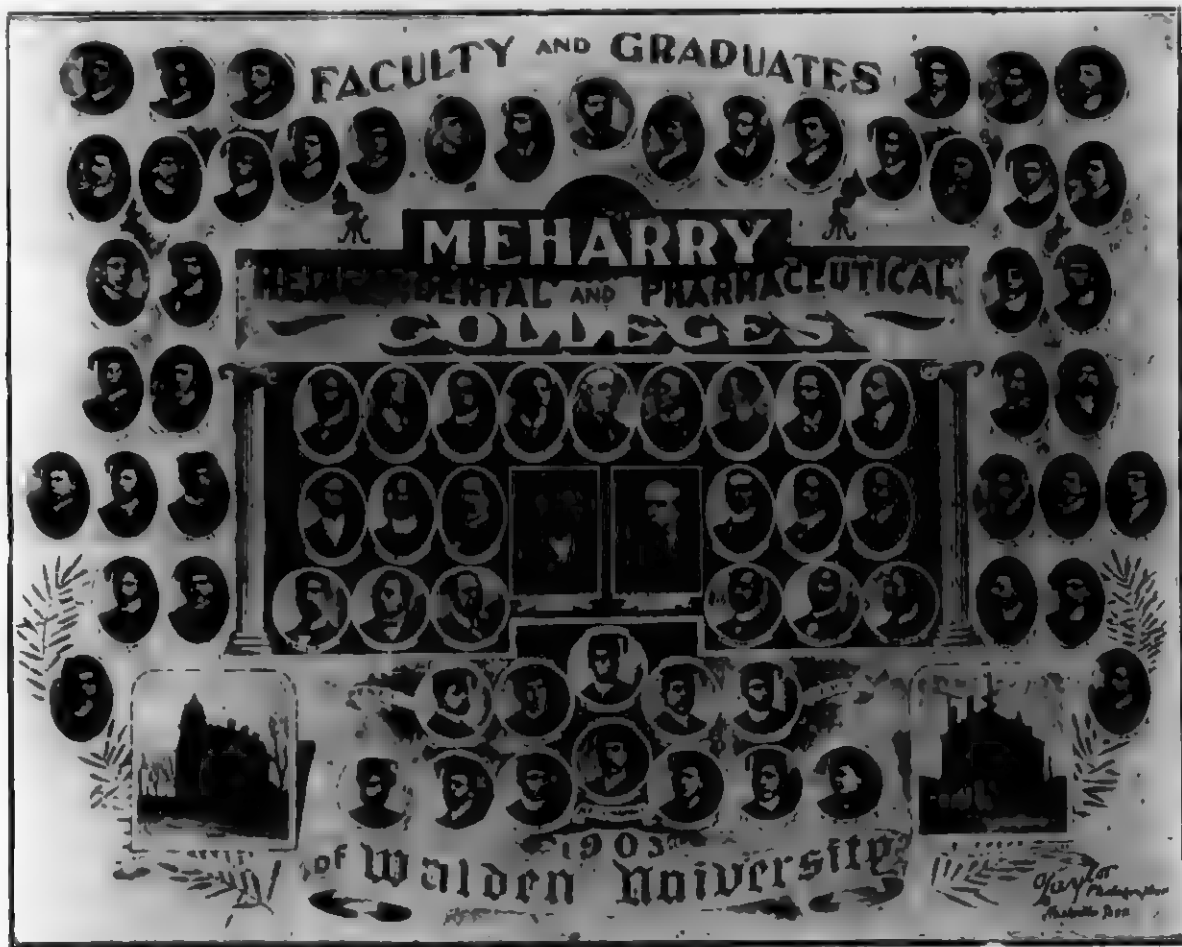
The prize in obstetrics was won by W. G. O'Neal; a second prize, gynaecology, by A. B. Deaney; Morrison medal for bridge work, J. C. Johnson; Singleton prize for metallurgy, L. P. Jacobs; Mason medal, Walter Adams; second prize by Dr. Boyd, A. D. Deaney.

The attendance during the past session has been the largest of any during the twenty-seven years of the existence of this institution, 252 medical, 47 dental and 30 pharmaceutical students having been enrolled; also ten women have been taking a course in nurse training, making a total of 339. Students have been in attendance this session from every Southern state and a number from several Northern states and territories. South Africa, Liberia, Bermuda, Jamaica, Hayti and British and Dutch Guiana have sent representatives.

Dr. Benjamin W. Payne, class of 1901, a native of Liberia, returned to his native land, and is now a self-supporting medical missionary at Monrovia, where he is planning to establish a hospital, there not being an institution of the kind in all the republic of Liberia.

Of the 505 graduates from this school, about 90 per cent. of those now living are practicing their professions.

During the past year a new laboratory has been erected and equipped at an expense of over \$4,000, about \$1,000 of which was contributed by the students and alumni of Meharry.



men, one of them being at the head of the third largest colored industrial and training school in the country, and the other a bishop in the A. M. E. Church.

Dr. L. M. Dunton, president of Claflin, at Orangeburg, S. C., delivered a short address to the graduates. He said that this was his first visit to Nashville but that he knew of Meharry through copies of Nashville papers sent him. "These have given good accounts of your school," said he, "but the half has never been told. For six years I have traveled extensively from Maine to Iowa in the interest of my school, and I have spoken favorably of Meharry whenever the opportunity offered. I recognize the necessity of a school of this kind. Colored physicians are needed almost everywhere in this section of the country. I visited Dr. Boyd's infirmary to-day and saw what splendid work he is doing. I also visited Dr. Wilson's infirmary and think he is accomplishing wonderful good. I am not acquainted with local conditions, but I think there is one need here. Meharry should have a splendid hospital run in connection with it. I think there would be no better opportunity for some man to build for himself an enduring monument than to endow such a department."

Bishop Evans Tyree, of the A. M. E. Church, who lives in this city, was called on and responded with a short talk full of practical suggestions and

lowed by Harry Jordan, the medical valedictorian, whose subject was "Preventive Medicine." After several songs by a quartette Dr. Dunton delivered his address and was followed by Bishop Tyree.

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THE GRADUATES.

Following is the list of graduates:

F. W. Adams, Texas; W. S. Adams, Tennessee; R. B. and R. S. Bell, Louisiana; J. A. Baker, Florida; J. R. and A. B. Barber, South Carolina; L. L. Cheatham, Tennessee; S. Clarence Coleman, Mississippi; Susie L. Dilworth, Florida; A. B. Deany, A. W. and B. S. Davis, Alabama; N.

Methodism

BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, DELIVERED AT THE BICENTENNIAL OF METHODISM.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: I am glad to have the chance of addressing this representative body of the great Church which Wesley founded, on the occasion of the commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of his birth. America, moreover, has a peculiar proprietary claim on Wesley's memory, for it is on our continent that the Methodist Church has received its greatest development. In the days of our colonial life Methodism was not on the whole a great factor in the religious and social life of the people. The Congregationalists were supreme throughout most of New England; the Episcopalians on the seaboard from New York southward; while the Presbyterian congregations were most numerous along what was then the entire western frontier; and the Quaker, Catholic, and Dutch Reformed Churches each had developments in special places. The great growth of the Methodist Church, like the great growth of the Baptist Church, began at about the time of the Revolutionary War. To-day my theme is purely Methodism.

Since the days of the Revolution not only has the Methodist Church increased greatly in the old communities of the thirteen original States, but it has played a peculiar and prominent part in the pioneer growth of our country and has in consequence assumed a position of immense importance throughout the vast region west of the Alleghenies which has been added to our nation since the days when the Continental Congress first met.

For a century after the Declaration of Independence the greatest work of our people, with the exception only of the work of self-preservation under Lincoln, was the work of the pioneers as they took possession of this continent. During that century we pushed westward from the Alleghenies to the Pacific, southward to the Gulf and the Rio Grande, and also took possession of Alaska. The work of advancing our boundary, of pushing the frontier across forest and desert and mountain chain, was the great typical work of our nation; and the men who did it—the frontiersmen, the pioneers, the backwoodsmen, plainsmen, mountain men—formed a class by themselves. It was an iron task, which none but men of iron soul and iron body could do. The men who carried it to a successful conclusion had characters strong alike for good and for evil. Their rugged natures made them powers who served light or darkness with fierce intensity; and together with heroic traits they had those evil and dreadful tendencies which are but too apt to be found in characters of heroic possibilities. Such men make the most efficient servants of the Lord if their abounding vitality and energy are directed aright; and if misdirected their influence is equally potent against the cause of Christianity and true civilization. In the hard and cruel life of the border, with its grim struggle against the forbidding forces of wild nature and wilder men, there was much to pull the frontiersman down. If left to himself, without moral teaching and moral guidance, without any of the influences that tend toward the uplifting of man and the subduing of the brute within him, sad would have been his, and therefore our, fate. From this fate we have been largely rescued by the fact that together with the rest of the pioneers went the pioneer preachers; and all honor be given to the Methodists for the great proportion of these pioneer preachers whom they furnished.

These preachers were of the stamp of old Peter Cartwright—men who suffered and overcome every hardship in common with their flock, and who in addition tamed the wild and fierce spirits of their fellow-pioneers. It was not a task that could have been accomplished by men desirous to live in the soft places of the earth and to walk easily on life's journey. They had to possess the spirit of the martyrs; but not of martyrs who could merely suffer, not of martyrs who could oppose only passive endurance to wrong. The pioneer preachers warred against the forces of spiritual evil with the same fiery zeal and energy that they and their fellows showed in the conquest of the rugged continent. They had in them the heroic spirit, the spirit that scorns ease if it must be purchased by failure to do duty, the spirit that courts risk and a life of hard endeavor if the goal to be reached is really worth attaining. Great is our debt to these men and scant the patience we need show toward their critics. At times they seemed hard and narrow to those whose training and surroundings had saved them from similar temptations; and they have been criticised, as all men, whether missionaries, soldiers, explorers, or frontier settlers, are criticised when they go forth to do the rough work that must inevitably be done by those who act as the first harbingers, the first heralds, of civilization in the world's dark places. It is easy for those who stay at home in comfort, who never have to see humanity in the raw, or to strive against the dreadful naked forces which appear clothed, hidden, and subdued in civilized life—it is easy for such to criticise the men who, in rough fashion, and amid grim surroundings, make ready the way for the higher life that is to come afterward; but let us all remember that the untempted and the effortless should be cautious in passing too heavy judgment upon their brethren who may show hardness, who may be guilty of shortcomings, but who nevertheless do the great deeds by which mankind advances. These pioneers of Methodism had the strong, militant virtues which go to the accomplishment of such great deeds. Now and then they betrayed the shortcomings natural to men of their type, but their shortcomings seem small indeed when we place beside them the magnitude of the work they achieved.

And now, friends, in celebrating the wonderful growth of Methodism, in rejoicing at the good it has done to the country and to mankind, I need hardly ask a body like this to remember that the greatness of the fathers becomes to the children a shameful thing if they use it only as an excuse for inaction instead of as a spur to effort for noble aims. I speak to you not only as Methodists—I speak to you as American citizens. The pioneer days are over. We now all of us form parts of a great civilized nation, with a complex industrial and social life and infinite possibilities both for good and for evil. The instruments with which, and the surroundings in which, we work have changed immeasurably from what they were in the days when the rough backwoods preachers ministered to the moral and spiritual needs of their rough backwoods congregations. But if we are to succeed, the spirit in which we do our work must be the same as the spirit in which they did theirs. These men drove forward, and fought their way upward, to success, because their sense of duty was in their hearts, in the very marrow of their bones. It was not with them something to be considered as a mere adjunct to their theology, standing separate and apart from their daily life. They had it with them week days as well as

Sundays. They did not divorce the spiritual from the secular. They did not have one kind of conscience for one side of their lives and another for another.

Well, if we are to succeed as a nation we must have the same spirit in us. We must be absolutely practical, of course, and must face facts as they are. The pioneer preachers of Methodism could not have held their own for a fortnight if they had not shown an intense practicality of spirit, if they had not possessed the broadest and deepest sympathy for, and understanding of, their fellow-men. But in addition to the hard, practical common sense needed by each of us in life, we must have a lift toward lofty things or we shall be lost, individually, and collectively as a nation. Life is not easy, and least of all is it easy for either the man or the nation that aspires to do great deeds. In the century opening the play of the infinitely far-reaching forces and tendencies which go to make up our social system bids fair to be even fiercer in its activity than in the century which has just closed. If during this century the men of high and fine moral sense show themselves weaklings; if they possess only that cloistered virtue which shrinks shuddering from contact with the raw facts of actual life; if they dare not go down into the hurly-burly where the men of might contend for the mastery; if they stand aside from the pressure and conflict; then as surely as the sun rises and sets all of our great material progress, all the multiplication of the physical agencies which tend for our comfort and enjoyment, will go for naught and our civilization will become a brutal sham and mockery. If we are to do as I believe we shall and will do, if we are to advance in broad humanity, in kindness, in the spirit of brotherhood, exactly as we advance in our conquest over the hidden forces of nature, it must be by developing strength in virtue and virtue in strength, by breeding and training men who shall be both good and strong, both gentle and valiant—men who scorn wrong-doing and who at the same time have both the courage and the strength to strive mightily for the right. Wesley said he did not intend to leave all the good tunes to the service of the devil. He accomplished so much for mankind because he also refused to leave the stronger, manlier qualities to be availed of only in the interest of evil. The Church he founded has throughout its career been a Church for the poor as well as for the rich, and has known no distinction of persons. It has been a Church whose members, if true to the teachings of its founder, have sought for no greater privilege than to spend and be spent in the interest of the higher life, who have prided themselves, not on shirking rough duty, but on undertaking it and carrying it to a successful conclusion.

I come here tonight to greet you and to pay my tribute to your past because you have deserved well of mankind, because you have striven with strength and courage to bring nearer the day when peace and justice shall obtain among the peoples of the earth.

Life of Faith**The Memory Guild for Learning Best Hymns**

BISHOP H. W. WARREN.

The Present Holy Spirit.

It must be a great gift that would make it advantageous to the Disciples that Jesus should go away. What illumination, courage, dawning of new hopes he had given them. But he never did anything for them comparable to what Pentecost did.

The Spirit came to convince, enlighten, purify, witness, guide and abide. None of these functions are transient. They may be as real to-day as centuries ago.

No apostle, not even John, mourned the departed Savior, because of the present Spirit.

"O Spirit of the living God,
In all thy plenitude of grace
Where'er the foot of man hath trod,
Descend on our apostate race." (276)

The author of our hymn is president of the Boston University. It honors the Spirit and recites His offices.

I WORSHIP THEE, O HOLY GHOST.
I worship thee, O Holy Ghost,
I love to worship thee;
My risen Lord for aye were lost
But for thy company.

I worship thee, O Holy Ghost,
I love to worship thee;
I grieved thee long, alas! thou know'st
It grieves me bitterly.

I worship thee, O Holy Ghost,
I love to worship thee!
Thy patient love, at what a cost
At last it conquered me!

I worship thee, O Holy Ghost,
I love to worship thee;
With thee each day is Pentecost,
Each night Nativity.
William F. Warren (b. 1833).

No poverty is unendurable except poverty of the soul.—*Ex.*

It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude.—*Emerson.*

The Master's Knock

The Master came one night to the door and knocked with the iron hand of the law. The door shook and trembled on its hinges, but the man piled every piece of furniture which he could find against the door, for he said: "I will not admit Him." The Master turned away, but by and by He returned, and with his own soft hand, using most that part where the nail had penetrated, He knocked again, oh, so soft and tenderly. This time the door did not shake, but strange to say, it opened; there, upon his knees, the once-unwilling host was found rejoicing to receive his guest. Come in, come in. Thou has so knocked, that my heart is moved to thee. I could not think of thy pierced hand leaving its blood-marks on my door and of thy going away homeless, thy head filled with the dew. I yield. I yield. Thy love has won my heart.—*C. H. Spurgeon.*

Best Ways of Helping

God has put it into our power to help our friends in many ways—sometimes by deeds which lift away burdens, sometimes by words which inspire courage and strength, sometimes by sympathy which halves sorrow and doubles joy. But there is no other way in which we can serve others and do them good so wisely and so effectively as by praying for them. Friendship that does not pray lacks a most sacred quality. It leaves God out, and that is leaving out friendship's best possibilities of blessing. Earth's sweetest joy needs heaven to make it complete. An old writer said: "Pray for whom thou lovest; thou wilt never have any comfort of his friendship for whom thou dost not pray." We are sure, at least, that the truest, deepest, realest comfort cannot come from a friend whose name we do not speak to God in love's intercession. To God alone can the heart express its most sacred desires for a friend.

There are many cases also which we can help

with our love in no other way than by prayer. The friend is beyond our reach and we cannot get to him with our cheer or comfort. Or he may be near, and yet his need is such that we cannot relieve it.—*Ex.*

Woman's Dominion

Woman's Home Missionary Society, Central Missouri Conference

To the Pastors:

1. Will each pastor see to it that an auxiliary is organized in his charge? This can be done by a little effort; call the women together and let them organize the best they can. Write to our corresponding secretary for any information you may need.

2. Have every woman of your pastoral charge to subscribe for the *Woman's Home Mission*, the official organ of the society. This is a helpful paper and will be an inspiration to all who read it.

3. Take a special collection of not less than \$1 to defray expenses of delegate to the next annual meeting at Chattanooga, Tenn.

The following persons were elected as officers of the W. H. M. S. of the Central Missouri Conference at its recent session at Sedalia, Mo., March 14, 1903: President, Mrs. Ella McGinty Harris, 1108 Highland avenue, Kansas City, Mo.; first vice-president, Mrs. I. L. Lowe, George R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo.; second vice-president, Mrs. G. A. Whaley, 1621 East Thirteenth street, Kansas City, Mo.; recording secretary, Mrs. A. H. Hoggs, Marshall, Mo.; corresponding secretary and treasurer, Mrs. H. A. Henley, Troy, Mo.

Definition of a Baby

Tid-Bits asks: "What is a baby?" and proceeds to answer as follows: The prince of wails, a dweller in Lapland, the morning caller, noonday crawler, midnight brawler, only possession that never excites envy, a key that opens the hearts of all classes, the rich and the poor alike, in all countries; a stranger with unspeakable cheek, that enters the house without a stitch to his back and is received with open arms by all.

A delicate preparation of fish is to wrap a nice piece of fish in buttered paper and cook in a slow oven for five to ten minutes, according to its thickness. Melt one ounce of butter in a saucepan and stir in the same amount of flour smoothly. Add one pint of milk, and stir till it boils. Then for flavoring, the yolk of a hard boiled egg powdered through a sieve. Take this sauce and add it to the chopped fish until it becomes of a soft, creamy consistency. The dish is delicious and very digestible.

Young Friends

Days of Jeremiah—Chap. 3

By MISS INEZ A. GOODMAN.

Jeremiah had said nothing as yet about his mission. He had quietly gone about his usual ways. His friends had remarked something new about him, a certain uplifted bearing that they did not understand until that night of the full moon.

Jeremiah had gone to the Temple for evening prayer, and as he came out with the crowd just at sunset and beheld the worshipers bowing before the rising moon, he was wroth and his spirit arose within him. The thought that those who ought to worship Jehovah were absorbed in such foolish and wicked practices, was more than he could en-

dure, and standing upon the Temple steps he burst forth into a mighty condemnation.

The words of Jeremiah are in the Bible and there is not space to repeat them here, but following is a party of what he said that evening:

Jer. 7: 3, 8, 16, 34. "Thus saith Jehovah—

"Amend your ways and your doings. Behold ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. Will ye walk after other gods, and then come and stand before me in this house which is called by my name? Is this house become a den of robbers in your eyes?"

"Thus saith Jehovah unto me—

"Pray not for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them: for I will not hear thee. Seest thou not what they do in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fires, and the women knead their dough to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger. Therefore behold mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, and I will cause to cease from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride; for the land shall be desolate."

And that word "des-o-late" rang through the streets till the people shuddered.

CHAPTER IV.

Jeremiah spoke much longer than the few words I have given, and the people stood listening by until it was dark. Some shamefacedly hid their idol offerings under their mantles, and many vowed inwardly to quit idol worship; but in a few days they were back at it again.

After thus beginning Jeremiah spoke almost every day, and the people listened but did not reform. When he saw how soon they returned to their idols he grew stern and the children ran from him, and the older people turned a frowning face toward him.

Then Josiah returned and the city went out to meet him. There were many with the king, and more to welcome him home. The two companies merged into one outside the gate, and entered shouting, surging mass. As they neared the Temple a solitary figure was seen standing upon the steps with outstretched arms as though he would speak. Josiah saw him, and, halting his horse, raised his hand to the crowd. In the silence that followed, Jeremiah's voice rang out clear and loud (Jer. 2:9-13):

"Be astonished, O ye heavens, saith the Lord. For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and have hewed them out cisterns, that can hold no water. I will yet plead with you, saith the Lord. For pass over to the isles of Kittim and see: and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently and see if there hath been such a thing. Hath a nation changed their gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit."

The king sat motionless upon his weary horse, listening intently, and the crowd was very quiet.

"Thus saith the Lord (Jer. 2:26-28): As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed: they, their princes, and the priests, and their prophets, which say to a sinner, Thou art my father; for they have turned their back upon me; but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise and save us. But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? Let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble. Oh, Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thine evil thoughts lodge within thee?"

There were bowed heads among the people and a great hush had fallen upon them. Jeremiah's voice softened and there was earnest appeal in his next words (Jer. 3: 12, 13):

"Return, O backsliding children, saith the Lord. I will not look in anger upon you: for I am merciful. Only acknowledge thine iniquity and return. I will heal your backslidings."

The king raised his face and stretched out his hands to the heavens, crying (Jer. 3: 22-25):

"Behold, we are come unto Thee; for Thou art the Lord our God. Truly Jehovah is the salvation of Israel. We have sinned against the Lord our God, and we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God. Let us bow down in our shame and let our confusion cover us."

A murmur arose from the people like a half uttered "Amen," and Jeremiah again spoke: (Jer. 4: 1, 4):

"Thus saith the Lord: If thou wilt return unto me, O Israel, put away thine abominations out of my sight. Cleanse away the wickedness of your heart, ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, lest my fury go forth like fire and burn that none can quench it because of the evil of your doings."

There was a long silence, then the king turned toward the palace and the people went quietly to their homes.

Late that night Jeremiah and the king sat upon the roof of the palace in the moonlight, and talked of the month passed. As Jeremiah told of his wonderful experience in the vineyard, tears came to the king's eyes. "Would that Jehovah might speak to me," he said. "Tell me how to live that I may win His favor and have His presence ever with me."

The following years were busy ones with the king. He joined Jeremiah in condemning Egyptian influences of luxury and idolatry, and made preparation for repairing the Temple. Jeremiah continued his prophecies and the most of them were stern condemnation and gloomy foreboding. He saw that the reformation of the people was but outward, and knew that many of them had their idols hid in their houses.

In the Temple, on the palace steps, at a busy street corner, he spoke to the people. There were always some to listen but the prophet was often discouraged.

It grieved him that the children ran from him; it grieved him more than the young men shunned him. His former companions and friends avoided him and he felt much alone; but it grieved him most of all that the words of Jehovah had so little influence with the people.

One morning as he was speaking to the people he noticed a little boy, a mere baby, standing among the crowd and gazing at him with wide open eyes. As he continued speaking the little fellow edged nearer and nearer until he stood almost at the prophet's feet. It was very unusual for a child to come to him, and Jeremiah stooped and lifted him in his arms.

"Are you not afraid of me?" he asked gently.

"No, no; I not 'fraid. 'Oo talk with God."

Jeremiah smiled. "Who told you so?"

"Mother, and she says that the Lord loves oo."

A woman pushed her way through the crowd.

"Oh, I feared I had lost him." She put out her arms. "Come, Dan;" but the child clung to Jeremiah. It was very sweet to the prophet to feel the baby arms about his neck, but he loosened them gently, saying:

"Go to your mother, little one; and stay with her at home. If you are a good boy I will come to your home to see you." Then he inquired of the mother where she lived and turned again to the people.

But there was another interruption. A royal messenger burst through the crowd and commanded Jeremiah's presence at the palace. Wonderingly the prophet followed the messenger to the king, and a very disturbed king it was. (II Chron. 34: 19-28.) Josiah was walking the floor and wringing his hands. "How long you were coming," he said. "Shaphan," turning to an elderly man who was reading a roll, "read that last again."

"It shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all His commandments, that all these curses shall come unto thee."

Then followed a list of curses and vexations that may be read in the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy. Josiah groaned after each curse and at the thirty-sixth verse he cried out:

"Am I the king? Am I the king?"

At the end of the 53d verse he would hear no more but turned to Jeremiah:

"Enquire of the Lord for me, Am I the king?"

Jeremiah stood with bowed head. "My king," I am but young and of little experience. Enquire thou of Huldah, the prophetess in the Temple."

Josiah turned and spoke to the high priest, who stood with several others in the rear of the room.

"Do thou enquire for me," he said, "and take Ahikam, Achbor, Asahiah and Shaphan with thee."

This left the king and Jeremiah together. The prophet took up the roll.

"Where was this found, my king?"

"In the Temple. They are cleaning out so that they may repair, and the book was found during the cleaning. Have you seen it before?"

"No, not just this, but I have read something of the same."

"And you believe these curses will come to pass?"

"Surely, unless the people repent and turn to the Lord."

"Have they not reformed since I broke down the altars?" asked the king eagerly.

"Very few have heartily repented, Josiah, and there are many altars rebuilt, yea even near the Temple."

Josiah leaned his head upon his arms and wept, wept bitterly, as only a disheartened man can; yet as he heard the steps of the returning messengers he raised himself to meet them with dignity.

The high priest bowed.

"The word of the Lord by the mouth of Huldah the prophetess: Upon the inhabitants of this place will I bring all the curses that are written in the book, because they have forsaken me and have burned incense to other gods. And as for the king of Judah, because thine heart was tender and thou humbledst thyself before me, and did weep before me, I have heard thee and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, and thine eyes shall not see the evil that I will bring upon this place."

(To be Continued.)

Educational

Friends of Rust University--Notice

We want catalogues of the following issues to complete our file: 1877-8, 1878-9, 1879-80, 1880-81, 1881-2, 1882-3, 1885-6, 1888-9, 1889-90, 1893-4. If any friend of Rust University has any of the above named issues and will send us the same it will do the university a kindness for which I assure you our gratitude.

J. BEVERLY F. SHAW.

Holly Springs, Miss.

An Industrial Building for Geo. R. Smith College

At the recent meeting of the trustees of the college a "forward movement" was instituted. It was decided to raise \$5,000 to erect and equip a manual training department. The executive committee of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society has granted the privilege of taking special collections for the purpose throughout our patronizing conferences. At the Central Missouri Conference subscriptions were taken which now amount to \$630, in addition to sums already paid in, which are hereby acknowledged as follows: Claudius B. Spencer, \$50; Bishop Hamilton, \$5; Central Missouri Conference, cash, \$6.86; I. L. Lowe, \$50; total, \$111.86.

This sum is now on interest bearing deposit, and all amounts paid in will be added to this fund as they are received. Send in your subscriptions and payments to President I. L. Lowe, Sedalia, Mo.

Illiteracy of Native White Population of Several Southern States Compared With That of Several Northern and Western States.

The illiteracy among the native white population ten years old and over for several states is shown by the following figures. It will be seen that the illiteracy among this class of people in the southern states is many times greater than the illiteracy among the same class in other sections. For example the illiteracy among the native white population in Texas, where the per cent. is smaller than in any other southern state, is just twelve times as great as it is in the state of Washington, while in Mississippi it is sixteen times as great and in North Carolina thirty-nine times as great as in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska or Wyoming; in Tennessee twelve times as great as in New York, Michigan, or Wisconsin. In Texas 6.1 per cent. of the native white population ten years old and over can neither read nor write; in Mississippi 8 per cent.; in Florida, 8.6 per cent.; in West Virginia, 10 per cent.; in Virginia, 11.1 per cent.; in Georgia, 11.9 per cent.; in Arkansas, 11.6 per cent.; in Kentucky, 12.8 per cent.; in South Carolina, 13.6 per cent.; in Alabama, 14.8 per cent.; in Louisiana, 17.3 per cent.; in North Carolina, 19.5 per cent.; in Missouri, 4.8 per cent.; in Illinois, 2.1 per cent.; in Iowa, 1.2 per cent.; in New York, 1.2 per cent.; in Michigan, 1.7 per cent.; in Wisconsin, 1.3 per cent.; in Massachusetts, .8 per cent.; in Minnesota, .8 per cent.; in Nebraska .8 per cent.; in Connecticut, .8 per cent.; in Wyoming, .7 per cent.; in South Dakota, .6 per cent.; in Nevada, .6 per cent.; in Washington, .5 per cent. It should be remembered this does not include colored people or foreigners in any state.

The building of roads and bridges may be postponed with only inconvenience and temporary material loss as a result; but to postpone the building of good schools brings eternal loss in knowledge, intelligence, culture and the highest interests of life to the boys and girls fast growing through the educable years of childhood and youth to manhood and womanhood. A people may sometimes be justified in postponing the one, never in postponing the other.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.-C. Conference

Light and Shade in China

Testimonies multiply regarding the change in the attitude of the Chinese people towards the Gospel. Mr. W. E. Entwistle (China Inland Mission, Luhan-Chou, via Wuhu) writes:

"Formerly, as we were resting in our inns, or taking a meal, some would secretly offer to sell us premises, often in the last stage of decay, for which an exorbitant price was asked. Now the deputations offer to rent, purchase or build halls and maintain them afterwards if we will only go and preach the Gospel in their towns, etc. I have had two requests from places 120 miles distant, and another 50 miles in another direction, during the past three weeks. Each place is reported to have one or more hundreds desiring to embrace the Protestant religion.

"With the care of the church here, two out-stations 45 miles southeast, another 30 miles south, and two families of Christians to be visited 30 miles west, it will be impossible for me (the only male European at this centre) to respond to one-tenth of the calls for services. I fear many whom we could (humanly speaking) lead into the fold now will become disheartened by our apparent lack of care for their souls. My nearest neighbors are east 60 miles, southeast 120 miles, and west about 200 miles."—*London Christian*.

Chinese Students Accept Christian Books

"You will be pleased to learn," writes Dr. Griffith John, "that at the Triennial Examination held at Changsha, this month (September), there was a distribution of Christian books. On my last visit to Changsha, in June, I arranged with the officials for this distribution.

"There were present at the examination about 12,000 students, and about 8,000 packets of books were given away on the occasion, each packet consisting of an annotated copy of one of the Gospels, a copy of the 'Gate of Wisdom and Virtue,' an 80-page book prepared by me for this special purpose, an article on 'Religious Toleration' by the Viceroy, Chang Chih Tung, with an introduction by myself, an anti-footbinding tract, a tract on the nature of God, and a translated sermon on 'Creation and Redemption.' In addition to these, about 2,000 copies of the Diffusion Society's publications were also given away. The whole consignment weighed considerably over a ton, and represented a money value of about £100. All the missionaries in Changsha joined in the work of distribution; the officials were very friendly, and did all in their power to make the task easy and pleasant, and the scholars received the books willingly and gratefully. * * *

"This is the first distribution of Christian books ever made at any examination in Hunan. Three years ago the thing would have been impossible. The last Triennial Examination at Changsha was held in 1897; it would have been as much as any foreigner's life was worth to attempt to enter Changsha at that time. The change in Hunan is something wonderful. Changsha is now as open as Hankow, and we are carrying on our work there with as much ease and sense of security as we do here.

"Let us not forget these books. They are gone to every part of Hunan; they are in the hands of thousands of Hunan's best scholars; they will be read by tens of thousands of the most thoughtful people in that great province. Let us earnestly pray that God's Spirit may so open the minds of the readers of these books that they shall find in them the way of salvation. * * * Our special thanks are due to the Religious Tract Society for the help they have given to do this important piece of work. I wrote to them in June, telling them what we were going to do, and asking them for a special grant. I have just received a very kind letter from Mr. Buckland, enclosing a draft for £100. I feel deeply grateful to them,

not only for the £100, but also for the prompt and hearty way they have answered my appeal. No £100 of theirs could have been sent on a worthier object."—*London Missionary Chronicle*.

Epworth League

April 12.

The Danger of Idleness

(Prov. 24: 30, 31; Rom. 12: 11.)

DAILY READINGS.

Monday, April 6—Lesson from a little creature. Prov. 6: 6-11.

Tuesday, April 7—Kinship of conceit and sloth. Prov. 26: 12-16.

Wednesday, April 8—The case of Sodom. Ezek. 16: 44-49.

Thursday, April 9—Work not, eat not. 2 Thess. 3: 8-12.

Friday, April 10—The business of idleness. 1 Tim. 5: 13.

Saturday, April 11—Idle Acre Farm at Drowsyville. Prov. 24: 30-34.

The Word.

"It was all grown over with thorns, the face thereof was covered with nettles" (Prov. 24: 31).

Nature has a way of passing a verdict, and writing down her judgment of a man. How quickly she will begin to point out the habitation of a sluggard, or the farm of a drunkard! The needle of a steam gauge registers the pressure scarcely more surely than a fence discloses the character of its owner. Does it lean from the upright? So does he. Does its upper structure wobble? So does his. Does it gradually sink lower? So does he. Is it down flat? So is he. Of course the verse in Proverbs says the idle simpleton's stone wall was "broken down." So was the man who lived behind it. Perhaps nature needs to keep a stock of thorny bushes, weeds and thistles, just to be able to express her opinion of people. What are her thoughts when she fills the grounds around a church and the parsonage backyard, with burdocks?

"In diligence not slothful; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord" (Rom. 12: 11). Serving Christ fervently, with unflagging zeal. There is no room in the apostle's view of the Christian life for spiritual idleness. Neither was there in D. L. Moody's, nor Hugh Price Hughes', nor Frances Willard's. Neither is there in General Booth's, who gave fourteen sermons and addresses in Chicago between Saturday night and Friday noon, during his last tour in America, several of them to vast audiences that would seem to tax an old man's strength to the utmost.

The Theme: "The Danger of Idleness."

1. There appears to be slight danger in many cases that the leaders in Christian work and the officers of the Church and League should be idle. In the present conceptions of duty, or of what is demanded for the good of the cause, far too large a share of activities falls to a few. There must come new adjustments of service, so that a much larger number may share in the privilege and joy of Christian effort.

2. To inspire this change new ideals are needed. Devotion should be given, not so much to the church as to the kingdom, not so much to the society as to the Christ. "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" is the question asked in the parable of the laborers (Matt. 20: 1-16). "Because no man hath hired us," is the answer. Let us see that nobler motives appeal to those who seem to stand inactive in the market place, and that their invitation to enter the vineyard of toil comes from sympathetic hearts, determined to give each one a

chance to serve, even at "the eleventh hour." Too much is it assumed that the body of our chapter members are unwilling to render Christian service. Perhaps they will work when true Christian work is offered them.

3. Service is often presented upon too low a plane. An unending round of mere outward and material tasks, such as are involved in suppers and entertainments for money raising, cannot give the soul of any worker the thrill of delight and reward that comes from genuine Christlike work. Open up the fresh fields of the "Forward Movement." Guide your forces into mission and other great benevolent activities, into Bible study, Christian stewardship, personal evangelism, and they will taste, perhaps for the first time, the joys of utterly unselfish service. Having once eaten this "finest of the wheat," this "honey out of the rock," multitudes will be ready to say, "Evermore give us this bread."

4. Christ's thought-of discipleship includes service; "to each one his work" (Mark 13: 34). The one who made no use of his "talent" was "a wicked and slothful servant," and the command was given by his lord, "Cast ye out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness" (Matt. 25: 26, 30). There is immeasurable danger in spiritual idleness. Yet we are not to think of Christ our Lord as severe, as did the servant in the parable his master. The penalty of idleness is a law; it cannot be escaped in any sphere of life. Rather should all dwell upon the privilege and the need of work. How the world around us cries out and appeals to us for what the lover of Christ can give. Do we not know what Professor Wells means in his little poem, "A Street Face"?

"A glimpse of red eyes in the street

As I hurry along;

A face too pale to be sweet,

Too sad to be strong.

Ah, sister, we seem not to care,

Nor know what to do;

But the street has become one long prayer

In pity of you."

And often we "know what to do," but are not alert enough, not made wise and free by love, so that we can speak the right word and do the right deed at the moment.

The Likenesses and Lessons.

A fireman and engineer of the Delaware & Lackawanna Railroad, finding it impossible to keep up steam, were compelled to bring the fast express train they were hauling to a standstill, and then drew a big eel from the feed-pipe. The eel had probable been pumped up into the water tank when quite small. So indolence slips into a man's life, grows until it becomes a habit, and when the man ought to be moving rapidly through a successful career, shuts off his power and brings him to a standstill.

"Nature knows no pause in progress and development, and attaches her curse on all inaction." (Goethe.)

"A good many people are complaining all the time about themselves, and crying out, 'My leanness! my leanness!' when they ought to say, 'My laziness! my laziness!'" (D. L. Moody.)

It is made clear that the faculty or organ that is not used will suffer atrophy, and this will just as certainly be true of spiritual as of physical powers.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest" (Eccles. 9: 10).

"Ah, friends! whose eyes to-day may look
Love into living eyes,

Whose tone and touch, perchance, may thrill
Sad hearts with sweet surprise,
Be instant, like our Lord, in love,
And lavish as his grace,
With light and dew and manna-fall,
For night comes on apace."

If the hive carried as large a proportion of drones as do many a church and chapter it would soon go out of business.

"All at it, and always at it," is a Methodist motto that ought to be taken from the retired list and unanimously elected to office.

Plan your work, work your plan.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson II, April 12th, 1903. Title—The Resurrection (1 Cor. 15: 20, 21, 50-58). Golden Text—"Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that sleep." (1 Cor. 15: 20). Time—A. D. 59. Place of writing—Ephesus.

The fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians is the most profound production in the world on the resurrection of the dead. It was written to dispel the idea, taught by some in the church at Corinth, that the dead rises not. He gives an historical account of the resurrection of our Lord (vs. 1-11); a supposition that if Christ be not raised from the dead the gospel, with all its results, is a cunningly devised fable, and we are yet in our sins; (12-19) our Lord's resurrection reaffirmed, and our resurrection will follow at the return of Jesus (20-28); another supposition, that if our Lord rose not, what shall they do who have been baptized into the faith of the resurrection of the dead? (29-34). The two questions: How are the dead raised? and, with what body do they come? were then answered (35-49). Then followed the great mystery—the change of the living when our Lord shall return (50-57), and a concluding exhortation to steadfastness and progress in the work of the Lord (58).

I. *The resurrection of Jesus* (vs. 20). Three thoughts are connected with this wonderful event. 1. *His death.* Jesus really died. It was predicted that He should be crucified. "He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death." "They shall look upon me whom they have pierced." "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." It was the determination of the Jews to put Jesus to death. They dogged His tracks, laid plans, secured His arrest, conducted a mock trial, and aroused public sentiment: all that they might put Him to death. The sufferings of Jesus were more than any one could endure and live. Deserted by His nation, kindred, and disciples. His agony in the garden was so great it forced the blood through the pores of His skin. He was bitterly scourged. His crucifixion was fearful. And the spear thrust in His side touched the lining membrane of His heart. Can any one doubt for one moment the death of Jesus? 2. *His burial.* The friends of Jesus went to Pilot, begged His body, removed it from the cross, wrapped it in white linen, laid it in Joseph's new tomb, rolled a great stone over the entrance, and went away. The enemies of Jesus secured a guard, sealed the tomb, and stationed the watch about it. Yet with all this precaution the body was removed from the tomb. Did His enemies take it away? It was their object to keep it there. Did his friends remove it? Surely not. It was given to them. They had no use for it. They laid it to rest, and departed with sad hearts. 3. *His resurrection.* No one saw Jesus arise. There was an earthquake which filled the guards with fear, and caused them to fall as dead. It also loosened the stone, and broke the gov-

ernor's seal. An angel descended from heaven, rolled away the stone, and sat upon it. Behold his power: he removed the stone; and his authority: he sat upon it; and his glory: his countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. Jesus revived, arose, removed the winding sheet of death from His body, and the napkin from His face, folded and laid them aside, and passed forth from that tomb robed in all the power and glory of heaven. He was seen ten times or more, by His disciples and others, between His resurrection and ascension; and after He was taken up into heaven Stephen, Paul, and John, beheld Him.

II. *The return of our Lord* (v. 52). No doctrine of scripture is taught with more clearness than the second coming of Jesus. The time of His coming is not known: "Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, nor the angels which are in heaven." His return will be a surprise to many, for He will come "in such an hour as they think not." The manner of His return will be very forcible. "They shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory." He shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God. The throne of His glory, upon which He will be seated, will be high, white and as a flame of fire. Above it will be all the colors of the rainbow, and about it four and twenty seats, filled with the same number of elders, all robed in white. Before it will be the seven lamps of fire, and the sea as of glass mingled with fire. Out of it will proceed lightning and thunder and voices. Jesus will be clothed in a white raiment, knit about the loins with a golden girdle. His head will be white like wool, His eyes like flames of fire, and His feet like burnished brass. His voice will be as the sound of many waters, and His words as a sharp two-edged sword. In His right hand will be a book written within and on the back side, and sealed with seven seals.

III. *The resurrection of the dead* (v. 52). The angel Gabriel, clothed with a cloud, a rainbow about his head, his face shining as the sun, and his feet as pillars of brass. He shall stand with his right foot upon the sea, his left arm upon the land, lift his hand to heaven, and swear by Him that liveth forever and ever, that there shall be time no longer. Then the earth and sea, and death and hell, shall give up their dead. I believe in the resurrection of the body, yet I do not understand it. Death does a perfect work. All the elements of which my body is composed are thrown back into their original gases. How God may, when time shall be no more, separate these gases from all others, unite them into a body and animate it with my soul, is a mystery I cannot comprehend. Yet the fact that I exist here as I do, with mind, soul and body, is as great a mystery as that I shall dwell in heaven in a glorified body. But this is purely a doctrine of scripture, taught there by precept and example. (See Ezek. 37: 11; Dan. 12: 3; John 5: 28, 29.) The chapter of which this lesson is a part is a weighty deliverance on the resurrection of the body. Enoch was translated that he should not see death (Heb. 11: 5); Elijah went up to heaven in a chariot of fire (2 Kings 2: 11); Moses died (Deut. 34: 5), but many think while he was being buried was raised from the dead (Jud. 9), and later appeared with Elijah in a glorified body on the mount of transfiguration. (Matt. 17: 3) Jesus arose from the dead and in a glorified body ascended into heaven.

IV. *The great mystery*—the living changed (vs. 50-58). The world will likely be teeming

with human beings when Jesus comes to judge it. They will probably be carrying on their pursuits in life then as now. Suddenly the trumpet of God will sound, the dead will be raised, and the living will be changed. This change will be sudden, "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." Not like the slow process of death. This change is necessary for flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. This corruptible must put in incorruptible, and this mortal must put on immortality. Then will the body of each saint be like the glorified body of Jesus. They will not need food, water or air; they will be above the force of gravitation; and material walls will not hinder their progress. They will be immortal and have no tendency to decay. Great is the power of God. When this is accomplished then will be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Plan of Episcopal Visitation For 1903

Central Missouri, Sedalia, Mo.—Mar. 11..Hamilton.
Kansas, Holton, Kan.—Mar. 12.....Foss.
Lexington, Chicago, Ill.—Mar. 18.....Merrill.
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 18..Mallalieu.
New Jersey, Asbury Park, N. J.—Mar. 18...Fowler.
Wilmington, Easton, Md.—Mar. 18.....Cranston.
Missouri, Carrollton, Mo.—Mar. 18.....Hamilton.
South Kansas, Fort Scott, Kan.—Mar. 19.....Foss.
Cent. Pennsylvania, Altoona, Pa.—Mar. 25....Merrill.
Virginia, Eagle Rock, Va.—Mar. 25.....Warren.
Delaware, Pocomoke City, Md.—Mar. 25.....Fowler.
Saint Louis, Marshall, Mo.—Mar. 25.....Hamilton.
Southwest Kansas, Sterling, Kan.—Mar. 26.....Foss.
Newark—Apr. 1.....Warren.
New Eng. Southern, Brockton, Mass.—Apr. 1..Fowler.
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.—Apr. 1.....FitzGerald.
New York East—Apr. 1.....Goodsell.
New York—Apr. 1.....McCabe.
Northwest Kansas, Stockton, Kan.—Apr. 2.....Foss.
Okaneb, Guthrie, Okla.—Apr. 2.....Hamilton.
New England, Brookline, Mass.—Apr. 8.....Andrews.
North Indiana, Noblesville, Ind.—Apr. 8.....Walden.
Vermont, Northfield, Vt.—Apr. 9.....Warren.
Washington, Staunton, Va.—Apr. 9.....McCabe.
Troy, Saratoga Springs—Apr. 9.....McCabe.
Maine, Bridgeton, Me.—Apr. 15.....Andrews.
New Hampshire, Woodsville, N. H.—Apr. 15..Warren.
East German, Philadelphia, Pa.—Apr. 16.....Fowler.
Wyoming, Binghamton, N. Y.—Apr. 16.....FitzGerald.
Northern New York, Carthage, N. Y.—Apr. 22..Merrill.
East Maine, Newport, Me.—Apr. 22.....Andrews.
Eastern Swedish, Providence, R. I.—Apr. 23.....FitzGerald.
Porto Rico, San Juan.....
Bombay, Bombay—Dec. 3, '02.....Warne.
South India, Kolar—Dec. 18, '02.....Thoburn.
North India, Lucknow—Jan. 2.....Thoburn.
West China Mission, Chentu—Jan. 7.....Moore.
Northwest India, Muttra—Jan. 14.....Thoburn.
Mexico, Pachuca—Jan. 15.....Cranston.
Bengal, Calcutta—Jan. 21.....Warne.
Burma Mission Conf., Rangoon—Jan. 28...Thoburn.
Liberia, Cape Palmas—Jan. 28.....Hartzell.
Malaysia, Singapore—Feb. 10.....Warne.
W. S. A. Miss. Conf., Concepcion—Feb. 18....Joyce.
Central China Miss., Nankin—Mar. 4.....Moore.
South America, Rosario—Mar. 18.....Joyce.
Japan, Nagoya—Apr. 1.....Moore.
S. Japan Miss. Conf., Nagasaki—Apr. 17....Moore.
Bulgaria Miss. Conf., Loftcha—Apr. 22.....Vincent.
Korea Mission, Seoul—May 1.....Moore.
Italy—May 14.....Vincent.
Switzerland, Neuchatel—June 8.....Vincent.
North China, Pekin—June 8.....Moore.
South Germany, Pforzheim—June 10.....Vincent.
North Germany, Zwickau—June 17.....Vincent.
Denmark Miss. Conf., N. Bornholm—July 29..Vincent.
E. C. Africa M. Conf., Umtali—July 30.....Walden.
Fin. & St. P'b'g Miss., Tammerfors—Aug. 6..Vincent.
Sweden, Helsingborg—Aug. 12.....Vincent.
Norway, Horten—Aug. 19.....Vincent.
Hinghua Miss. Conf., Hinghua—Nov. 5.....Moore.
Fochow, Fochow—Nov. 14.....Moore.
W. Cent. Afr. M. Conf., Quessua—Dec. 16.....Walden.
Hartzell.

N. B.—Because of his impaired health, no Conferences have been assigned to Bishop Hurst.

J. N. FITZGERALD, Secretary.

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

PLEASE NOTE THAT

- 1—All business letters should be addressed to Eaton, Ins. and all communications intended for publication to the Editor.
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Bishop Smith and that Pullman Lawsuit

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gives three reasons for the position he takes, and yet we must say we can see very little in either of them. He holds: (1) The Pullman Company is the Negro's friend. (2) It employs a large number of Negroes. (3) It might be prompted to retaliate.

We are free to confess that the fact of our being able to ride in a sleeping car is worth a great deal to us. In fact we should not be able to keep up while doing the amount of traveling we are compelled to without some such comfort. But my, we knew no better than to think the law governing interstate travel as interpreted by the Supreme Court protected us in the right. And if the Bishop had heard this decision quoted as often, relative to himself, during the twenty years he mentions, as we have heard it quoted in our case, during the past fourteen years, he would think so, too. Those who oppose the Negro's riding in a sleeping car care no more for the Pullman Company's friendship for him than they care for President Roosevelt's friendship for him on certain other lines. The decision of the courts has kept the sleeper open to the good Bishop all these years, and because some Negro like Editor Johnson brought it to the notice of the court.

But even tho the company be the Negro's friend, it should respect his rights. Is it right or just for the company to ask Dr. Johnson, a passenger, to wait and eat with its servants? No, and the company knows it isn't. And not even because a bishop feels that *he* would as soon wait does it make it right that another be forced to do so.

As to the employment of Negroes, we are sure there is something more than friendship in that, and a little investigation will convince the Bishop to the same effect. That company doesn't run its business on friendship.

Relative to the third point, it is only necessary to say that all Southern States have their separate car laws now and they enforce them as best they can against all Negroes except interstate passengers, just as Georgia is trying to do. Hence the "wink" would not make things much worse than they are. It may be well to say we write without any reference whatever to the controversy between Dr. Johnson and Bishop Smith.

May we state in conclusion, that Bishop Smith lives in Detroit, Mich., owns property there and as far as we know has all his belongings there. As we understand it he made this arrangement while he was working in the South. He did so deliberately and for reasons. He encounters what we suffer on an average about once a year, and very little then. And yet he seldom ever comes South but that he takes occasion to tell us poor Southern Negroes through some bitter Southern paper what we should do and how we should do it. If the same spirit prompts him to write relative to this matter that seems to prompt some of the utterances referred to, we are sure

that even his friends in these parts will not take kindly to his strictures on Dr. Johnson. While those of us who live in the South do not favor radical measures or utterances relative to those matters which concern the two races, we do believe in contending for and maintaining our rights in every legitimate way, and the best White people North and South respect us all the more for it.

The Negro Should Learn From the Italian

It is just possible that the American Negro can learn a little something from the Italians now in this country. He is quick enough to emulate them in many of their vices, but he would do himself credit by discarding these and substituting therefor certain of their virtues along commercial and some other lines. In New York City, where there are said to be 200,000 Italians, they are not only prominent in the higher business circles but operate nearly all the bootblack stands. The small Italian weekly paper there has developed into a daily with a circulation of 30,000.

These people are on several lines the Negro's principal competitors; they take what he refuses and turn it into gold, and they do what he can barely make a living at and grow to be well-to-do and highly respected citizens. They are crowding the black man out at several points. If they were crowding him up it would not make any difference, but they are "crowding him out." When the Italian first reaches our shores everybody despises him and not a few kick him. Nevertheless he goes right on; the public patronizes him in whatever line of business he chooses to embark, and his own people stick to him as well.

Even in the city of New Orleans, where there are fewer than 50,000, they run the corner groceries, the fruit stands, the stands in the markets, the huckster wagons, and are also found in many of the higher walks of life as well as the lower. As plentiful as are bananas here we are told that it is impossible to purchase even one bunch except through an Italian.

We have tried to study to some extent the black man's condition in New York City, but will not attempt to describe it at this time. We simply desire to say that we trust he is fully awake to the conditions surrounding him and that he will henceforth show himself a worthy competitor for whatever is best and most helpful for himself and his people.

As to the Negro in the city of New Orleans there is no denying the fact that he has not lived up to his opportunities. Altho about 80,000 strong—nearly one-third of the entire population—he is far behind his brother in many less pretentious communities. Here he has handled more money and let slip more business chances than anywhere else in the South. He hasn't even a secular newspaper, daily, weekly or monthly, to express his gratitude or set forth his grievances. There are a few successful business enterprises, supported largely by whites, but as for the New Orleans Negro he is for the most part busy with other matters. These are family affairs and we do not like to have others speak of them, but even the man who denounces the writer will acknowledge the truth of the statements. If there is any community in the entire country in which the Negro could profit greatly by the example of the Italian, that community is New Orleans. But he is not going to do so; he's too busy.

Those who have occasion to visit St. Louis and wish a good meal served in the very best style will do well to call at the restaurant run by Mr. S. Packard and wife, at 2409 Market street. They are among the best people of the city and treat their customers accordingly.

Notes of Central Missouri Conference

Sedalia abundant in mud but has a warm-hearted people.

Rev. R. Davis, who had served six years in the presiding elderate, went out without weeping.

The Conference has an element of strong and growing young men, who are sure to be heard from in the work of the church.

While addressing a great congregation Dr. Berry of the *Epworth Herald* told his religious experience and the people wept and rejoiced.

Rev. W. J. DeBoe, who entertained the conference, had a very sick son during the session, who has since died. Brother and Sister DeBoe had the sympathy of the entire conference.

The Editor of the SOUTHWESTERN had the pleasure of making his home with Prof. and Mrs. Shelton French and enjoyed his stay much. The professor is principal of the city school for colored children.

Several of the prominent ministers of the conference, including Dr. J. Will Jackson and Rev. Richard Davis, make their home in Sedalia.

The Central Missouri Conference missed the brethren of the Okanab Conference.

Seldom has it been our lot to be invited to more special meals. For the time being we forgot all about the cold lunches of our office life. The Missourians don't do things by halves, and neither did we.

Bishop Hamilton made a most excellent impression on the brethren and the people. The sisters took a lively interest in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Mrs. H. A. Henley seems specially enthusiastic in the work.

Rev. W. H. Smith, the new presiding elder, belongs to the younger class of men. His appointment was well received by the conference.

The Opera House was tendered the Conference for Sunday morning services without expense, and a great congregation was present.

News Notes

Bishop Earl Cranston addressed the Baltimore preachers' meeting recently.

A bill to prevent intermarriage between the races was recently defeated in the Pennsylvania legislature.

Rev. Andrew Cartwright, the first missionary to Africa sent out by the A. M. E. Zion Church, died at his residence in Africa January 14, 1903.

The colored young men's Christian Association in Atlanta, Ga., has raised \$1,000 and purchased a lot, on which a Y. M. C. A. building is to be erected.

Mrs. E. E. Peterson, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the State of Texas, presents Wiley University with 100 temperance song books.

Judge Lowry, of Holly Springs, Miss., has charged the grand jury of that city to bring in indictments against any persons known to engage in progressive euchre playing.

Seventy-five students of Cookman Institute and the Boylan Home, Jacksonville, Fla., will render the oratoria, "The Nazarene," April 1 in the Odd Fellows' Temple of that city.

A colored bootblack in Carthage, Mo., has composed a two-step called "Summer Zephyr." An exchange says a Philadelphia music company is ordering copies by the thousands.

Prof. Andrew Slédd, who was forced to resign his position as professor in Emory College, Oxford, Ga., because of his article on how the South treats the Negro, is now studying in Yale.

The *New York Age* says: "Dr. Ernest Lyon was promptly confined as Minister to Liberia." Indeed! We hadn't heard of it and see no reason why it should be done. It is just possible, however, that this new Minister was *confined* to prevent his shooting at any one, as his immediate predecessor is said to have done. Anyway we trust he has already been released.

Personal and General

The Rev. J. A. Tircuit requests his correspondents to address him at 1830 Toledano street, New Orleans, La.

Rev. J. C. Houston desires his friends to know that his address is Yazoo City, Miss. Last year he was at Vicksburg.

Lieutenant David J. Gilmer has been commissioned by President Roosevelt a second lieutenant in the Philippine scouts.

Dr. W. P. Thirkfield was tendered a reception by the alumni of Boston University School at the close of one of the evening sessions of the Kansas Conference.

Rev. Griffin G. Logan, D. D., Field Secretary of the Missionary Society, made a most excellent impression in his address before the Lexington Annual Conference.

Rev. Robert E. Jones, D. D., one of the field workers of the Sunday School Union, will preach the commencement sermon for Alcorn A. and M. College, Mississippi.

Rev. J. W. Turner, formerly pastor at New Iberia, La., is now pastor at St. Matthew, Algiers, and desires his correspondents to address him at 426 Opelousas avenue.

Rev. Thos. W. Davis, presiding elder of the Starkville district, Mississippi Conference, is in Muscogee, I. T., looking after his Indian claims. He expects to return to his home shortly.

Miss Mary Pondexter, a graduate of Riley Training School, Cincinnati, Ohio, has accepted an invitation to labor among colored people in Washington. She has already begun her work.

Mr. H. E. Braden, whose family takes great interest in the SOUTHWESTERN, was in the city recently and gave us a pleasant call. Brother Braden was accompanied by his two little girls.

It is painful to announce the death of Miss Gracie McDonald, which occurred March 22, 1903. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. S. McDonald, of Asheville, N. C. May the Lord bless and comfort them.

Rev. S. J. Brown, of the Little Rock Conference, writing from Bledsoe, Ark., informs us that his work is under water and his people are in great need of assistance. He is visiting his members in a "dugout." "We are all facing starvation," says he, "but wife and I have agreed to die at our post."

Rev. B. H. S. Ferguson, A. M., the successful and energetic president of the Upper Mississippi Conference Epworth Leagues, was chosen for the position in his absence and because his brethren, being cognizant of his interest in the League work, felt he would give the work a new interest throughout the conference.

Rev. Miles Williams, presiding elder of the Murfreesboro (Tenn.) district, informs us that the Rev. D. C. Ransom, pastor at Murfreesboro, has been sick for five weeks. His people have stood nobly by him and his family meanwhile, not allowing them to want for anything. We are pleased to note that he is now improving some.

Dr. R. W. Billups, who graduated recently from the Flint Medical College, this city, was recently married to Miss Maude D. Richardson, B. S. D., of Columbia, Mo., a graduate of Lincoln Institute, Missouri. After the completion of the school term in Columbia, where she teaches, Mrs. Billups will join her husband in Harwood, Ark., where he is practicing his profession.

Dr. W. H. Logan, pastor Trinity Church, Houston, says it has been raining in that city ever since the annual conference, which has great-

ly handicapped him in his work. Nevertheless they have kept up running expenses, and on the 8th inst. raised \$500 on the church debt. We thank the doctor for a list of 28 subscribers.

Communications from Rev. H. Daniels and Rev. H. J. Wright, of Shreveport, bring the sad intelligence of the death of the Rev. G. T. Musington on Saturday, March 28. Brother Musington transferred from the East Tennessee to the Louisiana Conference about two years ago and had just been appointed to Flournoy and Fairview, in North Louisiana. He had been back to the city on a visit and was much pleased with his new work. He was an intelligent Christian gentleman, an eloquent and forceful preacher of righteousness. He leaves a little motherless child, only a few years old. His remains were interred at Shreveport Sunday, the 29th.

Central Missouri Conference Appointments

Sedalia District—W. H. Smith, presiding elder, postoffice Sedalia, Mo.; Blackburn circuit, Drusus Payton; California circuit, Aaron M. Somerville; Clinton, Henry G. Gibson; Dresden circuit, Samuel Hawkins; Georgetown, Richard Rush; Holden, Dock J. Kenoly; Knobnoster, William A. Bohannon; Lexington, Robert H. Young; Malta Bend, Christopher Lays; Marshall, Austin H. Higgs; Odessa circuit, Monroe Denny; Osceola circuit, William Wheeler; Sedalia, Taylor Chapel, Richard Davis; Sedalia circuit, George H. Ball; Smithton, Robert G. Smith; Springfield Mission, B. F. Bateman; Pitts Chapel, Benjamin F. Abbott; Sweet Springs circuit, William Divers; Warrensburg, Frank S. Bowles; Wellington, Green Enyard; Windsor, John P. Bishop; Versailles, Silas P. Johnson.

St. Louis District—Calvin M. Keeton, presiding elder, postoffice St. Louis, Mo.; Ashley circuit, Frederick C. B. Washington; Bowling Green, William R. Rivere; Clarksville, Frederick D. Avaunt; Curryville, Alexander Hubbard; De Soto, William H. H. Brown; Elsbury, John A. Guyton; Farmington, Laroy Woolrich; Foristell, George Grady; Frankfort, Jerome Herrington; Fredericktown, Allen R. Martin; Hannibal, Thomas H. Lockwood; Ironton, J. M. Smalley; Lebanon, Anthony Coleman; Jonesburg circuit, Lewis Mallory; Louisiana, Robert H. Smith; Montgomery, John H. Nolan; Rolla, Lon A. Tolson; St. Charles, Frederick H. Small; East St. Louis, Bodeman, John E. Tice; St. Louis, Bridgeton, A. S. Palmer; St. Louis, Union Memorial, R. E. Gillum; St. Louis, St. James, E. P. Gugus; Springfield, Ill., William E. Wilson; Troy, Henry A. Henley; Warrenton, Berion M. Cane; Wellsville and Danville, John H. Boone; Williamsburg and Reedville, W. B. Clark.

St. Joseph District—J. Will Jackson, presiding elder, postoffice Sedalia, Mo.; Armstrong and Yates, John W. Patton; Arrow Rock, to be supplied; Butler, to be supplied; Columbia, John A. Grant; Des Moines, Ia., Oliver A. Johnson; Fayette, John H. McAllister; Glasgow, George W. Reeves; Harrisonville, to be supplied; Independence, John J. Clark; Kansas City, Asbury Chapel, W. H. Wheeler; Kansas City, Burns Chapel, James M. Harris; Kansas City, Clark Chapel, supplied by Preston Overton; Mexico, J. D. Evans; Moberly, George W. Patton; New Bloomfield, John W. Thompson; Oskaloosa, Ia., O. A. Johnson; Richmond, supplied by Edmund Diggs; Shannondale, supplied by R. B. Williams; Sebree and Charity Hall, J. W. Stapleton; St. Joseph, B. D. Dixon; Sturgeon and New Franklin, W. L. Lee; Slater, W. J. De Boe.

J. A. Dorsey left without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

Lexington Annual Conference

Report of proceedings crowded over.

Indiana District—G. A. Sissle, presiding elder, postoffice Indianapolis; Alexandria, to be supplied; Anderson, W. B. Harris; Bloomington, W. L. Noel; Booneville, supplied by Harry Brew; Cannelton and Tell City, S. P. Archer; Chicago, Ill., J. W. Robinson; Connersville, J. E. Wood; Evansville, S. S. Stone; Greencastle, sup-

plied by H. Rockholt; Greenfield, D. W. Heston; Indianapolis, Barnes, supplied; Simpson, W. H. Riley; Jeffersonville, Port Fulton, to be supplied; Jeffersonville, Wesley, W. M. Lankford; Lawrenceville, supplied by Wesley Williams; Madison and Grayville, E. M. Bolden; Muncie, to be supplied; Newcastle, W. W. Heston; North Vernon and Vernon, Fred White; Princeton, J. T. Leggett; Rockport, W. H. Pope; Rushville, T. R. Fletcher; Shelbyville, W. W. Locke; Terre Haute, W. C. Statesman; Watson and Cementville, T. T. Carpenter.

Lexington (Ky.) District—J. H. Stanley, presiding elder, postoffice Lexington; Anchorage, E. D. Miller; Boyd, J. W. Russell; Chaplin, G. F. Carr; Cleveland, A. W. Bird; College Hill and Elkins, supplied by John Saunders; Cynthia, W. H. Stevenson; Falmouth, H. A. Foreman; Frankfort, supplied by Frank Shipman; Georgetown, C. G. Nichols; Glenkenny, Frank Hinton; Jeffersontown, W. H. Bloomer; La Grange, E. R. Lewis; Leesburg and Oxford, Braxton Daniels; Lexington, Asbury Temple, G. W. Zeigler; Lexington, Gunns Tabernacle, H. C. Buckner; New Zion, Joseph Small; North Middleton, J. S. Henry; Owentown and Northville, supplied by Z. Winchester; Paris, L. M. Hagood; Pewee Valley and Floyds, to be supplied; Shelbyville, L. C. Harris; Simpsonville, Wesley Singleton; Smithfield and Eminence, supplied by G. W. Harris; Sulphur and Bedford, supplied by A. W. White; Versailles, D. R. Hickman; Warrenton and Cadentown, W. Hopewell; Winchester, G. W. Thomas.

Louisville (Ky.) District—Joseph Courtney, presiding elder, postoffice Louisville; Auburn, Henry Steen; Beaver Dam, N. H. Willis; Bowling Green, A. A. Woolfolk; Cloverport, F. P. Fielding; Dulaney, T. F. Williams; Eddyville and Grand River, to be supplied; Fordsville, to be supplied; Hardinsburg, J. L. Franklin; Hartford, Henry Dupee; Hawesville and Lewisport, Randall Acton; Litchfield, R. F. Broadus; Louisville, Coke, J. S. Bailey; Louisville, Jackson Street, W. H. Evans; Louisville, Loyd Street, H. M. Currell; Louisville, Thirty-fifth Street, Joseph McCoomer; Morgantown and Indian Camp, G. W. Powell; Mt. Washington, supplied by Charles Antrell; New Haven, W. A. Hinton; Owensboro, B. Kirtley; Parkland, supplied by Chas. Miller; Princeton, supplied by Richard Hines; Smithland, Scott Ward; Sonora and Vine Grove, B. J. Ward; West Point, James Bowren.

Maysville (Ky.) District—E. A. White, presiding elder, postoffice Maysville, Ky.; Aberdeen, O., and Dover, G. C. Riley; Augusta, H. A. Southgate; Clay City, B. J. Strider; Covington, W. H. Vaughn; Flemingsburg, P. T. Gorham; Germantown, R. T. W. James; Louisa and Ironton (O.), supplied by H. P. Evans; Mayslick and North Fork, Paris Fisher; Maysville, N. H. Talbott; Mt. Sterling, Lewis Robinson; Orangeburg and Tollesboro, supplies by Chas. Rice; Pleasantville, to be supplied; Poplar Plains, supplied by A. Waller; Portsmouth (O.) and Vanceburg, J. E. Brooks; Sharpsburg, J. E. Burton; Sherburn and Moorfield, James Allen; Washington, C. H. Pyles.

Ohio District—H. W. Simmons, presiding elder, postoffice Cincinnati; Batavia, J. H. Love; Bridgeport and Bellaire, J. W. White; Cadiz, G. W. Bailey; Cincinnati, Cumminsville and Westwood, J. A. Smith; Cincinnati, St. Johns, D. E. Skelton; Cincinnati, Walnut Hills, H. W. Tate; Cleveland, R. L. Dickerson; Clevis and Rising Sun (Ind.), to be supplied; Columbus, E. L. Gilliam; Dayton, C. T. Lewis; Delaware and Marion, J. H. Payne; Elyria, to be supplied; Flushing and Short Creek, F. P. Robinson; Lorain, F. D. Breckenridge; Madisonville and College Hill, J. H. Ross; Martin's Ferry, Joel Perkins; Milford, G. C. McPheeters; Mt. Healthy and Delphi, to be supplied; Mt. Pleasant circuit, supplied by John Green; Oberlin, B. J. Coleman; Rushsylvania, supplied by J. R. Scurry; Springfield, T. L. Ferguson; Steubenville, S. H. Ferguson; Troy, Charles Jones; Xenia, T. L. Wilson.

W. H. H. Renfro left without appointment to attend some one of our schools; member St. John's quarterly conference.

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FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. C. Marshall Editor

How many acres do you own?

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Many colored men in the Southern States have acquired handsome estates. We know a number who own more than 500 acres of land apiece, and several who possess as much as 1,500 acres. These men must die after awhile, and others will succeed to the management of these farms. They ought to see to it that their children are being trained in a manner that will fit them to step into their places, and build upon the foundations they will inherit.

The period for breaking land is about ended. The time for putting the seed into the ground is upon the Southern farmer. The winter has been very wet for most of the gulf states and there is great temptation to plant before the soil is prepared. Be very particular to prepare the soil before planting. Use rollers, harrows and logs to pulverize, and do not stir wet soil. To stir such land at this season when the sun is hot, is to turn your land into millions of little bricks that will not serve for plant life. Put your mind to work, and make this a great crop year, God willing.

The pleasure of farm life necessarily depends upon the comforts with which we are surrounded, upon the ease with which our tasks are done, and upon our love for our calling. Our intelligence and tact combine to bring to us this comfort, ease and love. Even the most harassing of our farm tasks may be reduced to simplicity by a little thought used upon them. The farm work need not be a drudgery to the farmer or to his wife and children, if both the brain and muscle work together.

We have advices from any points in the South, telling us of Law and Order Leagues formed there among the colored people for the suppression of crime. We like to hear of organizations among farmers. But the most important organization for the colored farmer to-day is of the kind that will aid him to better understand his calling. The farmers must get together

in institutes and learn how to farm better; learn of the markets and of the soil. We wish that at every cross road, at every school house and church house, the farmers would meet and organize institutes for their advancement.

TRUE FREEDOM.

"What is freedom and how obtained? The child who wants to spend time in play rather than study, mistakes play for freedom. The spendthrift who parts with his money as soon as it is received mistakes spending for freedom. The young man who craves the right to drink and gamble mistakes debauchery for freedom. The man who claims the right to idle his days away upon the street rather than to spend them in set hours of labor, mistakes loafing for freedom. And so all through human experience, we find that the highest and most complete freedom comes slowly and is purchased only at tremendous cost. Freedom comes through seeming restriction; those are most truly free to-day who have passed through great discipline. Those persons in the United States who are most truly free in body, mind and morals are those who have passed through the most severe training, are those who have exercised the most patience and at the same time the most dogged persistence and determination.

I wish that you might have been present with me last Sunday during our Annual Tuskegee Negro Conference, and I wish you might have heard a man of my race describe in the meeting how he purchased his own freedom; how he was a slave for 20 years; how he entered freedom with not a single penny in his pocket; how he resolved that he would not only be free in body, but free in a higher and larger sense; and he told that great audience how, without shoes, coat or hat, he went to work; how, when he was unable to purchase an ox his wife put a pair of old harness about his shoulders and she held the plow while he dragged it through the ground; how, when he rose a little higher, he bought an ox, and the next year two oxen, and the next year he was able to buy a mule, and later on two mules, and later on he purchased a few acres of land; and he had come to the Tuskegee Conference, when he was the proud owner of 100 acres of land; was a tax payer, with a decent house, a decent respectable family; and was "free indeed."

A NOTE OF WARNING—A LITTLE ADVICE.

We feel called upon to raise a note of warning to our readers. The present indications all point to an extra effort to grow cotton. Very many are arranging to raise from one bale to two per acre. The efforts in this direction are not single or isolated. They are well distributed and quite numerous. They are on the line of progress and success. They look to the increased productiveness of the soil and to better seed and better cultivation to produce these better crops. All of these will help to cheapen the raising of the cotton. This is highly commendable, but still it tends to increase the crop. Then again the fair prices of the past two seasons are stimulating the cotton growers to plant more. Again the gradual yet steady growth of farming in the South will of itself increase the acreage in cotton. There will be much more land

in cultivation in the South this year than any former year. Now we feel that it is necessary; in view of these and many other reasons, to warn our readers that there is danger in planting cotton this year. Now while so many will rush on to loss and ruin, is your time to steer for a safe and sure thing. Every other farm product is bringing good prices. You can make money by planting any and all crops besides cotton.

At the prices now prevailing anything pays better than cotton. Heed our advice and give attention to all kinds of crops that feed men and animals. Grow hogs, cows, sheep, chickens; anything that can be sold in the market will pay you better than cotton. This is one time when you can take no risk in raising supplies; vegetables, fruits, melons, hay, corn, oats, wheat, peas, pinders, sugar cane, broom corn, sorghum, potatoes, cassava, rice, and forty other crops that grow in the South.

You ask nothing in leaving cotton entirely out this time. Cotton costs about what you get for it. The profit is very small.

But when we advise men to do this they reply, "We are compelled to raise cotton because we are in debt." Well, that is the very reason you ought to quit raising cotton. What got you in debt? Was it not raising cotton? Yea, verily. And raising cotton will keep you in debt.

Again, we are met with the argument that we must plant cotton because it is the only crop that we can get credit on. And we must have help to make a crop.

Here it is again. This is the crop that keeps you in debt because you can mortgage it and eat it up before you gather and deliver it. When you quit cotton you will not need to go in debt or give mortgages. Leave off or greatly reduce the cotton crop this year.—Ex.

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DOINGS OF THE
WORKMEN

N. N. Sidney, Pastor, Brandon, Miss.
—Our first quarterly conference was



held Feb. 28 and March 1, with Rev. J. M. Shumpert in the chair. Every officer was present except two with well written reports. Raised in the quarterly conference \$22.50 which was the amount due the elder for this quarter. Grand total collected during the quarter \$35.50. We shall do all we can to put the SOUTHWESTERN into every home on this circuit. May the Lord bless Dr. Scott and all of the business managers. Enclosed please find three cash subscribers. At the last session of the Mississippi Conference I was appointed to the Brandon Circuit. I arrived here on Feb. 12, and was met by many of the good sisters at the parsonage, who made us feel glad by their many words of kindness. At night they crowded in on us with many good things to eat. This company was lead by Dr. J. M. Shumpert, and the sisters: Mesdames Katie Evans, Jane Finch, Charity Hunter, Jossie Taper, Aggie Finch, Mary Proctor and Miss Minnie Finch, and many others of the good sisters and brethren.

F. D. Bowers, Pastor.—Beattieville is a growing little village both in industry and morality. The inhabitants, more especially the members of Mt. Vernon, are economizing and loyal. There are two stores managed and controlled by colored young men. They have a large patronage. The Knights of Pythias, C. O. Calanthe and the Tabernacle are organized here, also a wealthy benevolent society. I arrived here Feb. 7; preached on the 8th. I scarcely can tell who are the proudest of the appointment, the members or the sinner friends. They have not ceased making it pleasant for me. I have received two pound parties, one by the King's Daughters and the other by the stewardesses. Sunday night, March 1, after the regular collection, the young sinner men presented me a purse containing five dollars to purchase a hat. We are going in the near future to send in a list of 10 subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN.

Rev. V. Chapman, President; J. H. Thompson, Secretary Pro Tem., New Orleans' Preachers' Meeting.—Resolution: Whereas, we have learned with profound regret that Rev. T. A.

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Brown, pastor at Morgan City, has lost all of his household effects by the burning boat, coming from Lake Providence to New Orleans the other week; therefore, be it resolved, that we express our deep sympathy for him and his family in their loss, and pledge ourselves to send him aid at once. We hope all pastors in Louisiana Conference will help this, our dear brother, by sending him aid. We further pray God's blessing on him and his family, that they may be encouraged by our help. Therefore the Preachers' Meeting do hereby send Brother Brown \$2.50 on behalf of the New Orleans Preachers' Meeting.

J. W. Thompson, Columbus Charge.—Our first quarterly conference convened March 6, with Elder Walton in the chair. The quarter was a decided success. Officials reported their part of the work as favorably as it was possible to do so. The love-feast, preceding the sacrament, was indeed a power. The dear sisters and brothers cried out as they testified their love for each other and the Savior. The elder preached a strong sermon Sunday night, and administered the Lord's Supper with the assistance of our much beloved old friend and ex-presiding elder, B. H. S. Ferguson, and the pastor. Paid the presiding elder in full \$20; raised during the quarter \$99.16. Sunday school under the faithful management of Brother Jno. H. York, is moving and gaining fresh inspiration continually. Brother York is a wise and true superintendent. The Sunday school is organized into the Missionary Society. The collection of every first Sunday goes for missions. The Epworth League has five spokes in her wheel with a safe wheel right to see after each spoke; this wheel revolves on a universal axle, which is Love. Mrs. B. H. S. Ferguson, the accomplished and cultured wife of our ex-presiding elder, is president, and with the very hearty help of the vice presidents, the wheel is being lubricated to the extent that all friction is kept down, and the revolutions are most gratifying. We are full of hope, notwithstanding the besetments. Our people are taking on new life. This is my first year at this very important charge. Taking everything in consideration, I am doing fairly well.

Dear Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents and Epworth League Presidents, Paris District: We are now within but a few weeks of Easter Sabbath which falls on Sunday, April 12, this year. Easter Sabbath is a great day and means much to us as loyal Methodist. For years we have observed the blessed occasion of the resurrection of our Christ in appropriate songs, fervent prayers and good sermons as Children's Missionary Day throughout our connection. Splendid results have followed our efforts. Upon several occasions within our own district, pastors have reported to me immediately after Easter of happily converted men and women to God, and their missionary apportionment raised in full. I am expecting increased spiritual and financial results this Easter. I am pleased to learn that you all have put in your orders for Easter supplies, which is very commendable. Do not fail to give the small children a place in your exercises. They never fail to bring life into the cause. I feel that the circuits and stations on our district are in splendid shape for a sweeping victory in the way of new converts and missionary money raised. The motto of the Missionary Society is "A dollar from every member, the minimum; our ability to give, the maximum." I commend the motto to you brethren, a happy one. It is reasonable. Let pastors, superintendents and league presidents of our circuits and stations lead in the collections on Easter, with their contributions of one dollar, when it will prove an easy matter to collect that amount from each member among us. Information is essential to good success. "The Present Missionary Situation," "What the Pastor can do for Missions," "Young People and Scriptural Giving," "The Place of Prayer in Missionary Work," "Reasons Why the Home Church Must Go Forward," are splendid tracts, all about the cause of missions. Write Mr. S. Earl Taylor at 150 Fifth avenue, for them at once for circulation. The SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE comes to us each week brim full of Easter plans. You can circulate it at a great profit to yourselves, church and people. Do not fail to assess and collect one dollar from each local preacher and exhorter and in giving them a plenty of work to do. Yours in His name,

FREEMAN PARKER.

Sophrana McNair, President of the Literary Department of the Epworth League, Elrod, N. C.—Our Epworth League is growing in numbers and intelligence. On Friday night March 6, the literary department had a social. After a nice prayer with songs, recitations and a discussion, Rev. N. D. Shamborger, our ever faithful pastor, was presented to the delight of all, and made one of his thoughtful and eloquent speeches. Subject, "Make Ready; Take Aim; Fire." We all left feeling better for having been present. Refreshments were served.

S. H. Nevils, Pastor, Shellmound Charge.—Our first quarterly conference was held by our worthy presiding elder Woolfolk. I began my fourth year with much more encouragement than I did the first. My charge is in a good condition. I am beginning to work up a spirit to have all of my conference officers to take the paper. I think we will do more for the cause.

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We had a small congregation but the elder did great good. The rain has hindered us much. Our people are always glad to have the elder.

Rev. G. W. Seawell, Opelika Charge.—March the 8th was a high day with us. Our beloved presiding elder, Rev. F. L. Teague, did credit to himself and the congregation both Friday night and Sunday. Every officer responded to his name. The address on the night of the quarter impressed the hearers to lift up a high standard on all lines and to own some of this world's goods. It will never be forgotten. There were more people at the quarterly conference than for years. Surely the Lord is in this place. The news of our elders helpful, touching and impressive remarks spread far and near, and on Sunday the people packed the house, and as this man expounded God's word, the Holy Ghost burned in the hearts of the people. Accessions at this quarterly conference four; entire number added this quarter 21. We were successful in paying our elder his full assessment \$13, an advance of any year. The people seem to manifest their love and appreciation of me as their pastor not in words and tongue but deeds and truth, so during the quarterly conference, they surprised me with a nice spit of clothes. All glory to St. Paul. Raised for all purposes this quarter \$93.25.

B. J. Reddix, Baton Rouge, La.—A great day at St. Mark Sunday, March 24. The corner stone of St. Mark will be laid and each member and friend is requested to give \$1. Rev. Henry Taylor, presiding elder, master of ceremonies. Rev. H. Daniels, presiding elder, Shreveport district, will preach the sermon at 3 and at night. Let each friend of a worthy cause help us out of debt.

W. S. Sherrill, Haven Chapel, Hot Springs, Ark.—Our Church at this place is spiritually and financially alive. A spiritual life of a church governs the financial life. This is our second year in Hot Springs as pastor, and to know this Church and people is to love them. Our report at the last conference showed quite an increase along all lines. We raised last year 75c for each member of the church for benevolence, and we had several conversions and accessions. We are praying to do as well or better this year. We have in mind to build a basement and finish beautifying our church this year. We had a rally since conference and raised \$112.68, and will have a big rally in April. The Sunday school, Epworth League, W. H. M. Society and the Willing Workers' Club are all in motion for God and success. Pray that we may have a great revival in Hot Springs.

Miss Annie Gare, Alley Mills, Ill.—Sunday was a great day at our church. The Holy Ghost visited the church and many souls made happy. Ren S. T. Thompson preached a good sermon. Our pastor is the right man in the right place. He is loved by both black and white. We have a fine Sabbath school. I am going to do all I can do for the Sabbath school this year.

Hattie Eva Childress, Clinton, Ala.—Our first quarterly meeting was held with Rev. T. W. Staples, our beloved presiding elder in the chair. The officers were present with their reports, which showed progress. The elder was well pleased. Sunday was a high day. The elder preached two able sermons and administered the Lord's Supper to a large number. Rev. Heron, the pastor, is loved by his congregation, and he and his excellent wife have proven themselves to be efficient leaders. Never before was the church in a better condition spiritually and financially.

D. L. Harris, Pleasant Hill, La.—F. D. Thomas, pastor of Pleasant Hill Circuit, reached this place Feb. 8, and met his people who were glad to see him. Taylor's Chapel is one of the oldest M. E. Churches in the Louisiana Conference. Brother Thomas is one of our best pastors. We hope he will do well here.

L. D. Bowers, Beattleville, Tenn.—Our first quarterly conference was held Saturday the 7th inst. The presiding elder, Rev. W. R. Butler, in the chair. The officers and members were ready with written reports. Rev. Butler was well pleased with the success made in such a short while. There is an improvement on all lines. Preparations are being made by the energetic pastor and members to build a parsonage and paint the church. In

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our quarter, though only one month long, we raised \$45, paid presiding elder in full \$8. The presiding elder preached a wonderful sermon. The members and the pastor are very hopeful of successful year's work, spiritual and financial. We are preparing to get our ten subscribers as promised and will soon send in their names.

J. H. Ellis, Pastor, Adamsville, Tenn.—The Adamsville and Savannah Charge of the Lexington District, is in a prosperous condition. Unity is existing between the pulpit and the laity. All parties seem to know their business well, and are doing it. We have had lots of rain and high water this year and lots of God's goodness have fallen from some place. The swine in acorn time places himself under the acorn tree and as they fall he gathers them into his garner and is made fat. We are placing ourselves where God can trust His blessings and

as they fall we gather them into our store houses and are being made fat. March 7 and 8 we had with us our dear presiding elder, W. R. Smith, who always brings to us good tidings of much joy. On Sunday it was cloudy but in the morning service he preached an excellent sermon which is yet ringing in the souls of both saints and sinners. Glad to say we are not in debt to him nor he to us.

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Samuel A. Hunter, R. S. and Superintendent of Lee Tabernacle, Navasota, Tex.—Our first quarterly conference February 28 and March 1, Rev. J. E. Bryant, presiding elder, in the chair. Our presiding elder is the man at his post in every respect. When he first came on this district it was down in the fourth rank. With the assistance of the good members of his Church and his faithful pastors he succeeded in getting it in third rank. We raised for presiding elder \$22.42; for pastor, \$62.68; Church extension, \$13; Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society, \$4.80; Missions, \$10.22. Total raised during the quarter, \$113.06. The weather has been so bad we could not have service every Sunday. We have the best Sunday school in the Texas conference. I don't except any. Our average attendance is 62. Average collection \$1.50. We have lead four years and we are going to lead again this year. We are sure to raise our assessment. We have one of the best Epworth Leagues in Texas Conference, with Mrs. M. A. Hunter president.

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George W. Baker, Pastor, Starkville Circuit, Miss.—We are glad to say that pastor and people are getting along nicely. This being my second year, the people have welcomed my return. Thursday night, March 19, the good people at this point came forward after prayer meeting, singing "Scattering the Precious Seed," and presented the pastor a fine lot of groceries and money. They said: Pastor, be of good cheer, we will stand by you at Zion Franklin. This storm was led by Brothers Jno. Holbert, M. Stallings, Fields Osby and Sisters Lizzie Young, Cealie Osby, Mary Young, Dinah Cobin and others.

L. B. Mack, Reporter, Van Buren, Ark., Mt. Olive M. E. Church—First quarterly conference March 15 and 16, Rev. M. N. Langston B. D., in the chair. Presiding Elder Langston preached a soul-stirring sermon Sunday morning. On Sunday night Presiding Elder B. J. Griffin of Forest City District, preached to a large audience. Fifty-eight took the Lord's Supper. Collection \$23.59. Rev. E. Matterson of C. M. E. Church and Rev. S. Carter of A. M. E. Church were

with us Sunday night. Rev. G. T. Saxton, our pastor, has been preaching a wonderful series of sermons since his return from conference. We are indeed proud of him.

A. J. McNair, Meridian, Miss.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival at St. Paul M. E. Church. It was successful in the whole despite the inclement weather. The Lord was with us in spirits power and 55 were happily converted to God and joined us. Many thanks to all of the city pastors who so unselfishly assisted us. God be praised. His Church is moving on.

J. M. Watson, Pastor, Pulaski Circuit, Va.—Our second quarterly conference was held March 15 and 16 at Maxmeadows. Our presiding elder, W. E. Mitchell, was with us with wholesome instruction to the officers. Our Sunday school at this place is moving along reasonably well under the superintendency of Mrs. Sallie Bonds, the scholars being young, need much care and patience. The elder preached two gospel sermons on Sunday and administered the Lord's Supper to 19 communicants. Total raised this quarter \$81.96.

GROUND ROCK AS A MEDICINE.

The rich people of the cities go to the "springs" to be cured of various ailments. They take hot and cold baths in the Mineral water and drink it, gallons of it, and go home relieved, if not cured. Most people cannot afford to do this and necessarily suffer and bear it. The mineral forming such a large part of the water comes from the mineral ore at the bottom of the spring. Prof. Theo. Noel, a geologist, now living in Chicago, discovered a mine of this Ore many years ago while prospecting in the southwest and is now grinding and selling it under the name of Vite-Ore and as such the medicine has become well known. The ground Ore, as sold for market, is mixed with water by the purchaser, and has then the same properties as the waters of the springs, only in a highly concentrated form. It contains free iron, free sulphur and magnesium. The Company wants to send every reader of this paper and their friends and relatives a full sized One Dollar package of Vite-Ore on thirty days' trial, the receiver to pay nothing unless satisfied and he or she is to be the judge. Read their offer in this issue under the heading "PERSONAL TO SUBSCRIBERS."

T. F. Robinson, Pastor, Many Bayou Scie and Fort Jesup, La.—I arrived at this point Feb. 15, and my people received me gladly. Now we are making a start for a good year's work, asking the Lord for many souls and for 36 subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. I want to thank the good people of Bayou Scie and Fort Jesup for their kindness. May the Lord bless them. I also want to thank Brothers H. H. Broach, G. Glover, P. Porter, T. Woodford, G. McQuough, J. J. Haskin, T. Ector, T. Holden, G. Walker and Goldwell, for what they have done. May the Lord bless them. Dear brethren, let us prepare for our first quarterly conference, which will be held April 5 at Many, La. Let us meet the presiding elder with good reports. We want to thank the Epworth League for donating the bell, valued at \$15. May the Lord bless Sister Betty McQuough, president, and Miss Mattie Broach secretary, for their faithful work in the league.

J. M. Moody, Mt. Pleasant Grove M. E. Church.—Our second quarterly conference met March 14 and 15 with J. A. W. Moore, presiding elder, in the chair. All the class leaders were present with good reports. Raised

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A. W. Carr, Pastor, Ludl Circuit.—"Honor to whom honor is due." In answer to an appeal from Wiley the Home Mission Sisters have expressed their loyalty to the institution by sending in to Dr. Dogan 13 nice quilts. These quilts were given by the following sisters: Sisters Emiline Lewis, Ella Dixon, Margret Barnes, Amanda and Sallie Dixon. All of the sisters worked hard in preparing these quilts from Union, Louis Chapel, Sisters R. A. King, Rebecca Sims; Gethsemane, Sister Emma Luster; Logan Chapel, Sisters Margret Brown, A. L. Crow, Birdie Washington, Leolder Sills, Mary Montgomery, Lettie Luster. The following sisters will give as soon as they can get the quilts ready: Sisters Ella Ford, E. J. Luster, S. A. Hughes, A. Guin.

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ORGANIZATION OF MINISTERS' UNION, GRUNN, LA.

The Rev. F. R. Bridges, pastor of Hex Chapel, M. E. Church of this city called all the pastors together for the purpose of organizing a ministers' union. The ministers present were Revs. F. R. Bridges, W. G. Alston, pastor of the circuit; R. M. King, pastor of St. Phillips A. M. E. Church; J. R. Mallard, pastor of First Congregational Church; J. D. Jenkins, presiding elder of La Grange District, and C. H. Claiborne, general missionary of S. E. District Association, under the auspices of the American Missionary Association. After singing prayer was offered by Rev. Alston. After singing another hymn, Rev. F. R. Bridges spoke of the necessity of organizing a ministers' union. Subsequent to the preliminary remarks it was voted to have a ministers' union. Revs. F. R. Bridges and J. R. Mallard were elected president and secretary respectively. As all the ministers of the city were not present it was thought advisable not to elect any more officers until some future date. Motion prevailed to meet every Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. Voted that each officer shall hold office two months. Revs. J. D. Jenkins and C. H. Claiborne visiting brethren, were given leave to speak. Rev. Jenkins spoke of the need of the ministers' union in Griffin and the good that could be received from such a union. Rev. C. H. Claiborne spoke on the unity of the family, the necessity of parents living in harmony with each other and their care of training their children uprightly. Rev. F. R. Bridges spoke of the condition of the young men of this city—how they visit the bar rooms and that the parents do not educate them as well as they do the girls. In conclusion he said that the parents should educate them just as much as the girls. Rev. R. M. King spoke at length on the morality of the young men. Adjourned to meet at St. Phillips A. M. E. Church next week, Wednesday. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. D. Jenkins.

REV. F. F. BRIDGES, President.
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Dear Brethren—Our second district conference will convene at Parsons, Tenn., Aug. 18, 1903, at 9 o'clock a. m., and will not adjourn until Sunday night, Aug. 23. Let every pastor and delegate be on hand at roll call, and remain at the seat of conference until the same is over. Let each pastor strive to raise every dollar assessed his charge for benevolent purposes ere the setting of the district conference and be ready to make a round report. Please don't neglect to raise your General Conference expense money. Let each pastor secure at least five yearly cash subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN

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Oneonta, March 14-15; Village Springs and Selyville, 21-23; Warrior and New Castle, 28-30; Blount Springs, April 4-5; Bangor and Stought Mt., 7-8; Bessemer, 11-12; Birmingham, Ave. E. 13th St., 14-15; Iron Dale, 18-19; Avondale, 25-26; Enon, May 1-3; Mt. Pleasant, 9-10; Wood Lawn, 16-17; Horse Creek, 23-24; Cardiff, 25-26; St. Paul, 29-31; Springville, June 6-7; Tuscaloosa, 13-14; Mantua, 20-21.

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Dear Brethren: You know how the great church is looking to you and me to do our part of the work. Do not let us fall behind in doing our part of the work. Keep your work moving along up, up, up, to the glory of God! Have a revival at each place. Do your very best for Easter, April 13, and raise all of your missions on that day. Plan well. Get your people to work. June 14 is Children's Day; another

good time to push your conference work. We have decided to raise the special Easter fund and general conference expenses on the day of your third quarter. Pastors, look in your minutes and divide the amount among the class-leaders and help them to bring it in on the day of your third quarter. Do your best. District Conference No. 1 will be held in Newport News July 2-4; No. 2 will be held in Leaksville, July 22-29. All the local preachers, exhorters, Sunday school superintendents, presidents of Epworth League Chapters and one class-leader from each charge are members of this conference and all the district stewards. We hope all will come and let us have a good meeting at the district conference. I hope each charge will be up with the pastor and all the claims. Keep the SOUTHWESTERN before your people. It is one of the best papers to have in our homes. Yours in Christ. M. J. BULLOCK, P. E.
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THEY LIVE OUR MEMORY

Hubertville, La.—Sister Patsy Keys, aged 85 years, died on March 6. She was one of the oldest members of Hubertville M. E. Church. The death of Sister Keys is the passing of one of the old land marks of Methodism in this part of the country. For 30 years she had been faithful to her church. A few days before her death I visited her and gave her the Sacrament. To those who stood around her bedside she said that her witness was in heaven and her record was on high. She leaves many relatives and friends to mourn. She died as she had lived, a Christian. DUDLEY S. SLOAN.

Vicksburg, Miss.—Little Albert McNeal, aged one year and four months, the son of Sister Lilliah McNeal, departed this life March 11. Sister McNeal is a member of our church.

Sister Elenora Brickley, aged 80 years, departed this life March 11 in full triumph of faith. She was a perfect Christian. M. WHITE.

Dennis Mills, La.—Sister Amanda Morgan, a member of Andrews Chapel, died in full triumph of faith, aged 37 years. She leaves a husband and father, a sister, one son, two daughters and kindred to mourn. Funeral was conducted by the pastor.

D. S. KILBOURNE, Pastor.

E. C. Goins, Opelousas, La.—Sister Eleanor Wilkinson, aged 16 years, fell asleep in Jesus March 8, after an illness of ten days. She was a faithful member of St. Marks M. E. Church, and secretary of the Sabbath school. Her last words were, "I am not afraid to die." She leaves father, mother, one brother, one sister and a host of friends to mourn.

DeSoto, Miss.—Sister Laine Thomas, aged 52 years, fell asleep in Jesus. She was a member of Little Zion M. E. Church. Her funeral was conducted by the writer, C. Washington. She leaves three children, a husband and an aged father to mourn.

Sister Lizzie Lewis, wife of Brother Joseph Lewis, a member of Lane's Chapel, C. M. E. Church, died. Sister Lewis was a probationer of St. Paul M. E. Church Feb. 10; she died on the 25th. She was soundly converted a few days before she joined the church. She was fully consoled in the love of Jesus. She sang, she prayed and fairly preached to all who came in her presence. Her room was no less than the gateway to the sweet Beulah land. She called her husband, mother and sisters around her bed and led in a devotional meeting. Her funeral was conducted at St. Paul M. E. Church by the pastor, assisted by Revs. A. S. Doyle, pastor Lane chapel, J. O. Brown, of St. James. The services were very touching. A good congregation was out notwithstanding the inclement weather.

Houma, La.—Sister Jennie Hunt, one of the old members of Wesley M. E. Church, died March 5. She lived to a ripe old age. She was born in the year of 1798. She lived over 104 years. She was a member of the church 70 years. She died as she lived, in full triumph of faith. She leaves sons and daughters and a host of grandchildren to mourn. Her funeral was conducted by Revs. F. D. Bowers, A. A. Lacy, of

the A. M. E. Church. The pastor was ill at the time.

M. S. GOINS, Pastor.

Mason, Tenn.—On Feb. 11 we were called upon to attend the funeral of Sister Lizzie D. Johns, of Memphis. Sister Johns professed hope in Christ in childhood and lived a consistent Christian to the time of her death. Although she had adopted Memphis as her home, she never moved her membership from her home church at Mason, where she had been a faithful member of the choir. Her life was one of service to her church and of sunshine to all with whom she came in touch. She leaves a devoted husband, two loving children and a host of friends.

Sister Ann Taylor, wife of Brother Buster Taylor, met with a most serious accident on the night of 9th inst., which resulted in almost instant death. She was all alone in her home and by some means caught on fire and before assistance could be had the cruel flames accomplished their deathly work. She lived in agony and pain in a semi-conscious state about 12 hours, when the Master said it is enough and sent the chariot which conveyed her to glory. Sister Taylor was about three score and ten years of age and had been in the Master's service 40 years. "Servant of God, well done,

Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last."

She leaves a husband and a host of friends to mourn.

G. D. FIELD, Pastor.

A. W. Randolph, Pastor, Bell Springs, Va.—Mr. Essie Rippey, the son of Miles Rippey, departed this life March 8. He was born Sept. 9, 1886. The funeral was preached by the writer and the remains were carried to the home graveyard at Neck creek. He leaves a father, two sisters, two brothers and a step-mother to mourn his loss.

Holly Springs, Miss.—Mrs. Amelia Hill, an old member of Asbury M. E. Church, departed this life in full triumph of faith a few days since. She leaves a host of children, grandchildren and friends to mourn her departure. She was about 90 years of age. Her funeral was conducted at the church and followed to the cemetery by many friends.

N. R. CLAY, Pastor.

Clinton, La.—Mr. Jarreto Brown departed this life Friday morning, March 8. He met his death by a fall from a wagon. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn. A. B. VENABLE.

Fayette, Miss.—Feb. 25th, Brother Markus Daniel died, leaning on the Everlasting Arm.

March 6th Sister Mary Sanders, one of the oldest members of the church died, as she lived, a consistent Christian. Sleep on, Sister Mary, we shall meet again. Both funerals were largely attended.

S. H. CANNON, Pastor.

Pelahatchie, Miss.—Brother Harvey Pickens, who was a member of Mt. Pleasant M. E. Church and a class leader, fell asleep in Jesus on the 5th of March, after a long illness. He died in the faith, saying to all, "Meet me in heaven. He leaves a mother, father and four or five brothers to mourn his loss. While digging his grave two of the men got to wrestling and playing and Bro. Israel Warren, a member of the same church, had his

neck broke, from which he died next day, leaving a wife and six little children. Oh, what a pity that our people are so careless and thoughtless. The funerals were conducted by the pastor.

S. JOSSEL.

Summit, Miss.—Brother William Cain, aged 33 years, died Feb. 20. He was living in New Orleans, La., at the time of his death. He was a useful member of the M. E. Church in Summit for twelve years. He leaves a precious wife and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss. He had been sick for two years. He often said, "I am waiting on the Lord and am ready and willing to die at any time." He often repeated his favorite hymn that he loved to sing, "Fade, fade, each earthly joy, Jesus is mine." We sang this beautiful hymn at his funeral:

"Peaceful be thy silent slumber,
Peaceful in thy grave so low;
Thou no more will join our number,
Thou no more our joy will know.
Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled,
Where no farewell tears are shed."

The funeral was preached by the writer to a large congregation of weeping friends, assisted by Rev. Buckingham, of the A. M. E. Church, and Rev. Dukes, of the A. M. E. Church.

J. S. BELL, Pastor.

Pelahatchie, Miss.—Brother Henry Watson, a member of Little Zion M. E. Church, Pelahatchie circuit, died. He was a good man, a superintendent of the Sunday school, a class leader, steward and secretary of the church for a number of years. He was sick only a few days. When I arrived home from the conference he wanted to see me. I went and he said, "Now pray for me. Kneel down here beside the bed. I want to hear you pray." He leaves a wife and mother and brothers to mourn. The funeral was conducted by the pastor.

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UNITED FOR LIFE

Shreveport, La.—At the home of the bride, March 11, 1903, Mr. Frank Goodman was married to Mrs. Daisy Rueben. Rev. H. J. Wright, pastor of St. Paul M. E. Church, officiated.

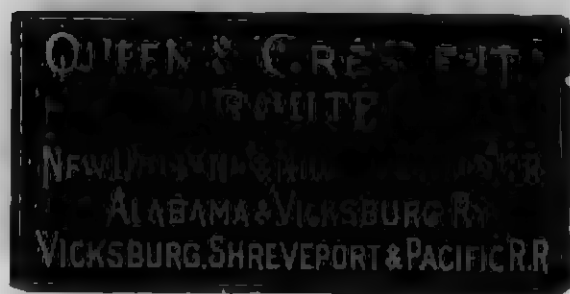
Starkville Circuit, Miss.—On Sunday, March 15, Mr. Ed McGee and Mrs. Elvira Ervin were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony in the presence of a large congregation. Both are members of Zion Franklin M. E. Church and choir. George W. Baker officiated.

Brookston, Tex.—On Sunday the 15th Mr. C. P. Parking and Miss S. A. Murry were united in holy bonds of matrimony. A large crowd witnessed the marriage. L. L. Shoe officiated.

Yazoo City, Miss.—Mr. M. E. Perry and Miss Penna Molett were united in holy wedlock March 20, and left at once on the south bound train for their future home in Indianola, Miss. Rev. G. W. Smith officiated.

Fleornoy, La.—On the 5th of March Brother J. J. Sims was married to Miss Leaner Traylor at the home of the bride. After the marriage refreshments were served. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. C. Turner.

Dallas, Tex.—Mr. Richard Bills and Miss Annie Jones were united in marriage at the home of the bride's pa-



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Cedar Bluff, Ala.—Miss Mary Lindey
and Mr. Levie Thompson were joined
in wedlock March 15. The writer of-
ficiated. J. B. WEBB.

Verdinville, La.—On March 18
Joseph C. Calbert and Fannie C. Bal-
linson were united in holy wedlock at
the residence of the bride.
G. J. ROGERS.

Pass Christian, Miss.—At the home
of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roberts quite a
number of the best friends and citi-
zens of Pass Christian witnessed the
marriage of Mr. Moses Johnson and
Miss Estelle Casstenge. The bride is
one of the energetic and accomplished
young ladies of our town. She has
many friends. The groom is one of the
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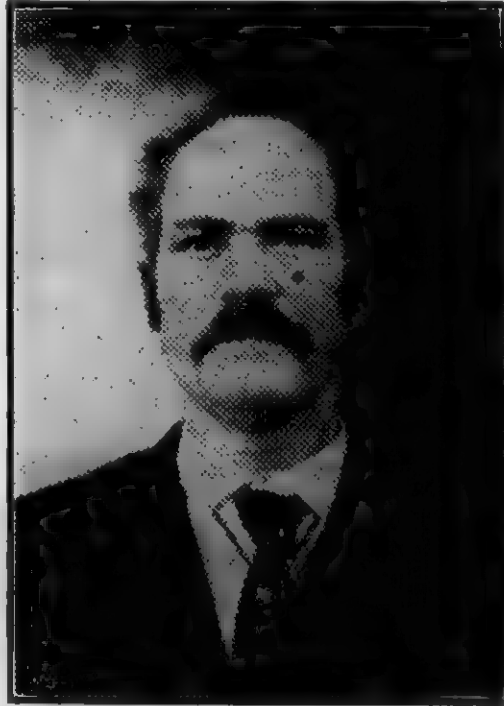
CRESCENT CITY NOTES

The week that Brother C. W. Whitehead's name appeared in our cash remittance column, he should have been credited with five annuities instead of one.

REV. C. W. REEVES,
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The accompanying picture is an excellent likeness of Rev. C. W. Reeves, the pastor of Williams' Chapel, this city.

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The Sunday school superintendents of this city, the pastors and friends, are requested to meet at Simpson Chapel, Valence street, Wednesday night, April 8th, at 8 o'clock. Rev. R. E. Jones and others will discuss Sunday-school methods.

A CARD OF THANKS.

The members and friends of Simpson Chapel will please take notice that I heartily thank them for the large number of groceries which came to me on March 27th, also Sister Sanders, for a handsome wicker rocking chair, and Sister L. F. Murray for a basket of delicacies.

F. T. CHINN, Pastor.

A glorious revival is in progress at Simpson Chapel. Many souls are being happily converted and the meeting continues with interest.

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LITERARY NOTES

Prize competitions are many in these days of modern magazines, but the prize-winners are sometimes rather few and far between. The April number of the *Woman's Home Companion* announces three unusual prize competitions for the benefit of the church, the school and the home, which are rather an opportunity for a co-operative exchange of ideas, and in which the magazine proposes to pay a cash prize to every one of its readers who can contribute an available idea or suggestion on any of the following topics:

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The Easter number of the *Woman's Home Companion* is full of the spirit of spring. It opens with a charming New England story by Sophie Swett, called "Bayberry Tea." Other fiction is "The Way of a Woman," by Paul Laurence Dunbar, and an Easter story, "Ignis Fatuus," by Frederick M. Smith. The story of Abraham Lincoln's early loves is told by Myrtle Reed with truth but reverence in the April *Woman's Home Companion*. It is a fascinating picture of a great man. "A Picturesque Moravian Easter" is a description of a quaint custom at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. There is an Easter song, "Hail to the Risen King!" There are notes for Easter Games and Easter Parties, and several inviting pages of Spring Gowns. Crowell Publishing Company, Springfield, Ohio; one dollar a year; ten cents a copy.

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Easter Lilies

BY MRS. CLARENCE DE L. STONE.

In the golden sunshine,
Lo! the lilies grow—
Slender, fair, and sweet;
Violets kiss their feet,
Roses to them bow.
Grew the lilies so,
When Christ was young in Galilee?

In the scented breezes,
Lo! the lilies blow—
Swaying, nodding, bending,
Perfumes sweetly blending;
Pure as maiden vow.
Blew the lilies so,
When Christ of love taught
by the Sea?

In the tranced moonlight
Lo! the lilies glow—
Chaste, ethereal, white;
Symbolic of the light
That wreathes the Savior's
brow.
Glowed the lilies so,
When Christ knelt in Geth-
semane?

In the dark of night,
Lo! the lilies show
Signs of fear, and dread;
When storms break overhead,
And all the flowers cower.
Shook the lilies so,
When Christ was hung on
Calvary?

In the glad of dawn,
Lo! the lilies throw
Radiance to the day,
Perfume on the way,
Where I must tread, and
thou.
Gleamed the lilies so,
When Christ arose trium-
phantly?
—New York Observer.

Easter and the Christian's Hope

Nowadays the world makes much of the birthdays of its great men and not infrequently takes note of the day of their death, but no matter to what heights of distinction on other lines such famous individuals have been able to attain, no one of them has ever succeeded in raising himself from the dead. There are many who live in the deeds performed and in the benefits they are supposed to have bestowed upon their fellowmen, but there it all ends. Just one individual who has ever trodden this earth has ever attained to such distinction. Only Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, has ever been able to say while he held death at arm's length and looked him in the face, "I have the power to lay down my life and I have power to take it again." That he did it his conquering hosts stand ready

to testify to and to seal their testimony with life's highest and best endeavors. Is it to be wondered at then that the Christian Church having a founder and a leader whose divine origin and power stand out so clearly and emphatically, should delight to remind the world that Christ the Lord is risen indeed! Others die and through Him may live again, but He alone had power to lay down his life and power to take it again. To be re-

am alive forevermore." To have such a remarkable and unusual transaction sufficiently verified to sweep into the ranks of his followers mankind's most noted and accomplished productions is worthy the attention and thought of all men.

But not only does the resurrection of Christ manifest His divinity and power, it also emphasizes the teaching of the Scriptures, that as He arose so shall those who are in Him arise. The crucifixion excepted, the resurrection is the greatest fact in Christianity. It means so much to the Church, it means so much to the individual. It is the gateway to a reunion and proper knowledge of our loved ones, as well as that of the Christian Church of all lands and all ages. If our holy religion lead us only to the grave and left us, sad indeed would be our plight. It would be like turning an individual out into the darkness of night without his being able to see his way and without any hope of a destination, however remote. There is something repulsive even in such a thought. No person would like the idea of drifting about even in this world without any hope of eventually coming upon pleasant association of some kind of character. Persecutions, constant toil, hardship can only be undergone without positive discouragement when one looks forward to the time of deliverance and rest. So death and the grave lose their terror only when one can see through and beyond them happiness, friends, heaven. And there is just this difference between the person who has hope of a glorious resurrection and he who has it not.

Taking this view of the case, Easter should mean more than a day of formal display and song. It should

tend to reveal to each and all the possibilities of the future. It should enable you to see through the resurrection of the Savior, that also of yourself and your loved ones. May the coming Easter day be to all those who love our Lord Jesus a harbinger of glorious things to come.

Since that first Easter morning, about nineteen hundred years ago, men have come more and more to realize that death is but the open portal to the soul's real life.



stored to life by him as was Lazarus, is sufficient to give him thus a favored distinction far beyond his brethren; even under such circumstances men would follow, admire and wonder. What then should be the effect when he who has rescued others eventually throws himself into the jaws of death and then in accordance with his purpose and plans casts aside the power and extracts the pang of death and declares to the world of mankind: "I am he that liveth and was dead; and, behold, I

Our Contributors

A Layman Who Stands For Positive Christianity

The laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church are coming into greater prominence from year to year and not only so, but it would seem that the church is beginning to prize them more than ever before. This has been manifested in many ways of late but in none more strikingly than in Chicago a few weeks since. The Methodists of that city conceived the idea of giving a Methodist Governor's Banquet and decided to invite Governor W. T. Durbin of Indiana, Governor Aaron T. Bliss of Michigan, Governor Richard Yates of Illinois, and Governor Jno. H. Mickey of Nebraska. This was done, but the two first mentioned sent telegrams announcing their inability to be present. The other two came and were entertained at a reception and banquet by 500 members of the Chicago Methodist Social Union. There were a number of prominent persons present, including Bishops Hartzell and McCabe. All allow an inaugural ball to be given in his honor when he became governor. On such matters he this will of course be interesting to our readers, evidently has positive convictions and lives up to very strikingly what the layman can be and do for the cause of Christ. It was he who would not but the principal reason we have in mind for giving so much space to this reception is that we may call special attention to the speech made by Governor Mickey of Nebraska. He emphasizes them. This is well, and an example worthy the attention of other laymen. For the church will never be what it should, nor accomplish its legitimate work until the laymen feel their part of the responsibility. The fact is the salvation of the world has too long been left to the ministry, who, even though they were perfect men, cannot save the world without the assistance of the great Christian army who have enlisted for this purpose. The following is an excerpt from the governor's speech as given by one of our exchanges:

To Gov. Mickey, of Nebraska, had been assigned the topic, "Methodism and the Twentieth Century Demands." That portion of his address which he read from manuscript was devoted to this subject, but he digressed many times, and in a choking voice recalled the days when a boy he had been "born into the truth," and he so worked upon the audience as to call forth a wave of enthusiasm and a thunder of amens.

The hearts of his audience were touched at once by his opening remarks, "Mr. Toastmaster, bishops and brethren and sisters." Like a white cloud handkerchiefs were waved over heads and shouts of approval came from 500 throats. Other speakers had used the more formal ladies and gentlemen, but this governor was not so formal. "I shall never forget the day when I was born into the church. That was 43 years ago, and I am 57, so you see I was only 14 years of age. I knelt before the altar and received the word of God and the light was let in on me. Those are the kind of men who don't backslide; those are the kind of men that John Wesley wanted."

"Did John Wesley build greater than he knew? Did he ever think that Methodism would attain the world-wide influence that it has? He was a great man, so was his father and grandfather before him. It takes God a long while to grow a man like John Wesley, though he can grow a mighty oak in a night."

"If we neglect to teach our children the Word of God, if we set them a bad example in wicked things, like balls and cards and theaters, we'll

have to meet these things on the day of judgment. I tell you, we fathers and mothers have a great job on our hands. I know, because I have nine children. Every mother of the Methodist church has a great responsibility, and the fathers must help them. I know what it is, because God in his mercy once saw fit to take my helpmeet from my side, and after I had buried her out of sight I went home to my five children, and I went to tuck them in bed, and found them all on their knees praying as she, the good mother, had taught them to pray.

"I tell you my sympathy goes out to those poor women whose husbands do not belong to any church and who have the responsibility all on themselves. We men must wake up and help them. All my life I have taught my children that it is wrong to dance and play cards and go to theaters. Not so much is the act itself wrong, but it might lead them into associations that might ruin them."

"How could I then, when I got to be governor of Nebraska, and they wanted to give an inaugural ball, go back on those principles which I had taught my children and which I had prayed with them over many a night? When the delegation came to me I said, 'No, I can't do it,' and I tell you now I had rather lose a big farm than do it now. My wife was not easy about me either. She knew how I felt. I don't ask your eulogy for what I have done," he said, as a wave of amens and yeas swept across the audience. "I only did what I had to do, what any honest Methodist would have done."

"I thought of my wife, and suppose I had been weak and had said, 'Well, it is the custom to have a ball; go ahead and I'll be there.' I should have had to take my wife, and do you suppose I should have been unmanly enough to have subjected her to that disgrace? No, it was not any harder for me to say no than it is for me to drink water instead of wine. I had no craving for it. It reminds me of a remark McKinley once made when he told a delegation that he was pledged for one man and would not go back on his word. Some one told him that it was an exceptionally honorable thing to do, and he said, 'What, is it such an honorable thing not to do a dishonest thing?'"

"Christian people should be aroused to do their duty. There are too many homes where the people do not pray. The home that is not a praying home, where the family altar is not erected, falls way short of being a religious home. The family altar is religion's surest defense, and where there is no family altar comes the reaction, and sin creeps in and disruption follows. Family prayers are the very foundation and rock of our church."

"The Methodist church has got to deal with national and race questions, and they will be held responsible for them on the day of judgment if they shirk them now. We will never have an ideal republic in this country until every citizen is an active Christian."

Easter

All hail! The Easter dawn is here,
Let Easter music fill our souls,
And let us feel that each sweet note
A melody of thought unrolls;
As Christ is risen from the dead,
So let our souls ascend to him,
And sweet communion with him hold,
While singing every Easter hymn.

Oh, bring our lilies, pure and white,
As emblems of His spotless soul,
And, though they seem to us as dead,
New life their petals may unroll!

They are not dead, but seeming so;
And thus when death the soul shall bid,
'Tis only calling to new life,
Which from our mortal eye was hid.

The spirit cannot ever die,
But must arise when Jesus calls,
And enter the eternal life
When on this life death's curtain falls;
Oh, let us all rejoice to-day
That Christ from earth is risen indeed!
His Spirit e'er is beckoning on,
And glad to comfort as we need.

—Martha Shepard Lippincott.

The Gospel of the Resurrection

REV. FRANK W. GUNSAULUS, D. D., CHICAGO.

The life of Jesus Christ as a fact in the world's history is the revelation of a process. He himself said: "My father worketh hitherto and I work." Paul touched the same truth when he said: "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain until now." And "The creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." Whatever else Jesus was, the history of the planet on which he lived was in him; and it is impossible to look upon him in any moment in his career without feeling that the destiny of the physical world is in some way wrapped up in his destiny. For example, we are continually apprised of the achievements of nature through suffering. The cross is everywhere in the development and refining of nature. Now we are not surprised at the question which the history of power everywhere answers as soon as any disciple of light asks it, namely: "Ought not the Christ to have suffered—and as a consequence—"to have entered into his glory?" The whole system of things has a history and a promise, neither of which would be understood if at the top power and beauty did not manifest themselves by means of and through the sacrifice of the lower unto the higher. The crucifix is the symbol of all progress.

Jesus was sanctified; that is, his moral energy was raised to its highest efficiency by being made pure. Several times he pointed out the fact that this process, which had its events that marked clearly its development, was a process sure to ultimate in one event which would explain and justify all preceding facts in his life. He looked forward to Easter day through his sacrificial death, just as nature dumbly and dimly goes forward to its Easter days through that process of evolution by which the lower obeys the higher, even unto death. So clearly did Jesus have this in mind as a faith, beneath all he said or did, and as an atmosphere in which he could not lose his way, that no most brilliant moment confused him. When the Transfiguration came Peter thought they had reached the ultimate thing. Here were the witnesses Moses and Elias; here was the shining face, and here, of course, the place for tabernacles and permanent residents. But, in obedience to the laws which we have just mentioned, the ardent plans of Peter were frustrated. Moreover, Jesus, strongly grasping the divine purpose which ran through all the events of his life, and indeed ran out beyond this event to one which should take up and consummate all its meanings, spoke to them in a way that indicates the infinite perspective of his mind. Christ clearly recognized the fact that the disciples needed to have this scene connected in their minds with something which ultimately would make it plain. They heard the conversation about the "exodus" which he was to "accomplish at Jerusalem." But that exodus meant only the death of their Lord to them, as yet. Christ saw their confusion in the words of Peter. Ever conscious as he was, of how an unrelated truth or an isolated fact, however luminous, deranges rather

than continues the mind's steady advance, he bids silence until the greater truth and fact, to which this is related, shall come to their growing culture. In doing this he showed that that glory beyond, of which this was such a strong intimation that Moses and Elias, in its light, talked about his *exodus* rather than his *death* alone, was the same glory of a coming Easter morning. "He charged them that they should tell no man what they had seen, save when the Son of Man should be risen from the dead" (Mark xi. 10-13). It is not to be wondered at that the disciples "kept that saying among themselves, questioning with one another what the raising from the dead should mean."

It is not too much to say that a thoughtful Christian of to-day ought to be anticipative of Easter. Writing from a point of view which has been supplied, or rather, forced upon me by my duties in an institute whose studies are scientific and expository of the nature and uses of energy, I may be pardoned for the personal assertion that I believe Christian thought is nearly ready to say: *Nature cannot be understood except as it ultimately in man; man cannot be understood except in Jesus Christ; Jesus Christ cannot be understood except in such significant manifestation of his nature and power as the transfiguration; the transfiguration cannot be understood except in the resurrection.* The divine self manifestation of Jesus was one process. One of its stages was marked by the transfiguration; another was marked by his resurrection. The face which shone at Hermon was the witnessing of a power working from within out, which at a later day made it impossible "that he should be holden of death." Transfiguration concluded in transformation.

This is the glory of the recurring Easter dawn. It makes the physical universe Christian in its hope, process and destiny. This little planet has a history which is bound up with the man who suffered and died on Calvary. If that death was the end of him every promise of nature luring power out into intensity and efficiency by the sacrifice of the lower for the higher is a lie. If the grave of Jesus can hold him, all other graves of thought and hope and aspiration and love might better remain fast at their portals, for such a moral failure would make all beneath it a hideous chapter of falsity. On the other hand, with what exultant step and with what high courage do we who see in the resurrection of Jesus the consummating fact which proves that death is the servant of life, go forward into the performance of duty, the bearing of burdens, the vanquishing of temptations, singing on the shining way: "Because he lives we shall live also."—*Northwestern Advocate*.

We Need Easter in Our Hearts

Our lives are too often graves, in which the best possibilities of moral and spiritual strength lie sleeping. Perhaps not one of us is living at his best. There are better things in our soul than have been brought out. There is more love lying in our heart—sympathy, compassion, gentleness—than has yet been called into service. There are undeveloped possibilities of usefulness in everyone's heart and hand. Many of our lives are like the trees in orchards and forests all over the land, these early April days, waiting for the warm sunshine and gentle rains to call out their foliage and fruits; we need the warm south wind of God's love and of the Holy Spirit to woo out the blessed possibilities which are sleeping in our lives. We need Easter in our hearts, a resurrection which shall cause us to arise and shine, and put on our beautiful garments.—*J. R. Miller, D. D.*

The Easter of the Human Heart

In many a heart on Easter day
There is a tomb;
Close shut by stone and seal of grief,
Enwrapped in gloom.

Dear Christ in heaven, this Easter day,
From thy far throne
Send angels down to break the seal,
Roll back the stone.
—*Sophie Bronson Titterton in the Independent.*

Easter Thoughts

It seems clear that a pure spirit will arise from the seed of a pure body, and a loving spirit from the seed of a loving body. If the body we sorrowfully put aside has been one full of charity, helpful, kindly, and eager to speak tender, pitying words—one that has thought no evil, and has believed all things, and hoped all things—can anyone doubt what would come of such seed planting? The natural comes first, and after that the spiritual. But, "as the natural so is the spiritual." It is far more glorious, but, after all, the same!

So we may bring Easter, with its wonderful, deep meaning, into the everyday of life. How? By teaching ourselves to comprehend the truth that while we live this human life, and develop this natural body, it is not alone the natural body we are creating, but the seed of the spiritual body which is to come after.

This is not a mystical doctrine. All those who in this life have attained some knowledge of their spiritual natures will testify to this truth. The change from a natural to a spiritual living is like the growing of a plant whose seed we have sown. The right plant surely grows in a man who has sown the right seed.

As the spiritual nature of such a man begins to develop, the purer, higher elements in him grow stronger, and one by one the baser sort die. Hate dies, and revenge, and anger. Cruelty dies, and all unkindness. Narrowness of mind dies, and contempt for the frailties of others.

The part that lives and grows stronger is love. Purity, and truth, and courage are but parts of love, and, as it grows greater, by and by comes the sureness of knowledge, and faith itself is swallowed up in fruition.

This is the daily burial of the old man, who was "earthy," and the daily rising of the new, who is the "Lord from heaven." To such a heart Easter comes every day.—*Exchange*.

An Easter Promise

Easter is the time of hope. We turn to it as a flower to the sun; all the disappointments, the discouragements of the year seem to lie behind us, and we turn with new ardor to the year that begins with the promise of renewed life, new opportunity. Nature seems to increase this surety. The earth is trembling with the new pulse of activity that will clothe her with beauty and fragrance.

We may stop for a moment and look over the year behind us. It will be found, perhaps, to have in it more failures than successes, more defeats than triumphs. It may be marked by a broken love, a shattered friendship, an empty niche where a statue had been placed, the offspring of the imagination; it may be that the defeat of the year is in one's self; and this is the hardest to bear of all the burdens the year has placed upon us, yet it is the one that has the fullest promise of the Easter-time. To roll the stone away from our dead selves and stand in the full light of knowledge with the opportunity for rehabilitation, yea, more than that, new creation, is to touch the very

heart of divinity and feel its pulsations in the soul. To stand with defeat behind us and to face godward, knowing that every sin has left an impress on character that will need the vigilance of the awakened manhood to overcome, and yet to know that the soul never stands lone, that the power to overcome is always within the grasp of the man who fights to win, gives victory. To feel the throb of a new purpose, to stand before men a type of the Man giving sympathy, help, hope to all men—this is to feel the Easter-time and live the Easter hope.

Mistakes, disappointments, shattered hopes and idols, defeated purpose, even mistaken interpretations, becomes but helps to the new year whose birth is the spirit of Easter promise. Life, hope, opportunity and new power are the promises of every Easter.—*The Presbyterian Review*.

The Upper Room

THE LESSON OF EASTER.

Easter is to Christmas as the flower to the bud. Between the two great holy days there stretches the whole of the Christ life on earth—the healing of the sick, the giving sight to the blind, the going about on the hills and through the vales of Galilee, the words He spoke, the deeds He did, from the hour that His ministry began until He cried upon Calvary. "It is finished." The most amazing period in the story of time, those three years in which God tabernacled in human flesh, is commemorated in two small places, Bethlehem and Easter—the one with those who worshiped at the cradle, the other with those who sought the garden tomb; and both with the help of the song of the angelic visitors who came to serve their Lord. Easter, even more than Christmas, speaks very tenderly to those who follow Christ in lowly dependence and unfaltering trust. Its gladness strikes a deeper note. Its light seems brought from the very inmost radiance of heaven. We are dull of vision, but at Easter we catch a glimpse of that world of fullest brightness which is just beyond this sphere of strife, and this school in which we are taught the lore of the kingdom.—*Margaret E. Sangster*.

For Me

Under an eastern sky,
Amid a rabble's cry,
A Man went forth to die—
For me.

Thorn-crowned His blessed head,
Blood-stained His every tread,
Cross-laden on he sped—
For me.

Pierced were His hands and feet,
Three hours o'er Him beat
Fierce rays of noontide heat—
For me.

Thus wert thou made all mine;
Lord, make me wholly thine;
Grant grace and strength divine
To me.

In thought, and word, and deed,
Thy will to do. Oh! lead
My soul, e'en though it bleed—
To Thee.

—*Methodist Magazine and Review*.

Easter Suggestions

It is a good plan to have the children bring the flowers for the decorations, with the understanding that at the close of the session they are to be taken to the sick and the aged. If the children can distribute them themselves, so much the better.

In many schools flower seeds are given out at Easter time and the children are encouraged to raise flowers for the sick and needy. Every Sunday school may and should have its flower mission.

A very interesting exercise for an Easter concert may be arranged by introducing a dozen or fifteen stereopticon pictures, accompanied by appropriate recitations.—*Selected*.

Woman's Dominion

Reception to Miss Susan B. Anthony

On invitation of the ladies of the Phillis Wheatly Club of this city, we had the pleasure on March 26, of attending a called meeting of the club at which Miss Susan B. Anthony was received, and which she and others addressed. Miss Anthony, the veteran advocate of Woman's Suffrage, was accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Smith Miller, Miss Lucy Stone Blackwell and Mrs. Gilmer, the "Dorothy Dix" of the *Daily Picayune*. The parlor and lecture room of the New Orleans University Medical College, were crowded with the ladies of the club and with ladies and gentlemen who were invited to be present.

Mrs. S. F. Williams in a well worded and appropriate speech welcomed Miss Anthony and introduced her to the audience who gave her a most hearty reception. Her response indicated that she appreciated the reception and spoke freely of woman's work in general and the woman of the race in particular. She referred to Mrs. Jeffrey of Rochester and to her work among the women and children of the race. Miss Anthony is now more than 83 years of age. At the conclusion of her remarks she introduced Miss Miller, a lady who looked to be about Miss Anthony's age. She said, "I am no speech-maker, so I will simply give you the last words of my father, an old time abolitionist, to his children. They were these: 'I wish my children to remember that the safety of this nation depends upon the education of the black man.'"

Mrs. Williams then introduced Miss Lucy Stone Blackwell an advocate of the Woman's Suffrage and a most attractive and eloquent speaker. She presented many reasons why women should be allowed to vote, among them being the support of reform movements and the enforcement of laws enacted for the protection of the homes and the children of the land. She cited a number of instances in which women are discriminated against by the laws of different states, and also indicated a number of changes that have taken place in favor of women during the past fifty years. The speaker thus inspired her hearers with the hope that what they now suffer will eventually pass away; depending of course on their own efforts. She believes in the doctrine that "Whatever ought to be done can be done."

Mrs. Gilmer who is of this city was then introduced. She is a lady of very pleasing address and spoke briefly of the importance of club work among our women. Mrs. Williams then on behalf of the Club, presented Miss Anthony a beautiful bouquet of flowers. In doing so she delivered the remarks with which this account closes. Miss Anthony's reply was touching indeed.

A half hour reception followed when most of those present were presented to the distinguished visitors. All seemed much gratified with the meeting and were loud in their praises of the Club for planning the unusually pleasant reception.

On presenting the flowers, Mrs. Williams spoke as follows:

Miss Anthony,

In behalf of the Phillis Wheatly Club, I present to you these flowers as a small token of our appreciation of the honor conferred upon the club by your presence and that of your distinguished colleagues among us.

Flowers, created to beautify and embellish life's pathway, are an emblem of womanhood. Like her, some are strong and hardy, some are useful

others only ornamental, some are cared for and tenderly nurtured, others rudely plucked and trampled under foot. These last are emblematic of the Negro woman. She finds no flowers upon her pathway. Thorns of prejudice prick her brow and stones of injustice bruise her feet; for of all God's creatures, the educated Negro woman is the most to be pitied.

Hampèred by both the woman's and the Negro problem, she occupies a unique position where she can scarcely move, much less soar. If she progresses at all, it must be very slowly. Yet, she has been moving along, and occasionally when it is noticed that she is in advance of where she is expected to be, she is regarded with surprise and is classed as an anomaly. Few, think of looking backward to see if others are following her, yet, the road is full of pilgrims, silently wending their darkened way upward and onward.

And when we meet such women as you and your distinguished colleagues, we see the rift in the clouds, and realize that the sun is still shining, and we feel with Browning, that as long as

"God's in the heaven

All's right with the world."

Accept these flowers and with them our love and gratitude.

An Easter Remembrance Booklet

A pretty Easter remembrance can be made in the shape of a dainty booklet, containing an appropriate or helpful poem for your friend. These booklets may be made in two ways. The leaves and cover may be made twice the size of the page desired, then folded and stitched with silk cord or narrow ribbon, and tied in a knot at the back. Or they may be cut into pages instead of leaves, holes punched at the back about an inch from the edge, and a ribbon run through and tied. Cut sheets of the tinted paper to the shape and size you wish your book. Unruled tinted note-paper, wholly out of place for correspondence, may be used to advantage, as it is already of suitable size. Other paper may be cut in long, narrow sheets, to be fastened at one end. The poem is to be written or type-written, using as many pages as desired, but only one side of the paper. The booklets sold at the stores are good models of how much or how little to put on a page. Select a picture, or several of them, suitable to the poem, and mount them on pages of the same size. From fancy board cut a cover a little larger than the pages. On the front of the cover put a picture or an Easter greeting. Bind with ribbon.—*Woman's Home Companion*.

Young Friends

The Story of a Lily

Dear—I send you this lily because it is so like you. May it bring to you a bit of the gladness you bring to all who love you. ANNIE.

"It means more to be glad than to be just happy," thought Annie, as she glanced over the little note. "And Joyce is the gladdest girl, some way."

Then Annie turned to glance lovingly at the beautiful lily. A ray of soft April sunlight poured a golden glory across its pure, half-opened petals. It scarcely seemed possible that all that glistening loveliness, a few weeks before, had been hidden away inside a small, dingy brown bulb.

"Bring her just the Easter she deserves," whispered Annie to the fragrant blossom.

Perhaps it heard and understood. Perhaps it knew, some way, that even a little Easter lily has something to do in this great world.

Annie turned again to her desk. On it lay two little square envelopes. Both were blue and dainty, both exhaled a fresh delicate odor like that of spring violets. But there the likeness ended. One envelope contained the little note which was to accompany the lily to Joyce. The other—Annie's merry, gray eyes grew a little sober as she glanced it hurriedly through.

"Aunt Mary may be right," she thought. "Maybe I ought to forgive her—but I don't—I can't. What right had she to say such things to me of Joyce? Still—"

"I say, Annie," came Bob's voice, quick impatient, from the foot of the stairs, "if you want me to carry those letters, hurry along."

"Yes, Bob," called back Annie. She refolded the little notes, and slipped them into the waiting envelopes. Then, scratch—scratch—scratch—went the busy pen across the blue paper. One was written, "Miss Joyce Mason," and on the other, "Miss Jessamine Moore."

Then Annie wrapped the precious lily carefully in paper, tied one of the notes firmly outside, and sped away down the stairs.

Bob Wouldn't wait for any directions. "God bless me, I can read, Annie," he said; "let's have 'em." And away he went down the street, whistling, only Bob could.

Long after Bob disappeared around the corner, Annie stood looking out of the door. In fact, she went with him along the broad beautiful boulevard. She saw him ring the bell at Joyce's elegant home. She caught a glimpse through an open door of light, and warmth and comfort. She saw Joyce's sweet, dark eyes smiling at her above the lily.

"If she had said these things about any one but Joyce," said Annie to her best self, "you could have forgiven her."

Then Annie's thoughts went on another errand. This time they paused before a little home on the outskirts of the town. They saw a busy, pale-faced girl open the door and take Miss Jessamine Moore's note from Bob's hand.

They saw the note open, the curt, unkind words read. They saw the tired, pale face grow tired and paler.

"I almost wish," said Annie's better self, "you had not sent that note on Easter even—"

Annie left the window. She drummed idly on the piano, but the gay tinkle, tinkle could not hush the appealing little voice of Annie's self. Over and over it whispered, "Annie, you ought to be ashamed to have written such an unkind note."

Down in the depths of her warm, impatient little heart Annie was ashamed—so sorry—

The tinkle, tinkle of the piano came to a sudden stop. Two minutes later a little figure was seen along the street toward the corner. A croaking car was coming. Breathlessly she signaled it to run on. At the foot of its steps she jostled against some one just getting off. It was Joyce.

"Where are you going, Annie?" said Joyce, trying to pull her back.

"No—no—don't stop me. Come with me," panted Annie, dragging Joyce along.

When they were both clinging to the strap beside the car Annie went on breathlessly:

"I've—there's something—I must do, Joyce," said.

Joyce was looking at her with shining eyes. "You dear thing," she said. "I met Bob and he gave me my note. How did you ever think of such a lovely thing to do? And why didn't you tell me?"

"I wanted to surprise you, my dear," answered Annie, softly. "I've taken such care of it, you can't think—"

"When Bob told me about it and where he was going," went on Joyce, "I just couldn't bear the thought of not having anything to send her. I made him wait, and I ran into a store and bought a great box of candy to go with it—Annie, what is it?"

For Annie's rosy little face had grown suddenly white.

"What do you mean, Joyce?" she gasped. "Didn't Bob give you the lily?"

Joyce looked mystified now. "Give me the lily?" she repeated.

"Why, yes," said Annie. "I sent you an Easter lily with a note—"

"What a dear goose Bob is!" said Joyce laughing; "he has taken the lily to Jessamine. But there was a note tied to it, addressed to her, Annie—"

Annie grasped Joyce's arm with her free hand. "Let me see the note he gave you," she demanded. "Quick!"

Joyce held out the little envelope. "I haven't read it," she said, wonderingly. "I was hurrying so to get to you."

Annie's fingers trembled so that she could scarcely open the envelope. When she did and the few sarcastic words of the little letter met her eyes her face broke out into its merriest dimples.

"O, Joyce," she exclaimed, "I am so glad!"

When Joyce had heard the whole story from Annie's lips she said:

"I'm glad, too, dear. Jessamine needs the lily more than I do. For I have you, you see, and she hasn't anyone."

Alone in her little home, with a sick father to care for, and three motherless little ones to cling to her, Jessamine bent above the beautiful Easter lily.

There were teardrops still wet upon the little blue note in her hand, which said:

Dear—I send you this lily because it is so like you. May it bring to you a bit of the gladness you bring to all who love you! ANNIE.

"This is the gladdest Easter I ever knew," she whispered to the blossom.

The lily smiled in answer, and hid Annie's secret safely away in its happy heart.—*Alice E. Allen in the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.*

One Easter

"Even as ye did it unto the least of these, my little ones, ye have done it unto me."

Outside the wind howled dismally and crept into every possible crevice. Inside the room was bright and cheery, a fire burned in a tiny grate, and beside the table a woman sat at work. Everything was very neat, although poor. Every now and then the woman would glance toward a bed in the corner of the room where lay a fair-haired child of perhaps ten years. The face was pale and thin, and had that mysterious something about it that tells us that life is well-nigh ended. The mother's eyes fill with tears, but with a prayer on her lips she brushes them away and plies her needle still faster.

In another home in this same city we see a much different picture. The room is furnished with every comfort money can procure. Here also is a mother and her child. The child is fair and robust, and the mother watches her fondly, but the anxious, troubled mother is not there. The child is bending over an Easter lily.

"O mamma," she cried, "it is all open and tomorrow is Easter day? Oh, the beautiful flower! I can take it to the Church, may I not, mamma?" And Mrs. Leonard answered her, "Yes."

Early next morning, with the ringing of the Easter bells, a little form crept into Mrs. Leonard's room.

"Are you asleep, mamma?" she asked.

"No, Cathy, dear. What do you wish?"

"Oh, mamma, I can't stop thinking of Nellie,

the dressmaker's little girl. She was so sick when I was there, and she did not have anything pretty. I most know she loves flowers, and I want to give her my Easter lily. There will be lots more at the Church. Please may I, mamma?"

"Yes, dear child, you may take it to her this morning. I'm sure Jesus will be pleased at your thought of one of his little ones."

Little Nellie awakened that Easter morning as her mother was preparing breakfast.

"Oh, mamma, I had such a lovely dream," she cried. "I thought an angel came with shining wings and told me that I was to go with her. Oh, it was such a lovely place, mamma dear, with sweet flowers everywhere, and I saw Jesus there. Oh, mamma, do you think I can go very soon?"

"Don't, darling, I cannot spare you."

"Oh, but I'll ask Jesus to let you come very soon."

Just then there was a knock at the door, and Cathy entered with the lily.

"O mamma, see the beautiful flower? Just like I saw in my dream."

"I brought it to you because to-day is Easter, and Christ is risen," said Cathy.

Nellie did not talk much all day, but lay watching the flower. She seemed drowsy, and her mother did not rouse her. Along towards evening she opened her eyes.

"I'm so tired—Jesus—oh, how lovely," murmured the child.

Her mother with tears streaming from her eyes called a neighbor, but it was too late. Nellie had closed her eyes on this world to open them in a fairer, brighter one.

"I'm so glad I gave her my lily," sobbed Cathy, as she stood by the small, still form with the lily clasped close in her hand, and a voice seemed to whisper in her ear, "Even as ye did it unto the least of these, my little ones, ye have done it unto me."—*Irma B. Matthews.*

Educational

The Date of Easter

The annual changing of the date of Easter is a puzzle to many. In 1894 it was on March 25, and in 1895 on April 14. Some years it may be as early as March 21, and in others as late as April 25, a period of five weeks intervening between the earliest and latest dates on which the sacred festival may be held. Easter is always the first Sunday after the full moon which happens upon or next after March 21, and if the full moon falls on Sunday, March 21, and if the full moon on the following Sunday, March 28. It is arbitrarily ruled that the paschal full moon shall never fall later than April 18, although a consistent method of scientific computation and instrumental determination would make it sometimes fall on April 19.

The name Easter, like the names of the days of the week, is a survival from the old Teutonic mythology. It is derived from Eostre, or Ostara, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring, in whose honor the ancients held a festival every April. Seven movable feasts depend on Easter for the date of their annual recurrence. They are: Septuagesima Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, and Good Friday, which precede it, and Ascension day, Whitsunday, and Trinity Sunday, which follow it.—*New York Tribune.*

A Beautiful Easter Custom

No more divinely appropriate expression of the Moravians' love of music and their appreciation

of its inspiring power is to be found than in their sublime annunciation of the Resurrection day. Through the quiet street (of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania) in the early morn, the trombonists walk from place to place, pouring forth their grand, inspiring anthem which arouses the slumbering town to the welcome knowledge of the advent of the glorious day. Now here, now there, now everywhere, the lights appear within the windows of the dwellings, and the streets are thronged with people, young and old, wending their way from all directions toward the church, and greeting one another with loving salutations of the day. The Easter service is begun within the church and is continued there until the brightening sky announces the advent of the dawn. Then, in slow procession, subdued and reverent, the people pass without the doors, and, headed by the trombonists, solemnly ascend the winding hill to their beloved and quaint old burying ground.

Within the closure of this consecrated spot the congregation assembles, and stands in a large semi-circle facing the eastern hill in fond anticipation of the emblem of its cherished faith. A little apart stand the ministers and the trombone choir. Thus assembled, the service of song and responsive readings, begun in the church, is continued. A sense of deep, religious awe pervades the gathered throng, as on this cold, gray morning of the early spring they await, in spiritual communion with their departed loved ones, the Resurrection hour. Above the hill the dawning light appears. Then from the voices of the assembled host there bursts a melody of rapturous song, a heartfelt hymn of praise and adoration, a spontaneous symphony of joy, which starts in glad expression of triumphant hearts, and mingling with the full, resounding strains of sweet-toned trumpets and resonant trombones, arises with the warbling son of joyous birds in glad hosannas to the splendid sky. For see—a radiant light o'er-spreads the earth! A wondrous glory hails the new-born day! The sun appears in fulgency sublime—God's symbol of the resurrection life; and earth and heaven in exulting joy peal forth in glad antiphonal accord: "The Lord is risen! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!"—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

Easter Customs and Superstitions

As we play jokes on April fool day in this country the people in the Austrian Tyrol play Easter pranks on one another.

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There is a very helpful custom in Hungary. The farmers for a day or more meet and gather the corn or hay, or do some other work for their neighbors who are unable to hire help. At the close of the day's labor they partake of a hearty supper prepared by the wife of the neighbor they have assisted during the day.

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In some parts of England and Ireland there is a very amusing custom. On Easter Monday the men lift the women. On Easter Tuesday the order is reversed. The women then lift the men. The victim is lifted three times, then kissed.

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In parts of Norway and Sweden the people eat a cured ham in proof of their detestation of the Jews, and with the ham they eat a tansy pudding in commemoration of the bitter herbs eaten at the Paschal feast.

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Some Europeans have odd Easter superstitions. They consider it unlucky to wear new clothes on Easter, but good luck to see from a window on Easter morning a lamb with its head turned

toward the house. To meet a lamb is lucky. The popular notion being the devil can take any form excepting that of a dove or a lamb. They consider it a religious duty to draw water and wash in it if the wind comes from the east; it will do no good if it doesn't. This is said to save one from the ill-effects from the east wind throughout the remaining months of the year. People have been known to break the ice if the wind blew from the east in order to bathe in the stream.

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During the middle ages, in France, just before Eastertide, the largest eggs were gathered by the priests and sent to the king as tribute. On Easter morning after mass a large, richly decorated basket of gilded eggs was taken into the presence of the king. They were blessed by the attendant chaplain and distributed among those present.

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In one of the churches in Belgium the custom obtains of the priest throwing eggs at the choristers, who catch and throw them back again with such skill and care that none of the eggs are broken.

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On Easter Monday at the capital in Washington the public schools are closed and thousands of children swarm about the White House. The grounds are prettily diversified with little hills and intermediate valleys, and on the knoll above the steepest of these grassy slopes the children gather. Baskets and boxes are quickly emptied and the sport of rolling the colored eggs begins. It has no apparent object, unless it is to test the strength of the eggshell, and see how many times it will go bumping over rough places without breaking. Some of the little ones try to roll their eggs against others to see which will break; others run after their eggs as they roll down, to catch them before they reach the bottom, so that they may not break. But they are not long-lived. Even the hard-boiled egg has a limit of endurance. Before long the first comers have seen the last of their colored treasures broken and scattered over the stones. But the newcomers constantly arriving bring a fresh supply. The children come and go from 9 o'clock till sundown.

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In some parts of Germany the parents hide real sugar eggs in the houses and gardens after the children have gone to bed on the Saturday evening before Easter, and the children get up early in the morning to hunt for them. The little children think that the eggs were laid by a hare, and one may see in the windows of confectioners toy hares sitting on nests of gay-colored eggs.

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In the south of France one may see during Easter week crowds of merry young fellows carrying chairs lined with fine white silk and beautifully decorated with flowers and bright ribbons. The first young lady who may be near is captured if possible and seated in the chair, and carried away amid much shouting and laughing. Then the bold kidnappers demand a kiss before their captive is released. One would suppose that this would cause the young ladies to keep off the streets on the day this custom is observed, but it is said that there are apt to be more of them on the street on that day than on any other. What connection with Easter this not altogether polite performance has is something difficult to explain.—*Exchange*.

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In former times, and even yet in some places on the Continent, passion plays, in which all the events of Christ's trial, death and resurrection were acted before immense audiences, were carried out, and must have done much, at a time when books were scarce and learning was rare,

to keep before the minds of the people the principal circumstances in the Gospel story with regard to the life of Christ. The effect of Easter upon art is well known. Since the days of Giotto and Rembrandt the resurrection of Christ has been a subject upon which the most eminent painters have bestowed their attention and which they endeavored to interpret. To ourselves Easter is not less interesting because it commemorates an event in the life of Christ, which is one of the best attested miracles in His history, and which confirms us in the belief of His divine character and mission.—*Exchange*.

Epworth League

April 19.

Four Red Flags—Self-Conceit, Prejudice, Jealousy, Reckless Handling of Another's Name
(Rom. 12: 16; Prov. 6: 34; Phil. 2: 3.)

Monday—God's plan to prevent conceit. I Cor. 1: 25-31.

Tuesday—Prejudice a barrier to Christ's power. Matt. 13: 54-58.

Wednesday—Paul and Jerusalem prejudice. Acts 22: 22-24.

Thursday—The climax of jealousy. Prov. 3, 7: 1-4.

Friday—The offending tongue. Prov. 26: 18:28.

Saturday—The sacredness of speech. James 3: 10-18.

The Word.

"Be not wise in your own conceits" (Rom. 12: 16). A wealthy citizen of Portland, Ore., lost his life in a foolhardy attempt to ascend Mount Hood without a guide. In spite of all warnings he asserted that he was determined to register himself in the record book on the snow-clad summit as a "party of one." He ascended to within about 800 feet of the summit when, instead of taking the safer but longer route, he attempted to climb a steep incline, where the snow covers a treacherous surface of sliding shale. The ground gave way under his feet, and down, down he swept in a fearful descent, grasping at every jutting point of rock, until he was thrown over a precipice 400 feet high and crushed to death. The phrase in Romans means literally, "be not wise with yourselves." Man within himself is not wise enough to make his way through the world to heaven. He needs the wisdom of Christ the Divine Guide.

A young lady who was starting on a vacation journey was reminded by her pastor that the trip would offer a good opportunity to shine for Jesus. She wondered how in a railway coach she could do anything for Christ. In front of her was a poor woman with three ragged, untidy children. They did not look very inviting, but she said, "I am one of Christ's disciples, and I must be careful how I treat one of his little ones." She read to them and gave them some of her lunch, and was so occupied in entertaining them that she came to the end of her journey before she realized it, but, in reviewing the day, she could not recall that she had spoken a word for Christ. Yet through her example that day a lawyer who sat on the opposite side of the car was converted, and testified to her pastor that it was the sight of this young lady who he knew had just confessed Christ, and who proved an angel of mercy to the worn-out mother and three fretful children and never appeared to think of herself for a moment, that led him to wish to take the same step.

The Theme: Four Red Flags—"Self-Conceit,

Prejudice, Jealousy, Reckless Handling of Another's Name."

1. A red flag seems to be an irritant, stirring up and setting aflame the pugnacious elements in both animal and man. Taken in this sense it may well symbolize each of the four things here named. Self-conceit provokes those who witness its exhibitions to lay snares for its fall. Prejudice arouses even the long-slumbering prejudices in the minds of those who meet it, and causes them to start into new life. Jealousy is capable of becoming an insane anarchist and leading a murderous mob of the passions at a moment's notice. Reckless handling of another's name and reputation is a firebrand of discord. But taken in another sense a red flag is an instrument of warning, and is placed before each of these pitfalls to turn away the footsteps of all from paths of peril.

2. Self-conceit, prejudice, jealousy, reckless statements about others, are evil fruit that may all be said to grow from one stem—inordinate love of self. Where the self-life is strong, one or more of these manifestations of it is sure to appear. For the self-life is never the development of our true and nobler self-hood, or personality, which is not to be repressed, but the possession of that personality by a false and wrong principle. Think of a splendid modern ocean steamship held and used by pirates, and you have a picture of the self-life. Think of the same ship, manned by a grand captain and crew, and employed in the service of humanity, carrying bread to the starving in India or China, and missionaries to these and other shores, and you have a type of the Christ-life.

3. It is notable that the most eminent characters so largely feel the limitations of human nature. How self-forgetting are great souls, how magnanimous, how lifted above the puny stage of prejudice, jealousy, carping criticism and innuendo. It is said that Lincoln advised a member of his Cabinet to prepare a scorching letter in response to some attack, and then to put it in the stove, the right place for such inflammatory matter. Miss Willard arrived at a Western hotel ill, but she said "Let her come up" to the request of a young lady reporter asking an interview. Scarcely had the conversation opened when Miss Willard said, "Why, dearie, how tired you look! Take my chair, child." "And I—well," said the reporter, when she sent the flowers to Miss Willard's funeral, "nobody had called me 'dearie' for so long, nobody had called me 'child,' that I, homesick, overworked, discouraged—well, I put my head on Frances Willard's shoulder and cried it all out."

The Likenesses and Lessons.

The spread tail of the peacock, the strut of the turkey gobbler, are somehow suggested by self-conceit; the obstinate and self-centered attitude of the swine, by prejudice; while only the fang and poison bag of the serpent will do for jealousy. And as for slander and the besmirching of good names, perhaps the fittest likeness would be the buzz and stings of wasps and the mud-daubs of their nests.

Commend us to their opposite. After the battle of Trafalgar the French ship *Berwick* was slowly sinking, laden with the wounded, while the waves ran high. Dr. Lassere was urged and almost commanded by the English that rowed from one of their ships to the sinking vessel to leave the men and accompany them. But he proclaimed himself as captain of the wounded, and would not leave till the last of his charge had been conveyed away in safety. Scarcely did he stand on the deck of the English ship before he noticed a sensation among the marines, when he glanced in

the direction of the Berwick and saw it disappear beneath the waters.

"Nothing is more simple than greatness; indeed, to be simple is to be great." (Emerson.)

"When we destroy an old prejudice we have need of a new virtue." (DeStael.)

"Self is the only prison that can ever bind the soul,
Love is the only angel who can bid the gates unroll;
And, when he comes to call thee, arise, and follow fast:
His way may lie through darkness, but it leads to light at last."

"So after He had washed their feet, and had taken His garments, and was set down again, He said unto them, Know yet what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord; and ye say well; for so I am. * * * I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." (John 13: 12-15.)

Sunday School Helps

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Lesson III. April 19th, 1903. Title—The Law of Love. (A temperance lesson.) (Rom. 13: 7-14.) Golden Text—"Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." (Rom. 13: 10.) Time—A. D. Spring 58. Place of writing—Corinth.

When St. Paul wrote this letter Rome was the greatest city of the earth. It was the center of knowledge, wealth and power. It is not certainly known who first preached the gospel, and organized the church there. The Roman church claims that St. Peter was its founder, and became its first bishop. But the best historians of to-day regard this as mere tradition. It is likely some persons who dwelt at Rome were in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, saw the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, heard St. Peter preach, were converted, and carried back to Rome the gospel. Or some of those who were "scattered abroad" and went everywhere "preaching the word" may have found their way to Rome and succeeded in organizing the church. This society was composed of Jews and Gentiles. They were poor, but grew very rapidly, and soon became the leading church. St. Paul's letter to them is the greatest of all his epistles. It was written from Corinth in the spring of A. D. 58. Its style is earnest, gushing, even headlong. Yet beneath the clothing and flesh we see a framework of solid bone. It teaches that both Jews and Gentiles need the Gospel; that all are justified through faith; that the state of the saved is one of great happiness; and that the justified should be a peculiar people, zealous of good work. Law is the leading thought of this lesson.

I. *The law of love* (8-10). 1. "Owe no man anything." This does not forbid making debts in legal transactions. It only prohibits going in debt without a probability of paying. The liquor traffic leads the consumer to poverty, debt, slavery and ruin. 2. "Love one another." Let us see to it that we have in our heart a deep-seated desire for the comfort, happiness and prosperity of others. Love has shades of strength. It is not expected that we love all in the same degree. We are not obligated to, or associated with, all alike. Therefore we cannot have the same affection for each one. Yet our love should overreach political views, sectarian lines, race prejudices, and constrain us to do good of every possible sort, and as far as possible to all men. 3. "He that loveth another (his neighbor) hath fulfilled the law." Our neighbor is anyone to whom we can do an act of

kindness. The law here refers to the Ten Commandments. The apostle speaks only of the second table. He quotes first the seventh precept, then the sixth, after that the eighth, ninth, and tenth, in rotation. He closes by showing that the substance of all is to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." The commandments are negative: they teach that which we must not do. They hedge up all but the right way. 4. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor." He that has a God-like love for others naturally keeps the commandments. Having fun at the expense of others is working ill to our neighbors. Taking the advantage in trade is working ill to our neighbor. Engaging in an occupation that does only harm is working ill to our neighbor.

II. *The law of duty* (11-14). The time is night: not literal, but moral darkness. The moral condition of the heathen world before the Gospel dispensation was fearful. The apostle has given a mild statement of it in the first chapter of this epistle. But this "night is far spent." The darkness of those times is almost past. The Gospel day is dawning. The entrance of God's Word giveth light. May we open our heart and receive it.

First duty—"Awake out of sleep." We need not suppose the church at Rome had apostatized, or was asleep in sin. But it likely did not possess the energy or zeal the apostle wished to see. There are many in the church to-day who have but little or no earnestness against the greatest of all evils—the liquor traffic. The reason given for awaking out of sleep is: Because their salvation is nearer than when they believed. This salvation refers to their conversion, which was obtained through faith. They were saved when they believed. Their final salvation—their entrance into glory—was nearer than when they were saved. Each day brings us nearer our eternal home. The moments fly. Redeem the time. The light, the voice, and the touch, are used in awaking the sinner.

Second duty—Arise. 1. "Cast off the works of darkness." When we arise out of our sleep we should put off our night robes. So when the sinner arises out of the sleep of sin he should cast off the lusts of the flesh; renounce the devil and all his works, and the vain pomp and glory of the world. Every root of bitterness should be taken out of his nature. 2. "Put on the armor of light." Clothe the soul with love, joy, peace, truth, faith and temperance. Put on the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the girdle of truth; have the feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, and take in the hand the Word of God, which is the sword of the Spirit. Advance on the foe. Scatter the powers of darkness. Keep the armor bright by constant use. Ye are the light of the world.

Third duty—Walking, or living. 1. *Positively.* We should live honestly. Lead upright, straightforward lives. Deal honestly with God. He has certain claims upon us. He is our Creator, Benefactor and Redeemer. Deal frankly with man. He has rights that we must recognize. Never strive to get the advantage of him in trade, so that we may get something for nothing, or much for a little. Deal justly with self. We have mind, soul and body. They have their demands upon us. We should arrange for their greatest happiness here and hereafter. It is foolish to do to-day that which will bring sorrow to-morrow: or to spend this life in a manner that will bring suffering throughout eternity. 2. *Negatively.* We should not live in rioting and drunkenness, in chambering and wantonness, in strife and envy-

ing. Rioting is banqueting, and unclean and dissolute songs. Drunkenness here likely refers to inebriating festivities: such as were celebrated in honor of their gods. After they had sacrificed unto them they drank to excess, and then committed abominations of every kind. Chambering signifies lewdness of every sort. Wantonness refers to all manner of uncleanness and sodomitical practices. Strife means severe contention. Envy is repining at another's prosperity. It is not to be supposed that the church of Rome was guilty of these sins. But the heathen world practiced them. There was danger of the church falling back into their ways.

Fourth duty. 1. "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ." To put on the Son of God is to hear, receive and obey the Gospel. It is to receive His Spirit into our soul, to be baptised in the name of Jesus, and to lead devoted, consecrated lives. 2. "Make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof." The flesh here means our depraved nature; "the body of sin;" the old man with his deeds. It is right to provide food, raiment and a comfortable home. "If any provide not for his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." It is making arrangements for the gratification of sinful lusts that God condemns.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation For 1903

Central Missouri, Sedalia, Mo.—Mar. 11..Hamilton.
Kansas, Holton, Kan.—Mar. 12.....Foss.
Lexington, Chicago, Ill.—Mar. 13.....Merrill.
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 18..Mallalieu.
New Jersey, Asbury Park, N. J.—Mar. 18...Fowler.
Wilmington, Easton, Md.—Mar. 18.....Cranston.
Missouri, Carrollton, Mo.—Mar. 18.....Hamilton.
South Kansas, Fort Scott, Kan.—Mar. 19.....Foss.
Cent. Pennsylvania, Altoona, Pa.—Mar. 25...Merrill.
Virginia, Eagle Rock, Va.—Mar. 25.....Warren.
Delaware, Pocomoke City, Md.—Mar. 25.....Fowler.
Saint Louis, Marshall, Mo.—Mar. 25.....Hamilton.
Southwest Kansas, Sterling, Kan.—Mar. 26.....Foss.
Newark—Apr. 1.....Warren.
New Eng. Southern, Brockton, Mass.—Apr. 1..Fowler.
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.—Apr. 1.....FitzGerald.
New York East—Apr. 1.....Goodsell.
New York—Apr. 1.....McCabe.
Northwest Kansas, Stockton, Kan.—Apr. 2....Foss.
Okaneh, Guthrie, Okla.—Apr. 2.....Hamilton.
New England, Brookline, Mass.—Apr. 8.....Andrews.
North Indiana, Noblesville, Ind.—Apr. 8.....Walden.
Vermont, Northfield, Vt.—Apr. 9.....Warren.
Washington, Staunton, Va.—Apr. 9.....McCabe.
Troy, Saratoga Springs—Apr. 9.....McCabe.
Maine, Bridgeton, Me.—Apr. 15.....Andrews.
New Hampshire, Woodsville, N. H.—Apr. 15...Warren.
East German, Philadelphia, Pa.—Apr. 16...Fowler.
Wyoming, Binghamton, N. Y.—Apr. 16...FitzGerald.
Northern New York, Carthage, N. Y.—Apr. 22..Merrill.
East Maine, Newport, Me.—Apr. 22.....Andrews.
Eastern Swedish, Providence, R. I.—Apr. 23....FitzGerald.
Porto Rico, San Juan.....Warne.
Bombay, Bombay—Dec. 3, '02.....Theburn.
South India, Kolar—Dec. 18, '02.....Theburn.
North India, Lucknow—Jan. 2.....Theburn.
West China Mission, Chentu—Jan. 7.....Moore.
Northwest India, Muttra—Jan. 14.....Theburn.
Mexico, Pachuca—Jan. 15.....Cranston.
Bengal, Calcutta—Jan. 21.....Warne.
Burma Mission Conf., Rangoon—Jan. 28...Theburn.
Liberia, Cape Palmas—Jan. 28.....Hartzell.
Malaysia, Singapore—Feb. 10.....Warne.
W. S. A. Miss. Conf., Concepcion—Feb. 18...Joyce.
Central China Miss., Nankin—Mar. 4.....Moore.
South America, Rosario—Mar. 18.....Joyce.
Japan, Nagoya—Apr. 1.....Moore.
S. Japan Miss. Conf., Nagasaki—Apr. 17.....Moore.
Bulgaria Miss. Conf., Loftcha—Apr. 22.....Vincent.
Korea Mission, Seoul—May 1.....Moore.
Italy—May 14.....Vincent.
Switzerland, Neuchatel—June 3.....Vincent.
North China, Pekin—June 8.....Moore.
South Germany, Pforzheim—June 10.....Vincent.
North Germany, Zwickau—June 17.....Vincent.
Denmark Miss. Conf., N. Bornholm—July 29..Vincent.
E. C. Africa M. Conf., Umtali—July 30.....Walden.
Fin. & St. P'g Miss., Tammerfors—Aug. 6...Vincent.
Sweden, Helsingborg—Aug. 12.....Vincent.
Norway, Horten—Aug. 19.....Vincent.
Hinghua Miss. Conf., Hinghua—Nov. 5.....Moore.
Fochow, Fochow—Nov. 14.....Moore.
W. Cent. Afr. M. Conf., Quessua—Dec. 16.....Walden.
Hartzell.
N. B.—Because of his impaired health, no Conferences have been assigned to Bishop Hurst.
J. N. FITEGALD, Secretary.
By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

PLEASE NOTE THAT

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"Young Graduates and 'Good' Appointments"

The current number of the *Central Christian Advocate* contains an editorial on the subject which heads these lines. The fact that the presiding elders in a few of our patronizing conferences have met embarrassments along the same line indicated by the *Central* prompts us to reproduce most of what our contemporary says on the subject. It does seem that the well qualified young preacher can afford to be patient while his older brethren finish up their work, since he has all the future before him, whereas many of those whom he would seemingly push rudely aside have, as some one has said, "all their future behind them." It is but fair to say, however, that the spirit of which the editorial complains is not as general among our young ministers as it was four or five years ago. They do not seem to feel as much now as formerly that they are all born leaders, but are more inclined to go to work and prove their worth. The editor of the *Central* writes as follows:

"Our correspondence pages have a letter from a true and tried presiding elder who within the past fortnight has found it difficult to man his district because of the demands made by and for young preachers who are but lately out of the divinity school, and who think that this fact entitles them to special consideration in the matter of appointments. Can that be possible? Are theological schools then for the purpose of lifting their graduates above the drudgery, if such it may be called, of obscure and poorly paid appointments? Is there to be held before the candidates for the ministry the glittering expectation that their diplomas will hoist them above the righteous duty of beginning where the fathers began, at the bottom? There is no bottom and no top in the ministry of Christ. All appointments are 'good.' Christ went to the Gadarenes. We are all members one of another. And there is nothing more fatal to power as Christ must see it than that an unholy rivalry should enter the breast of the young man entering the ministry to elbow his way at once, diploma in hand, to the chief seats. We would advise such to read Luke xiv. 7, 11. But the theological schools surely do not encourage this. "Two thoughts: First, the theological schools are for the purpose of equipping our ministry for masterful efficiency, anywhere and everywhere. Masterful efficiency is needed, and tells, everywhere. Thus it was with David Brainard, Jonathan Edwards, John Fletcher, Richard Baxter, Charles Kingsley, Henry Martin, David Livingstone, Enoch George, Adoniram Judson, and that innumerable company of unheralded heroes whose names are bright on the scrolls of paradise. Each of these master workmen had a 'poor' appointment to begin with, and some of them never had any other."

It is said that Lolita Armour, the 5-year-old daughter of the wealthy Chicago meat packer, who paid Dr. Lorenz \$30,000 to come from Vienna, Austria, to perform on her the bloodless operation for congenital dislocation of the hip, is now thought to be completely cured. This was quite a fee, but while here the doctor treated a number of other children in different cities, and more important still, by his visit introduced his system of treatment so that it is now a fixture in this country.

Lexington Conference Notes

The editor noticed at the Lexington Conference that there was great interest manifested in the conference by the white Methodists of Chicago.

The Lexington Conference is growing and will eventually take its place among our strongest and best.

Sister Amanda Smith attracted as much attention and her singing as greatly appreciated as ever.

Mrs. Bishop Walden and Mrs. S. H. Pye were among the interested visitors.

An unusually large number of the ladies of the Conference, including many of the wives of the ministers, were present.

Mr. R. C. Crolley who has for years worked faithfully and successfully in the Chicago Book Concern collected the book accounts at the Conference. The brethren took pride in paying him. He is making an excellent record.

Dr. B. J. Morgan and Col. Geo. W. Knox, two prominent laymen of Indianapolis, attended the Conference and watched every maneuver pertaining to their Church.

Rev. T. L. Wilson, who gave up the work a year previous because of poor health, was so much improved as to take work again.

Bishop Merrill was greatly missed and the Conference received from him and sent in response an expression of regret of his absence and his affliction.

Rev. W. H. Riley, who organized and is still at the head of the Riley Deaconess Home at Cincinnati, has just been appointed to Simpson Church, our first Church at Indianapolis. He will doubtless move the home from Cincinnati to that city.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of three of the white Methodist Churches of the city provided luncheon for the entire Conference, the Woman's Home Missionary delegates and all others officially connected, for three days during the session. This meal was served at two nearby restaurants.

The banquet and reception given on Thursday evening in honor of the Conference was a most elaborate and well conducted affair. In addition to the vast throng of prominent citizens who were there, the bishop and several of the general officers were also present. St. Mark's Church and especially those who managed the affair are deserving of much credit.

The reception tendered the Conference by the Chicago Methodist Preachers' meeting was as unique as it was hearty and Methodistic. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Dr. M. E. Cady, president of the meeting, and by Dr. H. G. Jackson; responses were by Revs. E. A. White and L. M. Hagood, D. D. The Conference joined Brother Henry in singing a number of the old time melodies to the delight of the Chicago brethren.

Undoubtedly the interest manifested by the Methodists of Chicago in the session of the Lexington Conference was largely the outgrowth of the splendid editorial published in the *Northwestern Advocate* by Editor Thompson, on the coming of the Conference.

The Negro is being tried as a laborer on the plantations of Mexico, and if reports be true is giving entire satisfaction and receiving fair wages. A Mr. McKelvin, colored, has recently carried 100 from Alabama and adjoining states and has agreed to furnish many more.

Character is the result of self denial and sacrifice.

Personal and General

The commencement sermon at Vanderbilt University will be preached by Rev. John F. Goucher, D. D.

Rev. H. Daniels, presiding elder of the Schrever district, has moved to 135 Ashton street, Shreveport, La.

Mrs. T. P. Norris, wife of Rev. Norris at Mt. Nebo, La., is visiting her parents in Red River parish, Louisiana.

Rev. W. F. McDowell, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Education, will preach at Harvard University Easter eve.

Mrs. S. Fields, wife of Rev. E. Fields of Woodlawn, La., has been elected principal of the public school of that place.

Bishop Walden is an untiring worker and a careful administrator. His presence and work gave the conference great satisfaction.

Rev. A. J. McNair has closed a most gracious revival at Meridian, Miss. Fifty-five persons were converted and united with the church.

Rev. S. A. Cowan, presiding elder of the Shubuta district, Mississippi conference, while in the city this week, spent some time in our office.

Dr. M. C. B. Mason, one of the secretaries of the Freedman's Aid Society, will deliver the commencement address at Samuel Huston College, Austin, Tex.

Ebenezer M. E. Church at Marshall, Texas, Rev. J. Mercer Johnson, the enthusiastic pastor, will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Toussaint L'Overture, May 3.

Mrs. W. H. Logan, the efficient and helpful wife of Dr. Logan, pastor of Trinity Church, Houston, Tex., managed a very successful entertainment which took place recently in that city.

Rev. C. S. Shallowhorne, presiding elder of the Monroe district of the Louisiana conference, we learn, has been appointed one of the commissioners for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Rev. H. A. Sorrell, our pastor at Jackson, La., returned to the city this week for a short stay. Rev. Sorrell is looking well and says his work is thriving, and that the outlook for a glorious year is bright, indeed.

Prof. R. S. Lovinggood, A. M., president of Samuel Huston College, Austin, Tex., has gone North to represent the Freedman's Aid Society at the Okaneb, Northwest Kansas, and a number of other conferences.

Mrs. Jamason, wife of P. O. Jamason, an able pastor in the Mississippi conference, made the office a pleasant call last week. She is grand lecturer of the Order of the Eastern Star for her state and was going to visit officially the coast lodges.

Rev. B. F. Abbott, of Springfield, Mo., represented the interests of the Epworth League at the session of the Okaneb conference which has just been held at Guthrie, Oklahoma. Prof. Penn could not be present because of conferences in the East.

Rev. Dr. E. J. Hunt showed very great interest in the sessions of the Central Missouri conference recently held in Sedalia, Mo. He is a member of the St. Louis conference and presiding elder of the Sedalia district. The doctor is a reader of the *SOUTHWESTERN* and a firm friend to our people in those parts.

Rev. C. B. Spencer, D. D., editor of the *Central Christian Advocate*, was among the visitors to the Central Missouri Conference and he was cordially received. As an official editor Dr. Spencer occupies one of the most delicate posts in the church, but he never sounds a false note. We do not wonder at his growing popularity.

The Last Census Shows

There are 8,833,994 Negroes in this country of whom 2,065,989 were at the time of voting age.

The illiterary of the race has decreased from 57.1 per cent. in 1890 to 44.5 in 1900.

Negroes constitute 11.6 per cent. of the total population.

There are 60,900 more females than males; no other race makes a similar showing.

Nearly three-fourths of all homes owned by Negroes are free of incumbrance while two-thirds of those owned by whites are.

The number of married males is 1,423,039; females, 1,444,533; widowed males, 1551,245; females, 414,151.

This question is being discussed by some of the newspapers, Has not President Roosevelt violated the constitution of the United States by again nominating Dr. Crum to be collector of the port of Charleston? Why, that is easy. We answer unhesitatingly, no, he hasn't. In the first place the senate has never voted on the case, hence the president is not supposed to know its mind. In the second place, since that body is republican he has every reason to believe the nomination will be confirmed, for not even has the committee of the present body expressed an opinion on the subject. In the third place, there was a vacancy at Charleston which the president had a right to fill, the senate having adjourned without taking action. As it is both Dr. Crum and the President take their chances before the senate when it again assembles. It's a clear case.

April 1 the President began his itinerary. He passed through the Northwest, visiting Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and many other cities, and arrived at the Yellowstone Park on April 8, will remain in that vicinity until April 24, will return through Montana, Nebraska and Iowa, arriving in St. Louis April 29 to participate in the dedication of the World's Fair grounds on the following day. May 1st he will go West by way of Kansas City, will pass through Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, California, Oregon and Washington, returning East probably by way of the Northern Pacific and arriving at Washington on June 5. In 66 days he expects to travel 13,883 miles and visit 22 States and Territories.

While in St. Louis, Mo., recently we greatly enjoyed a drive over the city through the courtesy of Dr. O. T. Fields, a talented and successful physician. Among other points visited was the proposed site of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition of 1904. The necessary buildings are rapidly springing into existence and there is little doubt that the display will be the largest and most complete ever witnessed on this continent. Dr. Fields has well ordered and elegantly fitted offices at No. 800 N. Jefferson avenue, and is a credit alike to his race and the profession.

What does Christ's resurrection mean to you?

With the dawn of Easter do you see the dawn of a better resurrection.

He who is not interested in the Salvation of others surely cannot be much interested in Salvation at all, and hence in his own Salvation.

Pray for the conversion of the world, work for the conversion of the world and give as you pray and work.

What is your Easter contribution to the salvation of the world.

Lexington Annual Conference

BY REV. E. M. BOLDEN.

The Lexington Conference assembled for its thirty-fourth annual session at Chicago, Ill., in St. Mark's M. E. Church, Wednesday, March 18, 1903.

Bishop John M. Walden of Cincinnati, Ohio, came to preside in the absence of Bishop Merrill. The Board of Bishops assigned Bishop Merrill to hold our conference at the above named place. The brethren were all delighted to have him; this would have been the third time for him to preside over this conference. His painstaking and careful consideration of the brethren had commanded their deepest regard for him.

We were indeed very sorry to learn that



REV. JOHN W. ROBINSON,

PASTOR ST. MARK'S CHURCH, CHICAGO, ILL., WHO ENTERTAINED THE LEXINGTON CONFERENCE SO SUCCESSFULLY.

through illness he was unable to be present with us.

The former secretary, D. E. Skelton, was re-elected, assistants P. T. Gorham, R. L. Dickerson and E. R. Lewis; statistical secretary, John W. Robinson, assisted by W. H. Riley, C. T. Lewis and W. S. Noel; Treasurer H. W. Tate also chose his assistants.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the bishop, assisted by the presiding elders and visitors, with great solemnity, to a large number.

The address of welcome was delivered by the city attorney on behalf of the city of Chicago, and by others representing other interests.

In response to the question, was the character of each preacher examined, the character of Presiding Elders T. S. Ferguson, E. A. White, Jos. Courtney and G. A. Sissle passed and they made their reports. Following them the character of all save two preachers passed.

A large delegation of distinguished visitors were introduced to the conference. The official visitors were: Rev. I. B. Scott of the SOUTHWESTERN, Rev. G. G. Logan of the Missionary Society, Dr. W. P. Thirkield of the Freedman's Aid Society, Prof. I. G. Penn of the Epworth League, Rev. W. I. Haven of the American Bible Society, and Mr. D. D. Thompson of the *Northwestern*.

The conference extended a hearty welcome to these officials and listened with interest to their addresses. The missionary sermon was preached by Rev. H. W. Simmons of Cincinnati, Ohio, which was instructive and helpful. Brother Sim-

mons was made presiding elder of the Ohio district, successor to T. L. Ferguson.

Rev. H. A. Forman and J. S. Franklin were received into full connection and ordained elders at the memorial service held in the Wabash Avenue M. E. Church; J. R. Scurry of Springfield and G. C. Riley of Cincinnati were made deacons; A. W. Bird, Joel Perkins and N. H. Wallis' character passed and in their studies they were promoted to second year. Joseph E. Burton was continued in the first year.

The committee in charge of the case of E. S. Gilliam reported that the evidence did not sustain the charge made against him; the committee recommended that his character be passed. M. S. Johnson was expelled.

Membership: Probationers, 1,064; full members, 8,633; total, 9,697.

All benevolent collections show an increase; total for the year, \$2,244.

The Book Concern reported \$477 as the dividend to the conference and \$22 for the charter fund.

Special collection was taken to help our work in Africa and the brethren of the conference put one hundred dollars in the hand of Rev. E. H. Richard, who has charge of our work at Inham-bane, Africa. Each member of the conference pledged himself to raise five dollars this year for Dr. Hamilton at Walden University. They promised also to try to secure 3,000 subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN for Dr. Scott.

The Monday session was held at the First M. E. Church in the city. Dr. M. E. Cady, president of the City Preachers' Meeting, and Dr. H. G. Jackson addressed the conference. Revs. E. A. White and L. M. Hagood responded. Mrs. Amanda Smith, the evangelist, favored the con-



REV. D. E. SKELTON,

PASTOR ST. JOHN CHURCH, CINCINNATI, SECRETARY OF THE LEXINGTON CONFERENCE.

ference with a few soul-stirring hymns. Brother T. L. Wilson, who a year ago was compelled to take the supernumerary relation because of ill health, was at the conference, full of vim and vigor, and had his name erased from this list and made effective again.

Madison, Ind.

The white man, Batson, who has twice been convicted to death for murdering an entire family some months ago, near Lake Charles, La., is still fighting for his life, and the case will likely go to the Supreme Court of the United States. We have nothing against Batson and hope if he be innocent that he may be cleared; but it is such delays of the law as this that furnish the excuse for lynching. While the delays never occur in the case of a Negro accused of crime against a white person, he alone suffers for the delays in cases against whites. Had Batson been a Negro he would never have had even one trial.

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MRS. SCOTT.

An interesting letter to our readers from Mrs. Gertrude Warner Scott, of Vinton, Iowa:

Vinton, Iowa, July 15th, 1902.
In the summer of 1903 I was taken violently ill. My trouble began with pain in my stomach, so severe that it seemed as if knives were cutting me. I was treated by two of the best physicians in the county, and consulted another. None of them suspected that the cause of my trouble was kidney disease. They all told me that I had cancer of the stomach, and would die. I grew so weak that I could not walk any more than a child a month old, and I only weighed sixty pounds. One day my brother saw in a paper an advertisement of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy. He bought me a bottle at our drug store, and I took it. My family could see a change in me, for the better, so they obtained more, and I continued the use of Swamp-Root regularly. I was so weak and run down that it took considerable time to build me up again. I am now well, weigh 148 pounds, and am keeping house for my husband and brother, on a farm. Swamp-Root cured me after the doctors had failed to do me a particle of good. Gratefully yours,

Gertrude Warner Scott

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is doing well. I hope to build a church here and am looking for great things this year. My people of Fernwood gave a pound meeting last week. May God bless these people. It was led by Brother Wash Jones and his wife.

W. C. Calhoun, Vaiden, Miss.—We have just closed our school with the greatest success that we ever had. Prof. A. J. Myers is our teacher. He knows his business. We as a whole community can say that he is the right man in the right place. He has built up our school very much. We now have 64 pupils.

G. Butler, Chinkey, Miss.—Our conference was grand. Brethren were present with written reports. Paid elder up. Elder preached. We are succeeding nicely.

A storm party visited the parsonage and left many good things to eat. It was led by Brother C. H. McComb, Mrs. Sarah Leter, Mrs. Lane, Mr. Lanie Simconno, Mrs. Sim Rollin, Mrs. Rollin, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Anderson, Rev. Thompson, Miss Halloway, Mrs. Man-nie Ladd, Harris, Miss Emma Harris. We keep the paper before our people.

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Robt. L. Cobb, Gainesville, Ala.—We entered upon the duties of our charge immediately after adjournment of the conference. The church not only received us gladly, but also the people. The entire community seems to have taken on new life and hope. Peace and harmony prevail throughout the church and community, and prospects for a glorious harvest were never brighter. We have been bothered with the high water for the past month. Two of my points I haven't been able to reach, but I thank the good Lord for such a storm that visited the parsonage March 12. Both Methodists and Baptists, with their own burdens and others left us a nice assortment of groceries. The party was led by Rev. James Stanchell and wife of the Baptist church, and Mrs. Mary L. Clanton, Alice Whitefield, A. Moring, Lizzie Story, J. E. Whitefield and others. Gainesville is on top. Nowhere have I found a more loving and loyal people. We are now making a canvass for our dear old SOUTHWESTERN. Look to me to redeem my pledge of 20 new subscribers soon. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather many of the brethren and sisters were present with good reports. The leaders brought the elder's apportionment, \$12.50. We spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Nickels. At 9 o'clock a storm party visited the house and left more good things than the pastor could carry home. The prime mover of this storm was Miss Anna Young.

Ocala, Fla.—We are told that if a man has a will to do, there is always a way to do. We, the pastor, and members of Zion M. E. Church, together with our many friends, both white and colored, are determined to have a respectable church built at this place at the cost of \$1,800 or more. I as a young minister do earnestly appeal to the many friends of Methodism for assistance. The building of the new church will begin on the first day of April. We desire to have our new church bear the name of any Christian minister or general officer of our church, who will donate to the building of the said church the sum of \$500. Or let it bear the name of any deceased friend for the same amount. You shall reap what you sow. Any person desiring to take up this good offer will kindly address W. O. Bartley, No. 28 N. Pond street, Ocala, Fla., Ocala District, Florida Conference.

J. F. Barnes, Pastor, Boynton Chapel, Houston, Tex.—Rev. I. G. Penn, assistant general secretary of the Epworth League, was with us March 8, and all who heard his able sermon and lecture were pleased. We hope Secretary Penn will come again and we will make it pleasant for him.

Nannie Abnathy, Sherrill's Ford, N. C.—I am a member of the Mott's Grove M. E. Church and a reader of the SOUTHWESTERN. It is a grand paper, full of information and it is superior to all other papers that I have ever taken, and I pray God it may soon be in every home. Rev. W. M. Crawford is our pastor and the very one we need and we believe that he is a good Christian, full of the fire and the Holy Ghost. He did a great work this year.

Carrie L. Young, Sherrill's Ford, N. C.—I am a member of the Mott's Grove Church and president of the Epworth League. Our Epworth League Chapter and Sunday schools are blooming. We have a grander Epworth League since Rev. W. M. Crawford has been with us than ever before. I am proud to say that we were blessed with the privilege of having Presiding Elder Jones with us in February, and he preached a good sermon.

R. Howze, Pastor, Shubuta Charge.—My first quarter was held Feb. 21-22, with Rev. S. A. Cowan in the chair. A few of the officers were present with written reports which showed the work was alive. Owing to the high water the conference was small, but in spite of the water Sunday was a high day in Shubuta. Elder Cowan preached two of his best sermons to a nice crowd. Paid presiding elder \$8.55; pastor, \$13.36; total for the quarter, \$22.81. You may look for some subscribers soon. We are in the midst of plenty of water.

B. G. Burke, Pastor, Duluth, Ga.—Six cash subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN, and more to follow in a few days. Alpharetta is a small inland village having only 360 inhabitants. Our church at this place has only 70 members and one of the best Epworth League chapters in the Atlanta Conference considering the number of people. Every Epworthian is alive and believes in keeping in line with the times. The league meets at 3 o'clock every Sunday afternoon. The Spirit of the Lord moved upon me in behalf of our great SOUTHWESTERN. I gave about three minutes talk in the league for the paper; when I was through I believe that all members and friends would have taken the paper had they been prepared. Brother James Mitchell is president of the league and under his leadership it is doing a great and grand work. I have six cash subscribers for the paper; following are the names: James Rucker, M. W. T. Mitchell, S. E. Galtner, C. H. Hutchens, M. M. Bailey, G. H. Burse, with the two old subscribers E. Z. Mitchell and James Mitchell, who have renewed, which makes a total of eight subscribers from this thriving little town.

G. B. McLean, Pastor, Reidsville.—The pastor, leaders and other officers were in the study engaged in the work of the official board. At a late hour we adjourned and went into the church where a large crowd had assembled. Miss N. L. Goode and Mrs. Pattie Settles were conducting the service. St. Pauls, for two weeks, has enjoyed a series of meetings. At the close of the service Prof. Jno. F. Gunn respectfully asked me to withdraw, conducting me to the door. Soon after entering the parsonage, a crowd of members and friends came in loaded with bundles. On their leaving we found they had left us a lot of choice groceries. Among

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those present were Mesdames Isabella Martin, Ida Lesneur, Allice Gracee, Lucy McCain, Katie Strong, Critta Penn, Maggie McGehee, Susan Ellington, Charity Henderson and Misses N. L. Goode, A. B. Strong, M. Rodgers, Mary Carter, Ella Carter, Victoria Johnson, Ada Graves, Mable Morse. Brother G. L. Allen, representing a class of young men prominent in the church and community, on this happy occasion presented me \$11.35. The amount was realized from a valentine basket feast they had given to help on my salary. The young men were Messrs. W. H. Lesneur, a leading business member of our church; T. L. Brincefield, G. M. Miller. It has developed that Brother Geo. McCain, Jr., instigated the storm party. I think our able and efficient Sunday school superintendent must have been in this. I have no means of knowing all the participants. On sacks of flour were written, "Pastor eat and grow fat." I think when you

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have carefully studied the Reidsville people, white and colored, you will conclude that they are a generous, hospitable and energetic people. The membership is much enthused over the prospects of a new church, which is much needed; in fact, it is indispensable.

A FINE KIDNEY REMEDY.

Mr. A. S. Hitchcock, East Hampton, Conn. (The Clothier), says if any sufferer from Kidney and Bladder Disease will write him he will direct them to the perfect home cure he used. He makes no charge whatever for the favor.

R. C. Young, Reporter, Hoschton, Ga.—Our first quarterly conference convened here Feb. 28 and March 1, with Rev. G. W. Arnold, our beloved presiding elder, in the chair. He gave us a soul-stirring lecture on the work of the church, after which our reports were read. We paid our presiding elder in full \$10.01, also raised \$1 for Dr. C. O. Fisher's widow. We have raised during the quarter \$22.31. We are small in number but full of energy, pluck and are pushing to the front. We have started right; now it is our business to stay right. I must say that we never fail to send our beloved presiding elder away well pleased. Our motto is, upward, forward march.

H. B. Bailey, Class-leader, Georgetown, Texas.—Rev. R. M. Mason is our pastor. We have been engaged in a revival for four weeks, but without any results. However, we are striving to make our church second to none. We are living in hopes of paying our dear pastor for his year's work. We are expecting a grand time on Easter. Our district conference will convene here in August.

EASTER NOTES.

Pastors, Superintendents, President Missionary of Sunday School and Quarterly Conference Missionary Society:

1. Where Easter programmes fail to come, use the Epworth Hymnal, or any of our standard books with *Easter service* for this great missionary day. Be sure and stir the young and old to the great interest of missionary enterprise.

2. The penny a day system should not be left standing; urge each family to be represented in the Easter, as this is a great day in Methodism. Report what they have, and each pastor have new boxes to continue the collection through the year.

3. Pastor report to district secretaries April 18th all persons raising \$100 or more, and transmit the same to the Conference Missionary Secretary April 20th.

PENTECOSTAL SHOWERS.

4. Let Sunday, April 12, at 5 p. m., be the beginning of spiritual outpouring of the Holy Ghost, and turn on the spir-

itual light; let it be a happy day for the beginning of the greatest revival in the history of the Church.

5. Conference motto:
7. 1,000 converts for the Texas Conference.
8. 1,000 subscribers for THE SOUTHWESTERN.
9. Wiley Central Building completed for Christian education.
10. Shout across the two million line for benevolence.
11. Paid up ministry.

THOS. COLE.

Conf. Missionary Secretary.
822 N. Church St.

Lost Friends

I wish to inquire for my father, brothers and sisters. In 1864 my father came to the city of New Orleans in a wagon. My father's name was John Gilbert. He came to the city with his four daughters, Josephine, Annie, Laurinda and Jennie (or Chalmey). My father gave my oldest sister Josephine to a colored lady and my sister Annie to another colored lady. Myself and sister Laurinda he placed with an old colored lady by the name of Aunt Mariah Jones, saying he would be back soon to get us all. He delayed coming to get us or see to us; in the meantime Aunt Mariah gave me away to a white lady by the name of Mrs. Shefferd, and there I parted from my sister Laurinda. Mrs. Shefferd, after taking me from Aunt Mariah, moved to the parish of Plaquemine, where she lived one year, then moved back to the city and gave me to a white lady by the name of Mrs. Scheixnidre. I have never seen or heard anything about my father, sisters nor brothers. Anyone knowing of their whereabouts or their children will please correspond with D. J. Ingraham, Happy Jack, La.

LITERARY NOTES

Among the series now running in *The Cosmopolitan* may be mentioned "How to Administer a Household"—the April instalment deals with the part exercise plays in the preservation of health. "Making a Choice of a Profession—Medicine" is discussed in the April number. "Captains of Industry"—the sketches in the current number deal with Jacob Henry Schiff, the great financier, and Henry Osborne Havemeyer, the sugar-king. "Mankind in the Making," by H. G. Wells; "Romances of the World's Great Mines—The Calumet and Hecla," by S. E. Moffett, forms the subject of the April article.

A keen and suggestive study of "Home Problems from a New Standpoint" is continued in the *Chautauqua* for April by a paper on "More Beauty for All." The writer, Caroline L. Hunt, makes a telling analysis of the fad for simplicity. "Qualities of Style," clearness, force, and beauty, form the subject of the "Practical Study in English." The author, B. A. Heydrick, of the Millersville, Pennsylvania, State Normal School, makes these studies extraordinarily valuable. Editorials in "Highways and Byways" cover the Fifty-Seventh Congress and many of the line topics of the hour.

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NOTICE.

I have been authorized by Dr. W. C. Stubbs, State Commissioner, to see what I can do along the line of collecting specimens for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, to be held at St. Louis, Mo., in 1904. I will notify all who are concerned as to what kind of exhibits I am collecting in a few days, through the press. The commissioner wants the very best products of the work of our race.

For further information address,

Yours truly,

C. D. SHALLOWHORN, P. E.,
Monroe, La.

Box 458.

Conference Notices

To the members and friends of the Western District North Carolina Conferences:

The Epworth League convention will convene in Marion, May 7-10, 1903. The program will be sent you within a few days. We ask that each of you make a special effort to report all claims. By order of the previous convention, held in Gastonia, each pastor is to collect 10 cents per member from each chapel for purpose of defraying expenses of the convention. Let us have no delinquents upon the program, but let each one make an effort to do credit to himself and to the church which he represents. Visitors who expect to attend will please address Rev. C. W. Walton, Marion, N. C. An invitation is hereby extended to all the presiding elders and district presidents of the Conference. An effort is being made to have some of the most noted dignitaries of the church present to address us. We are trying to secure reduced rates. Notice for further information relative to rates.

R. W. WINCHESTER,
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LOUISVILLE DISTRICT.

FIRST VISITS.

Smithland, April 4-5; Eddyville, April 6-7; Dulaney, April 8; Princeton, April 9; Greenville, April 10; Hartford, April 11-12; Beaver Dam, April 13-14; Morgantown, April 15-17; Leitchfield, April 18-19; Bowling Green, April 25-26; Auburn, April 27; Sonora, April 28; New Haven, April 29-30; Coke Chapel, May 1-3; Hardingsburg, May 9-10; Fordsville, May 11-13; Lloyd Street, May 15-17; Owensboro, May 23-25; Hawesville, May 26-31; Cloverport, May 28-31; West Point, June 6-7; Thirty-fifth Street, June 8; Mt. Washington, June 9; Parkland, June 10; Wakefield, June 11; Jackson Street, June 12-14.

Dear Brother: You have just returned from a great session of Conference. How do you feel? You had success last year; move up a little on the same line. Your success as a pastor helps more than you think. Begin your benevolent collections at once. Have all of your committees to meet the Quarterly Conference for consultation. Make this the greatest year of your ministry.

Yours for success,
JOSEPH COURTNEY, P. E.
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MISSISSIPPI LEAGUE CHAPTERS.

Greenwood, Miss., March 27, '03.
To the Pastors, District Presidents and Local presidents of the Epworth

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League Chapters of the Upper Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Greeting—

Dear Leaguers: We have launched out for another year's toiling for the uplifting of fallen humanity. Before us are great duties and great opportunities, entered as we have upon the tasks of the twentieth century with all its glowing aspects and prospects, and facing the duties which call our ardent attention. We are to begin with vigor and determination.

We want the Annual Conference League of the Upper Mississippi Conference to be the very best among the colored conferences of Methodism, and why can't we be, since we are able to succeed in those lines which count much towards advancing the youth of the land? I would advise our officers to get the needed literature and inform yourselves on all lines of the work. Get the young people to studying and working. Plan now to get a good representative crowd for Detroit to the International Epworth League meeting. Let us be prepared to get a thorough coach, as Louisiana, Georgia and Texas will do. Let us begin to prepare now for the Conference League meeting at Greenwood; we want to make it a great meeting. The people will expect you in large numbers. Let us have two or three delegates from each pastoral charge.

We are to secure some of the best speakers and League workers of the church to be present, and are now already expecting a great time. Plan now. Begin at once and do not delay. For general information address the president, Box 414.

Very truly yours,
B. H. S. FERGUSON,
Conference President..

HOW SOME OF OUR READERS CAN MAKE MONEY.

Having read of the success of some of your readers selling Dish-washers, I have tried the work with wonderful success. I have not made less than \$9.00 any day for the last six months. The Mound City Dish-washer gives good satisfaction and every family wants one. A lady can wash and dry the dishes without removing her gloves and can do the work in two minutes. I got my sample machine from the Mound City Dish-Washer Co., of St. Louis, Mo. I used it to take orders and sold 12 Dish-washers the first day. The Mound City Dish-Washer Co. will start you. Write them for particulars. Ladies can do as well as men. JOHN F. M.

N. O., NORTH DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND...

Haven, May 12-13; Thompson, May 14-15; University, May 18; Scott Chinn, May 19; Gretna, May 21; Shidell, May 30-31; Malden, June 4; St. Matthew, June 5-7; Covington, June 10; Union, June 11-12; Mandeville, June 13-14; Pleasant Plains, June 15-16; Mt. Zion,

June 17-18; Litcher, June 19-21; Whitehall, June 20-21; La Place, June 22; St. John, June 23; Mallalieu, June 24; Asbury, June 25; St. Charles, June 27-28; Wesley, June 29-30; Carrollton Mission, July 1; City Mission, July 2; Franklinton, July 4-5; Balltown, July 8-12.

Dear Brethren: Push the benevolent collection right now, and report your apportionment raised at the District Conference, which convenes in Scott Chinn church, this city, July 15.
J. F. MARSHALL, P. E.

INDIANA DISTRICT.

FIRST VISITS.

Bloomington, March 28-30; Anderson, April 4-6; Alexandria, April 7; Muncie, April 8-10; New Castle, April 11-12; Rusaville, April 18-19; Connersville, April 19-20; Shelbyville, April 25-26; Madison, May 2-4; North Vernon, May 5-6; Watson Cir., May 9-11; Jeffersonville Port Fulton, May 12-13; Jeffersonville Wesley Chapel, May 15-18; Chicago, May 23-25; Cannelton, May 28; Tell City, May 29; Rockport, May 31; Boonville, June 2-3; Newburgh, June 4; Evansville, June 5-8; Graysville, Ill., June 9; Browns, Ill., June 10; Lawrenceville, Ill., June 11-12; Princeton, June 13-15; Greenfield, June 18; Greencastle, June 19; Terre Haute, June 20-22; Roberson, June 23; Indianapolis, Barnes Chapel, June 24-25; Indianapolis, Simpson Chapel, June 28-30.

Dear Brethren: We start on a new year for God and humanity; let us plan to make this the best year of our lives; commence on your benevolent money now; do not wait; push every interest entrusted to your hand. I pray God's blessing on all of your plans.

Yours for the cause,

GEO. A. SISSELE, P. E.,

1708 Columbia Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

NOTICE.

Montgomery District Epworth League Convention:

Dear Epworth Leaguers—

Again we call your attention to the District Convention that meets at Evergreen, Ala., May 8th and 9th, 1903. All delegates and pastors procure certificates, so that the required number will be on hand. This means that reduced rates on the certificate plan have been granted. Let every church send a full delegation; we wish to have the greatest young people's meeting the district ever witnessed. Our young people must be inspired, must be enlivened, must be quickened. Every church from Locus Bluff on the north to Mobile on the south, Union Springs on the east and Tensaw on the west must be represented. Come brother Leaguers; get a move on your chapters. Brother pastors lend a hand in this very, very important and forward move. Push, push; don't shove, but push, and a mighty meeting we will have.

Listen: The church is calling thee; there yet is room. This is a great and glorious opportunity; let us seize it. Brother H. P. Morris, president of the St. Paul League of Pensacola, Fla., will preach the missionary sermon. The program is in the press, and will be mailed to each pastor for distribution within a few days. Let the district awake and bestir itself. We ask Brother P. G. Goin of Mobile not to be left in this movement. Six delegates from each charge.

Pray for success.

C. F. JOHNSON, Dist. Pres.
Pensacola, Fla.

THEY LIVE OUR MEMORY

Death is riding in our town. On Feb. 19 Sister Annie Curry died in full faith; on March 4 Mrs. Flora Pugh, aged 105 years, went to the bar of God unprepared. On March 9 Sister Harriet Howze passed from labor to reward. Sister Harriet was a member of the Baptist Church. The writer conducted the funerals.

R. HOWZE, Pastor.

Mount Airy, N. C.—Sister Sarah Hill, a member of Mallalieu Temple, departed this life Feb. 9, after a long illness. She was a member of the church here about 14 years. She died in the full triumph of faith in her 52nd year.

Sister Frances McClellan, a member of the same church, was born in 1861 and departed this life Feb. 11, aged 42 years. She was a member of the church 17 years. She died very suddenly of heart trouble. It pays to be ready. The funeral was preached by the writer. She leaves a husband and several small children and many friends to mourn.

Brother William Hairston, the young man who had given his heart to the Lord again in January last, was born April 30, 1870, and departed this life Feb. 18, 1903, aged 32 years. It was this young man that the W. H. M. Society sisters visited one Tuesday evening in January last and persuaded him to give his heart to the Lord. He was faithful to the end and at last fell asleep in Jesus. The writer conducted his funeral.

G. W. MOREHEAD, Pastor.

On Feb. 25 death came in our midst and claimed one of our dear sisters, Nancy Jackson. She was a faithful member of Galilee M. E. Church. Her funeral was preached in Galilee M. E. Church by the pastor. Sister Jackson was 60 years old. She leaves two sons, three daughters and a husband. I am thankful that her two daughters, who were sinners, have professed religion since their mother's death. The church has lost a good member and the family has lost a faithful mother and wife. But we must and do bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well. She was laid to rest in the town cemetery.

On March 4 Sister Sarah McCrey, a member of Galilee M. E. Church, departed this life in full triumph of faith. She was a member of the church for many years, and was about 68 years old. She leaves many friends and relatives. Funeral was preached at her house by pastor and she was laid to rest in the McAnn cemetery.

S. F. B. PEACE.

Tullahoma, Tenn.—On March 5, little Gennopia Valire Talley died.

On March 15 death came to the house of Sister Harriett Baker and took her little grand-daughter, Nora Baker. She was eight years old.

J. L. MASSEY, Pastor.

Batesville, Ark.—Miss Frances Ella Cullins, daughter of Brother David and Sister Hannah Cullins, died March 9, aged 18 years. She was converted some three or four years ago and joined the M. E. Church. She lived a faithful and earnest Christian until death. She was the delight of her parents and highly esteemed by her friends. Miss

Cullins was a student of Philander Smith College and was preparing to enter the spring term at the close of her school. Sister Cullins gave promise of a useful life, but after a few weeks of much suffering with typhoid fever she was not, for God took her.

W. H. MORRIS, Pastor.

Gray, La.—Little Tillotson D. Brown, the son of Hon. J. D. Brown, grand keeper of R. C. of the K. of P., of Louisiana, passed into his eternal reward to join the company of angelic hosts, Feb. 16.

Mrs. Lucy Ann Woodruff departed this life March 3, aged 80 years. She leaves three daughters and one son to mourn her loss.

F. D. BOWERS.

J. F. Barnes, Pastor, Houston, Tex., Boynton Chapel.—Sister Stella Bradley departed this life March 2. She joined the M. E. Church at Columbia, Tex., at the age of 10 years. She was a school teacher and was loved by all who knew her. She slept away in Jesus' arms. Peace to her ashes. She leaves one sister, one brother and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Wallisville, Texas.—On Feb. 27 death visited the home of Brother and Sister S. C. Gill and took from their midst their loving daughter, Letitia. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church and an ardent worker in the Sunday school, and a devoted teacher in the public school at this place. It was hard for us to give her up, but we had to submit to the will of God.

WM. C. MCKENZIE.

Bay St. Louis, Miss.—On the morning of March 7, between 4 and 5 o'clock, the Lord came to the home of Sister Alphie Jenkins and took her unto himself. Sister Jenkins was a member of the M. E. Church, and was converted in her youth, lived a consistent Christian for many years. She leaves a grandmother, sister, aunts and other friends and relatives to mourn. The funeral was conducted by the pastor.

W. L. MARSHALL.

Attalla, Ala.—Sister Epsy Hill, daughter of Brother Isom Hill, departed this life March 3. She was a faithful member of the church. She died in the full triumph of faith. Her last words were, "I am willing and ready to die, only waiting for the Master." Her funeral was attended by the pastor, assisted by Rev. R. L. Beasley.

L. H. HUNLEY, Pastor.

Starkville Circuit, Miss.—Death came to the home of Brother Calvin Mobly and bore away his beloved son, Willie Mobly, Saturday night, March

14. Brother Willie was a good Christian young man, a strong active member of Zion Church, also a member of the choir. He was loved by all; we will miss him very much at Zion Franklin, but our loss is Heaven's gain. G. W. Baker the pastor, conducted the funeral services.

Petersburg, Tenn.—Death claims its victim. Brother E. D. Edmonsou was born May 7, 1833, and departed this life March 15, 1903. He embraced a hope in Christ about 25 years ago and joined the M. E. Church in which he remained until he was called from labor to reward. He leaves a wife, two sisters, four children, grand children and a host of friends to mourn. The funeral was largely attended. It was conducted by the pastor, S. T. Miller.

Courtney, Tex.—Brother J. A. Hones departed this life. He was a local preacher. He leaves a wife, three sons, three or four daughters and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Rev. M. Reclik preached his funeral assisted by Rev. J. O. Williams of Hempstead, Tex., and Rev. C. M. Singleton, pastor.

Union Church, Miss.—Sister Amanda Thompson departed this life March 4. She joined the Church 1878 and lived a faithful member of the M. E. Church 27 years. She leaves a husband, 12 children and a host of friends.

R. H. PATTON, Pastor.

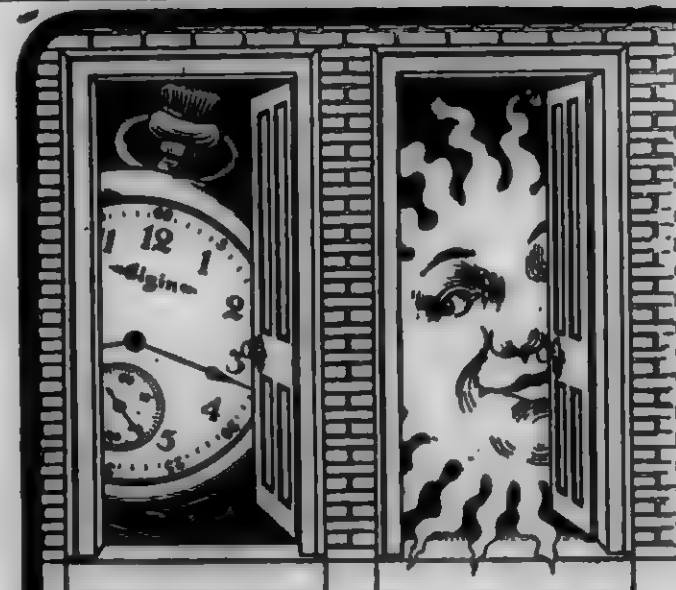
Washington, La.—Sister Mari Thompson, aged 41 years, departed this life February 16 in full hope of Heaven. Her last words, the Lord my Shepherd; I shall not want. She was a faithful member of the S. Mark M. E. Church; was converted in 1888. She leaves a husband, one daughter, two sisters, one brother and a large number of relatives to mourn.

A. GRAY, Pastor.

(Received March 23.—Ed.)

Boyce, La.—Sister Mekalia Bank aged 50 years, departed this life March 11, in full hope of Heaven. Her last words were, I am waiting on the Lord; I am all right. She was a member of the Baptist Church. She was the sister of Brother G. W. Bank. The funeral was conducted by the writer, J. L. Augustus, assisted by Rev. W. Hampton, Jr., and Rev. V. Ementt.

Cedar Bluff, Ala.—Brother Charles Lindey departed this life March 2. He was a member of the M. E. Church and had been for some time a class leader. He leaves a wife and five children.



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Hearne, Tex.—Sister Lizzie Calhoun, aged 47 years, departed this life March 16, 1903. She joined the M. E. Church in 1873 under Rev. Lewis Lane on Yarbrough Circuit. She was a faithful member of the Church. She leaves a husband, mother, three sisters and eight children. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. Thomas of the Baptist Church, and the pastor, Wm. Josey.

Her faith was sure, her heart was fixed,

There was not a cloud in her sky,
When she fell asleep, in a foreign land,

In the way that God's children die.

CLARA A. JOSEY.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Miss Hattie B. Gair, daughter of Rev. N. C. Gair, and Mr. Leonce Wilkinson, of Opelousas, were united in holy wedlock in St. Paul M. E. Church, March 11, at Jeanerette, La.

G. J. ROGERS.

Shady Grove, La.—Miss Irene Simon, a charming young lady of the M. E. Church, was married to Mr. F. S. Scott, a very nice young man, on the 10th of December. The presents were many and beautiful.

EDWARD JACKSON.

Balktown, La.—Mr. Warren Lot and Miss Mardie Peters were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Also Mr. Alfred Silas and Miss Zula Peters. The ceremonies were performed by J. H. C. Mean.

Winnsboro, La.—The beautiful marriage of Miss Carrie Twine to Mr. Amos T. Brown took place at Mount Zion Baptist Church. The church was beautifully decorated. The marriage was largely attended by both colored and white. The reception at the bride's residence was all that could be wished. Rev. M. L. McElroy officiated.

ADDIE M. BROWN.

Fort Stephen, Miss.—On the first day of March Mr. Charley Tinsley was married to Miss Lela Johnson, at the home of the bride. After the wedding refreshments were served. Mr. Tinsley is a member of the M. E. Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. B. Anderson, the pastor.

DeSoto, Miss.—Mr. Charles Moody and Miss Lily Stokes were joined in holy wedlock March 5. They are both members of the M. E. Church. C. Washington officiated.

Shreveport, La.—On Wednesday, March 11, at the residence of the bride Mr. Frank Goodman and Miss Daisy Reuben, a member of St. Paul M. E. Church, were married. Rev. H. L. Wright performed the ceremony.

Dublin, Va.—On Wednesday at 8 o'clock at the M. E. Church, Miss Carrie Alexander and Mr. Leo Hendricks were joined in holy wedlock. Mr. Hendricks is a prominent steward in this church and a faithful young man to his office and church. Miss Carrie is a motherless girl. She is highly esteemed among the people. The church was crowded to its utmost with both white and colored.

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Vicksburg, Miss.—Mr. Andrew Ben-
der and Miss Sarah Barnes, Mr. Jim
Tucker and Miss Blanche Byrd were
united in the bonds of matrimony Mar.
13. Miss Barnes is a member of Wes-
ley Chapel M. E. Church. M. White,
pastor, officiated.

Vanceville, La.—Sister Edith Holmes
departed this life March 10, in full tri-
umph of faith. Her last words were,
"I have fought a good fight and kept
the faith and I am going to heaven."
Her funeral was conducted by the
preacher in charge.

THOS. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

Boyce, La.—Mr. Horace Green and
Miss Mary Tanner were united in holy
matrimony March 12. A pleasant re-
ception was held at the residence of
the bride. J. L. Augustus officiated.

Bay St. Louis, Miss.—Mr. Emory
Jacob and Miss Sallie Clarke were mar-
ried at the M. E. parsonage on the
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9:25 a. m.	McComb Accom.....	4:00 p. m.
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Memphis exp.....	9:50 a. m.	Memphis exp..... 3:45 p. m.
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Valley Express.....	9:10 a. m.	Valley Ex- press..... p. m.
Bayou Sara Ac.....	9:30 a. m.	Bayou Sara Ac..... 4:00 p. m.
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11:30 a. m.	Local.....	4:55 p. m.
8:00 p. m.	New Orleans and Houston.....	7:05 a. m.
8:50 a. m.	Pacific Coast Express.....	9:00 p. m.
9:45 p. m.	Sunset Limited.....	11:55 a. m.
Texas and Pacific.		
6:10 p. m.	Texas and St. Worth Ex.....	8:15 a. m.
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CRESCENT CITY NOTES

Mrs. Margaret Luster, wife of Rev. A. Luster, gave the office a very pleasant call and brought in a new subscription.

At Simpson Chapel Easter morning the song service will begin at 3 o'clock a. m., the preaching service at 4 a. m. Appropriate music will be furnished by choir and orchestra. Rev. F. T. Chinn, the pastor, is in the midst of a glorious revival. Forty-six persons have been happily converted. Last Sunday 215 partook of the Lord's supper.

Mr. Joseph Chapman and Miss Mary Covington were married April 2 by Rev. Hampton James, pastor of Mt. Zion Church.

Brother G. W. Forrest, a local preacher of Haven Chapel, this city, called last week to pay his respects. He is a son of one of the late "War Horses" of the old Louisiana Conference, and worthily is trying to follow in the footsteps of his godly sire.

Rev. F. T. Chinn desires to thank Mrs. Ellen Johnson for a box of oddities.

Rev. Hampton James has recently closed a revival with 20 accessions to the church.

Miss Lydia Dunbar, one of the school teachers of this city and organist at Simpson Chapel, made the office a pleasant call the other day. Miss Dunbar is a progressive young club woman, full of ideas and plans for helping the race. She is secretary of the Afro-American Club, this city, an organization of women.

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paratory to this meeting the presidents will hold or cause to be held the following group meeting: the Columbus group, composed of the Sunday schools and chapters at Columbus, Alleyton, Columbus circuit and Weimar, April 18th, at Columbus, Texas; the La Grange group, composed of the Sunday schools and chapters, at LaGrange, LaGrange circuit, Fayetteville and Industry, April 17th, at LaGrange; the Oakland group, composed of Sunday schools and Epworth League chapters at Oakland, Brown's Chapel, Willow Springs, Independence, Flatonia, and Schulenberg, April 5th, at Oakland, Texas; the Hallettsville group, composed of Sunday schools and Epworth League chapters, at Hallettsville, Breshlon, and Sublime, April 10th, at Hallettsville, Texas; the Victoria group, composed of Sunday schools and Epworth League chapters at Victoria, Edna and Wharton, April 24th, at Victoria, Texas. Remember, we promised to raise 25 cents for each officer of the Sunday school and Epworth League chapter, and 10 cents for each Sunday school scholar and member of the Epworth League, for our Samuel Huston College, and report the number of students for Samuel Huston College next year. Here follows the names of district officers: First vice-president, E. J. Warren, Schulenberg, Tex.; second vice-president, Prof. G. W. Cooper, Victoria, Tex.; third vice-president, Dr. L. D. Cook, La Grange, Tex.; fourth vice-president, L. Norman, Columbus, Tex.; secretary, Prof. W. D. Newton, Hallettsville, Tex.; treasurer, Mrs. S. J. Middleton, Oakland, Tex. Yours in the work.

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Addie Easley, Gatesville, Tex.—On Sunday, March 15, we had a good meeting. Rev. Thompson preached a spiritual sermon. The people were lifted up. He is the man for us. Pray that he will do a wonderful work here this year.

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NEW ORLEANS, APRIL 16, 1903.

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Editorial Notes

When you change your postoffice be sure and order your paper changed also.

Talk about the Negro's not fulfilling his pledges! Watch our cash remittances from week to week and see how those who pledged us subscribers are sending them in.

The Supreme Court has decided that the board of education in Topeka, Kas., has the right to maintain separate schools in that city for the races, and that colored children may be compelled to attend the school provided for them.

It is reported that an old Negro came over to Texas recently from Mexico who did not know that the emancipation had taken place. He had heard of it and came over to verify the news. When assured it was true he is said to have asked "Does all the black men know it?" His name is Edmund Williams, born near Nacogdoches, Tex., and has been living on a ranch in the interior of Mexico for sixty years.

It is now fully settled that our church has a mission to the Negro at the North. We were pleased to hear Bishop Walden acknowledge at the Lexington Conference that he is now fully convinced of this. It is gratifying to note, too, that our work is in some quarters developing quite rapidly. But in others it is evident that the fact that it tarried its coming so long is its greatest embarrassment. We have so long advocated just what the church now finds it must do faithfully and well that it is all very pleasing to us.

The colored preachers of Louisville, Ky., have organized a law and order league and, it is announced, are going to reach that element of the people that the churches cannot reach by their ordinary methods. The white ministers of this city have announced themselves as engaged in the same business, but one of their own number declares that nothing will come of it. With them it seems another case of "Who will bell the cat?" We sincerely trust the brethren of Louisville mean business and that some good will come of their organization.

An enterprising newspaper reporter of Washington, D. C., noticed that Mrs. Roosevelt and one or two other ladies went to church Easter Sunday wearing dresses that they had been known to wear before, that is to say, they did not wear new Easter gowns as he claims, hence he at once sent out through the Associated Press reports that they did not do so because the "Negroes of Washington ape the fashions." We doubt whether the class of ladies he refers to gave the Negroes a thought on this line. Negroes do not teach the whites all the sensible things they do nor force them to do them either.

Why One Pastor Killed His League Chapter

Some weeks since we published an editorial pointing out certain reasons for the decline of some of our League Chapters. Our purpose was to direct the attention of pastors and League officers to the work, to its dependence upon them, and thus to their shortcomings on this line. In all church work so much depends on the pastor that we take it for granted it is only necessary to have these heart to heart talks with him, point out the weak places in the great machinery under his care and have him know that we stand ready to render any assistance possible. And we may say as much of other church officials. Secretary Penn read that editorial, as we expected he would, and is pleased to call our attention to one of these self-confessed League killers who recently came under his own observation. We are pleased to present with this Brother Penn's letter. The brethren will see from this what a serious matter it is, and that the editorial to which we refer was on the right line. The church must catch and hold to her young people. When this cannot be done in the way we prefer, let us try it in the next best way. The only movements among them that should be killed are those that are injurious and sinful. Secretary Penn's letter follows:

RICHMOND, VA., April 3, 1903.

DEAR DR. SCOTT—I am deeply grateful to you for the editorial in the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE of March 19th relative to our Epworth League chapters. In line with your suggestions and criticisms, to which the decline in too many of our chapters is directly traceable, I beg to call your attention to an incident which recently happened in one of our conferences. The Bishop presiding asked a brother if he had an Epworth League. He answered by saying that the young people wanted to turn the League into a debating society and he KILLED IT. This brother in question seemed to have forgotten that, from one standpoint of practical work, the League is a debating society and that these young men had better have a debate in the church and under Christian influence than in a bar-room or pool-room. True, the spiritual department should have been uppermost and foremost, yet if this pastor wasn't able and tactful enough to direct the League, so that the debate was second to that of Christian devotion, he should not have killed the League and discouraged the young people doubtless for the future. I forbear to even seem to criticize the least of our brethren, and I think they know me well enough to know I am not given to that, but your timely editorial certainly warrants my bringing this case up, which emphasizes the fact that now and then we find one of our pastors who does nothing to keep the work going simply because he himself is off at a tangent, and if the League doesn't run to suit him he'll let it die by inattention, or "kill it," as our brother did. I sincerely trust all of this class who may read your editorial will remember that if they use the debate in the literary, the social or any other department, to get our young people in the church, it is just what God would have us do, for with many and different people there must be many and different ways to get them, and to me this is exactly what Paul

meant when he referred to himself as being "all things to all men," that he might save some.

Your splendid editorial has given me some other thoughts I will advance later, when I get into my office from this long trip. Gratefully,
I. GARLAND PENN.

Not a Hot Place But a Bad One

For a number of years we have heard of the abuses practiced on Negroes by the whites who inhabit and control what is known as the Mississippi Delta. This region lies along the river between Vicksburg and Memphis and is exceedingly fertile, but is said to be very largely under the control of men who neither fear God nor regard the rights of their fellow-man. While in the State of Mississippi a few days since we heard some gentlemen express the hope that the present high water might "destroy every vestige of civilization there to be found and leave the entire region to poisonous reptiles and wild beasts." This interested us, of course; hence we asked their reason for such a wish. This they did not hesitate to give. And, moreover, they declared that no fair-minded man black or white who has ever lived in the delta and knows the conditions existing there will say otherwise than that the situation of the Negro in that region is absolutely hopeless, and that this is equally true of the whites who live there to profit by the wholesale robbery and debauchery constantly kept up. We listened to their recital, much of which we had heard before, with the keenest interest. At the end of our journey we came upon another, who acknowledged that he was a "Delta runaway," and that he did so because it was the only way to ever accomplish anything for himself or his family. Some of the parties with whom we have conversed are men of high standing and their testimony would stand the test in any court where they are known.

From them and others we learn that a state of semi-slavery exists in the Delta, and when a Negro dared to leave he is run down, brought back and severely punished for his folly. In some quarters the stockade is in constant use to prevent their leaving. The planters and merchants have an understanding by which no Negro can get any supplies except through a white man, which also necessitates his crop being sold in the same way. To be once in debt is to be always in debt. The best one can do is to come out even, and then he must go in debt again to live till the next crop is made. No matter what a man has or makes, everything must be mortgaged, and he, in common with the poorest, is at the mercy of the mortgagee. To be thus bound not only places the male members of a family in the hands of bad white men but the females also. These we were told are often taken by force, which is resented by the husband or father at the peril of his life. But many do resent it, and we were assured that the majority of "bad negroes" who are reported killed in the Delta by white men are those who prefer to

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Our Contributors

Is This a Christian Nation?

By REV. JAMES W. MARTIN.

When, in the spiritual light of the gospel of truth, we consider the character and tendency of this great nation that occupies the United States of America; when we think of what the nation has been, is, and ought to be, measured by the law of righteousness; when we put in contrast the past and present and mark the vital changes, then this question, Is this a Christian nation? inevitably comes to the surface with amazing force.

We must admit that the United States is a great nation, with a great government, prestige and responsibility. Its history, to say the least, is wonderful if not glorious. In economics, politics, commerce and wealth it is one of the greatest powers of the earth. The Creator seems to have favored this nation with rare opportunities for developing the most noble manhood and thus produce the greatest of all the other nations.

With unlimited natural resources, a democratic government, popular institutions, superior social environments, free speech, free press, and religious toleration, still it is a question whether, with all these things, this nation is entitled to be called Christian. Whatever may be affirmed of Christ, the author of Christianity, may also be predicated of any or all of His followers. If this nation take Christ as the standard of its faith and practice, it is a Christian nation.

If Christ be accepted, then His commandments must be kept. If this nation professes Christ and fails to keep His commandments, it is Christian in name only—hypocritical. It does not bow down to gods of wood and stone, tho it may have a preference for silver and gold. If it believes in the one God of the eternal ages, it should certainly love, fear and obey Him. If it be Christian, regardless of color or condition, it will put a high estimate on the life, liberty and happiness of the individual; it will give new emphasis to the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; will seek the good of all according to the law of "Love your neighbor as yourself." A superior Christian nation—that is the modest claim of this nation—will employ superior Christian methods in dealing with the weak and inferior. But unjust discriminations, malicious misrepresentation, high-handed fraud, slander, proscription and unprovoked murder—all these and many other unmentionable ugly things are the settled way of this nation!

Evil cannot be overcome by the use of another but greater evil. "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good," is the law of righteousness that may well be observed by this degenerate nation. Force! Force! is the cry. In a thousand ways force is being used to crush the weak and strengthen the hands of the strong. The capitalists who have their fingers on the heart-valves of a suffering people do not hesitate to use force to carry out their measures; they get force in return.

The law is more often an engine of force than justice. "Not by might," nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

This nation has never lost anything gained of wealth, knowledge and power, but it is hard to tell whether it has retained all it has gained on the side of righteousness. One part of this nation is meekly making concessions of many points gained on the side of right to the other part as a bold, greedy aggressor on the side of wrong. The former says, "We must have peace," and yield up, without a murmur of effectual protest, many a

trophy of right to the other part, that is emboldened by the grant to make even greater demands. Such a sacrifice of righteousness for peace that is no peace can only intensify the folly. The concession by a part of this nation of the political and civil rights of a class of citizens to another class that has no disposition to do right by those over whom the advantage is given is a vital mistake, creating new difficulties from which the whole nation will be a long time, at a great cost, extricating itself.

A Christian nation does not tolerate selfish class legislation. It does not put a premium on what a man has, but on the worth of the man. It harmonizes all the various elements of society into one strong social body, each member of which is vitally interested in the welfare of the other. There is a place, function and responsibility for every element of mankind in the great social compact. Any one element, put out of its proper relation which it sustains to society, causes endless confusion and disturbs the equilibrium of the whole body social.

It is needless to go into details.

Every now and then we are surprised and pleased with what we think is an upward tendency of this nation. What we regard to-day as sure signs of a progressive Christian nation, to-morrow prove to be a delusion of a bedimmed imagination.

Take the secular press; it does more to shape public sentiment than the religious press. The *New York World*, *Post* and *Times* and many others of the same kind and rank of daily papers have more readers than the same number of religious papers of much higher order. These evil spirits infuse into the minds of the people, for seven days to a week, the most deadly virus, stupefying the conscience and rendering the mind unsusceptible of right impressions. The secular press shapes public opinion for this nation. Public sentiment is greater than the law that dares to act against it; it is greater than the pulpit that stands dumb in its awful presence. Public sentiment is powerful for God or the devil, more often for the latter in this country.

Yellow journalism is root, branch and fruit of this nation's ill-temper. That the tendency of this nation is toward ungodliness cannot be denied by the most sanguine optimist, even if all things may work together for good in the long run.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Civic, social and political righteousness will exalt this nation to a height not yet attained. But power, wealth and great achievements in war, science and art can never raise any nation to the apex of true glory. Look at the graves of the dead nations of the past. Read the epitaph upon their sepulchres. What saith it? "Exaltation without righteousness is death!"

Then read the history of those dead nations. What were their sins? What are the sins of this nation to-day?

This, undoubtedly, is an enlightened and religious nation; but never a Christian nation.

As long as Roosevelt, who stands for righteousness, is at the head of this nation, let the people rejoice.

Hobson City, Ala.

Birmingham the Place for our Great Central School

By REV. R. J. BUCKNER, M. D.

Birmingham has the advantage over nearly every town in Alabama as the place for a great Central School for the two conferences. First, it is centrally located. Second, it will not be handicapped by any other school, for there is no other

school located in Birmingham. Third, there are more members of our church in and around Birmingham than elsewhere. Fourth, the church needs a school of higher grade for the two conferences. Fifth, the board of commissioners appointed, after taking everything under consideration, believe in their Godly judgment that Birmingham is the place, and that students can reach the school more conveniently owing to the railroad facilities. Seemingly Dr. Speight, in his lengthy article, fears that some of the brethren of his conference will forget his school at Marion, or they might be broad in their views concerning the masses of the people in Alabama and the church to which we belong; hence in the tones of Patrick Henry he gives the alarm and says to his brethren, "be warned!" On doing this the dear doctor seems to aim with all the force of his intellect to have the church believe that the commissioners were the representatives of some land company in Birmingham. It would have been all right, no doubt, had the commissioners decided on Marion. This land company scare must have had its birth in the mind of our good brothers. He quotes very extensively letters that he received from Dr. Nelson, who voted in the affirmative with the commissioners, but afterward, as Dr. Speights says, saw the error of his vote or for other reasons changed. Does Dr. Speights mean to have the public believe that Dr. Nelson is playing the baby act or that he is ignorant? Dr. Nelson is too intellectual and experienced in such affairs to attempt such. We want to say that the board of commissioners appointed by the conferences were believed to be men in every sense of the term, and not "things" that could be bought by a land company or be prejudiced by any rank speech for or against the cause they represented. That day for black men in the M. E. Church to allow geographical lines, race, color, self-aggrandizement or notoriety to be their guide in the face of the people's need or facts, is passed never to return. The charge that Dr. Speights brings against Presiding Elder Smith and the writer that we are being used by some land company so much that the reason we gave for the school coming to Birmingham, is so very mean that we simply answer by saying that the doctor's understanding is bad or his prejudices are very high. He is forgetful when he says this idea of a great central school has just come up since the division of the conferences and his school at Marion started. This question has been agitated for years by many of the fathers of the church, who suffered, bled and died for the great cause of Methodism, and many who are living to-day to see such a school established for our children in Alabama. It is needed so that when they have finished at our Normal School they will not be forced to the college of some other church, but get all they want in their own church, and do their life-work without a broken link. When he tells us that this was brought about as he is told by one of the presiding elders of the Central Alabama Conference because the conference is a failure, I want to say, regardless of what the presiding elder told the doctor, as a member of the Central Alabama Conference, I want to emphatically deny the charge and cite him to the reports of our last conference. He further says that the Huntsville Academy is a failure. Our school is not a failure by any means. It has served, and is serving, its purpose well. But we want a school of higher grade. If the Academy is a failure, who is more to blame than Dr. Speights, for he was our pastor at Huntsville for several years, and was one of the leading lights of the conference, and the sentinel to watch all that went on.

Dr. Speights quotes Dr. Nelson as saying Birmingham is only offering a small piece of land the size of one or two city lots, and that for the purpose of selling lots to other Negroes by the land company. This is a mistake. We have never offered less than five acres of land. It was Dr. Nelson who instructed the local board, which is composed of Brothers B. G. Smith, O. Townsend, Prof. W. C. Davis, Dr. U. G. Mason and the writer, that we should locate the school where other lands could be bought. If this instruction was given for the purpose for which Dr. Speights is using it, I want to say for the committee it is a sad failure. I want to say that the local board will offer as much as any other town. Whether the conference agrees with our selection or not, as their representatives we have the consciousness of doing our duty and the approval of the F. A. and S. E. committees that visited our city in the person of Bishop Walden, Col. Johnson, Judge Boyd and Dr. Pearson. We may not be in the black belt, as some say, but we have black people to educate, and we are a part of the great M. E. Church. The gentlemen above named admire our city, as well as Dr. Thirkield admires Marion. I am for the school.

Birmingham, Ala.

The Delaware Conference

By REV. W. F. WATERS.

The fortieth session of the Delaware Conference convened at Pocomoke, Md., March 25-29. Bishop C. H. Fowler presided. F. H. Butler was elected secretary; assistants, J. H. Blake, F. J. Handy, R. G. Waters, W. F. Cotton, W. A. Hubbard. J. E. A. Johns was elected statistical secretary; assistants, W. S. Brown, C. S. Spriggs, W. E. Waters, W. J. Bean, J. W. Fenderson. N. W. Moore was elected treasurer; assistants, J. R. Brown, C. W. Pullett, R. G. Riley, A. L. Martin, S. S. Jolly, D. H. Hargis, C. E. Henry, P. M. Shelton.

The conference session was in every way a great one. The addresses and sermon of the Bishop, together with those of the various church representatives, were a source of living helpfulness and power to those who heard them. The conference was remarkable for the orderliness and celerity with which its business was dispatched. Its members are an intelligent, manly, genial and courteous set of men.

Among the distinguished visitors present were Drs. M. C. B. Mason, Secretary Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society; W. D. Kelley, editor *Methodist Review*; J. O. Spencer, president Morgan College; Profs. Frank Trigg, principal Princess Anne Academy; I. G. Penn, assistant general secretary Epworth League; Dr. T. C. Iliff, of the Church Extension Society; F. B. Clagg, agent Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal Book Room.

Among the memorable speeches of the conference were Bishop Fowler's address to the class for admission; Dr. Mason's speech on the relation of Africa in America to Africa in Europe; those of Prof. Penn and Rev. S. S. Jolly delivered on night of the League anniversary; Revs. C. A. Tindale and W. C. Jasons in the interests of missions, and the strong missionary sermon preached by Rev. J. R. Brown.

Those received on trial are: W. C. West, W. T. Purnell, R. S. Johns, Charles E. Winston, L. J. Waters. Admitted into full connection: T. H. Kiah, W. H. Turner, T. W. Cooper. F. A. Culen was transferred to the New York Conference, and J. H. Jenkins from the Washington Conference to the Delaware.

The treasurer announced the following benevolent collections:

Missionary Society.....	\$4,221
Church Extension.....	774
Sunday School Union.....	119
Tract Society.....	101
Freedmen's Aid and Southern Ed. Soc....	1,037
Education.....	344
American Bible Society.....	115
W. H. Missionary Society.....	94
Other benevolent collections.....	2,012
General Conference expenses.....	335
Conference Claimants.....	1,039
Episcopal fund.....	665

Total.....\$10,856
Total last year.....10,377

Increase.....\$479

According to the statistics given by the secretary, the membership compares with the previous year as follows: Probationers last year 2,649, this year 2,593, decrease 346; full members last year 19,325, this year 18,390, decrease 935.

Following are the appointments. All places not otherwise designated are in Maryland:

Cambridge District—L. Y. Cox, presiding elder, Milford, Del.; Aireys, D. W. Martin; Beckwith, supplied by T. H. Winters; Berlin, N. B. Snowden; Berlin circuit, A. W. Lowber; Bridgeville, Del., G. B. Coleman; Cambridge, A. L. Martin; Cambridge circuit, J. H. Cooper; Church Creek, G. R. Hollis; Crapo, W. J. Hudson; East New Market, A. F. Ennels; Federalsburg, W. J. Wilson; Frankford, Del., supplied by R. S. Johns; Harrington, Del., supplied by Charles Earle; Hurllock, C. J. Hall; Laurel, Del., C. E. Hemsley; Lewes, Del., P. W. Price; Lincoln, Del., J. E. A. D. Grigsby; Linkwood and Vienna, L. E. Toulson; Madison, C. H. Green; Mardella Springs, G. W. Downs; Milford, Del., R. G. Waters; Milton, Del., supplied by W. C. West; Nassau and Rehoboth, Del., F. J. Lee; Preston, J. M. Whittington; Seaford circuit, Del., T. W. Cooper; Trinity, Warwick, W. C. West; Whaleyville, D. F. Lowber.

Centreville District—N. W. Moore, presiding elder, Centreville, Md.; Carmichael, G. T. Townsend; Centreville, F. H. Butler; Centreville circuit, C. A. Norwood; Chestertown, W. E. Waters; Church Hill, L. H. Martin; Coleman, W. A. Hubbard; Denton, T. A. Johnson; Easton, A. L. Henry; Easton circuit, W. T. Purnell; Fairlee, J. R. Brinkley; Greensboro, P. M. Shelton; Kent Island, R. H. Coleman; McDaniel, W. C. Bowland; Melitota, T. B. H. Coleman; Oxford, W. I. Bean; Pomona, J. W. Bond; Ridgely, J. W. Jefferson; Royal Oak, Abraham Chase; St. Michaels, R. G. Riley; Skipton, P. T. Scott; Still Pond, F. T. Johnson; Trappe, J. H. Winters; Williston, supplied by S. A. Earle; Wittman, E. H. Nichols; Woodland, supplied by N. D. Scott.

Philadelphia District—A. R. Shockly, presiding elder, 1836 Van Pelt street, Philadelphia, Pa.; Atlantic City, N. J., S. S. Jolly; Bridgeton and Friendship, N. J., J. M. King; Bridgeton circuit, N. J., S. Hammond; Brooklyn, N. Y., C. E. Winston; Burlington and Morrisville, N. J., C. E. Davis; Camden, N. J., E. E. Parker; Cape May, N. J., F. C. Wright; Cape May circuit, supplied by W. C. Armstrong; Chester, Pa., Siloam Memorial, J. E. Gunby; Chester, Pa., St. Daniel, J. H. Scott; Grenloch, N. J., to be supplied, J. W. Parker; Hudson, N. Y., D. D. Turpeau; Merchantville, N. J., M. V. Waters; Montclair, N. J., J. H. Blake; Mount Holly, N. J., I. D. Pitts; Magnolia, N. J., W. J. Moore; Newark, N. J., F. J. Handy; New Haven, Conn., M. C. Jennings; Orange, N. J., C. W. Pullett; Ocean City, T. H. Kiah; Ossining, N. Y., supplied by W. L. Butler.

Philadelphia: Bainbridge Street, C. A. Tindley; Frankford, T. M. Hubbard; Germantown, W. F. Cotton; Haven, W. T. Hemsley; John Wesley, J. L. Parker; St. Paul (St. Mark's),

D. H. Hargis; Zoar, H. A. Monroe; Summer-ville, H. R. Purnell; Waterloo, J. W. Shaw.

Rossville, N. Y., J. H. Jenkins; Salem, N. J., J. C. Dunn; Salem circuit, W. S. Brown.

Salisbury District—J. R. Waters, presiding elder, 607 Poplar Hill avenue, Salisbury, Md.; Box Iron, H. Waters; Cottage Grove, supplied by J. W. Waters; Crisfield, I. H. Harman; Dames Quarter, L. T. Robbins; Deal's Island, L. W. Deakins; Exmore, Va., supplied by Samuel Coffman; Fairmount, J. F. Molock; Fair Oaks, Va., J. W. Bowling; Fruitland, J. R. Holland; Hope-well, S. W. Waters; Jamestown (postoffice Man-okin, Md.), H. T. Johnson; Leemont, Va., (post-office Grape, Va.), E. D. Havens; Marion Station, I. H. White; Marion circuit, supplied by S. F. Ward; Nanticoke, D. A. Ridout; Oak Hall, Va., R. H. Boggs; Oriole, C. E. Henry; Parsonburg, E. C. Rogers; Pocomoke City, J. H. B. Hubbard; Princess Anne, M. H. Horsey; Puncheon Landing (postoffice Pocomoke City), W. H. Johnson; Quantico, J. A. Jeffers; Salisbury, J. E. A. Johns; Salisbury circuit, W. C. Armstrong; Snow Hill, M. L. McKenny; Snow Hill circuit, J. H. Gunnage; Stockton, C. L. Anderson; Unionville (postoffice Pocomoke City), J. W. Fenderson; Wattsville, Va., J. S. Coulbourn; White's Chapel, B. W. Berry; Wetip-quin, supplied by W. H. Hayman; White Haven, J. W. Cook; Widgeon, J. E. Cook.

Wilmington District—J. H. Nutter, presiding elder, 903 French street, Wilmington, Del.; Barclay, supplied by W. H. Johns; Catlin, S. T. Parker; Chesterville, supplied by A. J. Wallace; Cheswold, Del., W. H. Turner; Crumpton, J. L. Davis; Delaware City, J. W. W. Cox; Dover, Del., J. H. Johnson; Dover circuit (Del.), D. R. Dunn; Galena, C. W. Moore; Maryland, G. T. Fields; Middleton, Del., J. R. Brown; Millington, C. S. Sprigg; New Castle, J. E. Webb; Newport circuit, W. E. Hilton; Odessa, Del., J. C. Banton; Port Deposit, S. E. Maloney; Sassifras, I. H. Johnson; Smyrna, Del., E. O. Parker; Townsend, Del., J. K. Adams. Wilmington, Del.: Ezion, P. O'Connell; Haven, E. H. Webb; Mt. Joy, W. J. L. Hughes.

W. C. Jason, president of Delaware State College for Colored Students, Dover, Del., and member Dover quarterly conference.

About the Delaware Conference

None there are greater among us!

The presiding elders, Drs. A. R. Shockly, J. R. Waters, J. H. Nutter, L. Y. Cox and J. H. Scott, rendered interesting reports of the great work they have done during the year. On each district there were advances made in the interests of the church.

Among the many pastors' wives present were Mesdames A. R. Shockly, H. A. Monroe, J. R. Waters, C. S. Spriggs, W. F. Cotton, I. J. Elbert, C. A. Norwood, C. E. Davis, T. W. Cooper, J. Pierce, J. R. Brinkley, J. E. Webb.

Under the presidency of Mrs. A. R. Shockly, the cultured and pleasant wife of Presiding Elder Shockly, the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Conference has accomplished a beautiful work of blessing this year. Mrs. I. J. Elbert is the corresponding secretary. The organization in this conference is only three years old, yet it has done much good. There are seventeen auxiliaries and 277 members. It made special donations this year to Boylan Home, Jacksonville, Fla.; the Colored Deaconess Home in Cincinnati, and to the conference stewards for the worn-out preachers and deceased preachers' families.

Dr. M. C. B. Mason's address touched the hearts of those who heard it. It was eloquent, strong, inspiring. This speech will surely enlist missionaries for Africa.

The Conference made a visit to Princess Anne Academy in a body and was heartily received by Principal Frank Trigg. Speeches were made by the principal, Revs. S. S. Jolly, D. H. Hargis, C. A. Tindley, Prof. I. G. Penn, Dr. J. O. Spencer, and others. It will no doubt quicken interest in

the school to have the ministers see, as they did, what the school is accomplishing for the people.

Rev. W. C. Jason, the principal of Delaware State College, takes a collection gracefully and successfully.

Dr. H. A. Monroe, of Philadelphia, presided on several platform occasions. It is pleasing to see the doctor preside.

Rev. C. A. Tindlay charmed the audience with good evangelical singing. He, with Rev. A. R. Shockly, compiled the song book known as "New Songs of the Gospel."

I was the guest of Captain and Mrs. Robert H. Henry, the second richest citizen of Pocomoke. It is said he is worth about \$100,000. Captain Henry owns and controls vessels plying between Pocomoke and Baltimore and Philadelphia. The cabinet sessions were held in his beautiful upper parlors.

Rev. J. H. B. Hubbard, our pastor at Pocomoke, made it pleasant for all attending the conference. He has had a year of success.

Life of Faith

The Memory Guild For Learning Best Hymns

BISHOP H. W. WARREN.

A Psalm of Faith.

We are indebted to the Herrnhutters for this hymn, as Wesley was for the experience of its bold statements. The statements are no more bold than those of the Bible (I. John 2:2; Heb. 2:9.)

It was the experience of these truths that changed Wesley from an ordinary clergyman to a propagator of a world-wide evangelism.

It is no wonder he translated this hymn of his spiritual helper; also 128 and 461 *con amore*.

Count Zinzendorf wrote over one thousand hymns.

SUFFICIENCY OF THE ATONEMENT.

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in thy great day.
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am,
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

The holy, meek, unspotted Lamb,
Who from the Father's bosom came,
Who died for me, e'en me to atone,
Now for my Lord and God I own.

Lord, I believe thy precious blood,
Which, at the mercy-seat of God,
Forever doth for sinners plead,
For me, e'en for my soul, was shed.

Lord, I believe were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.

—Nicholas Zinzendorf (b. 1700, d. 1760).
(Translated by John Wesley.)

Christian Resignation

When Madame Guyon was imprisoned in the Castle of Vincennes, in 1695, she not only sang, but wrote songs of praise to her God. "It sometimes seemed to me," she said, "as if I were a little bird whom the Lord had placed in a cage, and that I had nothing now to do but sing. The joy of my heart gave a brightness to the objects around me. The stones of my prison looked in my eyes like rubies. I esteemed them more than all the gaudy brilliancies of a vain world. My heart was full of that joy which Thou givest to them that love Thee in the midst of their greatest crosses;" a sentiment which she embodied during one of her imprisonments in a sweet little poem, beginning thus:

"A little bird am I,
Shut from the fields of air,
And in my songs I sit and sing
To Him who placed me there:
Well pleased a prisoner to be,
Because, my God, it pleaseth Thee."

—*Teachers' Treasury.*

"In All Thy Ways Acknowledge Him"

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." "Acknowledge him" as thy guide, thine only, thy necessary guide. Refuse to stir a step without him, as the blind man who stops the moment he misses his guide. Without him thou art in utter darkness, and thy next step may be into a pit. He has made thee thus dependent. It is not enough that the sun shines for thee, the earth upholds thee, and all God's works wait upon thee; all these finite ministers can not guarantee thee one safe step. God has ordained it. He created thee to be guided by himself, and unless thou canst call into existence an other God like him for thyself, thou hast, without him, no guarantee in any of thy paths. Therefore acknowledge him as thy guide.

"In all thy ways"—in thy worship; in thy study of his word; in thy intercourse with his people; in thy traffic with the world; in thy business and in thy recreation; at thy meals; in thy correspondence; in thy reading; in thy dress. What! in these petty matters? Yes, "in all thy ways." Thinkest thou that God will have no word for thee on such topics? Be undeceived. Thou shalt find a revelation of the will of God for every one of thy paths. There is no need for thee ever to let go his hand. Not a single hair in thy head receives its aliment without him. Why, then, should a single step be taken without him? Think, and you shall see that the fate of millions may be involved in the least step that you may be called to take.—*Bowen's Daily Meditations.*

Christian Courtesy

There is a politeness which springs from the pit, and another that comes down from heaven. Flattery, insincerity, exaggeration, are alike alien to the Christian life; but interest in another's welfare, deference to another's views and the wish to brighten another's path, are all graces of the Christian spirit. The foreign ambassadors who refused to prostrate themselves before the Emperor of China were as right as the Quakers who kept on their hats in the presence of George Washington were wrong. Christianity fosters independence, but condemns boorishness; and Paul has rightly been called "the finest gentleman in history."

It is a remarkable characteristic of the epistles of the greatest of the apostles that he greets by name so many in the various churches to which the letters are addressed. He mentions the particular kindnesses they have shown him, and the individual services they have rendered to the church of Christ. He indicates his affection for certain of the brethren who were older in the fellowship of the Master than himself. He remembers with loving commendation those who had proven themselves the hosts of friendless disciples. He does not forget to name certain ones who had put their own lives in peril for his sake.—*Interior.*

Woman's Dominion

Perfectly Clean Teeth the Secret of Health

At the Philadelphia County Medical Society's meeting recently Dr. E. G. Smith read a paper on "Mouth Contagion," says the Philadelphia Press. The doctor, who is a skilled surgeon, as

well as physician, said that in the human mouth there were from twenty to thirty inches of exposed dental surface, every inch of which was made the resting place of disease germs of all kinds.

In coughing, sneezing or even in breathing microscopic globules of moisture were expelled from the mouth, each drop laden with disease germs. These floated in the air and were breathed in by others, taken into the lungs, where they lodged either in the tissues or in the blood.

Many diseases, among them uremia, dyspepsia, tonsilitis and tuberculosis, he thought, could in many cases be traced directly to contagion of this kind.

The remedy was only to be found in absolute cleanliness of the mouth. This could not be obtained by the ordinary methods employed.

A thorough scouring and polishing of the teeth with orange wood sticks, using powdered pumice stone as the agent for polishing, is necessary once a month, he said.

Proper Carriage For the Body

Dressmakers do their best; corsetmakers, too; but the fact remains that, while there has been a decided improvement in the carriage of women during the last few years, there are still many who need to be told how the body should be poised. It is such a simple thing to learn—requiring only a little care after the knowing how is established. Poise is the prime necessity. To acquire it is easy, if only the patient does not wear out. Who has not admired the easy, erect carriage of the Italian women who bear heavy burdens on their heads? After a time, middle age often gives to their figures a thickness peculiar to the nation, caused, no doubt, by fat-producing diet. But in youth, as they carry heavy baskets about on their heads, no better examples of perfect poise can be found.

Carrying burdens on the head is good exercise for anyone. Unless the body is firmly poised, the burden will fall. Stand with a jardiniere or some other large vessel balanced on the head, and you will see the benefit at a glance. The head must be held erect, the chin somewhat drawn in and the body nearly erect. To acquire a proper erectness of carriage, with the jar still balanced on the head, throw the chest forward and the hips back, allowing the arms to fall loosely at the sides.—*Picayune.*

Ounces of Precaution

Food brought into the sickroom and not entirely consumed there should be burned or poured out; the same rule holds good with ice and with milk, says an exchange. These seem to offer special attraction to disease germs, and warming them over to give to the patient a second time is apt to work havoc undreamed of by the inexperienced.

Many an instance of reinfection in diphtheritic or in influenza cases has been traced to some such direct source as this, and whether it was due to ignorance, carelessness or stupidly false economy made no difference in the distressing result.

Too few of us use simple common sense in such matters. If we did, the delicacy that failed to tempt the patient's appetite when it was presented in the sickroom would never be passed on to some other member of the family because it seems a pity to waste it. Nor would glass, china or silver used in the sickroom be permitted to come in contact with the family tableware without previous disinfection by scalding.—*Picayune.*

Orange Charlotte

Soak one-third box of gelatine in one-third cup of cold water; then add one-third cup of boiling water and stir over boiling water until dissolved; strain; add one cup of sugar, three table-spoonfuls of lemon juice, one cup of orange juice and pulp; turn into a pan and stand the pan in cold water; when mixture begins to thicken add the whites of three eggs beaten stiff, folding them in carefully; line a mold with sections of oranges or mandarins, turn in the mixture, put in a cool place; serve with a border of whipped cream.

Chicken salad goes farther and tastes quite as well with the addition of a little cold roast pork.

Young Friends**Days of Jeremiah—**

By MISS INEZ A. GODMAN.

CHAPTER V.

"Call the elders," said Josiah, "call the priests and the scribes. I will have this law read unto them."

So they came together, a great congregation of the chief men of Jerusalem. They listened gravely while the law was read and smote their breasts at the thought of such calamities, but they were not really moved until Josiah himself spoke to them.

He was yet a young man—not thirty years of age, and as he stood before them in his royal robes and plead for a return to Jehovah they yielded; those rich rulers of the city, and aristocratic, white-haired priests, they fell upon their faces.

"We will make anew the covenant," they cried; "we will return to our God."

The next day they called the people together, a mighty assembly surrounding the Temple, all the people of Jerusalem, men, women and children, and the law was read to them. Then the King stood up before them, by the same pillar where he had been crowned.

"Lift me up, mamma," cried a childish voice; "I want to see the King."

"Hush, Dan, mother is tired." But two strong arms reached over and Jeremiah held the little one up and above the crowd.

(II. Kings, 23: 1-3.) They were solemn words that Josiah spoke, making a covenant to walk after the Lord and keep His commandments with all his heart, and with all his soul; and all the people joined in the covenant.

Then Josiah appointed a passover feast to be kept the fourteenth day of the first month, and the people rejoiced. It had been many years since they had kept the passover, and they prepared for it with great joy. Those were busy days. The Temple was repaired and put in order, all idols and idol altars were destroyed (Jer. 11:6), and Jeremiah went upon a missionary journey to preach the law and notify the country of the coming passover.

In every place he spoke the same words, telling the people of the covenant the King had made, calling upon them to stand to it, and proclaiming the terrible curses God had promised if the people did not obey.

In many places the people heard him gladly and began to prepare for the passover, but on his return journey he stopped at Anathoth, his old home, and there he had a bitter experience. He spoke there as at other places, and the people listened with seeming interest, but secretly plotted to kill him. Jeremiah had often been discour-

aged because the people rejected the words he spoke, but it had not occurred to him that he himself might be rejected. He went eagerly to his old friends and relations with joyous heart, and was met with polite scorn.

"Who is Jeremiah," said they, "to set himself up and say that God has called him to prophesy? Only a few years back he was a boy with us, but since he has gone to live in the city he thinks himself a god. If he does not stop this foolishness he shall die by our hand."

Ah, but this was bitterness to the young prophet. He went again into the vineyard and fell upon his face.

(Jer. 11: 18-23, 12: 1-6.) "Oh, Lord of hosts," he prayed, "unto Thee have I revealed my cause. Let me see Thy vengeance upon them. I was as a gentle lamb that is lead to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised against me. O, Lord, Thou knowest me; Thou seest me and triest my heart toward Thee."

Then came again the voice to his soul: "I will punish them, I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth." But Jeremiah's heart was yet sore.

"Oh, Lord," he cried, "wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? Wherefore are all they at ease that deal very treacherously?"

Then came the voice yet again. God knew that this was but the beginning of Jeremiah's trials.

"If thou hast run with the footmen and they have wearied thee, how canst thou contend with the horses? And though in a land of peace thou art secure, yet how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?"

The prophet felt the rebuke, and after praying for strength and courage took his way back to Jerusalem. The whole city was occupied in preparation for the passover, and Jeremiah joined in heartily. Perhaps his experience at Anathoth had been good for him; perhaps his love for little Daniel softened his words; perhaps the interest of the people in the passover drew them towards the prophet; at any rate they listened to him eagerly, put away their idols, and prepared heartily for the great feast. (II. Chron. 35: 1-19.) And it was a great feast, an immense multitude of people and a mighty rejoicing. The people were so impressed and influenced by it that they did not return to their idols for many years (II. Chron. 34: 33). Indeed as long as Josiah lived to guide them, the majority of his subjects served Jehovah and kept the covenant made by their King.

(To be Continued.)

Educational**Alcorn A. & M. College**

By PROF. PERRY W. HOWARD.

Alcorn A. and M. College is closing a most prosperous year; and all forces over which man seemingly has no control have combined to make it so.

The enrollment has reached 535, breaking the record of all previous years.

The new dormitory for girls has been completed at a cost of \$18,000. This is a three-story, brick structure, neat, well-ordered, and well appointed. It is already inadequate to accommodate the girls on the grounds and those applying for admission.

Those in charge of this department are: Mrs. America Lucas, preceptress; Mrs. Anna Grey, instructor in millinery and dressmaking, and Miss Sarah Page, domestic sciences. Mrs. Lucas is a graduate of the college department of Fisk University. Mrs. Grey and Miss Page are graduates of Tougaloo University.

The co-educational feature is a decided success.

Work will soon begin on the general industrial building, which is to contain all of the industrial departments now in operation.

The ensuing commencement promises to be a grand one.

The Rev. Dr. Robert E. Jones, of the Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has kindly consented to deliver the commencement address. The Rev. Dr. H. M. Thompson, of West Point, Miss., will preach the annual sermon.

Commencement week will be May 15 to 21.

There will be 7 graduates from the college department, 32 in normal, 4 in shoemaking, 4 in painting, 4 in blacksmithing, 4 in carpentry and one in agriculture, making a total of 56.

President Lanier is closing his fourth year as the worthy executive of this institution. He has spared no pains in his effort to drive dissension from the college, broaden its scope and enlarge its usefulness.

If the present conditions obtain, only the prophetic vision of the wisest seer can tell of its future magnitude and influence:

Westside, Miss.

Bishop Hartzell at Gammon

Bishop J. C. Hartzell, of Africa, has just paid our school a visit, which proved an inspiration and a blessing to all.

The Bishop delivered four lectures on Africa, treating of the following phases of the subject: "The Continent of Africa," "Nation Building in Africa," "The Native African," "The Missionary Outlook in Africa."

The interest, which was great at the first, increased with every lecture, so that at the last the chapel was crowded to overflowing.

The Bishop went straight to the heart of every subject and gave just those facts, relative to the people, their customs, religion and hopes, which those interested in Africa would like to know.

The impressions made were deep and abiding, and at the close several of our brethren offered themselves to the Bishop for service in Africa.

W. W. LUCAS.

Cookman Institute has just received a donation of 100 new song books, "Songs of the Century," the gift of Mr. Samuel H. Pye, of the Western Book Concern; Mr. George D. Elderkin, the author of the book, and Mr. O. A. Oliver, the cashier of the Book Concern. Mr. Pye, when visiting Cookman in January, saw our need of song books. He promised Prof. Thomas that on his return he would send him a donation. The gift is greatly appreciated by both teachers and students.

Meridian Academy

To the Ministers of the Mississippi Conference:

DEAR BROTHERS—May 10, 1903 (second Sunday), was the date fixed by the conference for F. A. collection. Dr. Mason wants each pastor to take the collection on second Sunday in May and forward the same to him on the 11th, Monday.

Over \$600 worth of work has been done since January, and twenty-two rooms are now occupied. One hard pull all together will complete everything. We want each pastor to report in person or by letter at commencement, May 14, 1903. Those who promised to furnish rooms are requested to write me at once. This has been a blessed year in school—twenty-two rooms of the building used; a great revival fire swept over us, which resulted in the conversion of thirty-five souls; over 400 students enrolled; and many valuable gifts of household goods received and

put into teachers' and students' rooms. Drop me a card on May 11, giving amount your charge raised, and be present commencement, May 14, 1903. Hoping to visit your charge this year in person, and praying God's richest blessing upon you, I am, your humble yoke-fellow,

J. L. WILSON.

Meridian, Miss., April 8, 1903.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.-C. Conference

On the Hoang-Ho

K'ai-Feng Fu.—"It has been quite remarkable to witness the interest shown in the Gospel services. Each Sunday afternoon finds a little group going forth to hold an 'open air.' Pictures are fixed to a wall and the crowds soon gather. We can preach thus without let or hindrance. An invitation to the evening meeting at the hall is given and we return home. So large were the crowds that came at night that we had to move into the courtyard. Three or four lamps hung round served to light it. The quiet stars overhead and the eager throng gathered below served to make a picture that will not be readily effaced from my mind.

"How they listened! Standing shoulder to shoulder, sometimes as closely as they could be packed, they heard for the first time the words of life.

"One dear old man was led in by a little girl. She was eyesight for him, and helped to relieve the monotony of his blind existence. Night after night they came, age and youth. It was a pretty sight to see—the old man leaning on his stick and the child resting up against him. He stammered badly, and one day when I was talking to him he asked, with evident concern, 'Do you understand me?' On receiving an answer in the affirmative, he told me how they would talk over all they heard at the meeting. Should he forget something, she would supply that which was missing and vice versa, so that between them they could recall most of what they heard—precious truths from the Word of God. The dear old man rose up one night to testify that he believed in Jesus to the saving of his soul. Pray for many such."—Dr. G. W. Guinness.

American Churches Also Need the Missionary Spirit

One of the next great developments which we hope to see in the religious life of India is a revival of missionary interest among the Anglo-Indian and Eurasian congregations of all the various churches in the empire. What such a revival would mean for the evangelization of India may be readily imagined.

In three-fourths of these English-speaking congregations the subject of missions is either never touched upon at all or in such a perfunctory, indefinite way as to accomplish nothing. What is needed is the organization of each local church on the basis of obligation to evangelize the community in which it is planted. This idea ought to enter into the very existence of every European church in this land, and the ideal ought to be kept before each church without any "let up."

Of course, it is easy to suggest this in an editorial note, and none know better than the writer that one of the most difficult problems of the age is to bring the European community of India into sympathetic and helpful touch with practical missionary work. The problem will never solve itself. Unless men of God with the heavenly fire

burning in their hearts and a genuine passion for the evangelization of the world take hold of it, nothing in the direction indicated will ever be accomplished.—*Indian Witness*.

Epworth League

April 26.

Missionary Meetings—Missions to Foreigners in Our Own Land

(Jonah 3:1-10; Matt. 25:35-40.)

Monday—The penalty of neglect. Heb. 1:13-2, 4.

Tuesday—The place of Christ in home mission work. Luke 11:29-33.

Wednesday—The fruit of labor. Matt. 13:1-9.

Thursday—An admonition of duty. Ezek. 33:1-9.

Friday—An unheeded call. Jonah 1:1-17.

Saturday—A clear call to service. Jonah 3:1-10.

The Word.

"Arise, go unto Ninevah, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. * * * And the people of Ninevah believed God. * * * And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way" (Jonah 3:2, 5, 10). "I was a stranger, and ye took me in" (Matt. 25:35). The passage from Jonah and that from Matthew, selected and placed with the topic, are both finely suggestive of some of the conditions of foreigners in our own land, and of mission work for them. Ninevah was a great city, and the special mission problem of reaching the foreign peoples who come among us is confined almost wholly to our great cities. Jonah, of a different speech and religion, would seem to have the same difficulties in effectively preaching to the Ninevites that we experience in evangelizing many of the foreigners. Then the whole passage in Matthew points to what is probably the one channel through which we can conquer any prejudice of race or religion anywhere in the world, by coming to people in a Christlike way on the simple basis of their needs.

The Theme: "Missions to Foreigners in Our Own Land."

1. The United States doubtless has an unparalleled destiny as a mission nation. It has been a missionary of liberty, of popular government, of invention, of the efficiency of human labor to accomplish results, of free schools and a free press. Its churches and missionary societies already have an illustrious record of mission enterprise and success among the peoples of nearly every country on the globe.

2. Our own land is also the center to which peoples from all other parts of the earth gather, so that mission work may be done for them, not by going abroad, but by evangelizing them where they are in this country. Some opening chapters of this work read like a romance. William Nast was converted in 1835, as a beginning out of which the great German work has grown, now embracing ten Conferences, and for the extension of Gospel influences these Conferences receive from the Methodist Episcopal Missionary Society \$35,700 in 1903. In 1835 O. G. Hedstrom was received on trial in the New York Conference, and ten years later began the Scandinavian work, which receives this year \$50,499 of mission funds. Mission work was begun among the Chinese on the Pacific coast in 1868, and to this work is now given \$12,534. Fourteen different foreign peoples are now named by the Methodist parent board as embraced in its mis-

sion efforts in this land, and, including special funds for cities, this work is to receive, for 1903, \$183,523.

3. The Woman's Home Missionary Society is also doing a work that touches our foreign population at many points. Through its immigrant home agencies at New York, Boston and Philadelphia 910 steamers were met, with their thousands of foreign passengers, to whom were extended Christian care and counsel as they entered the portals of a new land. Spanish and Italian work and that for Asiatic peoples, besides the whole range of nationalities reached by its deaconess mission homes in the cities, may fill out the total round of what their workers are doing for our foreign element.

4. The Presbyterian Church has missions about as extensive as those of our own church among the Chinese and Japanese of the Pacific coast, 44 churches formed of European peoples, through ten States, and, under their Woman's Board of Home Missions, four schools among foreigners in Chicago, and others in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Pennsylvania. The open-air evangelistic work of this church in Philadelphia is also taking hold of the foreign people.

5. The American Missionary Society of the Congregational Church also has a very interesting work among the people of China and Japan upon our Western shore, and Rev. Mr. Gam, one of the force in San Francisco, has shown in an account of actual cases how directly mission work in our country leads to representatives of his race returning to China and becoming active missionaries there.

6. The Baptist Church has widely extended and varied agencies for reaching the foreign population of the United States, opening with the Welch in 1836, the Germans in 1846, the Scandinavians and French Canadians in 1849, and the Chinese in 1870. Twenty nationalities in twenty-nine States and Territories, and chiefly in foreign-speaking Baptist churches about 55,000 members, may at this date summarize their work.

The Likenesses and Lessons.

Froebel and Fliedner, by showing the marvelous influence of the kindergarten and the deaconess, were sacrificing, praying, and planning for the American city of the twentieth century.

The six largest cities of the United States—those of 500,000 inhabitants and over—Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and St. Louis—contain, within their environs, 11,125,000 people—one-seventh of our entire population. While our total foreign-born are about 10,000,000, or 13 per cent. of our whole population, New York City is 37 per cent. foreign born, Boston 35 per cent., Chicago 34 per cent. The problem of reaching the foreigners in our land is largely a city problem.

Dr. F. M. North, in his address at the Cleveland Missionary Convention, pointed out that this city problem is a test of our ideals and our resources, but that test is also opportunity. "The frontiers are now streets, not acres. The reflex action of civic upon rural life was never what it is to-day. The city is America's central home mission field. Nor is the reflex action true only on the home land. The testimony comes from Germany, from Scandinavia, from Italy, from China, from Japan, that the evangelization here of those whom we call foreigners means the radiation of a mighty influence throughout lands we shall never see."

One most valuable lesson learned by the Presbyterians in Philadelphia in 1902 was that the foreign population can be effectively reached by tent and open-air evangelistic services. At Starr

Gordon Park night after night from a thousand to twelve or fifteen hundred people, sometimes twenty-five hundred, of all classes, black and white, Jew, Mohammedan, Italian, by sermon, stereopticon, music, could be held for an hour, and during the summer over four hundred conversions resulted.

Our Marcy Home, in Chicago, in the midst of a foreign population, is also proving that it can do its best work, even in reaching Jewish children and young people, not by avoiding or veiling the truth about Christ, but by faithfully and lovingly giving the full light of His Gospel.

Let these facts inspire the young people both personally and as chapters to put forth efforts to reach the foreign people who are to be found almost everywhere in our land.

Here and there is a young person longing to become a foreign missionary. This desire in some cases will never be gratified, but it may be possible to win to Christ a representative of another land and race who, returning to his or her native country, will there do the missionary work you wish to do. Your chance to become a foreign missionary is in the foreigner by your side, here in your own land.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson IV. April 26th, 1903. Title—Paul's Journey to Jerusalem (Acts 21: 1-16). Golden Text—"The will of the Lord be done" Acts 21: 14. Time—A. D. 60. Place—From Miletus to Jerusalem.

Departing from Miletus. When Paul had completed his address to the Ephesian elders, he kneeled down and prayed with them. They wept sore, fell on his neck and kissed him. They accompanied him to the ship, and when he had gotten loose from them, the vessel started on her way. *Note*—We should pray with and for one another. Tender are the ties that bind Christian hearts together. The love of others should not prevent us from doing our duty. The ties that bind us to Jesus should be stronger than those that unite us to friends.

1. **Journeying to Tyre (1-3).** Coos is a small island in the Grecian Archipelago. It lies near the southwestern corner of Asia Minor, and is now called Stanco. It is noted for the production of wine and silk-worms. Rhodes was also an island in the same archipelago. Its chief city was also called Rhodes. The name signifies rose. Rhodes was noted chiefly for its huge brazen statue of Apollo, which stood at the mouth of its harbor, and was so high that ships passed at full sail between its feet. After standing fifty-six years it was thrown down by an earthquake. The brass of which it was composed loaded nine hundred camels. It was one of the seven wonders of the world. There is not a vestige of it remaining. Pataria was the capital of Lycia in Asia Minor. It had a great temple dedicated to Apollo. The harbor of Pataria is now a swamp. Phenicia was a narrow strip of country lying on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean sea. Tyre and Sidon were its chief cities. When they sailed from Rhodes, they left Cyprus to the north, and came with a straight course to Tyre, which had been one of the most commercial cities of the world.

2. **Sojourning in Tyre (4-6).** 1. Paul searched out the disciples. He had not preached the gospel there, yet he knew a church had been established at that place. When he came on shore he made inquiry and soon found it. *Note*—It is well for the saint, when in a strange city, to search for the people of God, and enter with them into His

service. 2. He tarried with them seven days. We are not told how he spent this time, but we may be sure he was not idle. He gained the confidence and love of every one. He no doubt labored to establish them in the faith of the gospel.

3. The disciples, guided by the Spirit, warned Paul not to go to Jerusalem. They knew that danger and suffering awaited him. At Corinth, when Paul started on this journey, the Jews laid in wait for him; at Miletus the Holy Ghost witnessed that bonds and afflictions awaited him; and here he is exhorted not to enter the holy city. 4. Paul did not heed their admonitions, but soon set out for Jerusalem. *Note*—We should not suffer our friends to prevent us from doing what we believe to be right. It is better to die than to neglect our duty. 5. The disciples, their wives and children, went with Paul and his company out of the city. *Note*—God's people love as did David and Jonathan (1 Sam. 18: 1). 6. They all kneeled down at the seashore and prayed. They no doubt asked the blessings of God upon one another, and committed everything to His care. Paul and his company entered the ship and the disciples returned to their homes. *Note*—Separations are not pleasant, yet they are common to all. Their sorrows are often lessened by the hope of reunion. At the final separation on the day of Judgment there will be no reunion.

3. **From Tyre to Caesarea (7-8).** Ptolemais was a city situated on the shore of the Mediterranean sea, thirty-five miles south of Tyre. It was anciently located in the tribe of Asher, and known by the name of Accho. Afterward it was adorned by one of the rulers of Egypt, and called Ptolemais in honor of himself. The Christian Crusaders built a beautiful church there, dedicated it to St. John, and called the city Acre, or St. John of Acre. It has to-day a population of about ten thousand, and is known by the name of Akha. When Paul and his company came to this city, they saluted or embraced the brethren, and remained with them one day. Caesarea is about thirty-six miles south of Acre, and about sixty miles northwest of Jerusalem. It was formerly called Strato's Tower, but was rebuilt and beautified by Herod the Great, and named Caesarea in honor of Augustus Caesar. It became the seat of government while Judea was a Roman province. It has entirely passed away. To-day its site is occupied by jackals, lizards, serpents, and wild beasts.

4. **Philip and his daughters (8, 9).** This evangelist was one of the seven deacons. He preached the word in Samaria, and was then sent to teach and baptize the Ethiopian nobleman. After this he passed north along the shore of the Mediterranean, preaching in all the cities till he reached Caesarea. This city became his home. He had four unmarried daughters who did prophesy. They probably did no more than foretell Paul's sufferings at Jerusalem. These virgins were not nuns, they had taken no vows of celibacy. Miriam, Huldah, Deborah, Noadiah, and Anna, were prophetesses. The promise of Joel was to both sex. We have no Scripture for ordaining women, and giving them the pastoral oversight of churches. They may become heralds of the cross.

5. **Agabus the prophet (10-12).** Paul and his company remained in Caesarea more than a week. Agabus came down from Jerusalem to warn him against visiting that city. This was likely the same prophet that came to Antioch and declared that there should be an extensive famine over the land. Agabus took Paul's guide and bound his hands and feet, and then said: "So will the Jews at Jerusalem bind the owner of this girdle." This

only means that they will deprive Paul of his freedom. When those that were with the apostle, and the disciples at Caesarea, heard these words, they besought Paul not to visit Jerusalem. *Note*—It was surely not the will of God for Paul to make this journey, and He used every human influence to prevent him from doing so. Yet the apostle was determined to go. He had not his own interest or pleasure in view, but only the work of the Lord.

6. **The answer of Paul (13-15).** He could not bear unmoved the entreaties of his friends. To break the heart is to unman the person, so that he is governed by feeling and not by reason. The apostle felt himself giving way to their pleadings. But reason quickly ascended the throne, feelings stood aside, and he cried out: "I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the Lord Jesus." With Paul duty was everything. When the church saw the apostle's determination they ceased to persuade him, saying, "The will of the Lord be done." This does not teach that it was God's will for Paul to go to Jerusalem, but resignation on their part. They felt that they would see him no more. Yet he soon returned to them a prisoner, and was for two years kept confined among them.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation For 1903

Central Missouri, Sedalia, Mo.—Mar. 11..Hamilton.
Kansas, Holton, Kan.—Mar. 12.....Foss.
Lexington, Chicago, Ill.—Mar. 18.....Merrill.
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 18..Mallalieu.
New Jersey, Asbury Park, N. J.—Mar. 18...Fowler.
Wilmington, Easton, Md.—Mar. 18.....Cranston.
Missouri, Carrollton, Mo.—Mar. 18.....Hamilton.
South Kansas, Fort Scott, Kan.—Mar. 19.....Foss.
Cent. Pennsylvania, Altoona, Pa.—Mar. 25....Merrill.
Virginia, Eagle Rock, Va.—Mar. 25.....Warren.
Delaware, Pocomoke City, Md.—Mar. 25.....Fowler.
Saint Louis, Marshall, Mo.—Mar. 25.....Hamilton.
Southwest Kansas, Sterling, Kan.—Mar. 26....Foss.
Newark—Apr. 1Warren.
New Eng. Southern, Brockton, Mass.—Apr. 1..Fowler.
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.—Apr. 1.....FitzGerald.
New York East—Apr. 1.....Goodsell.
New York—Apr. 1.....McCabe.
Northwest Kansas, Stockton, Kan.—Apr. 2....Foss.
Okaneb, Guthrie, Okla.—Apr. 2.....Hamilton.
New England, Brookline, Mass.—Apr. 8.....Andrews.
North Indiana, Noblesville, Ind.—Apr. 8.....Walden.
Vermont, Northfield, Vt.—Apr. 9.....Warren.
Washington, Staunton, Va.—Apr. 9.....McCabe.
Troy, Saratoga Springs—Apr. 9.....McCabe.
Maine, Bridgeton, Me.—Apr. 15.....Andrews.
New Hampshire, Woodsville, N. H.—Apr. 15..Warren.
East German, Philadelphia, Pa.—Apr. 16.....Fowler.
Wyoming, Binghamton, N. Y.—Apr. 16....FitzGerald.
Northern New York, Carthage, N. Y.—Apr. 22..Merrill.
East Maine, Newport, Me.—Apr. 22.....Andrews.
Eastern Swedish, Providence, R. I.—Apr. 23....FitzGerald.
Porto Rico, San JuanWarne.
Bombay, Bombay—Dec. 3, '02.....Thoburn.
South India, Kolar—Dec. 18, '02.....Thoburn.
North India, Lucknow—Jan. 2.....Thoburn.
West China Mission, Chentu—Jan. 7.....Moore.
Northwest India, Muttra—Jan. 14.....Thoburn.
Mexico, Pachuca—Jan. 15.....Cranston.
Bengal, Calcutta—Jan. 21.....Warne.
Burma Mission Conf., Rangoon—Jan. 28...Thoburn.
Liberia, Cape Palmas—Jan. 28.....Hartsell.
Malaysia, Singapore—Feb. 10.....Warne.
W. S. A. Miss. Conf., Concepcion—Feb. 18...Joyce.
Central China Miss., Nankin—Mar. 4.....Moore.
South America, Rosario—Mar. 18.....Joyce.
Japan, Nagoya—Apr. 1.....Moore.
S. Japan Miss. Conf., Nagasaki—Apr. 17....Moore.
Bulgaria Miss. Conf., Loftcha—Apr. 22....Vincent.
Korea Mission, Seoul—May 1.....Moore.
Italy—May 14Vincent.
Switzerland, Neuchatel—June 3.....Vincent.
North China, Pekin—June 3.....Moore.
South Germany, Pforzheim—June 10.....Vincent.
North Germany, Zwickau—June 17.....Vincent.
Denmark Miss. Conf., N. Bornholm—July 29..Vincent.
E. C. Africa M. Conf., Umtali—July 30.....Walden.
Hartsell.
Fin. & St. P'b'g Miss., Tammerfors—Aug. 6..Vincent.
Sweden, Helsingborg—Aug. 12.....Vincent.
Norway, Horten—Aug. 19.....Vincent.
Hinghua Miss. Conf., Hinghua—Nov. 5.....Moore.
Foochow, Foochow—Nov. 14.....Moore.
W. Cent. Afr. M. Conf., Quessua—Dec. 16....Walden.
Hartsell.

N. B.—Because of his impaired health, no Confer-
ences have been assigned to Bishop Hurst.

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Not a Hot Place But a Bad One

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die rather than see the females of their family forced into concubinage.

As to the supplies sent into that region by the government or others for the relief of flood sufferers, we are told that in some sections these are often charged up to the accounts of the poor, unfortunate Negroes, and that in many cases it takes them years to finish paying for them. And so we might go on adding darkness to this already dark picture, but it is useless. What we have already said is sufficient to emphasize the deplorable condition of this benighted region. Not only so, but if it be one-half as bad as the descriptions given would lead us to believe, our people from Alabama, Georgia and elsewhere, should cease to go into that section, and no matter by whom they may be solicited, those who have this information should urge them not to go. For, while we do not write of our own personal knowledge, we have heard these conditions described again and again by those who certainly should know. And tho we may not be able to help those who are already in there, we may by this mention keep some others from falling into the trap.

Lieut. David J. Gilmer, who distinguished himself as an officer of the Forty-ninth Volunteer Regiment, which did service in the Philippines, and who has recently been appointed a second lieutenant in the Philippine Scouts, passed through this city the first of the week, enroute to his post of duty. Mrs. Gilmer is to accompany her husband, but tarries in this city for a few days visiting her brother, Rev. Dr. R. E. Jones, and family. Lieut. Gilmer will meanwhile arrange matters in San Francisco for the trip, and his wife will join him there by May 1st. By his record while in the active service he merited all that has come to him, and his many friends do well to be proud of him and the recognition which President Roosevelt has been pleased to accord him. Both in appearance and deportment Lieut. Gilmer is the ideal soldier, and he has more than once shown himself brave in action and absolutely loyal to the flag at all times. He and Mrs. Gilmer have our best wishes for a pleasant voyage and a successful career.

A magnificent reception and banquet was given during the session of the Lexington Conference in Chicago at the Olivet Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. E. J. Fisher, pastor, in honor of Prof. I. Garland Penn. The entertainment was under the auspices of Helping Hand No. 6, and was a striking evidence of the way this energetic leader of our youth is appreciated by the young people of this country. Many distinguished citizens were present and gave the professor a most cordial greeting. The addresses and music were of a high order and the entire affair was a credit to all concerned.

"What Are We Doing?"

The *Colored American*, Washington, D. C., is constantly trying to arouse the Negroes of the capital city to push to the front on commercial lines. Washington has now the largest Negro population of any city in the country—more than 90,000—and the *American* thinks that there should be established a large number of business enterprises which should be loyally supported by the race. Its most recent utterance on the subject which heads this article is worthy the consideration of our people everywhere. Says the *American*:

"What is the Washington Afro-American doing? Is he asleep? The space writers of the city press and the syndicate letters which go out from Washington, tell constantly of our large and prosperous colored population, of the culture and refinement found among them and of their many professional and business men. But we fail to see what they are all doing. We know there are more than 100,000 of them in the District, that many hundreds of them are occupying high salaried positions, numbers are engaged in lucrative business enterprises, but we fail to find local public spirit or even race cohesion among them.

"We have an admirable public school system, and not its least commendable feature is the employment therein of more than 500 of our best equipped people. Each year these schools are graduating large numbers of young people who are declared ready for the battle of life, but what is there for them to do in the business activities of the community?

"Our salaried people are pouring thousands into the coffers of the city's department stores, grocery stores and dry goods establishments right in the very teeth of the knowledge that not one of our young people can secure employment at any of them except to perform the most menial work.

"Are not the parents of these children, the school teachers themselves and in general our people in prosperous circumstances remiss in performing their plain duty? Must not some concerted effort be made to change this lamentable state of things?

"Our own business enterprises languish for the patronage of our own people. Our financial institutions fail for the same cause, and we are not exhibiting the intelligent appreciation of race possibilities which our Associated Press friends have a right to expect from us. Where is the public spirited colored man who will rise up and lead us to a higher conception of our duties to ourselves and to the younger generations? Where are our local merchants?

"Failures in the past should not deter us but should rather give us renewed determination to win. The opportunity is ripe. We believe only a leader is needed."

A Boston lawyer by the name of R. W. Bartlett has invented an apparatus for the reduction of congenital hip disease and has already tried it successfully on his own little daughter. The invention consists of a sort of easy chair in which the patient sits. The seat is something like a bicycle saddle, in which the feet hang clear. The limb to be set is attached by straps to a movable rod, which is worked by a powerful lever. The effect is exactly like pulling a nail with a draw hammer, the child's leg in this case being the nail. The great point gained is the doing away with the wrenching and straining of muscles and ligaments, which is inseparable in Dr. Lorenz's manipulations. The force is applied directly and solely to the seat of the trouble.

We learn through the Rev. R. A. Swann, presiding elder of the Bristol district, East Tennessee Conference, that the church at North Tazewell, Va., was destroyed by fire on the 3d inst. He appeals to the brethren of the conference to assist Rev. J. D. Starr, the pastor, and his people to rebuild as soon as possible.

Okaneb (Now Lincoln) Conference

Our report of the Okaneb Annual Conference will appear next week.

Syracuse University is to have a school of journalism connected with it. The hope is, among other things, to improve the moral tone of the secular press. Certain other institutions of learning have such a department, and it is hoped to make a success of this. Mr. Bennett E. Titus, the talented editor of the *Northern Christian Advocate*, is to take an interest in the new venture, which goes far toward insuring its success.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, will deliver the commencement day address at Rust University, Holly Springs, Miss., Wednesday, May 13th. The editor of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE will deliver the address before the literary societies Friday, May 8th. Rev. Dr. W. W. Foster, Jr., will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, May 10th, and Rev. C. W. Walton will preach at night. All exercises are open to the public and they are urged to be present.

Dr. J. Will Jackson, presiding elder of the St. Joseph district, Central Missouri Conference, has issued his District Year Book, which gives the dates for the quarterly conferences for the entire year and also the dates for the district stewards' meetings, the Epworth League and Sunday School Convention and the District Conference. In addition it also contains the apportionments for the benevolent and other collections. The pastor or other member of the district who has one has the work of the district for the year before him.

Messrs. Eaton & Mains have agreed with the Open Door Emergency Commission of the Missionary Society to issue an edition of "The Open Door," the Report of the Cleveland Convention, at fifty cents a copy, delivered postage free, provided subscriptions for ten thousand copies are secured. The book will be printed from the same plates as the first edition and on the same kind of paper, and will have the same binding. Lists of names and orders should be sent to Eaton & Mains by pastors as soon as possible in order that it may speedily be determined whether a new edition shall be printed. It should be distinctly understood that unless a sufficient number of orders is secured the proposed new edition will not be issued, and the price of the volume will remain at \$1.00.

The comforting information was sent out from Washington recently that the Negroes will never dominate this country. The report shows that 98 per cent. of every 1,000 are found in the regions drained to the Atlantic ocean, and that 61.4 per cent. are in the lands drained to the Gulf of Mexico, the proportion in the West and on the Pacific coast being trifling. Those interested seem convinced that the habitat of the Negro is thus determined, being near sea level, as none of them are found at great altitudes. As to this there are just two things we desire to say: First, the Negro has no desire to dominate this country. He simply wants to be treated as are other peoples found here, let alone and given a fair showing in the race of life. Second, we trust this showing and announcement will obliterate the feeling on part of some that it is necessary to kill as many as possible in order to save the country.

China has appropriated half a million taels for an exhibit at the St. Louis exposition.

Personal and General

Bishop J. A. Beebe, senior bishop of the Colored M. E. Church of America, is seriously ill.

Rev. W. H. Moseby, of the West Texas Conference, desires his correspondents to address him at Kerrville, Texas.

A copy of the Mobile Conference minutes has reached us through the courtesy of Rev. N. H. Speight, the secretary.

Rev. B. F. Gandy, pastor of Lexington charge, S. C., and Miss Dorah Brooker were married in Swansea, S. C., April 3.

We learn that Central Avenue M. E. Church, Atlanta, Ga., Rev. Dr. J. A. Rush, pastor, is in the midst of a great revival.

Rev. P. P. Brooks, pastor at Tazewell C. H., Va., has been seriously sick since February 1st, and unable to fill his pulpit.

Rev. F. R. Bridge, Griffin, Ga., has been invited to preach the annual sermon on May 10 before the Odd Fellows of his city.

Dr. J. A. McMillan is practicing medicine in Brownsville, Tenn. The doctor was formerly a teacher at Wiley University, Marshall, Tex.

Bishop Walden, when quite a young man, edited a little newspaper in Southern Illinois, but its Temperance proclivities caused its death.

Rev. L. J. S. Bell will preach the commencement sermon for the Mississippi and Louisiana Normal and Industrial College, Magnolia, Miss.

Rev. C. M. Keeton, presiding elder of the St. Louis district, Central Missouri Conference, was among the visitors to the Lexington Conference, and was heartily welcomed by the brethren.

Our readers who are failing to keep up with the serial story which we are running in our Young Friends' column are missing a treat. Read it; it will interest and help you.

Mr. Oliver M. Randolph, of Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., took first prize in the inter-collegiate oratorical contest of the Texas colleges, held in the City Hall, Waco, Texas, April 3.

Rev. T. L. Ferguson, who has served the Ohio district of the Lexington Conference so faithfully and successfully for six years, took his place in the pastorate as tho he was glad of the change.

Mrs. C. D. Shallowhorne has been sick for some time, but is now improving. She found it necessary to leave her work to other hands for a few days.

A neat invitation to the third annual commencement exercises of the Hempstead (Texas) Colored High School has been received. Prof. W. Marcellus Drake is principal.

Rev. Z. T. Gayden, pastor at Slidell, La., was in the city this week, and reports his work in excellent condition. His Easter exercises were a success, and he has already sent the money to headquarters.

Rev. O. J. Le Boeuf, presiding elder of New Orleans district, has moved his family from this city to Hammond, La. Brother Le Boeuf is a minister of the A. M. E. Church and a constant reader of the SOUTHWESTERN.

Rev. Wm. Bartley, pastor Tabernacle M. E. Church, Galveston, has just closed a successful revival, in which thirty-five precious souls were converted and added to the church. Brother Bartley also sent us nine cash subscribers. The Lord be praised.

The Lexington Conference Courier was the name of a little daily paper published during the session of the conference and edited by Revs. J. W. Robinson, J. C. Peters and H. J. Brown. As far as we know, the Texas Conference lead off on this line several years ago.

The graduating exercises of Gammon Theological Seminary will take place on Thursday, April 30th, at 2 p. m., in the chapel of Clark University. The invitations are simple in style but elegantly gotten up. We thank Rev. L. H. King, A. B., who is a member of the class, for one.

Rev. W. L. Muir, who has been in the active ranks of the conference for many years, was granted the superannuated relation at the recent session of the Lexington Conference. When the action was taken that towering old veteran, Rev. Scott Ward, was heard to say: "That leaves me all alone."

Rev. Pierre Landry, dean of Gilbert College, Baldwin, La., came to the city this week. Mrs. Landry has not been well for several weeks, and the dean thought it wise to bring her to the city that she might have the best medical attention. Mrs. Landry is stopping at Mrs. Dr. I. E. Mullen's, on Valence street.

The members and friends of John Wesley Church, Baltimore, Md., give a banquet on Monday evening, April 20th, in honor of the Rev. Dr. Ernest Lyon, now United States Minister to Liberia, Africa, who has served them faithfully and successfully as pastor for the past six years. We appreciate the invitation to be present.

Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, presiding elder of the Monroe district, says the breaking of the levee near Lake Providence, La., has caused the flooding of seven parishes on his district. Hence the work is very largely paralyzed for the present, but the brethren are hard at work. He is still hopeful for a favorable outcome at the end of the year.

Rev. Dr. H. W. Simmons, the newly appointed presiding elder of the Ohio district, Lexington Conference, has made an excellent start in his work, and goes in for a great year's work. Dr. Simmons was converted in the room of the present editor of the SOUTHWESTERN when they were students at the Central Tennessee College, now Walden University.

We are pleased to have an invitation to attend the dedication ceremonies of the Louisiana Purchase Centennial, to take place in St. Louis, Mo., April 30 and May 1 and 2, 1903. President Roosevelt, ex-President Cleveland and other national characters are to participate. We hope to find time to attend. The centennial proper is to open a year hence.

Rev. O. A. Johnson, pastor at Des Moines, Iowa, calls attention to the fact that our report of the Central Missouri Conference made him pastor at Oskaloosa as well as his present charge. Rev. James L. Smith is pastor at Oskaloosa. We are pleased to make the correction. Brother Johnson has made too good a start at Des Moines for the SOUTHWESTERN to be interfered with.

A note from Rev. J. L. Massey, pastor at Tulsa, Tenn., informs us of the death of Rev. D. C. Ransome, pastor at Murfreesboro, Tenn. Brother Ransome was one of the strong men of the Tennessee Conference, and we learn of his death with sincere regret. Presiding Elder Williams called our attention to his serious illness some weeks ago, but we had hoped he would soon recover. May his loved ones be comforted and sustained.

Mr. L. M. Mitchell, Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias for the State of Texas, has issued a proclamation designating Sunday, April 26, as the day set apart for all members of his order to assemble in some church or public hall and listen to an annual thanksgiving sermon and engage in other religious services. One-half of the money collected goes to the endowment fund of the order, and, we dare say, the remainder to the one who preaches the sermon.

News Notes

The Dreyfus case is being discussed again in France.

President Eliot is 69 years old and has been president of Harvard University for 34 years.

The girlless telephone has not only been invented but has been tested and proved a success.

Edward A. Johnson, the Negro author, has out a new book entitled "Negro Almanac and Statistics."

In the Virginia Senate March 26 Judge William H. Mann violently struck Senator Julian Bryant.

In the United States there are 51,538 divorced persons. Of this number 32,203 are women and 18,384 men.

Mrs. Nellie Benson is the first colored woman to receive a certificate from the State Board of Pharmacy of Virginia.

There are 105 Y. M. C. Associations among colored men in the United States; 70 are in schools and 35 in cities.

A company composed of women, with Mrs. Alice Blount as president, will publish a daily newspaper in Chicago.

It is claimed by Prof. DuBois, of Atlanta University, that 400 colored persons have received bachelors' degrees from Northern colleges.

The legislature of California has just passed an act providing that no decree of divorce shall issue until one year subsequent to the findings of fact.

Hon. J. C. Perkins, of La Crosse, Wis., has been elected judge of the Shelby district of his county. Mr. Perkins is a colored man and was born a slave.

A public meeting is announced for April 14 in Madison Square Garden, New York City. The object is to discuss the methods and needs of Tuskegee.

The colored women of New Jersey have set themselves the task of raising \$10,000 to help the Negroes of Virginia fight the disfranchisement law.

Mr. C. S. L. Blake, a colored man of St. Joseph, Mo., has invented an electro-mechanical signal device for the prevention of collisions and railroad wrecks.

All the Attala county (Mississippi) lynchers have been released on bond to await the next term of Circuit Court in that county, which will be next fall.

The cotton yardmen, an organization of colored men of New Orleans, recently sent Mrs. Frances Joseph a check for \$50 for her Orphan and Industrial School.

Eugene J. Marshall, a colored man, will represent the University of Michigan in the thirteenth annual contest of the Northern Oratorical League, to be held in Minneapolis May 1, 1903.

Miss Susan B. Anthony and a distinguished party of delegates returning from the National Women's Suffrage Convention, held in New Orleans, spent two days at the Tuskegee Institute.

News comes from Cleveland, Ohio, that the Equal Rights Association, an organization among colored people, has sent a pathetic appeal to the powers of Europe and other countries, asking protection from the barbarities of the white people of certain sections of this country.

As far as reports have reached us the Sunday school of Asbury Church, Holly Springs, Miss., leads in the Easter collection. The superintendent, Prof. E. H. McKissack, reports \$323.75, which is a magnificent showing. Rev. N. R. Clay is pastor. We score one for the Upper Mississippi Conference.

It has been officially announced that Mrs. Florence Maybrick, an American who was convicted at Liverpool, Eng., in 1889, on the charge of poisoning her husband by arsenic, and whose death sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life, will be released in 1904 so that she can testify in land suits in the United States.

Simpson Chapel M. E. Church, Rev. F. T. Chinn, pastor, has been enjoying a glorious revival. There have been eighty-five conversions and eight received by letter. The meeting has closed, but many persons still seem anxious for salvation. The editor of the SOUTHWESTERN will preach a special sermon to the converts Sunday evening, April 19th.

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Invite a few of your city friends to spend a few days or weeks with you on the farm this spring or summer. What seems to you dull and monotonous in the pastures and fields, will be bright and joyous to them. The fresh air; the long drives; the simple, wholesome food; the wild flowers and the cordial welcome of their country friends, will strengthen their blood and enliven their minds. They will enjoy the visit under your roof, and we are sure you will be happy by making others so. Try it, and then write and tell us.

ARE YOU EXEMPT?

We want to have our farmer friends do several things this year which we are certain will be of great value in making you more prosperous and content with your calling. The primary task we want to put you to, is the habit of giving thought to your work. Our farmers are, in a majority of cases, thoughtlessly farming exactly as they did twenty or thirty years ago. All of the new implements and the changed conditions of the country have been ignored by them, and so they go on dropping a few seed, killing a few weeds, and gathering a few ears of corn and locks of cotton each year without the slightest variation. We want who come under this head to halt. Begin to think.

Of course, we know you cannot stop and change your methods in a day. We know quite well that were you to decide to quit your long trodden paths, the new ones would be full of stumbling blocks to your feet; we know that even the wisest plans, not understood, would be unsatisfactory to whoever attempted to be guided by them. Therefore we shall not ask you to turn away from the old and leave you to find the better way unaided.

We point you to three means by which you can gradually raise yourself to better things. They are the reading of newspapers that are devoted to farming; the organization of institutes at your schoolhouses or churchhouses, where you should hear lectures on important farm topics, and tell your experiences to each other; and the third is to write us sometimes to relate

to us both your experience and your intentions.

The importance of this subject comes home to every farmer. Yet very nearly every one of our friends will look across to the next farm and see how well it hits his neighbor. We want to say that we believe this call may be profitably headed by you, too. For just as long as one farmer raises more corn or cotton to the acre than you do; raises better calves, pigs, poultry or colts; has a nicer orchard or more home conveniences; sends his child to a superior school or a pleasanter church, just that long will the demand for improvement touch you. Are you exempt?

DOINGS OF THE
WORKMEN

Chester Cannon, Baton Rouge, La.—

The good people of St. Mark M. E. Church are glad of the return of their pastor, Rev. B. J. Reddix, as he served them so faithfully in the past. Sunday, March 1, was a glorious day at 3 o'clock. Rev. R. E. Jones, D. D., preached a powerful sermon which left a lasting impression upon all who heard it, and his instruction to the young people, if heeded, will help them to live a pure true life. Seventy-five partook of the Lord Supper. Collection for the day \$25. We are hoping to do better this year than ever before.

S. A. Davis, Lonepine, La.—I have not been able to get to my charge since my return from the Louisiana annual conference, on account of rain and high water. Still the Lord is blessing me in this field of labor. I have some good members that care for family and myself. Brother William McCrey and Sister Charlotte Henry.

Allen Holmes, Anlus, Miss.—March 5 was a high day at Mt. Ephram M. E. Church. Our Sunday school is alive along all lines. Our pastor, Rev. J. W. Park, was with us. We had a grand time in our class-meeting. The Holy Ghost touched our hearts. Sunday night we had a crowded house. Brother Park preached a glorious sermon. He is the right man in the right place.

R. H. Patton, Pastor, Union Church, Miss.—On the 6th of this month I remained over night with Brother D. C. Collen. About 9 o'clock Miss L. A. Nettin, our public school teacher, and a number of our best young ladies and young men stormed the pastor with 40 or 50 pounds. God bless them.

B. W. Robinson, Pastor, Handle, Miss.—Having been appointed to this work from the last session of the Mississippi Conference by Bishop Mallaieu. I arrived here Feb. 6, and was given a warm reception. We have begun our year's work. We are planning to finish our church and build a new parsonage. We ask for 50 souls and 20 new subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN this year. Every interest of the work is being looked after carefully. The church has put on new life. This is a new circuit set apart this year, but the Lord is blessing every effort. All committees are at work for the benevolence. We intend to raise our full apportionment by Easter. We intend to make this our best year's work. We have one among the best Sunday schools in the district. The

old and young come to the fountain to drink. Both Church and pastor are in the bonds of love and working to the same end.

G. Orange, Minter City, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference was held Feb. 28 and March 1, with the Rev. B. F. Woolfolk, P. E., in the chair. Owing to the high water, only one church could meet, it being almost impossible to cross the river from the others. Notwithstanding this our conference was the best we have had during our stay on the work. Peace and harmony prevailed. The presiding elder preached two very able sermons and administered the sacrament to a goodly number. Total collection for quarter \$23.70. This is my third year. I have never in all my ministry had as hearty reception by the people, white and colored, saints and sinners. I am praying for the conversion of sinners. My heart is in for 100 souls to be added to the church; all benevolence to be raised, and ten new subscribers to the paper. Pray for us.

Morgan City, La., Recording Steward.—The last session of the Louisiana Conference sent to us the Rev. T. A. Brown, as pastor. He arrived on Thursday, Feb. 5. At once it came to our knowledge that \$55.80 was necessary to move the pastor and family from Lake Providence, his former charge. This amount was raised at once. The officers, members and friends busied themselves arranging the parsonage, while Rev. Brown went for his family. New furniture has been bought to the amount of \$50, and by the time the first quarterly conference is held, it will all be paid for. Notwithstanding the heavy loss the pastor has sustained in the burning of the steamer Valley Queen, on the 1st inst., which contained his entire household effects including books and clothing, all he had was lost in the burning of this vessel, he still is cheerful, and has planned for a full year's work. Rev. Brown is well known in this town, having served this church before. The church was built under his administration in 1889, fourteen years ago at a cost of \$2,780, and fully paid for except \$300 which was paid last conference year during Rev. D. J. Price's administration. With Rev. T. A. Brown and his charming wife, it does not take a prophet to tell that a full year's work will be done, God being our helper, for we propose to be used as the instruments in His hands. The pastor has already begun a canvass for the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. As we expect Dr. W. F. Waters on the 15th inst. at which time I feel safe to say a goodly number of subscribers will be gained.

R. S. Austin, Class-leader, New River.—This charge has the Spirit of Christ. The revival fire has been burning among us. Twenty-five souls have been brought to Christ through the preaching of our beloved pastor who is a noble, spirited Christian man. The revival closed leaving several penitents seeking the way to Christ. Brother J. A. Guthrie, the pastor, believes in both holiness and giving without which no man can see the Lord. He is building up the charge and the full amount of benevolence is expected to be raised.

Thomas James, Christiansburg, Va.—As a five months' school term is too short and feeling the need of a longer one for our children, we, through

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the earnest and faithful work of our worthy teacher, Mrs. B. Bentley, friends and patrons, gave an entertainment on the 5th of March for the purpose of extending our school term. We realized \$33.20. We also had very enjoyable and beneficial time. write this thinking and hoping that some more of our colored friends may see the results and follow our example and go to work to help themselves. While the government furnishes our school house, fuel, etc., and pays the teacher for five months, why can't we run our school two or three months longer each year. We hope our teacher, Mrs. Bentley, great success and hope she will give another entertainment for the same purpose.

F. H. Henry, Pastor, Oxford, Miss.—On March the 6th the presiding elder, Rev. D. D. Williams, held the Holly Springs District stewards' meeting in Oxford, Miss. The meeting was very well attended by the stewards from the different charges. The presiding elder explained to the brethren the need of very carefully considering and estimating his salary so as to do justice to each charge, and at the same time to make the district self supporting. Rev. N. H. Williams, D. D., held my first quarterly conference March 6. The brethren were present with few exceptions, with good reports. Dr. Williams is an able executive; very carefully looking after every interest of the charge. The Church is alive. Sunday school and Epworth League, prayer and class meetings are largely attended. Mr. Arena Smith is the junior superintendent of the league. On Sunday night the presiding elder preached to a very large audience. His sermon was strong and impressive. Ninety-eight partook of the communion. The presiding elder in full just after the sermon. Two persons joined the church—this makes six additions during the quarter. Dr. Williams called the quarterly conference's attention to the continuing of the 20th century fund for Rust University. He took subscriptions for this fund from this charge.

L. L. Allen, Pastor, Fort Payne, Ala.—I arrived at my new charge Dec. 1902, and was cordially received by

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the good people of Collinsville and this place. I was invited to take meals from house to house. I did so and was royally entertained by the loving people. With the assistance of my wife I have organized two Epworth Leagues. The work is in a prosperous condition. We are planning for a rally to cover the church at Fort Payne. We love the people and they love us. I have one subscriber for the SOUTHWESTERN. We observed Lincoln birthday. Realized \$1.78. The program was carried out to the letter.

J. L. Augustus, Pastor, Boyce, La.—The Rev. S. Duncan, presiding elder, was with us Feb. 25 and 26. He held his first quarterly conference in spite of the bad weather. His many friends and the people turned out in crowds to see and hear him. As he has been away ten years, they were very glad to meet him. The elder preached three able sermons to the delight of all. He gave a very instructive and impressive talk to the brethren. He is a born leader for the people. Most of the officers were present with good reports. The SOUTHWESTERN was not forgotten. I have sent in four already; others have pledged to be ready in a few days. We are planning to build a charge across the Red River. Everything bids fair for a successful year. Our membership here is small but all right. The quarterly collection was \$14.50. Paid the elder up in full \$11.

B. R. Jackson, R. S., Plaquemine Charge, La.—Our first quarterly conference was held Feb. 21-22. Rev. H. Taylor, presiding elder. All officers present save few. Reports good along all lines. Monday night we had love feast. The following visitors were with us: Revs. H. H. Banks, R. E. White, E. H. Hall, J. H. Rylander and Dr. J. W. Willard of the A. M. E. Church, on March 5 a grand reception was tendered the pastor, Rev. D. J. Price, A. M., by Hurst Chapel Club. Managers as follows: Julian Irwins, president; T. M. Sears, secretary; Lee Bradford, Ella Peals, Lizzie Lewis, Elizabeth Jackson, Ella Dunham Guest, Rev. Dr. J. W. Willard, Rev. Wm. Johnson, Jr., Rev. V. B. Hubbs, Rev. Israel Jones, Dr. C. N. Woods, Dr. E. L. Hamilton Refreshments were served in abundance. The pastor is now preparing to start a revival.

On March 4 a host of friends led by Brother Milton Play, visited the parsonage and left us one hundred and seventy pounds. The Rev. and Mrs. Fields invite them to come again. God bless the members and friends of Woodlawn.

R. B. Ross, Pastor, Alamo, Tex.—Since last October we have been able to build a new church 30x50 feet, with a vestibule. It was to be dedicated the fourth Sunday in May by the Rev. H. W. Key, presiding elder, and Rev. J. A. W. Moore, presiding elder, and others, but sad to tell you some one set fire to our new church and burned it to the ground. We have one of the parties concerned in jail and we are in pursuit of others. Our little church cost us \$1.00 and was paid for except \$55. We entered it last Sunday for the first time with a hundred glad hearts. The doors swung wide and a sweet hymn was sung and one came forward to unite with the church. Now it is in ashes.

Edwards, Miss.—Sister Susa Parks, aged 61, the wife of Rev. J. W. Parks, after an illness of a year, departed this life March 23. She leaves a dear husband, six children and many friends. In July 22, 1870, she found Christ, precious to her soul. She remained a faithful Christian and a true laborer in the cause of Christ and the Church up to the time of her death. Brother Parks has been a faithful member of the Upper Mississippi Conference for about 27 years and we can feel his troubles.

A. REID.

L. L. Neal, Brookston, Tex.—The District Stewards and Pastors' Meeting of the West Division of Paris District, met March 6, 7 and 8 in the M. E. Church, Bonham, Tex. With a few exceptions the brethren met promptly. (Brother Neal sent in an interesting account of the District Stewards and Pastors' Meeting for which we thank him. Lack of space prevented our publishing it in full.—Ed.)

Edward Jackson, Shady Grove M. E. Church—Our first quarterly conference was held March 20 with Rev. H. Daniels presiding elder, in the chair. Nearly all of the brethren were present with good reports. Notwithstanding the weather was somewhat bad. On the following Sunday night we had Rev. R. E. White and wife with us. He preached a good sermon to a packed house. Paid the elder in full \$10. Elder Daniels carries sunshine wherever he goes. Four came forward for prayer. The conference made no mistake when it made Rev. H. Daniels presiding elder. He has a keen eye toward the Church work.

Wm. Josey, Pastor, Hearne, Tex.—My first quarterly conference was held March 7 and 8, Rev. L. L. Blakeney, presiding elder, presiding. A good crowd came out to meet him. The reports showed some advancement on all lines of the work. Sunday the presiding elder preached an able sermon and administered the Lord's Supper to 37 souls. The pastor of the A. M. E. Church and his people were out with us and the A. M. E. Zion's presiding elder was with us also. Paid the elder \$6.50 and pastor \$26. We thank God the sun is bright now and the rain is over.

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Our first quarterly conference convened March 21 and 22 with J. C. Hibler presiding elder in the chair. The officers that were present had good reports showing that the work was improving. The elder preached two stirring sermons. Afterwards we enjoyed the sacrament. Collection for presiding elder, \$13; pastor, \$21.35; benevolence \$1.50. Total, \$35.85.

S. D. Davis, Pastor, Newberne, Ala.—On the 27th of February the storm blew down our Church at Antioch, and notwithstanding the hard times in this community our little heroic band has built another Church on the same ground that is as good as any Church on the Marion District. The Church will be completed with less than a debt of \$50. We had services in the new Church on the fourth Sunday and the Lord was with us.

D. R. Gid, Corinth Circuit, Miss.—I was sent to this work in January by the bishop. We were received by all of the Church. Now we are looking and expecting success this year. We are not leaving a stone unturned. To my surprise one night last week a band of friends stormed us with many good things. Y. Settle and wife and daughter and sons and many others in the band. God bless the good people. They are revived as never before in 12 years. I have six subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN.

D. A. Bragg, Pastor, Okolona, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference was held March 20, with Rev. W. C. Clay, A. B., presiding elder in the chair. The brethren were present with their reports. The presiding elder gave a timely and fatherly talk along all lines of church work. This is a young presiding elder—but truly Bishop W. F. Mallalieu did not make any mis-

take in assigning Rev. N. C. Clay to the Tupelo District. Sunday was a high day in Zion. We had a love feast at 8 o'clock p. m., the presiding elder preached a matchless sermon. We raised the full apportionment, \$17.50.

L. C. Thomas, Pastor, New Roads, La.—The 22d of March was a grand day at St. Paul with the Sunday school. They gave a rally for the purpose of purchasing a fine lamp for the Church, and raising money on the pastor's salary. Committees, Mr. Simon Page, Miss Jennie Clark, Mr. Ben Shepard, Miss Nittora St. Cyr, Mr. John Wilson, Miss Idell St. Cyr, Sister Neal. Raised \$23.70. Our friends donated nicely. I am preaching and teaching at this place. We are working up our great Church. We are trusting in Him who never lost a battle. We have a good superintendent in the person of Brother Calvin Stanley.

J. R. Williams, Pastor, Ibanford, La.—We are in the midst of rain, high water and death, yet we are standing at our post. As the spring draws near so do we put forth our claims. They are 100 souls for Christ; 15 subscribers for SOUTHWESTERN. Church remodeled and all benevolent claims raised.

Z. K. Gowen, B. D., Adairsville, Ga.—The first quarterly conference convened at Adairsville Feb. 28, with Presiding Elder Dr. V. D. Jenkins in the chair. The great rain on Friday, the previous day, deterred the brethren from the other churches in their attempts to be present. At 11 a. m. the doctor was at his best and preached a sermon which was very helpful. At 3 p. m. Rev. D. L. Johnson, the great hero of Adairsville, and the most excellent president of the Epworth League, appointed Miss Willie Golston, the charming daughter of Mr. J. C. Posey, to preside. The occasion was superb. The presiding elder had to look several times to see whether this was the same congregation. Things are at high water mark. Collection \$16.63.

W. N. G. Lipscomb, Bridgeville, Miss.—I received a letter from my son William, who is attending the Meridian Academy. He said, in a revival meeting at the school, he went to the mourners' bench twice, and the second time he was truly converted, and now he is rejoicing in the salvation of his soul. His boy joined the M. E. Church under his father's pastorate when about eight years old. About one year ago he said to his oldest sister, Gertrude, that he was not satisfied with his religious life and did not desire to be used in the public meeting of the church until he could understand himself better. This sister, to whom he

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had spoken, died December 23, 1902. William, my son, is 17 years of age this month, and has been in school a part of three sessions, under Dr. J. L. Wilson, principal of Meridian Academy. God bless Dr. Wilson. I feel that he has helped me to save my boy. May he live long to do much good.

LITERARY NOTES

In the April number of the *Southern Workman* (published by the Hampton Institute Press) the importance of home industries is emphasized in three well-illustrated articles. A frank but thoughtful and sympathetic article on "The Defects of the Negro Church" is contributed by Mr. Faduma, a young African graduate of Yale University; Kelly Miller concludes the valuable series of papers which has been run-

ning in this magazine with a study of the "Inter-relation of the Country and City Negro." A short article describing the co-operation of Southern planters in establishing schools for Negroes on their plantations is of more than ordinary significance. This number also contains the report of the last Atlanta conference.

The May *Delineator* is a notable spring issue. Mrs. Barr's splendid novel ends in this number. Juan C. Abel contributes a finely illustrated article on Pinhole Photography. Miss Laughlin presents a stimulating chapter on the education of women, and Mrs. Birney adds another paper on childhood. There is matter for the amusement and entertainment of the children, and of interest to the household. A charming and up-to-date dis-

play of current fashions is an important feature.

The notable work done by E. J. Dillon in exposing the horrors which attended the reprisals of the allied forces in China is to be paralleled, it seems, by his efforts in behalf of the victims of the recent outrages in Macedonia. His appalling article in the *Contemporary Review*, entitled "The Reign of Terror in Macedonia," is reprinted in *The Living Age* for April 11.

"Echoes from the Roman Catholic Winter School" is the title of a hundred page pamphlet, very interesting and ably written, made up mostly of articles that have appeared in the *Southwestern Presbyterian* of this city. It is an examination of some of the Roman Catholic claims and the refutation of slanderous charges against Protestants. It will aid our pastors in Roman Catholic communities if they will read it. Price 10 cents, single copy; six copies for 50 cents; at 204 Camp street, or by addressing P. O. Drawer 731, this city.

The current number of the *New England Magazine* is of more than usual interest to New Englanders, and students of life insurance everywhere will learn much by reading the article from the pen of H. H. Putnam. America Co., Boston; 25 cents.

NOTICE.

I have been authorized by Dr. W. C. Stubbs, State Commissioner, to see what I can do along the line of collecting specimens for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, to be held at St. Louis, Mo., in 1904. I will notify all who are concerned as to what kind of exhibits I am collecting in a few days, through the press. The commissioner wants the very best products of the work of our race.

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Rentash, Tenn.—I arrived at this place on the first Sunday in March. These are a good people. I love them more and more. Brother Cason and Sister Cason are very kind to us. We are planning to build a church, but we have only a few members here, but

they are good. We are going to make Easter a high day. I am the writer.

Conference Notices

To the Preachers of New Orleans South District, Louisiana Conference:

You are hereby notified to meet in Morgan City, Thursday, April 9th, 1903, in regular session of Preachers' Meeting.

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NOTICE.

To the Epworth League Presidents and Pastors of the West Nashville District:

Dear brothers and sisters, the time is drawing near for the Epworth League and Sunday School convention which is to convene at Lewisburg, Tenn., in June. Let every charge elect and send a delegate to this convention. This will be the third annual convention. Will leagues elect their delegates April 19 and report to the district president April 20, so that in making out the program the delegate's name may appear on the same? Look after matters at once. We must make this the greatest of all of our conventions. We hope to have Prof. I. G. Penn and Dr. I. B. Scott with us if possible. I desire all of the presidents to write me and let me know how leagues are getting along.

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FIRST ROUND.

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Dear Brethren—Our motto is, "Go forward in His name." Remember your promise. Make your Easter service a grand success. Labor to win souls above everything else. We have been sent forth by the Master through his servant, Bishop J. M. Walden, D. D., for another year's labor in his vineyard. We cannot afford to do less than our whole duty. Keep in mind and raise the \$5 for F. A. and S. E. on or before the fourth Sunday in April. Brethren, we are ambassadors for Christ; we are to win souls. Do your very best. Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. I am confident of your support in advancing the cause on this district. Plan largely and execute them. Yours,

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NOTICE.

Lecompte, La.—Notice to Brothers of the Alexandria District (Louisiana) Conference—The Epworth League and Sunday School Convention will convene at Lecompte, La., May 11 and 12, 1903. All pastors and Epworth League presidents and Sunday school superintendents are expected to attend this convention.

S. DUNCAN,

P. E. of Alexandria District.

VICKSBURG DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Natchez, May 7-8; Fayette, May 9-10; Harrison, May 11-12; Bonace, May 13-14; Union Church, May 16-17; Centerville, May 23-24; Fayette Circuit, May 26; Hamburg, May 27-28; Gloster, May 30-31; Meadville, June 6-7; Vicksburg, June 13-14; Vicksburg Circuit, June 13-14; Bolton, June 20-21; Bolton Circuit, June 20-21; Edwards, June 27-28; Cary, July 4-5; Anguilla, July 6-7.

Dear Brethren—Our first round, although visited with severe weather, was very successful. I found all of the pastors at their post of duty, and each one gave me a cordial reception. Please look carefully after all of the interests of our great church. I sincerely hope that Easter may be a great day in all your charges. Have the services on April 12th in the church, and raise your missionary collection. Try to raise your entire apportionment on Easter and Children's Day. Send missionary money to Dr. Homer

Eaton, 150 Fifth avenue, New York City, as soon as collected. Do not forget Dr. Scott and our great paper. Have presiding elder's collection out of the way, so I can assist you in your rallies for your churches, or in revival meetings. I remain your brother in the work.

R. P. THRELKELD, P. E.

NOTICE.

Dear Brethren of the Cumberland River District, Tenn.—As the winter is passing away and the springtime is coming, let us wake up to the great responsibilities that await us. Our great church which we love so dearly is looking to see what we are doing, so let us show to the church and to the world that we are men. Dr. H. W. Key, our most beloved presiding elder, is wide awake and pushing things to the front, so stand under his arms and help hold him up. In the missionary convention in Cleveland, Ohio, he promised to raise \$250 in addition to our regular apportionment, so brethren, let us join with him and bring this district to the front. Remember our pledge and the last district conference. We want to hold several missionary and Epworth League conventions this year. Our first one will meet at Liberty, some time in May. We will publish it later, at which time we want to elect our delegate to the international convention which meets in Detroit, Mich. Please elect your delegates and send me their names, so we can make out the programme. Let each president hold his election at once. I have sent blank cards to you so you can make your report to the central office. If you have not them, please write me. Address R. A. Dowell, District Epworth League President and Missionary Secretary, Eron College, Tenn.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Wiley Memorial, April 24-26; Sherman Heights, April 25-26; Churchville, May 1-3; Hill City, May 2-3; Athens, May 9-10; Cleveland Circuit, May 16-17; Cleveland, May 17-18; Georgetown, May 23-24; Rockwood, May 30-31; Coulterville, May 30-31; Soddy Circuit, June 6-7; Jasper, June 6-7; South Pittsburg, June 13-14; Dayton, June 20-21.

Dear Brethren—On entering upon the work of the third quarter let us try with a full purpose to make this quarter excel the previous ones in every respect. Let me urge upon each pastor the importance and necessity of giving immediate attention to the benevolent collections according to the plan submitted at the beginning of the year. Every dollar assessed must be raised this year. Failure is not expected in a single charge. Each pastor is expected to put himself on record and see to it that the standard set up is attained. Put vigor and enthusiasm into your Easter day services and secure liberal contributions from the people for missions. Make it a grand occasion and a great day for all the people, and wind up with a great victory for Christ and missions. Plan and pray for fruitful revivals. We must be soul-winners. This is the supreme aim and end of our calling. Let us accomplish it. Revive, build up and vigorously push forward the League and Sunday school work. Endeavor to make our District League and Sunday school convention in May a grand success. Secure subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN ADVOCATE. Give your

leadership and supervision to every department of the church work, thereby securing the best results throughout the district. May great grace be upon us all. Your brother,

J. B. L. WILLIAMS.

NOTICE.

To the Members of the Mobile Conference—

Dear Brethren—All the money for the printing of the minutes was raised before the conference adjourned. Yes, more than enough by \$8 or \$10. Yet the presiding elders are held responsible for the delay of said minutes. The presiding elders are not responsible; let the poor fellows rest, for there was money enough raised and turned over to cover all the expenses. Thus the secretary's notice to the Mobile conference was misleading and uncalled for, and I think by the time you get this, the secretary will find his mistake and send out the minutes. Yours truly,

F. L. TEAGUE, P. E.

METHODIST MINISTERS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

If the brethren of the conference wishing to secure a policy from the above named association will write me at Yazoo City, Miss., I will gladly send them the necessary papers and information respecting the proper steps to be taken. Some have joined and others are joining or preparing to join. Having been a member of the association long enough to test the merit of its workings, I feel free to recommend it to the favorable consideration of the brethren as the best and cheapest thing of the kind of which I have any knowledge. The thousand dollars that I carry cost me only \$12.00 last year, and some years it has cost less; this in connection with the fact that there is no reduction in the full amount promised nor delay in its settlement makes the association indeed a friend to poor ministers, giving them an easy opportunity to largely supplement the meager amounts given their families through conference claimants after their death. We are glad, therefore, to see that the thoughtful ministers are not allowing this fruitful opportunity to slip.

J. C. HOUSTON,

Yazoo City, Miss.

STARKVILLE DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Ackerman, April 18-19; Belle Fontaine, June 9-10; Bradley, May 14-15; Cedar Bluff, June 20-21; Eupora, June 13-14; Friendship, May 25-26; French Camp, April 15-16; Klimichael, June 6-7; Kosciusko, April 11-12; Kosciusko Circuit, April 13-14; Liberty Hill, May 9-10; Louisville, May 2-3; Mathiston, June 19; Rock Hill, May 16-17; Starkville, May 22-24; Starkville Circuit, May 30-31; Stuart, June 8; Spring Hill, April 27-28; W. G. and S. C., May 29; Weir, April 25-26.

THOS. W. DAVIS, P. E.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Lagrange, St. Paul, April 11-12; Industry, Cherry Chapel, April 15-17; Lagrange Circuit, Posey Chapel, April 18-19; Columbus, St. Paul, April 25-26; Eagle Lake, April 29-30; Columbus Circuit, Altair, May 2-3; Schulenburg, May 9-10; Brown's Chapel, May 16-17; Wharton and Caney, Wharton, May 16-17; Hallettsville, May 23-24; Sublime Circuit, Greenville, May 26-28; Yoakum, St. John, May 30-31; Victoria, Webster Chapel, June 6-7; Edna, Scruggs' Chapel, June 13-14.

Dear Brethren—We trust all of your committees are doing very successful work and will report good results on Saturdays at the quarterly conference sessions. Have all the General Conference expenses in hand to pay over to presiding elder. The Samuel Huston College committee will pay what they have collected to the pastor, as my assistant treasurer, to whom I will give a receipt, as collector. You will also aid the pastor in preparing a programme for the Monday night following each quarterly conference, and keep on praying and acting for God to bless as far as human feet mark the soil, for it has been very wet, and can be easily marked. Your brother in the patience of the Kingdom of Christ Jesus.

MACK HENSON, P. E.

JACKSON DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Saratoga, April 25-26; Taylorsville, April 25-26; Morton, May 2-3; Forest, May 5-6; Brandon, May 7-8; Linwood, May 9-10; Pelahatchie, May 9-10; Jackson, May 16-17; West Jackson, May 16-17; Clinton, May 23-24; Green Hill, May 30; Bellewood, June 4; Roseneath, June 6-7; Yazoo City, June 13-14; Lintonia, June 13-14; Benton, June 20-21; Yazoo City Circuit, June 20-21; Madison, June 24; Vaughan, June 25; Canton, June 27-28; Canton Circuit, June 27-28; Good Hope, June 30; Carthage, July 2; Couparie, July 4-5.

Dear Brothers—I hope that you will push the church work along all lines, and remember Children's Day. Please try to finish taking up all benevolent collections, at the earliest date possible.

J. M. SHUMPERT, P. E.

WEST TENNESSEE DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Kenton and York, May 2-3; Humboldt, May 9-10; Brownsville, May 9-10; Alamo and Hudson, May 16-17; Friendship Circuit, May 30-31; Mayes and Alice, May 30-31; Foroskes and Halls, June 6-7; Dyersburg Circuit, June 6-7; Atoka and Covington, June 13-14; Rimbuttown and Pines, June 20-21; Pleasant Grove, June 27-28; Galloway Circuit, July 4-5; cuit, July 4-5; Bruden Mission, July 4-5; Burdett's Chapel, July 11-12; Molumbe Town, July 11-12; Warren's Chapel, July 18-19; Mason, July 18-19; Memphis Century, July 25-26.

Dear brethren of the West Tennessee District: I am aware of the many hardships you and your families have pushed through during the flood that has surpassed any known in the history of our state. I am also aware that many of our churches have been surrounded with water, and many others have been used for dwelling houses for our unfortunate neighbors. But let us look forward to the future, and to our blessed Saviour and He will lead you to victory. I want all monies raised on the fifth Sunday in March, to be sent to Dr. J. B. Hamilton, president of Walden University. I am sure that no Brother who is loyal to his church will fail to observe Easter as Missionary Day and make his report through the SOUTHWESTERN, so that all may know just what we are doing. I want you as faithful Christian ministers to begin now to secure five cash subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN, to be carried to Martin in October. If you will cooperate with me it will be done and it means 101 cash subscribers to the paper and 101 persons made better to assist us in our fight for progress. Success only comes to those who work and pray. Yours for the church.

J. A. W. MOORE.

356 Calhoun St.

BRISTOL DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Tip Top, Va., April 25-26; Tazewell, C. H., Va., May 2-3; North Tazewell, Va., May 9-10; Castle Wood, Va., May 16-17; Gate City, Va., May 23-24; Mountain City, Tenn., May 30-31; Johnson City, Tenn., June 6-7; Bristol, Tenn., June 13-14; Abingdon, Va., June 20-21; Glade Spring, Va., June 21-22; Rural Retreat, Va., June 27-28; Wytheville, Va., July 4-5; Marion, Va., July 11-12.

The district conference will convene July 8-12, at Marion, Va. Dear brethren, your reports show that you are doing grandly this year. Remember your promise. All collections taken in full, no blanks allowed, is our motto. The Bristol district expects every man to do his duty. I believe you will do yours. Write me often and freely. Keep your committees at work. Let us pray and help each other. Yours,

R. A. SWAN, P. E.

WINSTON DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Madison Circuit, April 25-26; Madison, May 2-3; Summerfield, May 9-10; St. Paul, May 14-17; Mt. Pleasant, May 15-17; Rocky Mt. (Va.), May 23-24; Wilkesboro, May 30-31; Jefferson, May 30-31; Kernesville, June 4; High Point, June 6-7; Midway, June 11-12; Thomasville, June 13-14; Trinity, June 20-21; Liberty, June 20-21; Mt. Pisgah, June 25-26; Mt. Airy, June 27-28; Asheboro, July 4-5; Fair View, July 4-5; Advance, July 11-12; Dist. Conf., Winston Circuit, July 9-12; Rural Hall, July 18-19; Jefferson, July 18-19.

My dear brethren of the Winston district, suppose we place every church in the district where it belongs, viz.: in Class No. 1? And prove to the church which we represent our ability to succeed; to double our collections for the Missionary, Freedman's Aid and Church Extension Societies; and this does not mean that we are to slight the other collections, but will emphasize the fact to the church that we appreciate what it has done and is doing for us. Forward your Easter collections immediately to the proper source, as it is needed at once. Please take the special educational collection, ordered by the conference for Bennett College, and forward the same to the president. The professors will spend their vacation visiting the brethren, to assist them in taking this special collection. Permit me to suggest that you set apart May 30th (fifth Sunday) as Missionary Rally Day. Let as many of the brethren as can attend the commencement, May 14, as we have some important business to look after. Just continue to send in the subscribers. We are in the lead, and we must hold our position. Don't back an inch. Drs. C. C. Jacobs, G. G. Logan, M. C. B. Mason and Prof. I. G. Penn are cordially invited to visit the district conference, and to canvass the district in the interest of their several causes. Yours for victory!

J. P. FRANKLIN, P. E.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Okmulgee, April 11-12; Wetumka, April 13-14; Grant, April 15; Atoka, April 17; Eufaula, April 18-19; Chicotah, April 20-21; Wagoner and Panther Creek, April 22-23; Muskogee, April 25-26; Elliott Cr. at Coffeyville, April 27-28; Guthrie, May 2-3; Ardmore, Warren Chapel, May 9-10; Ardmore Circuit, May 11-12; Purcell, May 13-14; Luther, May 16-17; Shawnee, May 23-24; Oklahoma City, May 30-31; Chickasha, June 1-2; Chandler, June 6-7; Hennessy, June 13-14; Mt. Zion, June 20-

21; Independence, June 27-28; Ripley, July 4-5.

Dear Brethren: The old conference year has gone forever. We did well. Our benevolent collections were doubled. But can't we do much more this year? Let us start with a determination to do more than ever. Let us bring our district in the front rank this year. Go out after souls and with the incoming of souls will come money in the Lord's treasury. Make the quarterly conference a success. Make the year a good one. When the year is done let us shout for victory. In His Name,

D. G. FRANKLIN, P. E.

Box 156, Guthrie, O. T.

The Alexandria District Conference has been changed from St. Martinville to Booneville, La. The pastor and people said they could not care for it, but the people of Booneville, with their pastor, accepts it kindly. The district is doing well.

S. DUNCAN, P. E.

PRESIDING ELDERS' THIRD COUNCIL.

Presiding elders and pastors will note that the Third Council will meet at Meridian, Miss., June 25-28. Those who contemplate coming to said meeting, should write to the Rev. A. J. McNair, the pastor, so that names can be secured. Reduced rates over the several roads will be arranged for return. Yours fraternally,

W. H. NELSON,
Cor. Sec'y. Council.

THEY LIVE
OUR MEMORY

Natchitoches, La.—On Sunday the 28th inst., at 6 o'clock p. m., death claimed the soul of David Sharp. He was converted on the 26th inst., just two days before his death, and when the end came said "The Lord has saved me, I am ready and willing to die." He died in great peace. He was 21 years old.

W. J. M. PRICE.

Livingston, Texas.—A good woman has passed away. Sister Maggie McGown, aged 45 years, after a few days' illness, died March 26, in full faith in the Lord Jesus. She leaves a husband and ten children. She had served the church faithfully for twenty-three years.

E. MICHEAUX, Pastor.

Lafayette Circuit, Ala.—Brother Jas. Winston, a faithful member of the M. E. Church at Bell Chapel, departed this life March 25, 1903, in full triumph of faith. He was a live and useful Christian. The church has lost a good worker and heaven gained a saint. Brother Winston was a member of the church twenty-six years. He said he was going home to heaven. He leaves a wife and many friends to mourn. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, and a goodly number of people attended.

J. T. WILLIS, Pastor.

West Point, Miss.—Little Maudie, the infant daughter of Rev. W. M. Roberts, at Corinth, Miss., is dead. May the Lord console the hearts of Brother and Sister Roberts in their trouble. The burial was performed by the writer, J. Burton.

McMinnville.—Brother Isaac Patterson, a faithful soldier, was called from

labor to reward on the 5th of March. He was a faithful member and a good father. He leaves a host of friends. He was loved by all that knew him. Also Sister Lodie Warmock fell asleep in the arms of Jesus on the 3rd of March. She was a true and consistent Christian. She leaves many friends.

I. S. RUCKER, Pastor.

Meridian Circuit, Miss.—Sister Virginia Dunfin, aged 44 years, departed this life March 17, 1903. She was a faithful member of Tabernacle M. E. Church for a number of years. She did not seem to be sick. She had visited one of her neighbors during the day, came back home and cooked supper and then did some sewing before she retired for the night. About 2:30 o'clock the next morning she died.

G. W. ARNOLD, Pastor.

Bennettville, La.—Mr. Nathan Chaney, aged 18 years, a member of Booneville M. E. Church, departed this life March 16th, in full triumph of the Christian faith. He was a Christian gentleman. He leaves a father, mother, sister and brothers.

C. H. MONROE.

Weir, Miss.—Aunt Mary Ann McGee, of Durant, Miss., aged 50 years, is dead. She has been a member of the M. E. Church thirty years. She was faithful to the end. She is sister to my father, Rev. W. T. Wright, of Weir, Miss. She leaves a husband, six children, four sisters, three brothers, and a host of friends to mourn. Rev. McEwen was her pastor and conducted the funeral.

JESSIE MAY WRIGHT.

Asheville, N. C.—Gracie McDonald, the beloved daughter of Rev. and Mrs. McDonald, was visited by the death angel and plucked from this earth and transplanted in the glory land, March 22, 1903. She was loved by all who knew her. We miss her very much in home, church and community. The funeral service took place in the chapel of the Industrial Home. The young ladies of the Home deserve special commendation for the manner in which the chapel was decorated. It was simply unique, yet appropriate for the occasion. The ministers of the Ministerial Union of the city took active part in the service, and in the meantime, expressed their heartfelt sympathy in form of resolutions, which were read at the funeral service. The writer preached the funeral.

R. W. WINCHESTER.

Woodlawn, La.—On March 23, 1903, Brother Nelson Francis, aged 20 years, departed this life, and joined the host above. He leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn.

On March 25, Sister Matilda McGuire fell asleep in the arms of Jesus at the ripe age of 103 years. She was one of the oldest members of this church, and a faithful Christian. Funeral was conducted by the Rev. Cheeks of the A. M. E. Church and the pastor, Rev. E. Fields.

Durant, Miss., March 27.—Sister Ann Wetherby, one of the oldest members of our church, fell asleep in Jesus on the 24th inst. She lived a consistent Christian for thirty-five years and died at the age of 61. She leaves a husband and many relatives and a host of friends. Her funeral was conducted by the pastor, assisted by the Rev. D. Green of Starkville, Miss., and Rev. T. W. Davis, presiding elder of the Starkville district.

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Sister Mary Ann McGee departed this life March 22. She died as she lived, a consistent Christian for thirty years. She leaves a husband, three sons and three daughters, brothers and sisters, and many friends. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, M. C. McEwen.

Duck Hill, Miss.—Sister Lucy Crouder departed this life March 30th, at 2:40 p. m., aged 69 years. She died as she lived, a faithful Christian. She was a member of the church twenty-six years. Her funeral was preached by the writer to a large congregation of white and colored. She leaves a daughter, grandchildren, and many friends.

D. P. SHAW, Pastor.

West Point, Miss.—Sister Fannie Smith, a faithful member of the Caledonia Circuit, and one of the leading lights of Milenterry Chapel, died in full triumph of faith, Feb. 28, aged 28 years. She leaves a husband, children, brothers, sisters, and an aged mother and father to mourn. The church has lost a strong member.

Sister Vinnie Betts died March 19th, 1903. She was another one of our faithful members. She died in full triumph of faith. She was highly esteemed by her church and friends.

Sister Harriet Kidd died March 16, aged 82 years. She was also a faithful

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APRIL 6th TO 13th.

Atlanta and Savannah—O. R. Simms; J. D. Jenkins, *1; Mrs. J. A. Rush, *1; Maggie Hyatt.

Central Alabama and Mobile—A. W. McKinney, 1; J. W. Martin, *1; A. R. Cooper.

Central Missouri—Mrs. Hannah Garr; Garr; H. L. Billups.

Delaware—E. L. Scruggs.

Lexington—O. A. Johnson, *4; B. J. Coleman, *1; T. R. Fletcher, *1; J. L. Tandy.

Little Rock—A. W. Carter, *1; Mrs. E. Higgins; R. B. Fagan, *2; G. W. Perry; J. M. Clark, 1; Geo. W. Reeves, *1; J. M. Scruggs; David Hall.

Louisiana—Bedford Carr, 1; C. W. Tillman; Mrs. Clara Vacca; W. A. Moers; P. Landry; F. T. Chinn, *1; H. A. Sorrell; Jno. Marks; J. H. Pierre; C. H. Monroe, *3; C. W. Reeves, *1; Thos. Williams; M. Seither; C. Spears; A. Gray, *2; Edward Jackson; D. S. Kilbourne; David Harrison, *1; J. F. Marshall, *2; D. M. Seals, *1; J. D. Brightop; O. J. Lebeouf; W. R. Butler; H. Taylor, *1; J. J. Parker; T. F. Robinson, *2; E. C. Goins; G. B. Hill; R. E. White; Mrs. S. F. Williams; Thos. S. Birley; C. D. Shallowhorne, *1; Caleb Catherine.

Mississippi and Upper—J. C. Hibbler, *10; L. F. Jones, *1; A. H. Harris; W. T. Wright, *2; B. J. Robinson; C. M. Ford; W. T. Wright, *2; J. T. Cannon, 2; Mary Reeves; R. N. Jones, *2; N. E. Goodloe, *1; N. Cannon; E. C. F. Troupe, *1; Sam Singletary; J. B. Starkey, 1; T. Flowers; W. H. Gallion, *3; G. Orange, *1; P. O. Jamison, *1; E. P. Chapman; N. B. Blackman, *1; G. W. Smith, *2; T. A. Carter; James Bass; J. H. Wesley; S. M. Curry.

Okanob—J. S. Collins.

Tennessee and East—G. D. Fields, *4; Henry Forrest; G. H. Pettis, *1.

Texas and West—P. B. Bennett; F. R. Morton, *1; Wm. Bartley, *9; Florence Spearman, *1; S. A. Kelly; H. C. Cooper, 1; Harry Swann, *1; Minnie Johnson.

Washington—Chas. Alexander.

There are several good "strings" in the above "catch." It shows that there is no close season in our section, and like Peter, the brethren thought it a good time to go a-fishing, and they went. If any have failed, let them cast the net on the other side of the ship.

CRESCENT CITY NOTES

Rev. G. B. Hill of the Union Bethel A. M. E. Church, this city, called last week. It is a year of success with him, having made large reductions in the debt of that church.

COTTON.

Spot cotton is over 10 cents in this market; that for future delivery is a quarter of a cent higher. We expect another year of good prices.

NOTICE.

The reason the reports of some of the brethren have not appeared is because we are overcrowded. They will all appear in due time.—Editor.

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J. W. McKinzie, Pastor, Sublime, Tex.—My first quarterly conference was held March 14-15, with Rev. Mack Henson presiding. All the officers had written reports which were encouraging. On Sunday morning the elder lectured to the Sunday school and at 3 o'clock p. m. he preached an able sermon. At night the pastor preached. Thirty-three persons partook of the Lord's Supper; paid elder \$7; pastor, \$10; paid for all purposes this quarter

C. L. Dunn, Lafayette, Ala.—Our quarterly conference recently held with our able and worthy presiding elder, Rev. F. L. Teague, made a deep and abiding impression upon the people. As the words fell from the lips of this Godly and instructive pulpit divine, the congregation melted in tears and wondered, "What manner of man is this." Elder Teague is the right man in the right place. His lectures and addresses on industrial and material progress, instructing his district to possess some of this world's goods as well as being heir to high heaven; setting before them the moral as well as the spiritual development will surely bring reformation and progress to Opelika District never to be erased. Every officer was at his post. We paid the presiding elder his assessment. A new organ is now leaving Montgomery on its way to our church, which will add new life to our work. Our choir under the leadership of our efficient music teacher, Miss Estella Parish, is not excelled. The W. H. M. Society is still finding its way to the helpless and destitute; as they go out seeking, they lose sight of de-

nominal spirit and to the door of the distressed and prodigal, their cry is, "In name of the Master I come to do you good." It is a pleasure to me to report to the great body of Methodist that we are alive, manifesting it by our work. Oh it was sad to us when the angel of death took little Frank Walker from us, but as he sleeps in Jesus blessed sleep, from which none ever wakes to weep, we hope to meet him again. Last Sunday was a high day with us. Notwithstanding the inclemency of weather and the distressing times and wintry season, a few faithful class leaders organized and worked their forces so well that they were able to report the following: R. Driver, class No. 1, \$6; Wm. Walker, class No. 2, \$1; Capt. Ervin, class No. 3, \$6.95; F. Scott, class No. 4, \$3.11; Sister Hattie Black, class No. 5, \$9.53; Sister Julia Marable, class No. 6, \$8.70; Sister Celia Ingersoll, class No. 7, \$1.96; D. A. Marable, class No. 8, \$1; F. Trammel, class No. 9, \$2.55; Brother Mitchell, class No. 10, \$1.44; T. J. Wheat, class No. 11, \$2.25; other collection, \$2.20; total collection, \$45.85. Said money raised to purchase new benches for the church. Our excellent Sunday school superintendent, Miss E. B. Nash, together with the teachers and Sunday school, was very successful on Wednesday night, raising \$9 to purchase four dozen song books for the Sunday school. Total raised for all purposes since the annual conference \$140.

Wm. Emmett, Pastor, Boyce Cir., La.—I take this method of thanking Sister Louisa Richardson and Sister Ann Green and the many friends for giving us such a rousing pound party. They brought 100 pounds and a nice purse of money.

Rev. J. W. Byrd, in charge at Louisville, Miss., celebrated the advent of an "Easter Lily" at his home by sending us five yearly subscribers. The daughter is a month old now, and the advent and the subscribers brings joy to both him and us.

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Report of the Committee on the Unification of the Publishing-houses of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Appointed at the Session of the Book Committee, February, 1902, and Approved by the Book Committee at Its Session held in New York City, February, 1903.

To the Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

At your meeting of February, 1902, held in Cincinnati, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed by the Chairman to consider the possibility of the unification of the Publishing-houses, with request for report on the subject at an executive session of February, 1903."

Under this resolution, the undersigned were appointed, and respectfully submit the following report, the theory of which is the concentration of thought, effort, and capital in the manufacturing department, without diminishing either in the sales or distributing departments of the business.

As the elimination of all suggestion of sectional lines and divided administration will tend to focalize responsibility in the Publishing Agent, as well as serve to broaden the interest and secure the co-operation of the members of the Book Committee in the Book Concern, rather than on either of the Publishing-houses, all mention of either an Eastern or Western House, or an Eastern or Western section of the Book Committee, is omitted from the suggestion herein made.

Your Committee disavows at the outset any disposition to go beyond the scope of this resolution, and in presenting the conclusions growing out of its investigations there appear somewhat lengthy historic statements, they are submitted with the view of securing a clear understanding of the whole matter rather than to persuade favor or argue the question.

Whether our present organization admits of the publishing interests being managed "as the interests of the Church require," is not a new question. The consolidation or unification of the Publishing-houses has been much in the thought of the Church, has been the subject of special attention by several General Conferences, and was a question before the Book Committee in 1834 or 1835.

Heretofore the statement of the question has been dual: "Is it advisable?" "Is it practicable, if advisable?" Opinions were divided. Some thought it advisable, but not practicable; others thought it practicable, but not advisable; while still others thought it both advisable and practicable; and still others, neither. It was to be expected that under these circumstances an adverse report would be made, and not unreasonable that a strong minority report should also be presented; Mr. Clem Studebaker, a former honored member of the Book Committee, and a man of remarkable business abilities, being strongly in favor of unification.

It is a matter of doubt whether there has been such an investigation of the conditions lying at the foundation of this question as its gravity and importance demand.

The excitement and pressure of a General Conference session are altogether unfavorable to such investigations, and important legislation is consequently either superficially done or left entirely undone. It is for this reason your Committee has gone into its historic detail so much at the expense of your time, in its effort to place this important matter clearly before you, the primary object being to show that while the dissemination of Christian knowledge was a part of the original purpose of the publishing business, it was only a part, and not the whole of that purpose.

THE ORIGIN AND OBJECTS OF THE BOOK CONCERN.

The first mention of the publishing interests of the Church is in the first edition of the Discipline (1787), as follows:

"TITLE OF SECTION XXXI.

"On the printing of Books, and the Application of the Profits Arising Therefrom.

"As it has been frequently recommended by the Preachers and People that such books as are wanted, be printed in this country, we therefore propose:

"1. That the advice of the Conference shall be desired concerning any valuable impressions, and their consent be obtained before any steps be taken for the Printing thereof.

"2. That the Profits of the Books, after all the necessary Expenses are defrayed, shall be applied according to the discretion of the Conference, towards the College, the Preachers' Fund, the Deficiencies of the Preachers' Salaries, the distant Missions, or the Debts of our Churches."

In 1799 Section 2 of the above was changed so as to read as follows:

"2. That the profits of the books, after all the expenses are defrayed, shall be applied as the Bishop and the Council shall direct."

In 1792 the provisions of this chapter were considerably elaborated, but that which relates to our inquiry is as follows:

"Ques. 1. Who is appointed to manage the Printing business?"

"Ans. John Dickins.

"Ques. 4. Who shall form the Book Committee?"

"Ans. John Dickins, Henry Hillis, Thomas Hoskins, and the Preacher who is stationed in Philadelphia from time to time.

"Ques. 5. How much shall be annually allowed out of the Book Fund for Cokesbury College till the next General Conference?"

"Ans. Eight hundred dollars for the ensuing year, and one thousand and forty-six dollars and two-thirds for each of the remaining years.

"Ques. 7. What sum of money is allowed distressed Preachers out of the Book Fund, till the next General Conference?"

"Ans. Two hundred and sixty-six dollars and one-third per annum.

"Ques. 9. What sum shall be allowed the Bishop out of the Book Fund, for the benefit of district schools, till the next General Conference?"

"Ans. Sixty-four dollars per annum.

"Ques. 10. How shall the surplus of the Book Fund be applied till the next General Conference, after the provisions above named are made?"

"Ans. To the forming of a capital stock for the carrying on of the concerns of the books."—(Note "the concerns of the books.")

From the foregoing, it appears "the profits from the printing of books" were applied to various purposes, and only the remainder, if any, to "the forming of a capital stock with which to carry on the business." And here is the first suggestion of the Publishing Agent, of the Book Committee, of the name of the business, and, also, of Restrictive Rule VI.

In 1793 this application of the profits was limited to a single object, as follows:

"Ques. 5. What sum shall be allowed distressed preachers out of the Book Fund till the next General Conference?"

"Ans. Two hundred and sixty-six dollars per annum."

A very earnest and interesting Note was also appended to the chapter, of which the following is a part:

"The propagation of religious knowledge by means of the press is next in importance to the preaching of the gospel."

"And in consideration that all of the profits shall be lodged in our Chartered Fund for the benefit of the distressed preachers, both traveling and superannuated, will, we trust, prove a considerable additional inducement to our brethren to purchase our books."

In 1804 this entire chapter was rewritten, and has come down to the present day substantially unchanged.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME.

The words, The Book Concern, were used by the General Conference as the comprehensive name of our publishing interests for the first time in the year 1800, as will be found by reference to the Journal of that year.

It is of Methodist origin, and not "an importation." By long use it has come to have the full value of a trademark as the title of our publishing interests, and is defensible as such under the laws of our country. The propriety of its continuous use on the title-page of our publications, as our "imprint," in order to perpetuate this value, may not be unworthy the attention of your Committee,—with corresponding instructions to the Publishing Agents.

THE INCORPORATIONS.

The Book Concern has never been incorporated—the Eastern and Western Publishing Agents, and their successors in office, were incorporated. The first reference to incorporation is found in the General Conference Journals of the year 1804, as follows:

"Dr. Coke moved, that the Book Committee and the General Book Steward take such legal steps for security, to the General Conference, of the stock and cash in hand, and of what may be in future in the possession of the General Book Steward, as may appear necessary, to some person or persons well versed in the law of the land, but without any incorporation whatsoever; and if no other security but an incorporation be devised, the matter of security shall lie over to the next General Conference. Carried."

But, for some reason, no steps were taken to carry out this resolution until 1820, when the following resolutions were passed:

"Resolved, By the delegates of the Annual Conferences in General Conference assembled: 1. That it is expedient for the Book Concern to be located in the city of New York.

"Resolved, &c., 2. That the Book Agents be authorized, if they should judge it advisable at any time between this and the next General Conference, with the advice and consent of the superintendents and Book Committee, to purchase a suitable lot of ground in New York City, and, so far as they can do it without going further into debt, to erect buildings thereon proper for the use of the Concern.

"Resolved, &c., 3. That the superintendents be authorized and requested, with the assistance of the Agents and Book Committee, if they shall jointly judge it expedient and necessary, to adopt some measures for the purpose of obtaining an incorporation or incorporations for the better security of the stock of the Concern permanently to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in conformity to the rules and regulations which now are or hereafter may be in our Discipline upon that subject.

"Resolved, &c., 4. That the Book Agents shall have authority to obtain insurance on property belonging to the Concern so far as they may judge it expedient.

"Resolved, &c., 10. That an additional Book Agent shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to reside in Cincinnati, and manage the Concern in the Western country under the direction of the editor at New York, and who, by virtue of his appointment, shall be a member of the Ohio Annual Conference, under the same regulations by which the agents at New York are members of the New York Annual Conference."

In 1836 there appears the following action:

"The chairman of the select committee to whom was referred the subject of obtaining an act of incorporation for our Book Concern presented and read a report, which was adopted, to wit:

"The committee to whom was referred the twenty-third resolution in the report of the Committee on Book Concern, report:

"That they have examined the opinions of three eminent lawyers, to whom were submitted sundry questions in relation to the manner in which the property of the Book Concern is held in the city of New York; and, taking these opinions as a guide, we recommend to the Conference the adoption of the following resolutions:

"Resolved, 1. That the surviving joint-tenant, the Rev. Beverly Waugh, be, and he is hereby, requested to convey, under the advice of able legal counsel, the real estate which he now holds, in trust, for the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to the Revs. Thomas Mason and George Lane, as joint-tenants, and not tenants in common, in trust, for the sole use and benefit of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"Resolved, 2. That the said Thomas Mason and George Lane be, and they are hereby, directed to apply to the next legislature of the State of New York for such an act of incorporation as shall secure the real estate in the city of New York, belonging to the Methodist Book Concern, to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be used and applied as the Discipline of said Church shall from time to time prescribe.

"Resolved, 3. That the Book Agents at Cincinnati be, and they are hereby, instructed that whenever it is thought advisable, in conformity with a resolution passed at the present session of this Conference, to purchase a lot for the purpose of erecting buildings for the branch of the Book Concern at Cincinnati, to take measures for securing the premises legally to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be used and applied as the Discipline of said Church shall from time to time direct.

May 27th, 1836.

Respectfully submitted,
N. BANGS, Chairman."

No. 3 of the above resolutions refers immediately to the following, contained in the Report of the Committee on Book Concern, found on page 488, Journal of 1836:

"There shall be an establishment of the Book Concern in the city of Cincinnati, under the superintendence of an agent and an assistant, who shall manage the business in the Western country so as to co-operate with the agents at New York. They shall have authority to publish any book in our catalogue when, in their judgment and that of the Book Committee, it shall be advantageous to the interests of the Church; provided, that they shall not publish type editions of such books as are stereotyped in New York. And there shall be an editor and assistant, who shall have charge of the Western Christian Advocate, and all the editorial business of this establishment, and who, together with the agent and assistant agent, shall be chosen from among the traveling preachers, and, by virtue of their appointment, shall be members of the Ohio Annual Conference. The Book Committee for the establishment shall consist of seven members, including the editors, to be chosen annually by the Ohio Annual Conference, and whose duties shall be the same as those of the Book Committee at New York. And the proceeds of this establishment, with the exception of what may be necessary to conduct the business, shall be paid annually to the agents at New York, to be added to the profits arising from that Concern, and appropriated for the same purposes. In case of removal by death, resignation, or otherwise, of the agents or editors, or any of them, the Ohio Annual Conference shall have authority to appoint a successor until the ensuing General Conference.

"4. That the Book Committee in New York shall consist of all the preachers stationed, for the time being, in that city by the New York Annual Conference, including the editors, the resident corresponding secretary of the Missionary Society, and the presiding elder of the district; and that the fifth division in the eighth section of Part One of the Discipline shall be so amended as to read in conformity with this resolution.

"5. That the agents at Cincinnati be authorized, with the advice and consent of the Book Committee, to procure ground, and erect a suitable building for a printing-office, book-room, and bindery; and for this end they shall be allowed to appropriate such moneys in their hands as can be spared, together with any donations that may be made to the Concern in the West for that purpose."

The original purposes for which The Book Concern was instituted seem nowhere in the legislation of the Church to have been changed, but remain the same to-day as an hundred years ago; namely, "for the propagation of Christian knowledge," and "for the benefit of traveling, supernumerary, superannuated, and worn-out preachers, their wives, widows, and children." The fact of two incorporations does not, and could not, affect these purposes. Incorporation must have been designed, therefore, to meet conditions and secure objects which, at the time it was authorized, could be thus better secured than by the organization previously existing. New conditions demanded new adaptations.

Such is the history of the incorporation of the Publishing-houses, the immediate object of which would seem to be to vest in the corporations authorized by these several resolutions, the title to the real estate and other property, rather than continue it in the Agents, as Trustees. (See the Journals.)

It is interesting to note that, while the Book Concern existed in New York City for sixteen years prior to the authorization of an Assistant Agent in Cincinnati, and for twenty years prior to the election of Martin Ruter as "the Book Agent at Cincinnati," the incorporation of both the New York and Cincinnati Agencies was authorized in the same year (1836). These Charters, expiring by limitation in thirty years, both were renewed with "power of perpetual succession," and are the Charters now in force.

Under these Acts of Incorporation and the subsequent provisions of the Discipline, the fundamental condition of "authority to regulate the publications and other business of the Concern" was, and is, that it shall be done, whether by the Book Committee or the Publishing Agents, "as the interests of the Church may require," as follows:

"The General Conference shall quadrennially elect two Agents for the Publishing-house in New York, and two Agents for the Publishing-house in Cincinnati; which Agents shall have authority, under the supervision of the Book Committee, to regulate the publications and other business of the Concern,—except that which belongs to the Editorial Departments,—in such manner as the interests of the Church may require."

These last words seem "to be of the full force and effect of a Constitution," and any consideration of new methods, or a revision of the old, can proceed on no other basis.

It may not be unimportant for us to inquire as to the extent of the supervision of the Book Committee. It is given in Paragraph 420 of the Discipline, as follows:

"Such Committee shall have general supervision of the Publishing Interests of the Church,"—

and

"It shall have full power to discontinue any Depository or periodical when the interests of the Church or Book Concern demand it."

It is not now our business to discuss the full significance of these words, further than to say that, as they "are of the full force and effect of a Constitution," they may be understood to authorize the supervision of the administrative acts of those whom the General Conference has authorized, by Paragraph 410 of the Discipline, to "have authority under the supervision of the Book Committee." The "Editorial departments" also seem "under the general supervision of the Book Committee," by Paragraph 421, according to which "the local Committees of New York and Cincinnati, acting jointly, have power to suspend an Agent or Editor, for cause to them sufficient," and "the fourteen members from the districts into which the Annual Conferences are distributed, may remove said Agent or Editor during the intervals of the General Conference," and they are authorized, also, to proceed to fill such vacancy. The further right and duty of the Book Committee to fill the vacancies occurring in its own body can be understood to mean nothing else than full authority to have general supervision over all departments of the Book Concern during the intervals of the General Conference; the only concurrent action mentioned being that of a majority of the Bishops present when a vacancy in an Agency or Editorial office is filled.

The only limitations placed on this authority seem to be "as the interests of the Church and the Book Concern require," and the further limitations of Restrictive Rule VI, which apply to all supervision, whether by the Agents, the Book Committee, or the General Conference itself.

Any suggestion of reorganization, therefore, which in your judgment the interests of the Church or the Book Concern demand, would seem not only possible, but eminently proper.

THE CONDITIONS CHANGED.

It may be well to consider the changes that have occurred in our country since the dual incorporation of the Agencies in 1836. What was then a frontier country, whose "settlements" were environed by the dangers of savagery and semi-civilization, has become, by the expansion of our social, industrial, and political life, successively, "The Far West," "The West," and "The Middle West," filled with teeming fields, bustling cities, busy factories, and millions of active people in almost daily intercourse by means of inter-lacing systems of railways that have forced the receding frontier of the former days till it has now disappeared far beyond the shores of the Pacific. Time nor distance any longer intervene to embarrass immediate business intercourse.

When the incorporations of 1836 were effected there was no railway, mail, or express service by which to reach the scattered people quickly. Transportation, if effected at all, was by the ponderous "Pennsylvania Schooner"—a great four-horse wagon adapted to freighting through the mountains—; by the hardly less ponderous "coach," and by means of the still slower and more dangerous water-craft of the coast and river service of that day. The "solitary horse-man," with his mailbag, was then pioneering the way for the shrill whistle of "The Postie." The letter then sent by mail was at a cost of a quarter of a dollar. Every man carried his own parcels, and the electric devices of Morse and Bell were unknown. No express, no telegraph, no telephone.

Since that time, the steam-engine takes the "Ocean Greyhound" across the seas, the "Twentieth-century Flyer" and the "Merchants' Dispatch" across the continent, bearing men and merchandise with precipitate speed, to which the devices of Morse, Bell, and Marconi now add the charm of safety.

This transformation is alluded to only that we may consider and fully realize the wide expanse that lies between the conditions in the business relations of our country to-day and those existent at the time of the fathers, who devoted their best effort to developing what has since become an engine for the dissemination of "Christian knowledge among the people," and, at the same time, a messenger of comfort and helpfulness to the veteran followers of John Wesley and Francis Asbury. They used the best means they knew to accomplish their godly and patriotic work of "scattering Scriptural holiness throughout these lands," that they might make men better. As in those days it was impracticable to carry the productions of the Publishing-house to the people quickly, they determined to have "an establishment of the Book Concern" in the West, and located it in Cincinnati, then a frontier point. Shall the sons be less wise than their fathers? Or, shall we adapt the Book Concern to the new conditions that now surround it, and by a readjustment extend its power and perpetuate its usefulness?

WHAT ARE THE NEW CONDITIONS?

Somewhere along what in 1836 was the line of the Western frontier is now found the center of our country's population; and not remote from that, by a singular coincidence, is the center of Methodist population,—the constituency of the Book Concern. Systems of railways converge at these centers, by means of which every crude material required by the publishing interests may be quickly and cheaply assembled, and, having been touched by skillful hands into forms of beauty and utility, be again as quickly distributed, over direct radial lines of railway and express transportation, to the very doorways of the homes of our people.

Here, sheltered from the distracting turmoils and burdensome expense of a more metropolitan center, the artisan may hope to find peace in his craft, comfort in his home, a balance in his bank, and recognition in his social life—always the handmaids of industry and the harbingers of content. So much for the changed conditions in the geographic relations of the country since the incorporation.

Large cities and metropolitan centers are no longer the most desirable points in which to operate great manufacturing enterprises. They no longer possess superior advantages as distributing points. Other points far removed from these centers of costly real estate, costly rent-rolls, costly homes, costly modes of living, and consequent high wage-rolls, are now equally central for manufacturing and distributing, therefore vastly preferable as points of production and distribution. Let metropolitan points be used as sales centers, and some one of these cheaper points as the center of productive activity, thus securing direct and focalized supervision over our publishing interests from a single center of production, almost, if not altogether, impossible from two.

With these changes in the physical relations of the various sections of our country have come others equally great in the conditions of the Book Concern itself, and with them problems correspondingly grave.

THE BOOK CONCERN OF TO-DAY.

In an hundred years the Book Concern has grown, from a borrowed capital of \$600, to an investment of over \$3,000,000, and now consists of two separately incorporated Publishing-houses, seven Depositions, eleven official papers, two or more "Special Publishing Commissions," authorized to publish other papers known as "subsidized papers," besides the Sunday-school, Tract Society, and other publications.

It is all these which, in Paragraph 410, "the two Publishing Agents elected for the Publishing-house in New York, and the two for the House in Cincinnati, shall have authority to regulate," "as the interests of the Church may require," and over which the Book Committee is appointed to have general supervision in the intervals of the General Conference.

Though two generations have passed, and with them the business methods of that day, the old organization remains, and we still have two Publishing-houses, each armed with a distinct and almost independent corps of administrative officers, either of which would be nearly equal to the needs of both, if under one executive direction.

The condensed statement of the Report of the Agents for the year 1901 is taken to illustrate the investment of the capital of these Houses, as follows:

	New York.	Per Cent.	Cincinnati.	Per Cent.	Total.	Per Cent. of Total.
Real Estate...	\$1,050,000.00	52.28	\$725,000.00	44.88	\$1,775,000.00	48.98
Merchandise...	121,500.23	06.05	183,000.18	11.38	305,400.41	08.43
Mfg. Dep't...	281,070.03	14	218,666.54	13.35	499,736.57	13.70
Furniture and Fixtures...	7,372.00	00.37	14,666.84	00.91	22,038.83	00.61
Notes and Accounts...	534,958.10	26.63	241,447.23	14.94	776,405.33	21.42
Cash...	12,510.75	00.57	135,029.23	08.35	147,540.00	04.10
Fire Reserve...	.....	.....	100,000.00	06.10	100,000.00	02.76
	\$2,008,411.20	100%	\$1,615,910.06	100%	\$3,624,321.26	100%

Or one million seven hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars—48.98 per cent of the combined capital—in real estate.

The New York House, having a capital of \$2,008,411.20, has \$1,050,000, or more than one-half its own capital, and nearly one-third the combined capital, in real estate, distributed as follows:

Pittsburg	\$120,000 00
San Francisco	70,000 00
Twentieth Street, New York City	90,000 00
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City	770,000 00
	\$1,050,000 00

The "Joint Rent Account" of 1902 shows that the property at 150 Fifth Avenue yields a gross income of \$68,192.41, which, after deducting expenses, leaves \$16,047.47 net; or 2.08 per cent on an investment of \$770,000. No statement appears for the earnings of the other real estate.

The Cincinnati House, having a capital of \$1,615,910, has \$725,000, or about 45 per cent of its own capital, and over 20 per cent of the combined capital, in real estate, distributed as follows:

Cincinnati	\$285,000 00
Chicago	410,000 00
St. Louis	30,000 00
	\$725,000 00

The "Real Estate Report" of 1902 shows that the property in Cincinnati yields a gross income of \$22,181.22, which, after deducting expenses, leaves \$3,090.56 net; or 1.08% per cent on an investment of \$285,000. That at Chicago shows a gross income of \$42,001.20, which, after deducting expenses, leaves \$23,810.37 net; or 4.43 per cent on an investment of \$410,000.

A part of the deductions are the rents charged against the manufacturing and mercantile departments at New York and Cincinnati as legitimate expenses of the business done in the property by ourselves. As little manufacturing is done in Chicago, more rentable space is available, and that property shows a correspondingly large net income.

Just how so large a real estate investment may have seemed defensible under the limitations of the Sixth Restrictive Rule, or is now justifiable under the commonly observed requirements of good business management, is a question that well deserves the considerate attention of your Committee. The argument of the statements seems to be that the publishing business has been carried on in the interests of real estate rather than for the benefit of the legal beneficiaries and claimants of all the profits of the business not required to carry on the business. That the publishing business, or the interests of the Church, "requires" this investment can hardly be maintained.

That 50 per cent of the entire capital of a manufacturing and mercantile business should be invested in comparatively unproductive real estate, 25 per cent in past due notes and outstanding accounts, 13 1/2 per cent in destructible machinery and implements, while less than 10 per cent is in merchandise, and still less in cash, would be considered an alarming reflection, if not a grave embarrassment, in ordinary business enterprises.

That one-third the amount now invested in real estate would be more than sufficient for the actual requirements of our publishing business, if judiciously applied to one plant located more remotely from metropolitan centers, does not seem doubtful.

UNIFICATION NOT NEW IN THE DISCIPLINE.

But it will be seen by Paragraph 410 that, while the principle of unification is plainly indicated by the law of the Church, provision is made at the same time for conjoint and co-ordinate authority by four executive heads over one business—that of "the Concern." Note the language of this Paragraph:

"¶ 410. The General Conference shall quadrennially elect two Agents for the Publishing-house in New York and two Agents for the Publishing-house in Cincinnati; which Agents shall have authority, under the supervision of the Book Committee, to regulate the publications and other business of the Concern, except that which belongs to the Editorial Departments, in such manner as the interests of the Church may require."

Whatever conditions in the past may have led to it, such an organization is now so extraordinary as barely to escape absurdity, and finds its only defense in the fact that these distinct plants must have been established under conditions totally different from those now existing.

Who will affirm that if the Book Concern were to be organized to-day four Captains would be put at its head? Or, that two incorporations would be provided, each having two Captains?

Coupled with this arrangement, there is necessarily a duplication of employees in the manufacturing, in the accounting, in the sales, in the shipping, and in the mailing departments of the House in New York, Cincinnati, and Chicago—not to speak of other duplications incident to such an organization—the contemplation of which begets a wilderness of astonishment that this strange elaboration should still remain to be told.

A conservative estimate of a part of what may be saved annually by a consolidation of the manufacturing departments and their operation at a single point, serving to illustrate the principle involved, is as follows, the figures being obtained from an expert in the printing departments:

On Sunday-school Periodicals—Saving on electro-	
plates and make-ready.....	\$10,000 00
On Wages of the various manufacturing plants.....	50,000 00
On Salaries in same departments.....	10,000 00
Combining the Counting-rooms of the Publishing-	
houses East and West.....	10,000 00
Salaries of Publishing Agents.....	10,000 00
	\$90,000 00

If the Real Estate now occupied by New York Manufacturing Plant were released and rented to other tenants, it would yield..... \$20,000 00

Total annually.....\$110,000 00

The above \$20,000, added to the rents now obtained at New York (\$16,047), would make an income of 4 3/4 per cent, instead of 2 per cent, now received on a valuation of \$770,000.

That occupied in Cincinnati and Chicago for manufacturing purposes, which now yields 1.08% per cent and 4.43 per cent on the valuations, respectively, would easily rent for enough to secure accommodations ample for all the manufacturing now carried on at New York, Cincinnati, and Chicago, if our manufacturing plants were concentrated at some point where real estate is less valuable. This is an annual saving of \$110,000.

If, in addition to this, the property now occupied by the publishing interests were released, and rented to other tenants whose business requirements would justify the use of such property, while we obtained by lease or purchase other for our own requirements; or if our Real Estate investment were liquidated and funded into 4 per cent Bonds, while we became tenants rather than landlords, the financial gain is obvious.

It is easy to see that a large saving can also be made by doing the special Sunday-school work and other special work on one set of machines, rather than on two—one in the East, and a duplicate in the West—plus an extra set of men. Nor is it difficult to see that a much larger amount of work per man can be done in a consolidated plant than under our present system.

A wider investigation than your Committee has had opportunity or facilities to make would doubtless reveal other economies not mentioned in this report, but these are thought sufficiently pointed to show the general principle involved.

To harmonize and make uniform the methods of a double force of accountants so remotely adjusted to the work has been, now is, and will continue to be, well-nigh, if not wholly, impossible.

Besides which, such a force, properly concentrated, would seem to be sufficient for business transactions many times larger than those of all our departments.

What shall be said of the needless duplications of printing-presses, engines, boilers, and other appliances, plus the necessary duplication of employees' and other expenses to operate them?

Why should there be two or more purchasing departments with the incidental duplication of stocks of the same material at several points? Over-organization has led to expenditure otherwise needless, in every department of our business, until the elaboration is a weariness.

It is a startling and suggestive fact that there is no similar organization in a correspondingly simple business in this country.

With a constituency such as ours, a commercial credit such as ours, and a capital of plus \$8,000,000—if organized and managed on modern lines—we should easily do a business of much larger volume at greatly reduced costs and correspondingly large profits.

But what plan for remedy is possible?

1. The release of our present Real Estate from occupancy for manufacturing purposes, and the reduction of that occupied for mercantile purposes, with a view to its utility for rental to other tenants.

2. A reduction of the number of high-salaried executive officers, the number of employees of the Concern, and of expenditures in every department, now almost unavoidably duplicated under our present organization, together with various other outlays that might be avoided by unification.

3. The concentration of executive administration with a view to consequent direct responsibility for the management of the publishing business as an entirety—now almost, if not altogether, impossible.

4. Uniformity and harmony in conducting all Departments of the business, and direct effort to reach from one central point the entire country in the interests of the Book Concern.

5. To bring the management of the business of the Church into harmony with that adopted for other large business of the day; notably, with those that have consolidated their capital, focalized their energy, and concentrated their thought at central points of production, with corresponding adaptation of effort and resources at points of distribution and sale.

For ours is a day of concentration of thought, energy, and capital. It is the age of Brain, Brawn, and Buillon. Under the magic power of this trinity of forces the rock-ribbed mountains have yielded their ores; the obdurate hills have revealed their store-houses of coal and oil; the sterile fields have donned robes of floral beauty and bounteous fruitage; the turbulent waves of the seas have become the peaceful thoroughfares of Commerce; while "the invisible powers of the air" leap from their hiding-places and become the messengers of thought, the motive force of the industrial world, and the pilots of the life-burdened craft that plows the uncertain waters that divide the continents of the earth.

Life has become an impetuous activity that knows no abating, and itself abates no difficulties before which courage quails, energy flags, or purpose hesitates.

Nor does it close its highways to any who would seek the summits of human usefulness under a holy inspiration to be the most for God and the best for man.

If this busy world has built its palaces of Industry, set up its Kingdoms of power, and established its supremacy by these means, "how shall we escape if we neglect so great means" to achieve the best we can for those who have trusted tasks to our hands before which they themselves dare not stand?

Your Committee respectfully suggests the revision of the Discipline so as to provide for changes in the present organization of the Book Concern, hereinbefore indicated, briefly summarized above, and hereinafter more fully elaborated into the substitute which follows:

Substitute for Chapter VII of the Discipline, Suggested by the Committee on the Unification of the Publishing-houses, and Approved by the Book Committee at Its Session held in New York City, February, 1903.

THE BOOK CONCERN.

1. The General Conference shall authorize and establish The Book Concern, and shall quadrennially elect, as hereinafter provided, the Book Committee, the Book Cabinet, the Publishing Agent, the Editors of all official publications of the Church not otherwise provided for, and shall appoint or authorize and direct such Special Publishing Committees as it may determine, and shall have general control and direction of the Book Concern and all other publishing interests of the Church.

THE BOOK COMMITTEE.

2. The General Conference shall elect a Committee to be known as The Book Committee, which in the intervals of the General Conference shall have general supervision of the publishing interests of the Church, examine carefully into their condition, and make report of the same to the Annual Conferences and to the General Conference.

2. The Book Committee shall consist of one member from each of the General Conference Districts into which the Annual Conferences are distributed, and of those who are elected as members of the Book Cabinet.

4. Beginning with the year A. D. 1900, the General Conference shall quadrennially elect one member from each of the Districts which have been numbered by the General Conference with even numbers, to serve for a term of four years; and one member from each of the Districts which have been numbered by that body with odd numbers, to serve for a term of eight years. And, thereafter, each General Conference shall elect a successor for each member whose term is expiring, to serve for a term of eight years, and shall also fill for the unexpired term any vacancy that may have occurred in the Committee during the interval of the General Conference.

5. Vacancies occurring in the Book Committee during the intervals of the General Conference, occasioned by the death of a member, or his transfer, or removal beyond the bounds of the District to which he belonged, or by expulsion from his Conference, or by his separation from the Church, shall be filled, from the same Conference territory, until the next General Conference, by the Committee, at its next session succeeding such death, transfer, removal, expulsion, or separation, and the Committee may determine at what time during such session the vacancy shall be filled.

6. The Book Committee shall also provide, until the next General Conference, for any vacancies that may occur during the intervals of the General Conference, in the Publishing or Editorial Departments authorized by the General Conference, as soon as practicable; provided, that at least three of the General Superintendents shall be present; and provided, further, that a majority of the General Superintendents present shall concur.

7. The General Superintendents shall vote separately from the Committee, and shall participate in the discussion only by and with the consent of the Committee.

8. The Book Committee shall convene in annual session on the second Wednesday of February, and, beginning with New York City, the sessions shall be held in New York City, Cincinnati, and Chicago in rotation. The Book Cabinet shall meet in annual session on the Tuesday preceding the meeting of the Book Committee. But if this order shall for any cause be interrupted, the Chairman shall select the place of the meeting and advise the members accordingly.

9. The Book Committee shall have full power to discontinue any Depository or Publication when in its judgment the interests of the Church and The Book Concern demand it. But such action shall not be taken except by a three-fourths vote of the Committee present and voting, due notice of such contemplated action having been given the Publishing Agent.

10. The Book Committee shall have power to elect a Censor, who shall be known as the Book Editor, whose duty it shall be to edit all manuscript offered the Agent for publication in Book form, and report to the Book Cabinet.

11. The Book Committee shall also have power to order expenses curtailed in any department of The Book Concern when it deems it necessary for the welfare of the same; and when such action as above specified shall have been taken, the Publishing Agent shall proceed at once to carry out the instructions of the Committee.

12. It shall be the duty of the Book Committee to fix the salaries of the Bishops, as hereinafter directed, of the Publishing Agent, of the Sub-Agents, and of the Official Editors not otherwise provided

for. And it shall also determine the amounts to be allowed the several periodicals for correspondence.

13. It shall be the duty of the Book Committee to make an estimate of the amount necessary to furnish a sufficient salary to each Effective Bishop. In fixing the allowance for Superannuated Bishops, and for the widows of Bishops, the Committee shall inquire carefully into the financial condition of each one of them, and fix the allowance in each case at such a sum as may be required for their comfortable support; provided, the amount so fixed for a Superannuated Bishop shall not exceed one-half the amount of his salary during the last year in which he was classed as Effective.

14. The Book Committee shall apportion the aggregate sum required to be raised for the Episcopal Fund among the Annual Conferences, on the basis of the total amount raised in the respective Annual Conferences for ministerial support, exclusive of missionary appropriations, and the Annual Conferences shall apportion the same to the several Districts, and the District Stewards, to the several charges.

THE BOOK CABINET.

15. The General Conference shall elect quadrennially a Book Cabinet, consisting of nine members, three of whom shall be from New York City or vicinity, three from Cincinnati or vicinity, and three from Chicago or vicinity, which shall be the Advisory Board of the Publishing Agent. The Publishing Agent shall be ex-officio President of the Book Cabinet, but shall have no vote except to decide a tie vote. The Publishing Agent shall neither preside nor vote during the investigation of the official conduct of himself or of an Editor, as hereinafter provided. The Auxiliary Depositories shall be in charge of Superintendents who, being annually nominated by the Publishing Agent, may be elected and their salaries fixed by the Book Cabinet.

16. The Book Cabinet shall attend to all matters referred to it by the Agent or Editors for its advice or counsel.

17. It shall be the duty of the three members of the Book Cabinet elected from New York City or vicinity, Cincinnati or vicinity, and Chicago or vicinity, to advise the Sub-Agent at these places respectively in all matters relating to the business under his charge.

18. The Book Cabinet shall have power to suspend the Publishing Agent or an Editor for cause to them sufficient, and a time shall be fixed at as early a day as practicable, for the investigation of the official conduct of said Agent or Editor; due notice of which shall be given by the Chairman of the Book Committee to the Bishops, who shall select one of their number to be present and preside at the investigation.

19. The investigation shall be before the fourteen members from the districts into which the Annual Conferences are distributed, or a majority of them; two-thirds of whom present and voting may remove said Agent or Editor from office, in the interval of the General Conference.

THE BOOK CONCERN.

20. The Book Concern comprises the publishing interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall consist of one Publishing-house, the Depositories, and the Publications, authorized and established by the General Conference from time to time.

THE PUBLISHING-HOUSE.

21. The Publishing-house shall be established and located as the General Conference may determine, and shall be incorporated under the corporate name, The Book Concern of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall be the successor of the "Methodist Book Concern in New York City," and of "The Western Methodist Book Concern."

THE DEPOSITORIES.

22. There shall be a Principal Depository of The Book Concern located in New York City, in Cincinnati, and in Chicago, for the sale and distribution of the publications; and Auxiliary Depositories at such other points as the General Conference may from time to time direct.

23. The Principal Depositories shall each be under the direction of a Sub-Agent who shall be elected annually by the Book Committee, to which he shall be amenable for his official conduct.

24. The Principal Depositories under the supervision of the Book Cabinet shall be the principal distributors of the publications, and shall be supplied by the Publishing Agent in such manner and in such quantities as the Book Cabinet may direct, subject to the approval of the Book Committee.

25. The Auxiliary Depositories shall be under the immediate direction of the Sub-Agent of the Principal Depository nearest to which they may be located respectively, and shall receive their supplies from such Depository, unless otherwise directed by the Book Committee.

26. There shall be Auxiliary Depositories of our books and other publications at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; at Boston, Massachusetts; at San Francisco, California; at Detroit, Michigan; and at Kansas City, Missouri; under the jurisdiction of The Book Concern of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They shall be furnished by the Publishing Agent with full supplies of the books of our General Catalogue, Sunday-school Books, Tracts, and other publications, to be sold for The Book Concern under the direction of the Agent and Book Cabinet.

27. Full statements shall be made by the Superintendents of the Auxiliary Depositories to the respective Sub-Agents having charge of these Depositories at such dates as shall be fixed by the Sub-Agents, and shall show the amount of sales made and expenses incurred—distinguishing cash sales from those made on credit—and, after deducting all expenses incident to the transportation, management, and sale of the books at the Auxiliary Depositories, from the amount of sales, the net proceeds shall be sent promptly to the Sub-Agent having charge thereof. And annual statements shall also be made of the amount of stock on hand, taken at its cash value.

28. No books shall hereafter be sold on commission, either from New York, Cincinnati, or Chicago, or from any Auxiliary Depository or establishment under our direction.

THE PUBLISHING AGENT.

29. The General Conference shall quadrennially elect one Publishing Agent, who, under the supervision of the Book Committee and the Book Cabinet, shall have authority to regulate all departments of the publishing business as the interests of the Church may require,—excepting those which belong to the Editorial departments. The several Editorial departments, under the general supervision of the Book Committee, shall be regulated by the Editors elected from time to time, by the General Conference, to have editorial charge of the authorized publications of the Church,—other than books.

30. The Publishing Agent shall be the principal executive officer of The Book Concern, and, under the supervision of the Book Committee, shall select such assistants as he may need, and shall have authority to regulate the publications and sales and such other business of The Book Concern as may belong to his department. But that which pertains to the Editorial departments of the business, under the supervision of the Book Committee, shall be regulated by the Editors elected by the General Conference to have charge over such departments. In cases of difference or dispute, the Book Committee shall have power to decide—subject to the final decision of the General Conference.

31. The Publishing Agent is authorized, by and with the consent of at least sixteen (16) members of the Book Committee in session, to purchase or sell such Real Estate as may be deemed

advisable for the interests of The Book Concern and the Church, provided at least ten days notice of such contemplated action has been given to said Committee.

32. The Publishing Agent shall publish such books, tracts, periodicals, etc., as are ordered by the General Conference or by the Book Committee, and shall make uniform prices for all our books and publications at all of the Depositories, unless otherwise ordered by the Book Cabinet.

33. The Publishing Agent may publish such Tracts authorized by the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church as, in his judgment, the interests of the Church and The Book Concern may require.

34. The Publishing Agent shall keep an accurate account with each department of the business separately and with each periodical under his supervision, and shall set forth in his annual reports to the Annual Conferences and to the General Conference an accurate account of the same, as directed by the Book Committee.

35. The Publishing Agent shall furnish the Book Cabinet, at each of their meetings, a full and satisfactory statement of the business, and present for examination the vouchers for all payments made; and he shall afford the Cabinet every possible facility for a full and intelligent understanding of the business.

36. The Publishing Agent shall annually take an account of the stock of The Book Concern, including in the inventories all the assets of the Publishing-house and Depositories of whatever nature, estimated at their cash value, as shall be agreed upon by the Publishing Agent and the Book Cabinet, or as directed by the Book Committee, and it shall contain a full and detailed statement of all liabilities, profits, and losses.

37. All the Real Estate belonging to The Book Concern shall be appraised by the Book Cabinet at the beginning of each quadrennium, and this valuation shall not be changed during the quadrennium, except by the purchase or sale, improvement or destruction of property, and shall be so carried into the statements annually and quadrennially made, until changed by the Book Cabinet.

38. The Publishing Agent shall hand over to his successor in office such statement of assets and liabilities as shall be approved and certified by the Book Cabinet, and shall thereupon be entitled to receive a proper voucher therefor.

39. The Publishing Agent shall give his undivided attention to the duties of his office, and shall require of his assistants and employees the faithful performance of the work assigned to them.

40. The Annual Conference shall appoint a Committee which, in the absence of the Publishing Agent or his appointee, shall attend to the collection of the accounts forwarded from The Book Concern, and make accurate and prompt return of the same. Every Presiding Elder and Pastor shall do all in his power to collect debts due The Book Concern. If any Minister or Member of our Church indebted to The Book Concern shall refuse or neglect to make payment or come to a just settlement, upon proper report thereof, he shall be dealt with in the same manner as in other cases of debt or disputed accounts.

41. The profits arising from The Book Concern, after a sufficient capital to carry on the business is retained, as annually determined by the Book Committee after full conference with the Publishing Agent, shall be regularly applied to the relief of Effective, Superannuated, and Superannuated Ministers, their wives, widows, and children. The Publishing Agent shall every year forward to each Annual Conference a statement of the dividend to which it is entitled, together with a draft for the same.

42. The appropriations made by the General Conference or the dividends authorized by the Book Committee shall be paid as the General Conference or the Book Committee may from time to time direct.

SPECIAL PUBLISHING COMMITTEES.

43. The California Christian Advocate shall be published at San Francisco, California, by a Commission appointed by the Book Committee, to whom a report shall be made annually.

44. There shall be a Publishing Committee for The Pittsburg Christian Advocate, consisting of three members from the Pittsburg Conference, two from the Erie Conference, two from the East Ohio Conference, and two from the West Virginia Conference, to be chosen by the General Conference. The Committee shall fix the salary of the Editor, keep an account of the receipts and expenditures for the paper, and shall report annually its financial condition to the patronizing Conference and to the Book Committee. A copy of said report shall also be sent to the Publishing Agent, and any balance remaining after defraying current expenses shall be subject to the order of said Agent, and be included in his Annual Reports.

THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

45. The General Conference shall elect quadrennially an Editor for each of the following periodicals:

The Methodist Review, The Christian Advocate, The Pittsburg Christian Advocate, The Southwestern Christian Advocate, The Western Christian Advocate, The Northwestern Christian Advocate, The Central Christian Advocate, The Epworth Herald, The Christian Apologist, The Pacific Christian Advocate, and Haus und Herd.

46. These shall be known as the official organs of the Church, and shall be under the editorial management respectively of the Editors elected thereto by the General Conference or by the Book Committee. The Editors shall give their undivided attention to the duties of their office.

47. The Editor of Haus und Herd shall also be Editor of German Sunday-school books, periodicals, and tracts.

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Editorial Notes

This Is to Remind You

That—

The SOUTHWESTERN is your paper.

Many others have helped, but you haven't.

It is your duty to support the SOUTHWESTERN.

You pledged your word to send in some subscribers.

The people stand ready to do their part; will you lead them?

As matters now stand you are in the way because you don't help.

You had better now if you want to join the shouters when the victory is won.

It is so near the line of self-support you'll never have a better opportunity to make it so.

ORION

Since you have already found that you do not succeed in getting subscribers by such announcements on the subject as you are accustomed to make from the pulpit, we advise you to make a hand to hand canvass.

ORION

The *Times-Democrat* did a brave and generous thing in opening its columns to raise funds to send the two colored persons bitten by a mad dog to Atlanta, Ga., for treatment. It is all the more surprising because it spends so much of its valuable time and space in maddening a part of the human family to the point of biting the Negro as a race, and they bite, too. Nevertheless the thoughtful Negroes of this community appreciate this act of mercy.

ORION

The Central Missouri Conference made a very striking advance during the conference year just closed in its Church Extension collection. It collected the year previous for this cause \$91, but during the year past \$210. This increase is all the more remarkable when it is recalled that meanwhile two districts or upwards of thirty charges had been cut off from the Central Missouri to form the Lincoln Conference. But this was done under the influence of Secretary W. D. Parr's magnificent pleading and we are not at all surprised.

ORION

The positive criminality of mob law was again clearly shown last week in Shreveport, La. A white woman had been murdered and her child seriously injured, and instead of looking for the guilty wretch, no matter who he may be, the officers went looking for a Negro, and of course found one. He had stains on his clothing caused, as was learned after he was murdered, by the fact that he had been working at a slaughter-pen. It was also proven after his death that he was not in Shreveport when the horrible outrage occurred. The fact is, as has been true in many another case, after he was dead he was entirely exonerated. When the officers accosted him they claim that he attempted to run and they shot him. Then the mob burned his body in the street. This much accomplished, the grand jury will now inquire into the cause of Mrs. Mathews' death.

More Difficult to Save Men In Than Out of the Church

There is some talk of adding a new secretary to our official list to be known as the General Evangelistic Secretary. It is to be his duty to arouse the church along revival lines, that men may be saved. Soul-saving is the business of the church and to us the suggestion has in it a deal of beauty and appropriateness. The very life of the church depends upon the salvation of souls and therefore that work must not be neglected, and we dare to suggest will not be. But as appropriate as it would be to have such an official and as much in keeping with the policy of the church on other lines, somehow we do not see the necessity for it. The church is not suffering at this point at all. There may be some quarters in which the revivals are not kept up, but where this is the case we do not see that a secretary in some distant city could do much to remedy it. Any way the church as a whole is not suffering for some one to stir it to evangelistic effort. Our pastors for the most part, for one reason or another, do something annually for the salvation of souls. Through their influence and their unaided efforts thousands are brought into the kingdom.

In fact, as difficult as it may seem to save men, it is easier by far than to keep them saved. And right at this point is where the church is really suffering. It is said that fifty thousand Methodist people backslide every year. There are scores of pastors who labor diligently and successfully to get people into the church who do not know what to do to keep them in. Of course there are some who would doubtless drift away no matter what might be done for them, but there are many others who if given some little attention, could be kept in the fold and built up in heavenly graces. How much an official could do along this line we do not know, but we are confident he could do something. Hints and suggestions given pastors would certainly bear fruit. Many are lost for want of instruction and entertaining; they receive no attention whatever. Some freeze to death, some starve and others are entrapped and devoured by the enemy. If he who uses an incubator to hatch his chickens should, as soon as the little ones are free from the shell, turn off the heat, we are sure there would not be many of the little chicks to survive the sudden change. They must be warmed for a while and fed also. Even yet the children of this world show no little wisdom about their affairs. As a rule, however, when the revival is closed the "fires" are put out and in not a few churches the converts are allowed to shift for themselves without either help or encouragement. Is there any wonder that they freeze or starve? Our judgment is that the church knows a great deal more about getting men converted and into the church than about keeping them in the church. In other words, she knows more about saving men into the church

than about saving them in the church. If we must have another official, let us have one to help us save the converts.

Getting to the General Conference

The following communication by a member of one of our conferences presents a vital subject and will interest our readers. We suppress names purposely, but the communication is as follows:

Dear Dr. Scott: I am a member of the — conference as you know, and have been for a number of years. I have performed faithfully and successfully the work given me from time to time by the church. I have never failed, nor refused to go to an appointment given me and know scores of men and women who have been converted and brought into the church through my instrumentality. Then, too, I have done my share of building and improving church property. My name has been mentioned in connection with the next General Conference, but those most friendly to me tell me that as I am not a presiding elder, I must either write all the brethren or see them personally and ask their support. Now I confess I should like to go to the General Conference and mean to stand for election no matter how it turns out. But somehow I do not like the idea of a regular political canvass in such an affair. Is there no way to avoid it? Is it this way in all our conferences? What do you advise?

Yours faithfully,

I am glad to be able to say that the conditions complained of in the foregoing letter do not obtain in all our conferences. There are many in which political manipulations on the part of a candidate would invite certain defeat. But conferences differ, depending on the practices of their prominent men. We could cite instances in which candidates have told us they had letters from the majority of the brethren and felt sure of election, but when it was all over and the votes were counted the indications were that they had not been thought of as candidates. In many of the conferences the brethren seem to look the men over and vote for those they think best qualified, or, as is sometimes the case, those most deserving. This is the method pursued by the strongest conferences and will eventually prevail in all.

We know of a few conferences in which it is said the men feel slighted if those who are "mentioned" do not ask them to vote for them, and therefore will vote against them. This may be true, but it hardly seems reasonable that there are many men so ignorant in our Methodist conferences. Anyway, the only advice we can give our brother is this: If those who have proposed to him that he stand for election are sincere about it, they will see to it that the brethren learn in due time that his name is being "mentioned." Leave the matter with them and let them work it. We have found in visiting the conferences that most of the brethren are beginning to think for themselves on these lines.

Our Contributors

The Bright Side of Things

BY BISHOP W. F. MALLALIEU, D. D.

If there were no sun there would be no shadows. In this world of matter there are the dark sides of things and the bright side of things. In the intellectual world there are clouds and darkness, there are sunshine and light. The same is true of the spiritual world. There may be hours of gloom and there may be hours of joy. This is a world where sickness, sorrow, pain, tears, and death abound.

"There is no flock, however watched or tended,
But one dead lamb is there;
There is no household howsoever defended,
But has one vacant chair."

And it must be confessed that even the best of Christians are not exempt from the common heritage of mortals. At the same time it is very different with the Christian and the worldling. The sinner, unsaved, has to bear all his burdens and bear them alone; the Christian has the everlasting arm on which he may lean and find support, and while he thus leans he sees the bright side of things. The sinner has his sorrows and no earthly help can bring him real comfort; his way is dark and leads to death; there is no light of hope in all the heavens, all is dark, the clouds are heavy with blackness, his sins shut out the visions of God and heaven. On the other hand the Christian may have sorrows, but he has the abiding Comforter; there may be clouds and darkness, but every cloud has a silver lining. The Christian can sing as he journeys on:

"No cloud doth arise
To darken the skies,
Or hide for one moment,
My Lord from my eyes."

And while he sings light from the heavenly land shines all about him by day and by night. The Christian can see the bright side of things for he knows that God is his Father, and that Jesus is his Savior, and heaven is his home.

First of all then enter the experience of personal salvation, turn the gaze of the eye of faith towards the gates of pearl and the eternal city, and the light will shine, and brighter and brighter will it continue to shine until the perfect day.

Bishop Merrill's Amendment

REV. D. W. HAYS.

Not long since, an editorial appeared in the SOUTHWESTERN calling attention to some amendments to the constitution of the church proposed by Bishop Merrill. One of the amendments cited relates to a change in the Third Restrictive Rule which will enlarge its scope so as to authorize the election of bishops for special service among people of other races or languages in the United States or in foreign lands. We are informed from the same editorial that this amendment was endorsed by the presiding elders' council held at Atlanta, Ga., in August. I was not present at the meeting but understand most of the colored conferences were ably represented. The deliberations of the body were characterized by unusual earnestness and forceful but sober utterances. The action taken seems to indicate that those present were strongly persuaded that should the Bishop's proposition be sustained a long stride toward the solution of the colored bishop problem will have been made. It is not without differential feeling that I dissent from the position of my honored colleagues whose learning and devotion merit the highest esteem. Bishop Merrill, the author of the amendment, is a great and good

man; an able expounder of ecclesiastical law; a profound thinker and a writer of superior rank. My regard for him is such that I am tempted to follow his lead, even against my own conviction. But I dare not yield, although I may not succeed in showing I have the better reason on my side. I desire to state my grounds as briefly as possible.

Granting the proposed amendment may prove a short and easy road to the election of a bishop of African descent, yet it ought to be borne in mind that the achievement thus compassed would be far less significant than that for which some have been long contending. We are bound to recognize the marked difference between the status of bishops whose sphere is to be confined by constitutional limitation, to people of like racial or linguistic distinction, and bishops who, in the discharge of the weighty trust committed to them as general superintendents, are called to oversee the work in its many-sided phases, among all races of whatever language, at home and abroad.

Provision is made in our economy for the appointment of missionary bishops having jurisdiction only in foreign lands. This may be proper in view of the peculiar conditions found therein requiring a modified form of episcopal supervision. But I am not aware that there is to be found here a kindred state of things which warrant the novel experiment contemplated by the proposed amendment. A bishop of our church, with American soil for his base, circumscribed by racial bounds, established under constitutional sanction that his administration may not clash with the sentiment which is ever clamoring for race segregation, would be an object suggestive of innovation, at once questionable and entirely out of harmony with the ideals for which Methodism stands.

We are not dealing simply with a matter of expediency; a vital principle is involved, or else we have been misled by our friends who have assured us that it was just and right for us to insist upon having our candidates for the episcopacy elevated to office without in any way lowering the standard. The General Conference, after a thorough consideration of the subject in all its bearings, declared that "Race, nationality, color or previous condition is no bar to the election of any man to the episcopal office in our church." This, it appears to me, meets the case fairly. We ought not to think of asking anything more, and we certainly can not afford to accept less, so long as we are of the opinion that it is our duty to withstand any effort to impose upon us official degradation as pertaining to episcopal rights and privileges. Let aspirants among us be free to enter untrammelled through the open door and not be forced to climb up some other way. We may felicitate ourselves upon having witnessed the arrival of the Hour and the Man. It now remains for us to press onward with undaunted purpose until the goal is reached. Some may say they can discern but dimly signs of ripening occasion and that already many hearts are growing faint because of hope deferred. I am not unmindful of the fact that though there be no legal obstacles in the way, yet because of unreasonable prejudice against color, progress is likely to be slow, and it may be that more than one quadrennium is destined to pass into oblivion before the realization of the long cherished expectation; but believing our contention to be founded in righteousness and armed with truth and reason we can happily bide our time. To those who patiently hold on, the prize comes at last.

"We may outrun,
By violent swiftness that which we run at,
And lose by over-running."

If it can be shown beyond reasonable doubt that the unrestricted administration of a bishop of African descent cannot be made feasible on account of adverse public opinion, and if, on the other hand, it can be shown with equal clearness that the work within the bounds of the colored conferences is doomed to languish speedily should this sort of episcopal supervision be much longer denied, then a due regard for the important and diversified interests involved would challenge the wisest statesmanship to set about devising plans for a readjustment of affairs in their relation to the present order. In such an exigency would the proposed amendment point to a safe way out. I think not. Well, what then? It may be worth while to pause here.

LYNCHBURG, Va.

Big Talk

BISHOP C. C. M'CABE.

A dinner was given in New York on the evening of Feb. 16 to Archbishop Farley at Delmonico's. Some boastful things were said at that dinner and among them the following. The archbishop himself said in the course of the speeches: "The other day I had a discussion with the former governor of one of our greatest states and he said to me: 'Two great evils confront this country; two great enemies menace it. They are the growth of infidelity and threatened anarchy and the only barrier to these two is your church.' These were the words of an honest Episcopalian. If I told you his name you would appreciate that he knows that of which he speaks. Your Catholic institutions like Fordham are the bulwarks to save the country from these evils."

The archbishop failed to see and speak of some other barriers to anarchy in this country. For instance, there is the Methodist barrier, which comprises twelve millions of people, counting as the Roman Catholics count—by families—and I want to assert that there is not an anarchist among them. There are four millions more Methodists in this country than there are Roman Catholics all put together. When that Episcopalian governor looked out at his little flock and said the Roman Catholic church was the only barrier against anarchy, he should have thought of the mighty Protestant hosts which outnumber the Catholic church three to one. This big talk will deceive nobody except those who wish to be deceived.—*Northwestern*, March 18, 1903.

The Conference Missionary Society

BY REV. THOMAS COLE, SECRETARY.

Texas Conference Missionary Society of the M. E. Church is an object of great interest, and those who keep in touch with the progressive side of our methodism cannot afford to be otherwise. The missionary society has taken on new life and to-day the congregations and pastors that cannot be the means of its growth by songs, lectures, sermons and converts brought into the fold to enlarge our borders are still needing the pentecostal fire that set men to teach the world the simple missionary lesson.

As a conference we cannot afford to retreat. The call for the pastors to reinforce their workers is an imperative one.

Therefore the missionary society is the whole church under the influence of the spirit to bring the world to Christ. If you carefully note the advanced mark that Dr. Leonard gave our conference and then reminded us that many of the places that had been receiving aid from the society for twenty years, are still receiving it.

Can we not be aroused? Let every pastor read the missionary works, the Bible, and those of

Bishops Taylor, Hartzell, Fowler, and others, who have shed many tears on account of their desire to push the work into new fields.

There is a sort of heroism needed by all Christian workers, because there are four strong barriers before us impregnable against everything except a resolute purpose. They are general indifference, avarice, and narrowness.

Let us read and consider what a wonderful plan the missionary secretaries, endorsed by the board of bishops, have laid that these four strong barriers can be made stepping stones to a mighty victory through the Conference Missionary Society.

It is very evident that the wise men who framed our most admirable system of missionary agencies thought that the Conference Missionary Society could do much for the cause of missions. They made ample provision for it, as will be seen by consulting Article IX of the constitution of the Missionary Society, which reads:

"It is recommended that within the bounds of each Annual Conference there be established a Conference Missionary Society Auxiliary to this institution, under such regulations as the conferences shall respectively prescribe."

Paragraph 360 of our Discipline is still stronger, running as follows: "It shall be the duty of each Annual Conference to form within its bounds a Conference Missionary Society, which shall appoint its own officers, fix the term of membership and otherwise regulate its own administration; but it shall pay all its funds into the treasury of the Parent Society." Here is not only full authorization for the society, but its formation is made obligatory and manifestly much is expected of it.

Has this expectation been realized? No; after a missionary anniversary at the time of the conference, we have heard nothing more. It goes on the supernumerary stage and there remains until the next conference session. But now let us transpose it to the stage of effectiveness. There is a sphere for it to fill which cannot be occupied either by the preacher-in-charge or by the presiding elder. The latter should be in the closest relation to the society and can do much for it, but as the authority of each elder is confined to his district and his hands are full of a multitude of things, it is plain that something more is necessary if the conference as a whole is to be kept wide awake about missions. It is also plain that the General Secretaries at New York, already greatly overworked, cannot supply information and inspiration in any sufficient degree for each one of a hundred and more conferences, much less for each one of the thousands of individual churches.

The labors of these corresponding secretaries need to be supplemented by the labors of a body of conference secretaries, one in each conference, who will form a connecting link, a channel of communication between the officials at the center and the local pastors. They can do much to inaugurate and hold local conventions at appropriate centers; not simply here one and there another, but in a series successively on some definite plan and with an economical marshalling of all available resources, thus reaching every church with circulars and literature.

Bishop Thoburn has given it the proper name when he calls it the "Unused Right Arm."

You will hear from us again. Pray for a Pentecostal shower of 6,000 converts; also a cent a day from every member in the Texas Conference.

[Form of the constitution will appear later.]
PARIS, TEX.

Some Things I Saw

By W. FELIX WATERS.

I. IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

On my way east the Q. & C. did not connect with the Southern at Birmingham, and I had to remain over from 6:40 a. m. to 4:10 p. m. I determined to see what I could during this time. I met Rev. R. J. Buckner, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. Church, who took me to see his church, which is being built, and when completed will be a beautiful structure. Mrs. Buckner is a pleasant woman. I saw many signs of great progress among the colored people in the city. On Eighteenth street are several business enterprises which do credit to those who keep them. The Davis cafe, where I took two meals, is cleanly kept and food well cooked and served. Mabry Bros. run a first-class tailoring establishment, trousers from \$4 to \$12, suits \$15 to \$65. Chas. M. Harris & Co., undertakers, with a stock of \$10,000, sell coffins from \$10 to \$25, caskets from \$40 to \$250.

The Peppole's drug store, owned by Drs. Mason & Kigh, is doing a prosperous business. The Alabama Penny Savings and Loan Company is too well known to need mention. I had the honor of meeting its president, Mr. W. R. Pettiford, who talked most interestingly. He said that the bank had 4,000 colored depositors. It is here the poorest of the race and the most ignorant contribute largely to help the richest of the race and the most learned.

I had the pleasure of visiting the England Normal and Industrial Institute. Mrs. J. R. England is its president. With her three assistants, Mrs. B. C. Bunn and Misses M. B. Elliott and N. J. Cooper. She is doing a needed service in the city of Birmingham. I was kindly entertained for an hour or so at the England Institute. There are now in attendance 125 students. Miss Elliott, the instructor in kindergarten, sang and played delightfully.

There are some pleasant things a traveler meets as well as some very unpleasant ones. One of the first pleasant things of this trip was a kindness of the Pullman conductor on whose car I rode to Birmingham. He is a Mr. Holmes, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and is learned.

There are many other things of interest in Birmingham, Ala., but these are what I saw, the few hours I was awaiting my train.

The John C. Martin Bible Conference Held at Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C., March 24-26, 1903

The John C. Martin Bible Conference held at Claflin University, March 24-26, 1903, was a gratifying success. Having been widely advertised, it was no surprise when the opening day came, to see the great crowd present.—The institute was opened with music by the University choir. Dr. L. M. Dunton read the scripture lesson, after which Rev. J. S. McLees led in prayer. After this Dr. Dunton delivered a welcome address, which was responded to by Mr. John C. Martin, the founder of the fund by which these institutes have been established and supported. Mr. Martin also took occasion to say: "The John C. Martin fund was created, and work was organized under it in part with the design to help colored preachers, teachers, and Christian workers by means of lectureships, through which courses of lectures should be given, treating of such subjects as Bible study, preparation of sermons, Christian living, purity, temperance," etc. "Upon the Negro preacher and the teacher God has placed the responsibility of bringing this race into His kingdom. To this end they must be led into pure Christian lives, and must acquire the best possible

training for this high calling." The institute was organized with the following officers: President, Prof. D. J. Brunin, D. D.; first vice-president, Bishop W. J. Gaines, D. D.; second vice-president, Bishop R. S. Williams, D. D.; third vice-president, Rev. M. W. Gilbert, D. D.; fourth vice-president, Bishop W. W. Duncan, D. D.; secretary, Rev. J. B. Middleton, A. M.; official reporter, Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D.; treasurer, Major J. H. Fordham. Committee on resolutions: Revs. W. R. A. Palmer, D. D., J. C. Williams, D. D., N. Allen, P. P. Watson, D. D., H. W. Keith, A. B. Executive committee: Revs. L. M. Dunton, D. D., J. B. Taylor, A. B., J. T. Wright, D. A. Christie, N. C. Nix, A. M., S. F. Flegler. The enrollment of delegates present followed and 150 handed in their names. The organization being perfected, the program was taken up, and the Rev. W. G. Neville gave a strong and interesting talk on "Field-Notes; My Experience and Its Lessons." This was followed by one of the cleverest and most forceful talks this scribe has ever listened to, on "How and Whence Our English Bible," by Prof. D. J. Brunin, D. D., of Columbia, S. C. At night the Rev. C. C. Jacobs, D. D., delivered a strong and masterly address on "How Can the Children of the Congregation be Helped by the Same Sermon Which Is for Older People?"

The second day's session was a feast of good things. The following papers were read and addresses delivered: "The Pastor in His Relation to the Sunday School and the Young People's Society," Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., Richmond, Va.; "The Object of Education," President D. J. Sanders, Biddle University, Charlotte, N. C.; "The Need of Co-operation of White and Colored in Religious Work of the Negro Race," Rev. H. R. Meerchison, Anderson, S. C.; "The Importance of the Higher Life," Rev. W. G. Neville, Yorkville, S. C.; "The Work of the American Bible Society and its Relation to the Colored People," Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., Spartanburg, S. C.; "The Influence of Preaching on the Church and Country," Rev. M. W. Gilbert, D. D., Columbia, S. C.; "An Ethical Gospel," Rev. T. B. Hamlin, Acting President Howard University, Washington, D. C.; "How to Study the Bible," Bishop P. F. Steven, D. D., Charleston, S. C.

At 3:30 p. m., Bishop W. J. Gaines, D. D., delivered his famous lecture on "Harmony Between the Races" to a large intelligent and interested audience. The lecture must be heard to be appreciated. Among many other things the good Bishop said, "Harmony can only come by the white granting the Negro the recognition due him as a man; the exercise of his rights and privileges as a citizen; fair and impartial trials in the courts; the laying aside of all class and race prejudice; in short, in giving the Negro a fair chance in the great race of life. When these things are done, then will the Negro do his part, by laying aside all suspicion and placing the utmost confidence in the white man, will honor, respect and follow him. Then will harmony exist between the races, and the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Man will be recognized throughout the civilized world."

The third day's session was a fitting culmination of all that had gone before. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. C. Scott A. M., Camden, S. C., the Scripture lesson being read by Dr. T. J. Clarke, Orangeburg, S. C. The following was the program: "The Preparation and Delivery of Sermons," Rev. M. M. Ponton, S. T. D., Dean Turner Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.; "What do Men Expect From the Preacher of To-

day," Rev. E. M. Lightfoot, Orangeburg, S. C., and Rev. Richard Carroll, Columbia, S. C.; "What Message This Age Needs," Rev. F. D. Jones, Aikin, S. C. Able and masterly discussion followed nearly all of the papers read, and were participated in by Revs. C. C. Scott, A. M., W. R. A. Palmer, D. D., D. J. Brunin, D. D., M. M. Ponton, S. T. D., T. J. Clarke, D. D., P. P. Watson, D. D., W. B. Rankin, D. D., E. W. Williams, E. A. Williams, A. M., J. B. Thomas and others.

The following resolution being signed by Revs. J. B. Middleton, E. B. Burroughs and W. R. A. Palmer, was read by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, and unanimously adopted:

"Whereas Dr. L. M. Dunton, whose guests we are, and whose hospitality we enjoy, has received the sad intelligence of his brother's death;

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with him and the bereaved family and leave him and them to the sustaining grace of Almighty God."

Dr. W. R. A. Palmer, as Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, read a set of resolutions thanking Mr. Martin for making the institute possible; Dr. Dunton, for the use of the college chapel, the railroads and newspapers for courtesies rendered, the officers for services rendered, and the good people of Orangeburg for hospitality shown. The following Advisory Committee for South Carolina was appointed: Rev. Lewis Cuthbert, D. D., Aikin, S. C.; Rev. S. C. Byrd, Columbia, S. C.; Rev. W. G. Neville, Yorkville, S. C.; F. D. Jones, Aiken, S. C.; Rev. Richard Carroll, Columbia, S. C.; Rev. H. R. Murchison, Anderson, S. C.; Rev. D. H. Johnson, D. D., Columbia, S. C.; Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., Charleston, S. C. The institute was so eminently successful and helpful that it was requested and voted that another be held at Chaplin the same time next year. To this Mr. Martin most heartily agreed, and the institute adjourned with pleasant memories of its three days' session.

E. B. BURROUGHS,
Charleston, S. C.

Life of Faith

Christian Resignation

When Madame Guyon was imprisoned in the Castle of Vincennes, in 1695, she not only sang, but wrote songs of praise to her God. "It sometimes seemed to me," she said, "as if I were a little bird whom the Lord had placed in a cage, and that I had nothing now to do but sing. The joy of my heart gave a brightness to the objects around me. The stones of my prison looked in my eyes like rubies. I esteemed them more than all the gaudy brilliancies of a vain world. My heart was full of that joy which Thou givest to them that love Thee in the midst of their greatest crosses;" a sentiment which she embodied during one of her imprisonments in a sweet little poem, beginning thus:

"A little bird I am,
Shut from the fields of air,
And in my songs I sit and sing
To Him who placed me there;
Well pleased a prisoner to be,
Because, my God, it pleaseth Thee."

—*Teachers' Treasury*:

God Loves You

Weary, tired, gloomy, glad, or cheerful, look up and smile. God is love. God loves you. Think over these things with something more than thoughts, one told me.

"God is more near to our souls than our own bodies."

"The Lord thy God is in the midst of thee, a mighty One who will save; he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love; he will joy over thee with singing."

"A root set in the finest soil, in the best climate, and blessed with all that sun and air and rain can do for it, is not in so sure a way of growth to perfection as every man may be whose spirit aspires after all that which God is ready and infinitely desirous to give him. For the sun meets not the springing bud that stretches toward him with half that certainty as God, the Source of all good, communicates himself to the soul that longs to partake of him."

"Be quiet; look up; smile back to God his love-smile. We are all of us the offspring of God, more nearly related to God than to one another, for in him we live and move and have our being."

—Rev. John T. Wilds, in *The Observer*.

Power of Resistance

An electrician in New Orleans recently called attention to the fact that the bodies of men employed in and around electrical plants become to a large degree immune to shocks from live wires. He has men who receive shocks which would kill an ordinary man, yet apparently suffer little from them. One incident he mentions in illustration. It was a case in which two men came in contact accidentally with a live wire, and both received at the same time precisely the same current. One of them was a helper around a dynamo, and had met with accidents of the same kind, though not so serious, before. He was knocked down and stunned by the shock, but was up again and about his work in two minutes, and was apparently none the worse. The other, who was a larger and much stronger man, but a stranger to electrical work, was half an hour before he recovered consciousness, and was ill in bed afterwards for several days.

Evidently repeated shocks have a tendency to increase the power of resistance, and it is well for the men who have much to do with electricity that it is so; but in the spiritual world, where the same tendency is observed, the result is very sad indeed. And some of you who hear me are illustrations of the fact that if one has heard the Gospel plainly and honestly preached until the Word has been used by the Spirit of God to rouse the conscience and stir the emotion, so that the heart is impelled to accept Christ as a Savior, and the soul stubbornly refuses to obey, the heart hardens until the same message does not have the same effect again.—Rev. Louis A. Banks, D. D.

Woman's Dominion

Amanda Smith

This remarkable woman who was introduced to the General Conference on May 12, 1865, and who thrilled the whole body with her song, has a wonderful history. Born in slavery, her father, after purchasing his own freedom and that of his wife, bought Amanda and three other children. Soon after, the whole family removed to Pennsylvania. Her educational advantages were very poor, she having spent only about three months in school, altogether. She was converted in March, 1856. In 1868, under the labors of the Rev. John S. Inskip, she received the blessing of sanctification. Since that time she has been marvelously used of God, in America, England, India and Africa. In all these places, God has signally blessed her labors, as Bishop Taylor of Africa, and Bishop Thoburn of India, with thousands of

others all over this broad land of America, could testify. For thirty-five years, she has been engaged in evangelistic work. In 1893, she wrote a book, the story of her life. She felt that God had laid it on her heart to do something more definitely for her own people. So she started an Industrial Orphans' Home for colored children, located at Harvey, Illinois, on 147th street.

An Appeal to the Friends and Wishers of the Amanda Smith Orphanage

BY JOHN M. LATIMER, OF CARSON, PIRIE, SCOTT & CO. CHICAGO, ILL.

Her present house needs painting, in order to save it. Her grounds need a light fence around them, partly in order for a play-ground, and to keep her large garden from depredation by man and beast. The furnishings in the house need to be greatly replenished, and the home made more attractive to her children. School furniture, up to date, is needed in the school room. Up to date beds for the children are needed.

Of course day in, and day out, food and room for her large family are needed.

The founder, Sister Amanda Smith, is getting along in years, (sixty-six last January), and her constant labors have begun to show themselves for she is not near as strong as she was ten years ago. Shall we help her now? I believe every one who reads these lines will be glad to do something in the very near future. How can the young people of the West help her? I will suggest that the different Epworth Leagues, and any other Young People's Societies, some of whom could send a delegation to her orphanage situated at Harvey, Ill., on 147th street, and find out just what is needed and help. This can be done by any number of these societies, and Leagues, too much cannot be done by them all.

Single individuals can do what I did in February. Ask their friends, and any one almost, if they will do it, can raise \$200. One thing more—in the near future, she will need a building made of brick and stone, costing not less than \$6,000 to make room for fifty more children. Who will give the \$6,000?

Finally, any one wishing to help through me can always find me at 102. State Street, Chicago. I will gladly assist any one who wishes to help in this great enterprise.

(God bless Brother Latimer. As this work is purely undenominational, the Christian Endeavorers, and the Young People's Societies of any denomination, can feel at liberty to lend a helping hand. Amanda Smith.)

Woman's Work in Missouri

TROY, MO., April 15, 1903.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society is being organized in the Central Missouri Conference.

Mrs. A. H. Higgs, of Marshall, has been appointed corresponding secretary and treasurer of the Sedalia district.

Mrs. J. M. Harris, of Kansas City, has been appointed corresponding secretary and treasurer of the St. Joseph district.

Mrs. H. A. Henley, of Troy, has been appointed corresponding secretary and treasurer of the St. Louis district.

Delegates from each auxiliary will meet in connection with the district conferences and effect district Woman's Home Missionary organization.

It is hoped that each pastor will co-operate with these secretaries and help them organize auxiliaries.

aries in each charge, as these societies are a great help to the church and community.

Yours "for love of Christ and in His name,"
ANNA ADAMS HENLEY,

Conference Corresponding Secy. and Treas.

Young Friends

Days of Jeremiah—Chap. 6

BY MISS INEZ A. GODMAN.

Ten years have passed and again a little lad runs through the streets of Jerusalem, but it is not Jeremiah this time; the prophet follows with slower step. As they pass the wall where the tree leans over he reaches up his hand.

"See, Dan, when I was a lad I used to climb into the palace garden by this tree."

"Did you?" said Dan, and in a moment he was upon the wall.

"Oh!" as he started back, "the king!"

"Come over," said Josiah's voice. "Is Jeremiah there?" And then as the prophet's countenance appeared somewhat shamefacedly above the wall, "I thought you were there. Come over the old way once more."

It was not a very dignified proceeding, but Jeremiah managed it. When he stood by Josiah's side he saw that the king's youngest son was with him.

"Mattaniah, do you and Daniel take a walk in the garden," said the king; "I wish to speak with the prophet." As the boys walked away the king's eyes followed Mattaniah lovingly.

"That boy is the joy of my heart," he said. "I am disappointed in Eliakim, he leans too much towards Egyptian luxury and science, but Matt is truly a gift of Jehovah."

"Eliakim is a smart young man," said Jeremiah.

"Yes, too smart I fear. He thinks himself wiser than the Lord himself. The land will fare badly when Eliakim holds the power. If Matt could reign after me I would like it better."

"Or Jehoahaz?"

"Well, Jehoahaz is pretty good but he has not much ability. Now Matt is both smart and good. If anything should happen to me in battle, Jeremiah, will you look after Matt?"

"In battle! You are not going to fight Pharaoh?"

"Surely."

"But, Josiah, you have no grievances against him."

2 Chron. 35: 21. "No grievance! Is he not entering my territory to fight my friend the king of Assyria?"

"He simply passes through, and did he not send word that he was on the business of God and had no quarrel with you?"

"What does he know of God? If Jehovah had a message for me he would send it through you, not by the mouth of a heathen."

"And will you not take my warning?"

"No, for it is simply your personal advice. You have no authority from God on the subject. You fear that I may be slain, but I will disguise myself so that I will be safe from attack."

Jeremiah was about to speak again, when the boys came running back.

"Mother calls me," said Mattaniah; "she has been to see the Wizard, and he told her that I was to be king in ten years."

"I have little faith in wizards, my boy," said the king. "The Prophet here may know something of your future." He turned to Jeremiah and was surprised to see that he was struggling to keep back the tears.

"Alas, Jeremiah!" he said. "You see evil ahead for my boy. Run to your mother, Matt." Then turning again to the prophet, "Tell me no evil. I would rather not know." Jeremiah bowed and moved toward the wall. Daniel was already over and the two men were alone.

"You will have a care of Matt," said Josiah, "if I should be taken and Eliakim come to the throne?"

"To my utmost power," replied the prophet, earnestly. As his eyes met those of his friend the king reached out his arms in the old childlike way, and for a moment the two old playmates stood heart to heart.

For a few days the city was in tumult: restless horses, hurrying soldiers and war chariots without number; then the army went forth in mighty array. Jeremiah and Daniel stood upon the city wall and watched the departing hosts until the last man disappeared behind the hill. Every day thereafter they stood watching, longing for a messenger. At last he came, a weary, dusty man, running frantically, and often stooping to seize a handful of dust and throw upon his head. It needed no words to tell that he brought evil tidings. Evil tidings indeed, for the king was dead, shot by a chance arrow.

A few hours behind the messenger came a chariot bearing Josiah's body, and all Jerusalem in mourning garments went out to meet it. Great was the weeping and wailing. 2 Chron. 35: 25. The singing men and singing women sang songs of sorrow, and Jeremiah preached the funeral sermon, an eloquent lamentation that was remembered for many, many years.

2 Chron. 36: 1. And then of course Eliakim expected to be king, but the people would not have it so. Eliakim was in favor of Pharaoh, and Pharaoh had just slain their good king; no, they would not have Eliakim, but Jehoahaz. So the younger man was placed upon the throne and he reigned three months. We do not know much of his actions but the Bible says that his ways were evil in God's sight; any way his reign was very short for as soon as Pharaoh finished fighting with the Assyrians, he sent for Jehoahaz and the young man dared not refuse.

As he went with the Egyptian messengers out of the city he met a group of women returning wailing from Josiah's grave. Near by stood Jeremiah, and as he saw the women he cried out:

Jer. 22: 10-12. "Weep not for the dead."

The voice was so commanding that everyone stopped to listen.

"Weep not for the dead," he cried again, "but weep sore for him that goeth away: for he shall return no more, nor see his native country. For thus saith the Lord touching Shallum. He shall not return thither any more."

Jehoahaz turned pale, he had sometimes been called Shallum by his father.

Poor Jehoahaz! as he left the city he could hear Jeremiah's words:

"He shall die in the place whither they have led him and shall see this land no more."

Poor Jehoahaz! going away alone among strange people who were his enemies. Many times he turned his head to catch one more look at his beautiful Jerusalem.

(To be continued.)

Educational

Flint Medical College

Miss Minnie C. Moore of Columbus, Miss., and Mr. Joseph E. Major of New Roads, La., members of the recent graduating class in pharmacy

of Flint Medical College, took the examination before the Mississippi State Board of Pharmacy at Jackson, Miss., on April 7th. Both successfully passed the examination and have been licensed to practice pharmacy in that state. Only about one-third of all the applicants before this examination were successful in passing. Each member of the graduating class has likewise been successful wherever he has applied for examination, and are all now employed, viz.: P. W. Watts at Beaumont, Texas; Miss Camille Green and Percy Porter, in this city, and the two above mentioned. Mr. Major has been employed by Dr. Walters, of Moss Point, Miss., to equip and open a drugstore for him at that place.

Wiley University Notes

Wiley won first prize in the oratorical contest held at Waco April 3. The following institutions were represented: Bishop College, Paul Quinn College, Tillotson College, Samuel Houston College, Texas College, Prairie View Normal and Industrial College and Wiley University.

The report going the rounds that Wiley University has received \$10,000 from Mr. Rockefeller we are sorry to say is not true.

President Dogan has accepted an invitation to deliver the annual address at Prairie View Normal and Industrial College, June 2.

The small-pox excitement hereabouts has entirely disappeared.

The Rev. Mr. Yoder, Barberton, Ohio, has just made us a donation of 200 books.

Preparations are being made for a splendid commencement. Dr. Bladgett of Cincinnati will deliver the commencement address.

The enrollment for the year is about 500.

Rev. Dr. M. C. B. Mason has shipped the library through Miss Elliott 200 volumes of good books.

Notice

This is to notify all persons who expect to visit the commencement of Rust University which takes place May 8, 13, 1903, that reduced rates on the certificate plan has been secured. In order to have the required number of certificates that rates may be given, all ministers are asked to get certificates in coming and not use their clergy permits as the rates will give the same advantage as the permits. By so doing you will help the University as well as other visitors who attend the commencement. The rates will apply to the states of Mississippi and Tennessee. We are expecting to have an interesting commencement after the most successful year of the school's history. Every minister should avail himself of the opportunity given to visit the commencement this year. We will have with us Dr. Buckley, editor of the *Christian Advocate* in New York, and Dr. Scott, editor of the *SOUTHWESTERN* in New Orleans.

Both of these able men will deliver addresses and our town should be crowded with ministers and friends of the school. Be sure to secure your certificate showing that you paid full fare coming and you will get your return ticket for one-cent a mile.

Faithfully,

E. H. McKISSACK, Secretary.

Tuskegee Institute Notes

Among the visitors at the school this week were Dr. D. K. Pearsons, the millionaire philanthropist of Chicago, and his wife, and Dr. L. G. Jordan of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Dr. Jordan made quite an interesting talk to the students in the chapel.

Bishop Geo. W. Clinton preached the Easter sermon at Tuskegee last Sunday.

The school has just received \$10,000, a legacy from the estate of the late Jas. H. Danforth of Boston.

The Minister of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Haiti has informed Hon. William F. Powell, United States Minister to that government that the executive department had favorably considered Mr. Powell's suggestion that the government of Haiti provide the expense of educating a number of native youths at the Tuskegee Institute, and has recommended that the budget of national appropriation include an item covering the necessary amount of money. It is further provided that the sum be increased yearly until it covers the expenses of twenty young men. Two boys will leave Port-au-Prince this month for Tuskegee. Mr. Powell himself testifies to his earnest belief in the value of the Tuskegee training by contributing \$100 to the general fund of the institution, and has been a regular contributor for a number of years.

The Negro Business League

TUSKEGEE, ALA., March 16, 1903.

Editor THE SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, New Orleans, La.:

I take the liberty of asking the use of the columns of your valued newspaper to remind our people about the fourth annual meeting of the National Negro Business League to be held in Nashville, Tenn., during the coming summer. The people of Nashville have already begun making thorough and elaborate preparations for the meeting of the League, and from every point of view, the next gathering promises to be the largest and most important in the history of the organization. I especially desire to request that local Negro Business Leagues be organized and sustained in every community where there are no such Leagues, and in this connection, to express the wish that new life and vigor be put into the work of the local Leagues already organized. It seems to be the universal verdict that since the organization of the National Negro Business League in Boston in 1900, the business interests of our people have been stimulated and increased throughout the country many per cent., and all agree that the National Negro Business League has more than justified its existence. It is important that local organizations begin at once to prepare to send delegates to the national meeting in Nashville. In this connection, I wish to call attention to the fact that the report of the third annual session of the League at Richmond, has been published, and copies may be secured by writing Mr. S. Laing Williams, compiler, 113 Adams street, Chicago, Ill.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, President.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

The Rev. S. S. Dease and wife of Bareilly, India, arrived in San Francisco on March 26th. His address while in this country will be 23 South Fifteenth street, Kansas City, Kansas.

The cabled announcement of the death at Rangoon, Burma, on February 10, of Mrs. Ellen Perry Price, wife of the Rev. Frederick B. Price, was published some weeks since.

George B. Hyde, M. D., a medical missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church to Silao, Mexico, his wife and family left their field March 9 and reached Washington, D. C., March 14. For

the present Mrs. Hyde will be at Hot Springs, Va., under medical treatment. Dr. Hyde may be addressed at 45 High street, St. Albans, Vt. He is hoping not very long hence to be able to resume his work in Mexico.

The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society has granted permission for the erection of a new dormitory for the William Nast College at Kiukiang, Central China. Bishop Moore has raised for the proposed new dormitory about \$4,000.

In response to a cabled request from Superintendent Spencer Lewis of West China Mission for a single man for educational work, the Board of Managers has approved Mr. John W. Yost, of the Class of 1903 at Dickinson College, for this position.

The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society has approved the home-coming from Korea of the Rev. George Heber Jones for medical treatment.

Mrs. Glenora G. Hill, wife of the Rev. Charles B. Hill, of Bombay Conference, is shortly to return to America for health reasons.

Mrs. Carrie McM. Buck, wife of the Rev. Philo M. Buck of Meerut, India, is shortly to return to America bringing with her a daughter who is to enter school in this country.

Easter Reports

Adolph J. Wiggins, Port Allen, La.—Glorious time Easter; collection, \$44.55. Twenty-nine persons were baptized and 39 received into the Church.

Merzie Fowler, Batesville, S. C.—Easter was an inspiration. We raised \$10.44.

James Graggs, Superintendent; Ed Powell, Pastor, Sterlington, La.—Easter was a high day with us at Mt. Sinia. The Lord was with us. We raised \$5.56.

S. McDonald, Pastor, Fort Smith, Ark.—We observed Easter. The program was carried out to the letter; the church was beautifully decorated with flowers. All prayers is due Prof. W. J. Kidd, our superintendent. Raised \$35.

Chas. Wafford, Pastor, Medill Circuit, Tex.—There were three Sunday schools carried out the Easter program on my work with success. The amount raised from each school is as follows: St. Paul \$5.60; White's Chapel, \$5; Reed's Chapel, \$11. Total amount raised \$21.60.

S. L. Neal, Pastor, Brookston, Tex.—Our Easter services were quite impressive. Collection \$11.61.

E. R. Miller, Harmony Grove, Ga.—We observed Easter in the fullest and highest sense. Rev. L. G. Adkinson, D. D., president of Gammon Theological Seminary, was with us. His sermon on the resurrection and his lecture were profound. The program was rendered very accurately at 8 o'clock p. m. Collection, \$56.

E. H. Clark, Pastor, Zachary, Tex.—We had a grand time on Easter. The presiding elder preached a good sermon. Collection, \$15.

L. E. Wynn, Pastor, Bellemina, Ala.—Easter was a good day with us at this place the program was carried out. Collection \$4.

P. S. Bowie, Pastor, Tupelo, Miss.—Easter at St. Paul M. E. Church was observed; the program was nicely rendered. Collection \$35.50.

J. B. Brooks, Pass Christian, Miss.—Easter exercises were grand. Our superintendent and teachers know how to decorate the church and make Easter attractive. The program was well rendered. Collection \$9.

S. D. Davis, Pastor, Newberne, Ala.—The Easter program was carried out to the letter.

Raised for Missions \$3.07. Our second quarterly conference came in connection with Easter. Presiding Elder Staples was on time, and preached three able sermons to the delight of all. Ninety-two bowed at the Lord's table and took the holy sacrament. One joined the church.

M. C. Cavines, Pastor, Dallas, Tex.—The Open Door of Opportunity Program was carried out in grand style at St. Paul M. E. Church. Collections \$45.75; 55 per cent. of the missionary money has been raised; 38 conversions and 68 accessions in the Church.

Epworth League

May 3—Confidence in God

(1 Cor. 3. 21-23; 1 Tim. 6. 17; 2 Tim. 1. 12.)
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DAILY READINGS.

Monday, April 27, Confidence in Jehovah as a leader. Exod. 15. 1-15.

Tuesday, April 28, The benefit of confidence in God. Psal. 40. 1-17.

Wednesday, April 29, The confidence that is a loss. Phil. 3. 3-8.

Thursday, April 30, The witness of confidence. 1 John 5. 14-15.

Friday, May 1, Wherein is our boldness? 1 Cor. 3. 18-23.

Saturday, May 2, A safe deposit. 1 Tim. 6. 17-19.

Sunday, May 3, Our confidence. 2 Tim. 1. 7-12.

The Word—

"All things are yours" (1 Cor. 3. 21); "Hope set... on God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy" (1 Tim. 6. 17). It is the giver who can be trusted. This is why the hearts of men turn to the benefactors and philanthropists, to John Howard, or Florence Nightingale, to Countess Schimmellmann, Jacob Riis, or Helen Gould, to those who give not alone money, but themselves. So God is the great Giver. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights" (James 1. 17). "The free gift of God is eternal life" (Rom. 6. 23). And God has given himself in giving his "only begotten Son." "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things?" (Rom. 8. 32). God delights to share whatever he possesses. Because all things are his "in Christ" they are ours; and they are ours "richly to enjoy." Surely we can have confidence in such a God.

"I know him whom I have believed" (2 Tim. 1. 12). Confidence in God brings us into intimate acquaintance with God. It is said that when a saintly man was dying a young minister quoted to him this verse, but used the phrase, "in whom I have believed," and stated that he could not allow even a preposition to come between him and his Saviour.

1. It would seem as if there ought to be no place for this subject as respects the need to justify it. If God is such as he is declared to be in the Bible why should man ever doubt Him? It is related that Mr. Spurgeon once came into a meeting of his board of deacons rubbing his hands and exclaiming, "Brethren, I have just come from a conflict with doubts." One of the deacons said, "Why should you not declare that you have just come from a temptation to steal or commit murder?" The great minister acknowledged the justice of the reproof, and, possessed of the right

spirit, often bore witness that he had less ground to yield to the temptation to doubt God than he would have to an inclination to commit the most flagrant sin.

2. Confidence in God is the central element in what may be called saving faith. Many appear to find it very difficult to understand the nature of faith, because its inner core of power is associated with other factors, such as a mental belief in the being of God and in the Bible as from him, or that Christ is divine and in his work on earth atoned for sin. All this may be held without exerting any saving influence in our lives, as James 2. 19 says that "the demons also believe, and shudder." But confidence in God means that we actually take him at his word and intrust ourselves to him, as a man intrusts himself to a ship when he goes on board for a voyage.

3. When this confidence becomes saving it is then ready to become active, as a new spring of force, and persistence in all planning and enterprise for the kingdom of God. It becomes "the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith" (1 John 5. 4). It creates the life that finds record in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. All the later line of martyrs and reformers were strong because they had confidence in God. It likewise inspires the workers and the missionaries of to-day. Could Clara Barton, of the White Cross, Hudson Taylor, of Inland China, and John G. Paton, of the New Hebrides, carry forward their lines of work if they did not have confidence in God to hearten them amid all difficulties and dangers?

"Are we to suppose that the only being in the universe who cannot answer prayer is that One who alone has all power at his command? The weak theology that professes to believe that prayer has merely a subjective benefit is infinitely less scientific than the action of the child who confidently appeals to a Father in heaven." (Dawson.)

"Given a man full of faith, you will have a man tenacious in purpose, absorbed in one grand object, simple in his motives, in whom selfishness has been driven out by the power of a mightier love, and indolence stirred into unwearied energy." (Maclaren.)

The Likenesses and Lessons.

If we find ourselves weak at any point it should lead us to ask if we do not need more confidence in God. Even Christians who have thought some service impossible or some besetment unconquerable can have victory if they get a stronger faith in God.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson V. May 2, 1903. Title—Paul Arrested. (Acts 21:27-39). Golden Text—If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed. (1 Peter 4:16). Time—A. D. 60. Place—Jerusalem.

When Paul and his company reached Jerusalem, the brethren received them gladly. On the following day, the apostle and those with him, called on James and all the elders of the church. After the usual salutations Paul told what great things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry. When James and the elders heard it they glorified the Lord. James, speaking for the elders, told Paul there were thousands, or myriads, of Jewish Christians in Jerusalem, and they were all zealous for the law. They had been informed that Paul taught the Jews, who dwelt among the Gentiles, to forsake the teachings of Moses; to give up circumcision; and to

walk according to the Gentiles. These charges were true in part only. Paul taught that both Jews and Gentiles were saved through faith without the deeds of the Law. But if the Jews desired to observe circumcision, and the customs of Moses, they could do so. James and the elders fully recognized Paul, but the less informed masses stood in doubt of him. The tens of thousands of Jewish Christians, out of Gentile nations, would soon know that Paul was in Jerusalem. There were four men among them who had taken the vow of a Nazarite. The time of their purification was near. They desired Paul to go in with them and bear the expenses of all. This he did. The next day he took the men and purified himself with them. After this they entered the temple where Paul signified to the priest the accomplishment of their purification.

I. *The arrest of Paul (27-30).* 1. *Place:* the house of the Lord. The temple stood on Mount Moriah. It covered about fourteen acres of ground. It was made of white marble, and arose in terraces one above another. At a distance it looked like a hill covered with snow. In approaching it you entered first the court of the Gentiles; passing through this and ascending a flight of steps you came next to the court of the women; on and above this was the court of Israel; ascending still higher you come to the court of the priests; then on the mountain top stood the temple proper. Paul likely went no farther, while under this vow, than the court of the women. The house of the Lord should be a place of safety, and not of danger, to His children. They should be made welcome, and not persecuted, when they enter it. 2. *Persons:* Jews from proconsular Asia. They were likely from Ephesus, and had probably been instrumental in excluding Paul from their synagogue there. They seldom came to Jerusalem, but when they did, they seemed over zealous for the sanctity of the temple. Their method of securing Paul's arrest was by raising a mob. They went not to the high priest, or to the magistrate with their charge, but to the multitude. They stirred up the people. Their argument was patriotism and loyalty to the temple. They cried: "Men of Israel, help." All who are true Jews, who love your church and country, now is your time to do good. What they could not do by right they would do by might. 3. *Charges:* teaching and acting. (1) *He had taught* "all men everywhere" that which the Jews could not tolerate. He had spoken against the *people* of Israel by bringing them down to the level of the Gentiles, and teaching that both were saved through faith. He had spoken against the *law* by making Jesus the end of the law for righteousness to all true believers. And he had spoken against the *temple* by teaching men to pray everywhere; by holding services wherever he could get people to hear him; and probably by predicting that Jerusalem would soon be overthrown, that the temple would be cast down, that the priesthood would be destroyed, that the sacrifices would cease, and that the Jews would be scattered among all nations. (2) *He had acted* in a way that had in their judgment polluted the temple. Paul was a Jew, and had perfect right to enter as far as the court of Israel, but being under a vow he probably went no further than the court of the women. But their greatest charge was that he had brought Gentiles into the temple. This was mere supposition on their part. They had seen him with Trophimus on the street and thought likely he had brought him into the temple. 4. *Manner.* These foreign

Jews circulated rapidly among their Judean brethren, and greatly wrought upon them. Soon all the city was in an uproar. The people ran together without knowing why they did so. Paul was seized and dragged out of the temple. The doors were forthwith shut. These doors were likely the folds of the gate Beautiful, which was between the court of the women, and that of the Gentiles. This gate was made of Corinthian brass, was about fifty feet high, and about twenty-four feet wide, and was adorned in a costly manner.

II. *The rescue of Paul (31-39).* 1. *The chief captain was notified.* The Jews hurried Paul out of the temple. They were too religious to pollute the house of the Lord, but not too holy to commit murder. They likely desired to knock Paul on the head with stones, as they hurried him through the streets, so the sin of murder could not be laid at the door of any one. Soon tidings came to the "chief captain of the band" that all Jerusalem was in an uproar. This officer stood at the head of all the Roman soldiers in the holy city. Here begins an imprisonment in the life of Paul which continued about seven years. 2. *He hurried to the rescue.* Claudius Lysias immediately took soldiers and centurians, and ran down among the people. These centurians were captains each of a hundred men. When the mob saw Lysias and the soldiers they ceased to beat Paul. It was no doubt fear of the soldiers that caused them to desist. God often causes those who have no love for His people to be a protection to them. 3. *He saved the apostle.* Lysias came near, took Paul out of their hands, and commanded him to be bound with two chains: his right hand chained to one soldier and his left to another. He then demanded of the mob who Paul was, and what he had done. Some answered one thing and some another. The greater part knew not Paul, and had no knowledge of what he had done. When Lysias saw he could get nothing from the mob he commanded that Paul be taken into the castle. The people were so violent that he had to be carried by the soldiers. When they could follow him no further they shouted: "Away with him. It is not fit that he should live." 4. *He granted Paul a favor.* As they were leading Paul into the castle, or tower of Antonia, he asked Lysias a very modest question: "May I speak unto thee?" The apostle was highly refined and would not speak until leave had been given him. The tribune was surprised because Paul spoke Greek. He told Paul whom he thought he was. He really supposed the apostle to have been an Egyptian, who had in the recent past caused an uproar, and led four thousand men that were murderers, into the wilderness. This Egyptian was probably a Jew and a false prophet. He had recently come from Egypt up into Judea, had announced himself as the messenger of God, and had come to restore the kingdom of Israel. He drew four thousand followers into the wilderness of Judea. His forces increased rapidly. He took possession of the Mount of Olives, and with a force of thirty thousand men attempted to put down Roman rule in Palestine. Felix bravely attacked him with horse and foot. He was aided by the Jerusalem-ites who detested the imposter. They slew four hundred, captured others, and routed the entire army. The Egyptian escaped, but the whole city was in search of him. Lysias was in hopes they had caught him in the person of St. Paul. The apostle corrected this false idea. He was then given the privilege of speaking to the people.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

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The New Orleans Street Car Situation

The street car situation in this city is an unfortunate one both for the street car company and its colored patrons. For the company because it has been and, even yet, is losing money. This is not only evidenced by the fact that so few Negroes are seen riding, but to some extent by the large reduction in the number of cars run. Previous to the strike and to the operation of the "Jim Crow car" law the company ran eighty-three cars more than it does now. While we do not desire to make the impression that the reduction in Negro patronage is the sole cause for this shortage, it is an undeniable fact that it is partially so. It is of course largely due to the fact that the company has replaced many of its small cars with very much larger ones and lengthened the schedule. Then, besides, true to the spirit of the Yankee, its patrons are more crowded in the cars than usual. But even after allowance is made for the reductions thus accounted for, there is no doubt that from fifteen to twenty-five more cars would be absolutely necessary if the Negro patronage was up to the usual mark. While many of our people are still walking, vast numbers of them have purchased buggies, surries, and other vehicles. Others still have joined what they are pleased to call the "stay at homes." Bicycles too are more popular since this law went into effect, than for two or three years.

But the strange thing about it all is that if one is to judge from the meagre provision made for Negro patrons, the company either does not desire the patronage of colored people or it thinks they will put up with anything. We are not surprised that such limited space was allowed at first when so few were riding, but it is unreasonable to arrange seats for only two persons and forbid conductors to enlarge this space, no matter how many more get aboard nor how few white passengers there are. And yet just such conditions have existed from the first, on one line at least, the conductors insisting they have no right to move the screens. This line, too, is largely patronized at certain hours by the laboring classes.

On one line of cars an accident has recently occurred which emphasizes the folly of such an inflexible rule. There was not a white passenger aboard, but the compartment for Negroes was so greatly crowded that many were compelled to stand on the platform. At a sharp curve the car jumped the track and four were more or less injured. This will doubtless involve the company in a lawsuit, and it ought to. We are told by those who claim to know that the superintendent or manager of the company is very much prejudiced against Negroes and thinks they ought to have the "hot end of the poker," and is giving it to them by making the law separating the races operate entirely to their disadvantage. This may not be true, but it is a fact that the whites are made comfortable as possible, while the law is enforced as tho it was intended to make all colored

patrons as uncomfortable as possible—as tho they have no rights whatever under this law.

Mr. Cleveland Tickles the South

Ex-President Cleveland did and said very little to please his southern democratic friends while President of the United States. In fact they despised him about as heartily as they usually do a republican President. But it seems that he has at last come to consider that they made him President and are entitled to some consideration. Therefore when Prof. Booker Washington invited him to preside and speak at his great New York meeting, held in the interest of Tuskegee, the ex-President concluded to do what he so seldom did as President, and that is to say something to please them, and he did it. Again and again he has had them understand that they were not statesmen and knew precious little about how to run the government, but he has decided that they know enough to manage the Negroes and he for one is willing to let them do so. My! my! how happy this admission has made them, judging from the tone of their papers. The whole thing reminds us of the man who had been unpleasant and abusive to his neighbor, but when he came to die he sent for this neighbor and said, "I am going to die and I have sent for you to say you have been a good neighbor to me and I hope no one else will ever make things as unpleasant for you as I have." But after all there is some comfort even in a statement like that.

Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Crockett, of Hahnville, La., passed through the city last week on their way for a visit to relatives and friends at Slidell, La. They both looked the picture of health.

Rev. Granderson D. Fields, A. B., B. D., a member of the Tennessee Conference and pastor at Mason, Tenn., died April 13, 1903. He graduated a year ago from Gammon Theological Seminary, but before going there had proven himself one of the most successful young ministers of the church. His death is a shock and a positive grief to us. May his loved ones find comfort in the Master.

Just previous to closing our forms we learn of the death of the ten-months old baby of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Reed, of Little Rock, Ark. We extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Some colored man had trouble with an officer in Joplin, Mo., and shot him. This was sufficient cause for catching a Negro supposed to be the man, and he was promptly murdered by a mob. Not satisfied with this, the homes of colored citizens were burned and they driven from the town. The officers of the law were powerless because they did not wish to injure any of their dear friends composing the mob. Thus those who despise the Negro are permitted to violate law with impunity. The reaping time will surely come; in some sections it has come already.

Unification of the Book Concerns

Notwithstanding the fact that it was somewhat lengthy, we trust our readers took occasion to read the supplement to the **SOUTHWESTERN** of last week which contained the plan for the unification of the publishing houses of the church. Every member of the church, and especially every minister is interested in the Book Concern. In fact, each one is a stockholder. The supplement should be carefully read and then stored away for future reference.

Personal and General

The editor of the **SOUTHWESTERN** is glad to be at home again from his round of spring conferences.

Mr. J. P. Obee, father of Rev. J. J. Obee, of this city, has been quite sick for some time at his home in New Iberia.

Rev. Henry Taylor, presiding elder of the Baton Rouge district, was in the city last week. His work has suffered very much from the high water.

Rev. W. F. Waters, assistant business manager of the **SOUTHWESTERN**, is again in the office from the Delaware and Washington conferences, which he attended.

Mr. James Appleses, principal of St. Paul Graded School, desires his correspondents to address him at Starlight, La., instead of Bermuda, as heretofore.

Dr. T. A. Walker, of Baton Rouge, La., has been invited to deliver the address before the graduating class of Cheneyville Academy, Cheneyville, La., May 1st. Dr. Walker will also present the diplomas.

Mr. G. F. Swift, a prominent Methodist layman of Chicago, died recently, leaving a fortune of \$12,000,000. According to the terms of his will he leaves \$250,000 for his wife to dispense as a charity to persons or institutions as she sees fit.

Some weeks ago we were engaged by Rev. J. M. Walton, of Greenville, Miss., to assist him in a rally for our church there. A note from him informs us that his work is so seriously affected by the overflow that the rally is postponed. He is visiting his members in a bateau.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Brooks has begun his seventh year at St. Mark's Church, New York, under the most flattering circumstances. His congregation greeted him, according to the *Age*, with an audience which packed the church to the very doors. We rejoice with them.

Rev. Nolan McNeal, pastor at Dulac, La., Terrebonne parish, came to the city on business and seems enthusiastic over the condition of his work. Bro. McNeal has made a good start for the year. He was accompanied by Rev. Armstead Thornsbury, a Baptist minister, also of Dulac.

Dr. H. T. Johnson, editor of the *Christian Recorder*, official organ of the A. M. E. Church, has been appointed the fraternal delegate of his church to the General Conference of the M. E. Church to meet in Los Angeles, Cal., May 1904. We are sure he will receive a most cordial welcome.

Prof. S. E. Moses, who graduated from Clark University some years ago and who has been principal of the City High School of Anniston, Ala., for sixteen years, was at the recent session of the Alabama State Teachers' Association elected president. Prof. Moses is one of the leading educators of the state.

Prof. R. S. Lovinggood, A. M., has been representing the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society at a number of points in the North and before several conferences of the North and West. The professor is president of Samuel Huston College, Austin, Tex., and is prepared to make a touching and effective plea for the cause.

Miss Carrie Corinne Hunter, the accomplished elocutionist who made such a favorable impression as such in this city some months ago, is to be married to-day to Leonard W. Lewis, M. D., of Chicago, at the A. M. E. Church, Vicksburg, Miss. They are to be at home at No. 3719 Forest avenue, Chicago, Ill., after May 9th. They have our best wishes.

Okaneb (New Lincoln) Conference

The first annual session of the Okaneb Conference convened in the M. E. Church at Guthrie, Okla., on the morning of April 2, 1903, Bishop John W. Hamilton, D. D., presiding. The sacrament was administered by the bishop, assisted by the presiding elders. The roll was called by D. G. Franklin, whose name had been entered at the organization of the conference as secretary. Thirty full members and two probationers responded. A. W. Talbert was elected secretary, with B. F. Swindell as assistant; J. C. Williams statistical secretary, with A. J. McAllister and J. J. Cabbell; J. A. C. Wade, treasurer, with J. S. Burton and Seth Neal assistants. G. A. Maston was elected reporter for the daily papers.

Welcome addresses were delivered on behalf of the city by Mr. G. W. P. Brown, an attorney, and Rev. C. W. Abingdon, pastor of the A. M. E. Church, on behalf of the ministerial alliance. A fitting response to them was made by Bishop Hamilton.

A large number of visitors attended the conference, among them being Drs. G. G. Logan and J. B. Trimble of the Missionary Society; W. D. Parr, of the Church Extension Society; A. P. George, of the Sunday School Union; R. S. Lovinggood, representing the Freedman's Aid Society; B. F. Abbott, the Epworth League; I. L. Lowe, George R. Smith College; N. B. Wickham, superintendent of the Oklahoma Children's Home, and I. B. Scott, of the SOUTHWESTERN. In addition to these a large number of ministers were introduced to the conference, among whom were Revs. L. H. Richardson and J. W. H. Pinkney, of the West Texas Conference; R. Beaver, of the Texas; R. Davis, of the Central Missouri, and J. T. Riley and a large number of other members of the Oklahoma Conference.

It may not be known to all our readers that the Okaneb Conference is composed of the work in Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska, which up to last year was in the Central Missouri Conference. There are also one or two points in Colorado and a number of others in the Indian Territory. At its organization the conference was called the Okaneb, but this name was changed on the first day of the present session to Lincoln, for the capital city of Nebraska, which lies within the bounds of the conference. The conference contains two districts, presided over by D. G. Franklin and H. South. They reported their work as fairly prosperous and extremely hopeful. We are glad to present a picture of Presiding Elders Franklin and South.

The character of each preacher was examined and passed. The statistical session was presided over by A. R. Norris. J. W. Dillard was allowed to withdraw at his own request. The conference received a dividend of \$132 from the Book Concern and \$22 from the Charter Fund. Of this amount \$130 was distributed and \$53.54, which included the conference collections for this cause, was deposited to the credit of the conference.

The trustees of the conference are J. S. Burton, A. J. McAllister and A. W. Talbert. The superannuate relation was granted John A. Lee, one of the veterans of the work, at his own request.

Received on credentials from another church, C. W. Neloms from the A. M. E. Zion Church. G. T. Wooten and Aaron Faulkner, of the Baptist Church, had their orders recognized.

Received into full membership, Lewis E. Hayes and C. W. Neloms.

Ordained an elder, Daniel J. Mitchell. Transferred to the Central Missouri Conference, D. J.

Mitchell, G. B. Abbott, J. R. Whitely and M. L. Jackson.

Transferred from other conferences, W. F. Smith, from the Central Alabama.

Located, William White.

On motion of D. G. Franklin the conference agreed to a plan by which the minutes will be published and paid for at once.

The next session of the conference will be held at Asbury Church, Topeka, Kans.

The officers of the conference proved to be

J. Trice; Wagoner, I. T., Henry Blye; Wetumka, I. T., D. Coburn.

TOPEKA DISTRICT.

Henry South, presiding elder; P. O., Topeka, Kans.

Alma, C. P. Thompson; Atchison and Valley Falls, Littleton Thomas; Burlingame, L. A. Allen; Caldwell and Kingmon, Eli Martin; Chitopa, A. Faulkner; Clay Center, I. W. H. Terrill; Salina, S. E. Sanders; Ft. Scott, J. A. C. Wade; Lawrence, T. W. Fulghem; Lanard, R. B. Williams; Lincoln (Neb.), G. A. Maston; Manhattan, B. F. Swindell; Oswego, J. E. Williams;



REV. D. G. FRANKLIN, P. E.

bright and diligent men and their reports would be a credit to our much larger conferences.

STATISTICS.

Membership:	
Probationers	163
Full members	1878
Total	2041
Collections:	
Missionary Society	\$237 18
Church Extension Society	64 00
Sunday School Union	9 00
Tracts	4 50
Freedman's Aid Society	87 60
Education	81 58
Bible Society	5 90
Woman's Foreign Missions	12 00
Woman's Home Missions	14 40
Total	\$516 16

General Conference Expenses	3 50
Conference Claimants	29 59
Episcopal Fund	37 17

Total	\$70 26
Grand total	\$586 42

Total for Topeka District	\$374 62
Total for Oklahoma District	211 80

Total	\$586 42
Increase over last year	\$187.25.

The appointments follow:

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT.

D. G. Franklin, presiding elder; P. O., Guthrie, O. T.

Ardmore, Warren Chapel, W. McDonald; Ardmore Circuit, Paul Pruett; Chandler, O. T., H. B. Hubbard; Chicato, I. T., L. J. Jackson; Eufaula and Wilburton, A. R. Norris, postoffice Muskogee, I. T.; Elliott and Big Creek and Coffeyville, Kans., S. D. Brown; Grant, I. T., G. W. Erritt, postoffice Grant, I. T.; Guthrie, St. Paul, D. Bruce; Hennessey, W. F. Smith; Chickasha, I. T., B. F. Whitaker; Independence, O. T., R. J. Taylor; Langston, Seth Neal, postoffice Guthrie, O. T.; Luther, O. T., A. J. McAllister; Muskogee, I. T., A. W. Talbert; Mt. Zion and Vernon, Wm. Dawson, postoffice Hennessey, O. T.; Oklahoma City, O. T., H. T. Canday; Okmulgee, I. T., C. W. Neloms; Purcell, I. T., L. J. Hardiman; Ripley, O. T., J. C. Williams; Shawnee, A.



REV. HENRY SOUTH, P. E.

Rosedale, J. K. Anderson; Topeka, Mt. Olive, L. E. Hayes; Topeka, Asbury, Dudley Smith; Iola, G. T. Wooten; Winfield, F. Ward.

Gammon Theological Seminary commencement occurs April 26-27, 1903. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by President L. G. Adkinson, Sunday, April 26, at 11 a. m. Annual address by Rev. J. L. Wilson, B. D., D. D., Monday, April 27, 8 p. m. Annual exercises of the Gammon Lyceum, Tuesday, April 28, 8 p. m. Alumni anniversary and address Wednesday, April 29, 8 p. m. Commencement exercises Thursday, April 30, 2 p. m.

The blind chaplain of the United States Senate is dead in the person of the Rev. W. H. Milburn, D. D. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and had served as chaplain ten years. Dr. Milburn was 80 years of age and had been totally blind for 55 years. His sight was injured when a child by a playmate who struck him with a piece of glass. He died on the 10th inst. at Santa Barbara, Cal.

Our good friend, Mr. W. H. Steward, the talented editor of the *American Baptist*, Louisville, Ky., and his excellent wife will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage on Saturday, the 25th inst. The "Colonel," as some of his friends are pleased to call him, writes a strong, sensible editorial on any subject he takes in hand, and in many other ways shows the influence the intelligent and attractive woman who has stood by his side for a quarter of a century, has had upon his life. Well may he celebrate! And may they both be spared with undimmed vision and unabated strength to hail the dawn of their golden jubilee.

Mr. M. S. Alexander, of Maillard, La., came to the city this week for a few days' rest. He is through planting sugar and seems hopeful indeed of a bounteous season.

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 'Is sorry foh to see;
 I waited fur 'Im to de las';
 He didn' call on me.
 De travel f'um dat no'thern pole
 Ain't easy as a rule;
 I wish, I does, wif all my soul,
 Dat Santy had a mule.

Dem reindeer's mighty fine to see,
 But not so strong o'-limb;
 Dey ain' de live stock, 'pears to me,
 Dat's suitable to him.
 He wants a critter dat'll go
 In weather warm or cool,
 In day or night, in ice or snow;
 Ol' Santy needs a mule.

—Washington Evening Star.

IRELAND TO BE A COMPETITOR.

Sir Thomas Lipton is planning to cut down the 75 million dollars a year Great Britain pays to the United States for bacon. He is at the head of a syndicate that has raised one-half million dollars to start a bacon curing establishment in Ireland and employ some three hundred persons, beginning next September.

Captain Shawe-Taylor, who has been to the states investigating matters in connection with the Irish-American movement, is one of the prime movers of this latest scheme in the industrial revival of Ireland, and many of the Irish landlords are interested in the scheme.

It is a queer fact that whereas Irish bacon sells for more in England than American bacon yet the Irish producer sells to the English wholesale buyer at ten cents a pound, whereas in many parts of Ireland American bacon sells for sixteen to eighteen cents a pound. The freak is explained only by the peculiar Irish notions of political economy. Sir Thomas believes that with the promised settlement of the Irish land question the Irish porker can be developed into a serious rival of his American competitor.

WANT SCIENTIFIC FARMERS.

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men who are now being turned out by our agricultural colleges. More than ever before are men of capital looking to the farm scientifically conducted a safe and very profitable investment for their money. This fact should be of more than ordinary interest to the young men of the country who may be debating what employment to select as a life work. There is a large excess of doctors, lawyers, teachers and all other professional men being turned out of our colleges each year, who find it more and more difficult to secure satisfactory positions. The educated farmer has and always will have a large field of opportunity opening for him and will meet less competition than in any other business in life. If you are studying what to do with that boy, perhaps this article may give you a hint."

AGRICULTURE IN THE SCHOOLS.

The time has come when the elements of agriculture should be taught in all of our schools. Every boy and girl should be taught the nature of soils and plants and animals. The mutual relation of these three kingdoms in nature should be explained.

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We hope every reader of the *Southwestern Cultivator* will take up this subject until every school in town and country will teach this as part of their course of instruction. When this is done a new beauty will attach to farm life. The farmer will no longer be looked down upon, but up to. Farming will be considered honorable. It will command respect because it will be profitable. It will be respected because educated men will be found among the farmers. *Where intellect and culture are found there respectability and honor are given.*

When cultivated brains and educated hands get hold of farming it will be made to pay. And when it is found to be profitable it will be attractive.

Have agriculture taught in all the schools, high and low. When you do this your boys and girls will no longer leave the farms for city life, but city boys and girls will be hunting the country and the farm.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

(Mrs.) S. M. Bolden, Pastor, Stoneham, Tex.—Notwithstanding the cold and continued rain and the financial stringencies of the times, the good members and friends at this point show their willingness to support and care for the pastor and his family. On Monday night, February 9, a goodly number of them made their way to the church with many pounds of eatables, where they had planned to meet and "pound" the pastor, which was most agreeable indeed. Rev. S. M. Bolden, the pastor, was called upon to address the audience, also Prof. Wm. Burrell and others. We wish through your valuable paper to thank these members and friends for their liberal pounding. The following persons were present: Levi Durst, William Oliver, Floyd Bundage, Lucinda Massengill, Prof. Wm. Burrell, Mattie Oliver, Chas. Franklin, Jake Owens, Sallie Hubbard, Wash. Green, John Green, Anna Bundage, Lillie Franklin, M. A. Green, Mary Hubbard, Ellis Hubbard, Mary Franklin, B. J. Franklin, Sandras Hubbard, Adolphus Mitchell, Hattie Byrd, Willie

Smith, Robert Henry, Ellen Williams, Harriet Hubbard, Sarah Chatman, Amelia McDowell, Iron McDowell and Jane McDowell.

J. B. Maddox, Secretary, Barnesville, Ga.—Our first quarterly conference convened Feb. 28 and March 1, with Presiding Elder J. D. Jenkins in the chair. The written reports of the leaders showed the work to be in a growing and prospering condition. Received in the church, five and the outlook seems to bespeak a sunshiny future as to the growth of membership. The reports showed that the charge is in a growing and prospering condition, financially and spiritual. After having been overshadowed by such a dark and gloomy cloud, we cannot account for such a bright outlook unless it is the smiling Providence throwing His light about us through the earnest labor of the newly assigned pastor, Rev. Moore. Paid to the pastor this quarter \$42.83; paid to the presiding elder \$11.25, in full; total raised in this conference, \$16.75; raised for benevolence on Lincoln's birthday, \$1.34; paid on indebtedness, \$3.50; grand total \$58.92. On Sunday Elder Jenkins preached a very able and eloquent sermon, and administered the sacrament to 44. On the 27th of February the pastor and members of his home were surprised when friends walked in with many bundles, bringing good things for them. The elder did not forget the *SOUTHWESTERN*, but on Saturday, just after the estimating committee was asked to retire to estimate the pastor's salary, he entertained the conference with a quick and stirring talk on the good of having the paper in our homes and at the close of his talk secured one subscriber.

E. H. Brown, Pastor, Enterprise, Miss.—Elder J. C. Hibbler held our first quarterly conference Feb. 28 and March 1. He presided over the conference. Nearly all officers were present with well written reports. The quarter was quite interesting. Judges were elected to conduct the meeting to elect delegates to the annual conference in 1904. One new church was reported, being built at Little Zion. It is a nice church. Our quarterly collection was good, being \$29.62. paid the elder in full \$17.50 and had \$12.12 left for pastor. We have raised on benevolence \$4. We are starting out for a good year's work. We hope to do more for the paper this year. We are getting ready to remodel the church here at Enterprise for the district conference in July. We hope that Dr. Scott will be with us.

Recording Steward of Hesterville Charge: We held our first quarterly conference on the 28th of February. B. F. Woolfolk, our presiding elder was not present. We had the pleasure of placing in the chair Rev. W. M. Campbell from Kosciusko, who presided nicely. Everything pertaining to the church was looked after. The weather being unfavorable all of the brethren were not present, but we raised in the quarter \$18.15. Sunday was a glorious day. Rev. Campbell preached to the delight of all. We would welcome him back again. On the 19th of December death visited our land and took from our midst Brother Frank McMillan, a leader of class No. 7. He lived a consistent member of the church for quite a number of years, and died in the faith. We can but say, sleep on brother, and take your rest. He leaves a wife and



five children and a host of friends to mourn. On the 28th of February death carried away from us Brother Garfield Murff. He was a member of Rockypoint M. E. Church, and president of the Epworth League. He died in the faith leaving a wife, one child and a host of friends to mourn.

A. Dorviel, Rec. Steward, Prairieville, La.—After our beloved pastor, Rev. E. V. Taylor, was sent from us we, the church and sinners and white friends, asked our dear presiding elder, H. Taylor, to let us have him back, and he did so. We are glad to have E. V. Taylor back to Mt. Zion. We are intending to stand by him on all lines this year. We are trying to help him to send the amount of new subscribers to the *SOUTHWESTERN*. Rev. E. V. Taylor is the right man in the right place. We, the members and friends of Prairieville, do thank our beloved presiding elder, H. Taylor, for giving us our pastor.

Jordan Knox, Joseph Vanderford, G. W. Wright, Stewards, Independence, Kas.—Rev. Henry South, presiding elder of the Topeka District, was with us on the 22d of February to hold our fourth quarter. He was very much delighted with our work here for the Lord and the good of the church. We run a union revival meeting with the Second Baptist Church. God has blessed us with forty-six converts, 18 of them have united with the Second M. E. Church. We are running our meeting yet. Fifty-five persons partook of the Lord's Supper. On Monday night the churches gave a reception in honor of the presiding elder and the Revs. Teal and wife, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, and J. J. Cabbell and wife, pastor of the Second M. E. Church. The elder greatly commended the two pastors working together for good in this city.

Wm. McHenry, Secretary St. James M. E. Church, Clifton, Tenn.—Our second quarterly conference convened Feb 28 and March 1. W. R. Smith was in the chair. The officers were present with good first class reports. The Church has made a wonderful advance along all lines. Rev. W. R. Smith and our pastor, Rev. S. S. Rideout make a good strong team. We have a large Sunday school and our

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worthy superintendent, N. C. Jackson, is one of the best in the State. We gave the presiding elder a check for his money, \$20, Saturday at the close of the quarterly conference. We could have paid the presiding elder for the entire year. Rev. Smith preached a rally day sermon at 11 o'clock. He was at his best and preached a business and soul-stirring sermon. After preaching the presiding elder and the writer lifted the collection which was \$37.98. Raised for the pastor also \$5.25. At 3:30 o'clock we had love feast. We had a glorious time. The Holy Ghost came and set our hearts on fire. All went home praising God in the highest. At night Rev. W. R. Smith preached another strong sermon. Our souls did burn within us. Collections at night \$10. Raised for the sick \$2.45. Raised in Sunday school \$1.59. Total raised since the first quarter for all purposes \$141.65. The good sisters bought a nice carpet and had the pulpit and choir stand carpeted before the presiding elder came. They say, "We intend to paper

the church before the next quarterly conference." May God bless and help these good working sisters. The presiding elder made an earnest talk for the SOUTHWESTERN, a good number promised to give the writer their names and money in a few days.

James H. Hughley, Zebulon, Ga.—We, the Zebulon Charge of the Methodist Episcopal Church, are pushing our way to the front. With our new pastor, the Rev. E. D. Giddens, we of the Zebulon Charge, have known him, and of his great work for the last 18 years as a pastor, hence we were not altogether new to each other. He has started off with his new work under the most brilliant possibilities of doing the greatest year's work in the history of this charge. When we look at our needs here and see his noble beginning, we all cry out that we have the right man in the right place. We celebrated Jan. 1 as our Emancipation day and Lincoln's birthday, and are now looking forward to Easter and then we will during the month of May celebrate our "Quarter Centennial Jubilee," from date of our Methodism in these parts. We had our first quarterly conference Feb. 21 and 22. We had a week of prayer—this gave us the foundation for an old time Methodist quarterly conference. We paid the presiding elder in full, and gave the pastor some over. Raised this year for pastor \$60; presiding elder \$25; trustees \$25; benevolence \$8; Sunday school and current expenses \$15; total \$133. The Rev. J. D. Jenkins, D. D., is a great man. We are proud of him. As a preacher he has no superiors in the conference. Long may he live to do work for God's Zion. He swayed the great audience at will Sunday and Sunday night which closed the greatest quarter in our knowledge. We treated our pastor on Feb. 13 to a storm party led by Mr. F. S. Slade, J. J. Hughly, Johnson Walker, Mrs. Georgia A. Roberts, Julia Bell, Savannah Grisson and scores of other of our good people. We will try him and his dear family again soon.

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Circuit.—A neat sum of \$3.51 was presented to the pastor of our Church by Miss Minnie Patten and her school. The pastor appreciates the kindness of Miss Patten and her school, and asks them to accept his thanks.

W. Ellison, Pastor, Seay Chapel, Nashville, Tenn.—After my return from Cleveland, O., where the great Missionary Convention was held, I went to work in earnest, full of inspiration to do more than ever before; to organize along all lines. The following work has been accomplished: We have a good Epworth reading course in a prosperous condition, have repaired our church at the cost of \$200, and in our second quarterly conference which was held Feb. 15, by Rev. A. Phillip, P. E., receipts from the stewards showed that they had collected for the pastor and presiding elder \$210.75, making a grand total from trustees and stewards, \$410.75; for missions \$20. The outlook for Easter is grander than ever before. The following couples were married: Mr. Alex Scott and Miss Lovie Duval and Mr. Martin Cole and Miss Hattie White, all members of Seay Chapel. We invoke the mercy of our blessed Savior upon them and wish them a very prosperous journey through their new life. Last but not the least, the SOUTHWESTERN has been remembered. We have the promise of five new subscribers which we hope to send in very soon.

Rev. H. W. Austin, Pastor, Daytona.—We have 24 members and also 8 members at Ormonds. We have 85 Sunday school pupils on the circuit, a league of 20 members. We have closed a rally for the stewards and trustees. Sisters Lizzie Procter, \$13; Henrietta Jackson, \$9; Susie Warren, \$10; Brothers H. C. Mechan, \$8; J. B. Clark, \$6.

M. C. Gillespie, Pastor, Mrs. Maggie Cannon, Secretary, Sulphur Springs, Tex.—Rev. O. I. Jones, presiding elder, held our first quarterly conference Feb. 21-22, with good results, at Wonnaboro. We have called the church. The presiding elder is well pleased with what has been done on the work since conference. He gave a much needed talk to the members concerning their duty to God and their fellowmen. Rev. Jones is loved by the members of this charge. He possesses strong executive powers. The conference did not make a mistake in appointing him to this district. Paid presiding elder in full, \$14.

G. N. Johnson, Pastor, Clow, Ark.—The church gave us a grand reception a few weeks ago in honor of the pastor and wife. It was quite a treat.

L. J. S. Bell, Pearlinton, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference was held at Magnolia March 11. Rev. A. Davis, presiding elder, was absent on account of delayed trains caused by high water. The pastor held the conference. A good many officers were present. The work is in good spiritual condition; financially it is advancing. The apportionments are as follows: For pastor's salary, \$500; presiding elder \$45; Episcopal fund, \$5; conference claimants, \$5; benevolent causes, \$40. The presiding elder arrived after the conference had adjourned and was present at the grand reception for pastor and family.

In accordance with Bishop Mallalieu's advice, we held here in our church, March 12, a reception for pastor and people. The occasion was an ovation from beginning to end. "The glad hand," by Bishop Mallalieu, was read by the writer and then for more than half an hour Rev. A. Davis, presiding elder, gave us a rare and grand address on the dignity of the Christian ministry. All left filled with the Holy Spirit. The writer responded to the many words of good cheer. Just as we were ready to dismiss, Brother T. G. Gatlin, our steward, called to us to wait. The friends and members loaded the table and altar with groceries for the pastor and family. Brother Gatlin presented them to us in a neat speech, which was enjoyed by all. We thanked and told them that they could treat us in this way whenever they pleased. We are proud of our new work.

A. C. Mitchell, Writer, Hahnville, La.—Rev. C. D. Crockett, Pastor of St. James M. E. Church, was cordially received. On account of the inclemency of the weather since conference, we have been unable to do anything. We are planning for a good year's work. Rev. Crockett is the right man at this point.

M. C. Harrison, Pastor, Litcher, La.—Our first rally at this place convened last Sunday. Weather was unfavorable, but we went forward. The Revs. John Lewis, Curtis and Brother Green, Ed Williams and Paul Miles, all of the Baptist Church, preached acceptable

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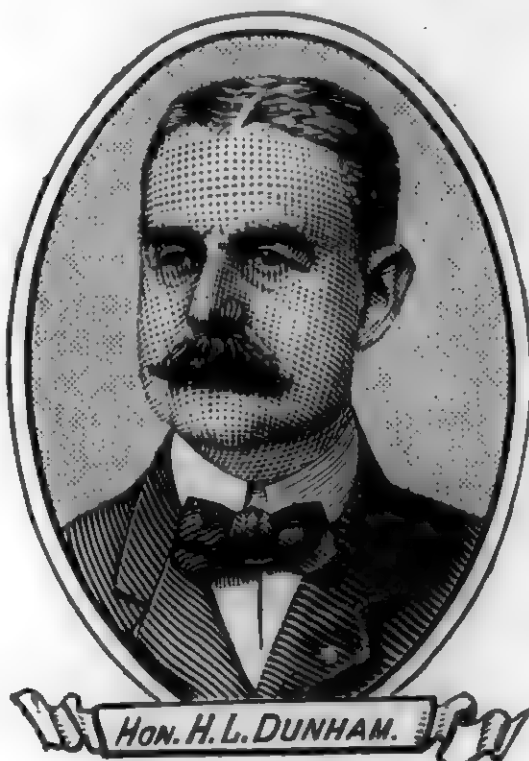
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Very truly yours,

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sermons. The congregation expressed their appreciation of the service by their liberal contributions. We thank the many friends of the Baptist church for their presents and contribution. Our collection, \$16.15, tho' small, is great when conditions are considered. Dr. R. E. Jones was with us a few days ago, and gave us a good talk on the importance of good Sunday school literature. Last Tuesday night class meeting excelled all of my previous class meetings. About 50 persons came in each of whom brought with him a package of groceries. Meadames Brown, Knox, Dewey, Hayes, Knight, Woods and Brothers Henry Brown, Henry Dewey, Hayes, Baddie Moore; also Sister Russell was in the number who came with the many good things. Space will not allow all of the names. We are in for a grand year's work.

S. T. Miller, Petersburg, Tenn.—Our second quarterly conference was held March 7-8, with Presiding Elder Phillips in the chair. He presided in his

usual way, with dignity. Written reports from the officials showed that the work is on the increase. Raised for the elder \$9.58. Rev. Phillips preached two wonderful sermons which will be remembered for years to come. Raised this quarter for all purposes \$60.

G. W. Reeve, Pastor, Wedowee, Ala.—This work is in line and this is my second year and everybody seems to love me and I am hard at work to make this point lead the district. The Rev. E. M. Jones, B. D., presiding elder, preached three sermons which will be in the heart of the people a long time. He is the right man and in the right place. Paid presiding elder \$13.75; pastor \$39.15; missions, \$8.75; Bishop, \$1; on building \$20; grand total \$82.65.

Dorsey McRae, Pastor, Madison, N. C.—A great storm party visited us. It left many things suitable for the comfort of pastor and family. We were glad in our heart and said, "It is good for us to be here." The members and people are making it pleasant for us here. Also I am rejoiced to see every department of the church at work. The Sunday school and Epworth League are doing well. The Woman's Home Missionary Society meets every week. We hope to raise all of the benevolence this year.

E. H. Langston, Pastor, Bonace, Miss.—I am truly pleased to report the Bonace Circuit to the readers of the SOUTHWESTERN. The circuit is alive along all lines. The Sunday school has taken on new life. The schools were all using the good tidings free, but now we are using all grades of quarterlies. The pastor and the Sunday school superintendent are united in the spreading of the Bible. Two yearly subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN.

W. L. Duncan, Pastor, Honey Grove, Texas.—We reorganized or put the W. H. M. Society to work a little over a month ago and they are doing excellent work, spiritually and financially; through their spiritual efforts, two excellent women have been brought to the saving knowledge of the Master and they are happy workers in our church. Sister Maggie Bogan, one of the sisters of the society and a member of our church, began a cottage prayer meeting a few nights ago and it grew so in interest that one excellent young lady was converted. No little interest was created; the meeting was brought to the church and the climax was reached. Five happy, active souls were converted and added to our church this year and the good work still goes on. We had eight or ten nights' earnest preaching by the writer, assisted by Rev. Mayfield. The church was edified and sinners were aroused. We are now preparing for a great financial rally the 23rd and 24th of May for church indebtedness, etc. The interests of our benevolent causes are being looked after with no little care. Members of other churches contributed no little to our spiritual and financial success during our meeting and the sinners showed their appreciation no little in the way of contributing. One yearly subscriber at present to the SOUTHWESTERN, with more to follow. Eighth St. M. E. Church.

Jatt Ellis, Pastor, Tensaw, Ala.—I have not heard of the water on the Tensaw flooding so long in the history

of this charge. For eight weeks I have seen no land. I can't hold any preaching services and have but little to live on. My wife is sick and no money to get a doctor. I am now in an old boat writing to you. Help, help, help! I want help; I need help to-day. The high water is here. It has fallen some. Some of the members have lost stock and property. The Lord is the firm foundation. Yes, he holds me in his arms. I recall the hymn, "How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord; my grace all sufficient shall be thy support." Water can't stop prayer, so that is all I can do.

Rev. W. O. Bartley, Pastor Zion M. E. Church, Ocala, Fla.—Our first quarterly conference convened March 7-8, with Rev. S. A. Huger, presiding elder, in the chair. A good many of the officers were present and answered to their names at the call of the roll. All reports were encouraging. We had a grand time all day Sunday. The elder preached two strong sermons. We paid him up for the quarter. His advice to us was grand.

L. L. Neal, Pastor, Brookston, Tex.—Saturday, the 14th, we were glad to have our second quarterly conference. The presiding elder, Dr. F. Parker, was in the chair. The work of the conference was carefully looked after. The members of the conference met promptly with good reports, showing that the work was in a growing condition. Sunday we had a glorious day. Sunday morning an excellent Sunday school. Dr. F. Parker preached three able sermons. Just before preaching at night a love feast was had, conducted by the pastor in which service a great Pentecostal shower came; two precious souls came and joined the church. The services were great. Collection \$15.25; paid the presiding elder's quarterage and at the same time, handed a good little sum to the pastor.

A. B. Coleman, West Point, Miss.—The West Point Ministers' Union meets every Tuesday evening in some one of the colored churches. March 17 it met in the M. E. Church. Rev. W. H. Coats, of the A. M. E. Church, president; Rev. T. C. Little, of C. M. E. Church, secretary; Rev. H. M. Thompson, of First Baptist Church, treasurer. Members present, Revs. W. H. H. Gallion, of Caledonia Ct. M. E. Church; J. Burton, West Point Charge M. E. Church; Dr. Brown, of C. M. E. Church; Presiding Elder L. M. Mitchell, A. M. E. Church; G. W. Cost, A. M. E. Zion Church, and the writer, who is an honorary member, was elected corresponding secretary and reporter. All the churches are represented. Revs. Gallion, Brown, Thompson and Burton made warm talks for the cause of our Lord.

Enterprise, Miss.—The Meridian District Missionary Society met at above place, with Rev. C. H. Brown, president, in the chair. Revs. W. H. Smith and A. J. McNair were present. Plans were laid to further missionary intelligence upon the district. The place for the next meeting, to be held May 20-21, was fixed at Stonewall, Miss. It was so ordered that each pastor on the district send 50 cents to Rev. Val Trotter, the treasurer of the society, on or before May 1, for the cause of missions. And we urge that all the officers of the society be present at next meeting, and all the pastors if possible, as well as one local preacher from each circuit and one Sunday school superintendent

and one Epworth League president. The meeting will convene in Zion Chapel M. E. Church, at Stonewall, Miss., at 8:30 p. m., with Rev. C. H. Brown, president, in the chair. The devotional exercises will be conducted by Rev. R. L. Brooks. To preach the missionary sermon at 8 p. m., Rev. C. W. Ivy; alternate, H. E. Morgan. The necessity of increasing the missionary collections, P. R. Crump and N. W. Ross; How and when to raise the Missionary collection, N. Collier and H. R. S. Erby; The Duty of the Missionary Committee appointed by the quarterly conference, W. H. Smith and Prof. J. H. Brooks; The duty of the Negro membership of the M. E. Church to Africa, A. J. McNair, C. H. Brown; Why preach a missionary sermon once a year to your congregation? V. Trotter and Goodlow; The work of the missionary, J. L. Wilson, D. D.; How Should the lay members assist the pastor in raising the missionary collections? local preachers and Sunday school superintendents; The Sunday school and Epworth League as missionary forces, A. Butler, E. P. Chapman and R. B. Anderson, Rev. P. Taylor.

Second Day, morning session—The devotional exercises conducted by J. E. Webb. Dear brethren, let us bring the Meridian District up to the \$1,000 line for God and Methodism, knowing that we are the banner district of the Mississippi Conference.

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T. A. Hampton, Superintendent.—The village M. E. Church is yet alive and in a prosperous condition. She has secured her land for new building. The pastor is putting every good effort before his officers and we are with him. The Sunday school is preparing to make Easter a grand missionary day with the young folks at the old village.

Henry Moore, Fayetteville, Ark.—Our quarterly conference in every way was a success. A band of Methodist stormers invaded the parsonage and surprised the new preacher, Rev. H. P. Couter, and his wife. Their hearts were made glad by the cordial reception given them. The table was laden with many good things. The presiding elder made a few complimentary remarks to the band by telling us what

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great damage generally followed in the path of a storm, but assured us that no damage had been done to them. The presiding elder came Tuesday morning and services were conducted until Sunday. Sunday morning he preached a logical sermon to a crowded house. At night the house was crowded to its utmost capacity. After the sermon the Sacrament was administered to fifty communicants. Our pastor and the presiding elder, M. H. Langston, entered into a series of meetings. There has been one conversion and many anxious mourners. The entire collection for the quarter is \$30. We are all highly pleased with the pastor and his wife. The conference could not have suited us better.

L. H. Hunley, Pastor, Attalla, Ala.—I arrived at my new appointment the first Sunday in December and received a most cordial welcome. Finding no place for the pastor to live we went to work at once to build a parsonage. The members worked faithfully as loyal Methodists will, and at this writing, March 17, we have completed and moved into a nice four-room cottage, at the cost of \$250. We are working hard and making all necessary preparations to entertain the district conference. All the departments of the church are alive. We have added to the church ten new members. The Lord is blessing us, both spiritually and financially. Sunday was a glorious

time with us. Collection \$37.50. We desire the brethren to remember us in prayer.

Conference Notices

To Ministers of Upper Mississippi Conference: I have sent out the minutes to your express office. Please call and get them. Those of you who have not, please send in pay for the same at once, the printer is pushing us.

N. R. CLAY, Conf. Sec'y.

TUPELO DISTRICT, UPPER MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

SECOND ROUND.

Amary, April 18-19; Amary Circuit, April 25-26; Belle Circuit, April 25-26; Okolona, May 1-3; Okolona Circuit, May 2-3; Shannon, May 9-10; Ripley, May 9-10; Ripley Circuit, May 9-10; Houston, May 16-17; Houston Circuit, May 19; Union Grove, May 23-24; Pontotoc, May 30-31; Pontotoc Circuit, June 6-7; New Albany, June 13-14; Cotton Plant, June 20-21; Tupelo, June 27-28; Corinth, July 3-5; Corinth Circuit, July 4-5; Pontotola, July 11-12.

Brethren, by this time some of you are rejoicing over the success you had on Easter Sunday. Let us not use much time in rejoicing over what has been done, but remember there is more yet to be done. Begin now to prepare for children's day; let our aim and purpose be to raise the benevolence this year. We must do our part of the

work to increase the missionary collection. As I know each one of you want Dr. Logan to succeed in increasing the missionary collections in our Southern conferences. Let us stand by Dr. Logan and see that he fails not. Again; brethren, keep in mind Rust University and the twentieth century thank offering. We must not as a district raise less than \$100 for a thank offering for Rust.

Finally, my brethren, while our minds are active in seeing after the financial interest of the church, we cannot afford to neglect the all important part of our ministry; the saving of souls. May God bless each of you and may each charge be alive with a great revival fire. Please remember the dates of your conferences. I am your fellow workman.

W. C. CLAY, P. E.

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SECOND ROUND.

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Easter Sunday was missionary day; let us have a full report to the treasurer of the Missionary Society. Don't let up until the last cent is raised. Then plan for F. A. and S. Educational and all lesser collections. Philander Smith College must have your very best efforts. The SOUTHWESTERN in every home will help you as nothing else can. When you secure subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN you help yourself and people. Finally, brethren, let us bring our work to self-support as rapidly as possible, for we should desire a good thing, this is one, self-help. Let us have a glorious revival of old time religion. God bless this round as never before. I am yours,

W. R. R. DUNCAN.

THE FORT SMITH DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Bentonville Circuit, May 16-17; Fayetteville, May 30-31; Van Buren, June 6-7; Fort Smith (Mal.), June 13-14; Fort Smith (Eb.), June 13-14; Fort Smith Circuit, June 20-21; Danville, June 27-28; Conway, July 4-5; Wooster, July 11-12; Morrilton, July 18-19; Atkins, July 18-19; Solgohachia, July 25-26; Dallas, August 1-2.

Dear brethren, this is our second round, push every interest of benevolence. Remember the commencements. Strive to raise all your Freedman's Aid money by that date, May 18th. Remember also that the Sunday School and Epworth League convention is to be held at Morrilton, Ark., July 16-19, which will be in connection with our second quarterly conference. Let us make this a grand occasion and as equally successful along the line for which it will be held. Let each pastor remember the special effort that is to be made through the Epworth League and Sunday School convention this year to raise means to liquidate the debt on the Epworth farm. Dear

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brethren, let a spirit of religious activity possess us, so that we may be instrumental in accomplishing the greatest spiritual and material good in our parishes for God and His Church. Let each of us diligently seek every avenue through which to make a lasting impression for good upon the communities in which we live, by our persistent endeavor and earnest consecration to the cause we represent, for we recognize the fact that we succeed in getting other people interested in our cause, in proportion as we put ourselves and our most strenuous efforts into it. If we allow our selves to become careless and indifferent to the work under our charge, the community in which we live will become indifferent toward us, and as ministers of God's heritage, we soon lose all influence that begets the respect of all the intelligent people in the vicinity. May we gather about us the mantle of truth and go forth and do the work of the Master's Kingdom.

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NOTICE.

The presiding elders' council will be held in St. Paul M. E. Church, Meridian, Miss., June 25-28, and all presiding elders, pastors and representatives of our schools and general workers of the church who expect to attend the council are requested to send me their names on postal cards, that I may proceed to prepare homes for them at once. By so doing you will greatly oblige me. Yours truly,

A. J. McNair, Pastor.

NOTICE.

MEMPHIS DISTRICT.

DEAR PASTORS—We have made the first round. It is gratifying to note that each pastor has made a good beginning, notwithstanding the rainy weather for two months. There seems to be general satisfaction with pastors and people, and they seem to start out with renewed effort and zeal, and everything bids fair for a successful year.

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the race, allow me to tenderly remind you of our obligations and let each one make a daring effort to raise his full benevolent apportionment; raise all or the greater part by the district conference.

I have noticed that the pastors who raise all or the greater part by the district conference are the ones who raise all, or most all, of their apportionment. Do not wait until frost, because frost kills benevolent collections, as well as it kills grass. Raise general conference expenses and send in as soon as possible.

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District conference will be July 22-26, at Enterprise, Miss. Yours fraternally,
J. C. HIBBLER, P. E.


THEY LIVE OUR MEMORY

Leona, Tex.—Sister Alice Washington, a faithful member of the M. E. Church, departed this life March 25, aged 33 years. She had been a member of the M. E. Church for 18 years. To know her was to love her. The funeral was conducted by F. R. Morton, pastor, assisted by Rev. Wm. Hill, of the A. M. E. Church.

Lumberton, N. C.—T. J. Allen, the only son of Prof. D. P. Allen, died April 4, after an illness of a few days. His funeral was preached in Mt. Olive M. E. Church by the writer. Brother Thomas J. Allen was loved by all. The Epworth League and Sunday school rendered a short, impressive program. Rev. Carroll, of the A. M. E. Zion Church; Rev. Pope, of the Baptist Church; Rev. Hazewood, of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Copelin, of the Baptist Church, were present and took part. "Servant of God, well done."
N. D. SHAMBOGUER.

Slater, Mo.—Sister Viola Washington Ford, a faithful member of the Methodist Church, departed this life Sunday, March 29, 1903, at the age of 19 years. She was converted and joined the church in February, 1902. She was faithful during this period in the Christian's life. She was married a few days over three months to Brother Willie Ford, of Slater. She died in perfect peace. The writer preached the funeral.
W. H. SMITH.

Elberton, Ga.—On Monday night, March 23, the angel of death visited our ranks and took from us Sister Catherine Morrison. She was the eldest daughter of Brother Gilbert Morrison. The visitation was almost sudden. She was 31 years of age. She became a member of the M. E. Church at this place when 14. Since then she led a consistent Christian life. At the time of her death she was engaged in teaching, about 25 miles from her home. The funeral services took place in the afternoon of the 25th. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity; white and colored ladies wept



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over the bier. She was a faithful member of the church, a zealous Epworth Leaguer and devoted Sunday school teacher. The scene at the church was one that will not be easily forgotten. There were several ministers present and each one participated in the ceremony. Thus ends a short but useful life. Her place in the church will remain vacant for quite awhile. "She is not lost but gone before."
G. T. WILKINS, Reporter.

Willis, Tex.—Sister Martha Glenn, a faithful member of the M. E. Church for eight years, fell asleep in Christ March 17, aged 18. She was kind and true and loved by all who knew her best. She died as she had lived. She leaves a husband, mother and father.

Brother Noah Woodson, an old member of the M. E. Church for 30 years, fell asleep in Christ February 12, 1903, aged 69 years. He died as he had lived. He was loved by all who knew him best. He was an old class leader in Willis for 15 or 16 years, also a trustee. He leaves a wife, six children and one brother to mourn his loss.

Brother Ben Barnes, a member of the Baptist Church, was shot and killed by Israel Anderson March 17; both colored. His funeral was conducted by the pastor of the M. E. Church.

Sister Sarah Fowler, an old member of the Baptist Church, died March 18, aged 75. She was sick two months. She leaves two sons and two daughters and a host of friends. Her funeral was conducted by the pastor of the M. E. Church. J. JONES, Pastor.

Donaldsonville, La.—Brother Washington Taylor died March 28, aged 75 years. He went into the woods Friday and was found dead Saturday morning. He was a good member of our church.

Little Joseph Johnson, son of Brother S. S. Johnson, a member of St. Peter M. E. Church, departed this life March 31, aged 5 years.

Sister Mary Izetta Hills, aged 25 years, departed this life March 31, after a year's illness. Her funeral was conducted at St. Peter M. E. Church.
P. C. COLTON, Pastor.

Toomsuna, Miss.—The son of Rev. A. Butler and Mrs. S. U. Butler died March 27, aged 10 months. Mrs. Butler had her arm broken a month before the baby died.
M. E. OTT.

Newton, Miss.—Sister Susan Tillis, a member of Haven Chapel, Meridian, Miss., departed this life in full faith. She was buried at Newton. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, W. H. Smith.

Sildell, La.—Mrs. Mamie Donald, a member of Mt. Zion M. E. Church, was born Jan. 28, 1892, died April 7. She died as she had lived, a faithful Chris-

tian. She leaves a husband and four children and many friends to mourn.
Z. T. GAYDEN, Pastor.

Lakeland, Fla.—Brother Willis Jefferson Boyd was born near Millidgeville, Ga., Nov. 19, 1849, and at the age of 11 years was carried to Thomasville, Ga., where he grew to manhood, and in the year 1874 was married to Miss Gabriella Bryan. In 1883 he was converted and joined the A. M. E. Church; in 1884 he went to Florida and located at Lakeland, where his family joined him. He was one of the founders of the A. M. E. Church in this place. In his church he was steward, class leader and trustee. He also served some years ago as superintendent of the Sunday school. In 1886 he joined the Masonic order. In 1892 he joined the M. E. Church and became one of its founders here. Brother Boyd was a devoted and faithful husband, an affectionate and instructive father. As a neighbor he was kind and obliging to all. He was a law-abiding citizen. He was a consistent Christian. He leaves five sons and two daughters. He has gone to join his dear wife, who died June 7, 1900.

He was one who bore his cross nobly, And boldly for his Master stood; Suffered in the righteous cause for the right

As a follower of the dying lamb. He passed through great tribulation And washed his robe by faith below In the blood of Calvary's lamb, Blood that washes whiter than snow.

ROSA A. CHASEN.

Cotton Plant, Ark.—William Boatmon, born March 5, 1890, in Clay county, Miss., died April 1, 1903. He was a member of the Sunday school. His father, Brother H. Boatmon, is a steward of the M. E. Church, Criders Chapel. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. S. B. Davis conducted the burial.

C. A. TAYLOR.

Canton, Miss.—Sister Viola Fagens, 13 years of age, departed this life a few days ago. She leaves a mother and grandmother and many friends to mourn.

Sister Llev Lewis fell asleep in Jesus.
J. E. COLEMAN.

Sedalia, Mo.—Brother Willie J. Deboe, Jr., after a long illness fell asleep in the arms of Jesus March 21, aged 18 years. His was a beautiful Christian life, and he died in the full triumph of faith. He was a member of the Taylor Chapel M. E. Church and student of the George R. Smith College. The floral contributions to this young life made this a beautiful service. It was attended by a large congregation, including the faculty and student body of the college. Services were

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conducted by Rev. Richard Davis, the pastor, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Jacoby, on behalf of the Ministers' Alliance, and Dr. Lowe, president of George R. Smith College.

The following resolutions of respect have been adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased our Father, the Almighty God, that, in His providence and for his own purpose, He has seen fit to call from this life one of His own children and our fellow-student;

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and whereas, by the same plan of His providence He has caused his parents and relatives, together with us, his fellow-students, to feel a grief at his loss and sorrow for his having been taken away; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the students and teachers of the George R. Smith College, express our sympathy for his parents and relatives and commend them to the care of this same God, who, for His own good purpose, has taken away the son and relative. Be it further

Resolved, That we, as a body, unite our prayers to our Heavenly Father to assuage their grief and cause them to think that "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Committee:

PROF. A. C. MACLIN, Pres.,
B. H. BALL, Sec.

Whereas, in the providence of God, the son of our yokefellow in the Gospel, Rev. William J. Deboe, and his companion, has been called to rest in the Lord, we, the members of the Ministers' Alliance of Sedalia, desire hereby to express our heartfelt sympathy with our brother and his companion in their deep affliction. May He who is "our refuge and strength," and our comfort at all times, comfort them and grant them His grace for this hour of sore trial, is the prayer of their brethren in the ministry.

J. C. JACOBY,
President Ministers' Alliance.

B. F. MARTIN,
Secretary Ministers' Alliance.

Sister Lela Taylor, the daughter of Brother Emanuel Whitehead and a member of Chapel Hill M. E. Church, departed this life Feb. 27 and was buried from Chapel Hill M. E. Church March 1. She leaves a husband, two children, mother and father, and relatives, who all have our sympathy.

Jacksonville, Tex.—Miss Lora Schone, a member of Pine Grove M. E. Church, died Feb. 27. She left a mother, stepfather, two brothers and one sister to mourn.

GABRIEL FELDER, Pastor.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Bastrop, La.—Miss Mattie Secease and Mr. Wm. Floyd were united in marriage April 2. T. P. Norris officiated.

Bastrop, La.—On Tuesday, March 3, by the Rev. Dr. W. B. Flood, of Delhi, La., Miss Lena M. Lyons, of Bastrop, La., and Mr. Simon Bell, of Natchez, Miss., were married, at St. John Baptist Church. Miss Lena is one of our best young ladies, and was very useful in church Sunday school and society. Mr. and Mrs. Bell will be glad to have their friends address them at No. 601 Canal street, Natchez, Miss.

CHAS. C. LANDRY.

Harleton, Tex.—Mr. Warren Hattiers, of Hughes Spring, Tex., was married to Miss Ada Williams, of Harleton, Tex., on March 31. M. Q. A. Fuller officiated.

Sterlington, La.—Mr. M. H. Harrison and Mrs. A. C. Robinson were united in the bonds of matrimony at the church. Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne and Rev. E. D. Powell, pastor, officiated.

Woodlawn, La.—On Thursday, April 2, I joined in holy wedlock Miss Lucy Hike and Mr. Ben Brown; also Mrs. Martha Smith and Mr. William French.

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Tex.—Mr. Rhoden Hines and Mrs. Lou Morrow were united in marriage the 21st ult. Both are acceptable members of Chapel Hill M. E. Church.

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8:15 p. m. Express Daily..... 7:00 a. m.
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11:30 a. m. N. Y. Fast Mail, Daily, Mobile and Fast, Limited Daily.....
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9:25 p. m. Sunday Exo..... 7:40 a. m.
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No. 7..... 8:45 a. m. No. 8..... 4:30 p. m.
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No. 5..... 8:45 p. m. No. 6..... 7:45 a. m.
Illinois Central.
7:55 p. m. Chicago Limited..... 9:25
10:20 p. m. Limited..... 7:00 a. m.
7:55 p. m. Louisville and Cin Lim..... 9:25 a. m.
11:25 a. m. Fast Mail..... 7:15 p. m.
11:25 a. m. St. Louis and Chicago..... 7:15 p. m.
7:55 a. m. Northern Express..... 5:20 p. m.
9:25 a. m. McComb Accom..... 8:50 p. m.
9:40 p. m. Sunday Excursion..... 7:30 a. m.

Yazoo and Mississippi Valley.
Memphis exp..... 10:40 a. m. Memphis exp..... 9:00 p. m.
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11:30 a. m. Local..... 4:55 p. m.
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8:50 a. m. Pacific Coast Express..... 9:00 p. m.
6:45 p. m. Sunset Limited..... 11:55 a. m.

Texas and Pacific
8:10 p. m. Texas and Ft Worth Ex..... 8:15 a. m.
11:55 a. m. Port Allen Local..... 8:30 p. m.
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Miscellaneous—M. C. Hickman; C. E. Scott; J. F. Ragsdale.

CRESCENT CITY NOTES

Rev. G. A. Payne wishes to thank his many friends of Pleasant Plain for the reception given him and family at their home; also the committee of ladies and stewardesses who presented him a purse of \$7 with which to purchase a hat and a pair of shoes for Easter.

NOTICE! MEMBERS OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

The minutes are now ready for distribution. Yours,

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There is to be an exhibition at the Robertson Street City School on Friday, April 24, beginning at 1 o'clock p. m. All are invited to attend.

At the special sermon to the young converts, preached at Simpson Chapel last Sunday night, the house was crowded. A large number of the converts were present and all seemed much gratified with the discourse. Friday, April 24th, is Pastor Chinn's birthday, and no one seems able to guess his age.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE OLD FOLKS' HOME.

The Marechal Niel Literary Club will give a dramatic entertainment at First Street M. E. Church, First and Dryades streets, Saturday night, May 2nd, for the La Fon Old Folks' Home. They propose to present the Arabian Nights and feel sure it will be interesting and instructive. Doors open at 7 p. m.; admission 15 cents. Messrs. Arnold Moss and Jas. H. Taylor managers. Mrs. D. Thomas, literary manager, and Mr. Jerry Williams doorkeeper. Rev. J. A. Tircuit, pastor. All are invited who desire to help a good cause.

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LITERARY NOTES

Andrew D. White, who has been resting quietly in Italy since his release from the cares of the German embassy, has sent to *The Century Magazine* the first part of a manuscript upon which he has long been engaged, consisting of reminiscences of his diplomatic life. This covers his recollections of Beaconsfield, the Emperors William I. and Frederick, Bismarck, Browning, and other famous European statesmen and writers. The recollections of such a life are sure to be of very great interest.

INQUIRY FOR RELATIVES.

I want to inquire for my father and mother. Their names are Robert and Hannah Samson, and my brothers and sisters, whose names are Robert, Thomas, John, George, Stewart and Joseph, Amanda, Sarah, Polly, Elizabeth and Louisa Samson. They all used to belong to John Callahan, in Abbeville county, South Carolina. I have not heard from them for twenty-three years. Any information of their whereabouts will be thankfully received. Notify Azo Norman, box 36, Marksville, La.

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Because the Board did not hold a meeting at Paris, Tex., after the adjournment of the conference, I wrote Rev. Thomas Cole, who is greatly interested in the cause of missions, asking

that he serve as secretary till the Board can meet and organize formally. I hereby call a meeting of those persons who are members of the Board as published on page 5 in the minutes of 1903, at Wiley University May 12, at 2 o'clock p. m. This is the day before commencement.

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S. McDonald, Pastor, Fort Smith, Ark.—I have begun my work for another year with a bright future. My people received me gladly for my fourth year. All departments of the church are at work. Our Epworth League is doing a splendid work. It stormed the pastor on the 13th inst with groceries and dry goods. The young people have banded themselves together to work for the good of the Lord and his church, with a young lady at the head, Miss Gracie Freisom. We are praying for a revival to break out in our church here. This is the prayer of all, that we may have a strong revival that may sweep the city of Ft. Smith. We have not forgotten our promise for the *SOUTHWESTERN*. I have been very sick since conference, but I am up again. Among the many things that Fort Smith has to rejoice over is a strong resolution passed by the white people condemning the bill that was pending before the legislature to separate the school tax paid by the races. The meeting was a great one.

W. T. Graham, Reporter, Rivertown Circuit, Ga.—Our second quarterly conference was held March 14. The Rev. V. D. Jenkins, presiding elder, was in the chair. The officers were present with written reports, which showed great progress on all lines of church work. On Sunday by reason of unfair weather, the congregation was small, but nevertheless we had a glorious time. The presiding elder preached a soul-stirring sermon. His text was 1 John, 3:1. Total collection for the quarter \$91.76. We are on the battle ground, with a hope for victory.

I. S. Thomas, Hazlehurst, Miss.—This is to show that a small party greatly manifested their love for church, pastor and family by presenting provisions to the amount of 35 pounds. They will come again soon. God bless the good sisters. They were led by Sisters S. H. Huff, H. Coly, Jane Jenkins, Harriet Lynch, M. E. Jenkins and Fannie Meoy. We will always be glad to see these good sisters at any time. I promised at conference 10 subscribers, but I want to double that number.

G. W. Williams, Pastor, Bellfontain Circuit.—A storm party visited Jordan Chapel M. E. Church last Thursday night. It was one of the most agreeable ones we have had lately. The following kind and true hearted persons participated in bringing groceries. May God's blessings be upon them:

P. C. Cockran, Andrew Snow, Ida Cockran, Ada Cockran, Mollie Barton.

P. G. Olston, District Steward, Pleasant Grove.—J. A. W. Moore was on time to hold our second quarterly conference March 14-15. Our beloved pastor had everything ready. The brethren were present with written reports and money collected from their classes for the presiding elder. We paid elder \$13.25. Brother Moore preached a wonderful sermon and administered the Lord's Supper to 35. He is loved by all. Our pastor, J. M. Moody, is the right man for our circuit. We all take the *SOUTHWESTERN* and we like the paper.

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Editorial Notes

It has been so quiet for the past week or two that it leads us to hope the terrific race storm is over.

The Republican Editorial Association of the State of New York passed resolutions at its recent session favoring the reduction of representation in those States North and South where the right of suffrage has been abridged. They also endorsed the administration of President Roosevelt and call upon Congress to enforce the Constitution.

It seems that they have actually arrested and indicted three of the mob that lynched the colored tramp in Joplin, Mo., recently. It is said that some of those who took the lead in wrecking and burning the homes of Negroes have left the town to avoid arrest and prosecution. This is a good beginning and we trust an example will be made of these parties. True, the example set by some other southern courts is not very encouraging, but even to arrest a man for wrongdoing is something of a protest.

The Supreme Court of the United States has rendered a decision in the case of Jackson W. Giles vs. the Board of Registrars of Montgomery County, Alabama, which grew out of the refusal of the board to register him and others as voters. The court decides it lacks jurisdiction; that is to say, the question is purely a political one. It does not pass on the validity of the new constitution but virtually refers the matter to Congress. Whether it was intended for a dodge or not, it has that appearance.

The most hopeful indication we see in the fierce criticisms and berating through which the Negro has been passing of late is the fact that the critics are after the advancing Negro. The Jew has been persecuted for getting and having so much and the Negro for being and having so little. So far as the Negro is concerned the tides have turned. Now they are not after the hindmost but the foremost Negro, and that, because he is trying to be somebody. But we trust it is too; it is now impossible to go back.

It would seem that the number of college-bred Negroes who are called to answer for theft is so small that when one is accused of such an offense it excites unusual attention. At any rate an educated Negro by the name of Carter was arrested recently in Richmond, Va., charged with stealing a bicycle, and it excited so much attention that a special dispatch of about one-third of a column was sent out to the newspapers of the country. The intention was to reflect on the educated Negro, but we take it as a compliment.

I.—Things As they Appear in Guthrie

I am sure most of our readers have heard of Oklahoma, and no doubt many of them have heard of the city of Guthrie. Well, I have been there recently, attending the Lincoln Annual Conference, and while I did not have time to see and learn a great deal, I did see a few things for the sake of my readers.

Through the courtesy of Prof. A. J. Scales, an alumnus of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., and a teacher in the city schools, I enjoyed the pleasure of a drive over the city. I am sure the professor has many friends in the old North State who will be pleased to know he is married into one of the best families of that region and doing exceedingly well. He owns a home which would make a creditable showing in any city. With an unusually attractive wife and prattling babe, our friend smiles contentedly as tho he feels he is monarch of all he surveys. In our drive the city was seen to advantage and as it could not have been seen otherwise. I have visited many larger cities, but few, if any, prettier than Guthrie. The houses are not very high, but they are well built and attractive. The streets are wide and regularly laid off and for the most part well kept. The last census gave it a population of about eight thousand, but it is now far beyond that. It is the capital city of the Territory, republican in politics and quite a free town for the colored man. In some respects they seem to be living up to their privileges, while in others—well, many of them are about as they are in too many other places. There are scores of neat little cottage homes, a few heavy property owners and some successful real estate dealers. Mr. H. R. Pierson buys and sells real estate, collects rents and does anything else along this line in which there is an honest dollar. He is originally from Arkansas and looks the characteristic hustler he evidently is. Mr. Pierson owns some good property himself.

IN POLITICS.

In politics the black man does not get a great deal, but he gets something. In the first place he enjoys the right to vote. When men have and enjoy that right they get just about what they go in for. Those who prostitute the right to the extent that they sell their ballot as one would dispose of any other article of merchandise get the money; but, of course, in the end they lose much more in rights and respect than they gain. I learn that too many of this class live in Guthrie. Then there is the other class who vote for license, that is, for the privilege of being allowed to ply their vocation, do as they please without interference. I recall now that I have been assured by a prominent citizen of Philadelphia that such an element is the bane of the Negro in that city. At any rate Guthrie is said to have some of this class, and they get what they go in for. Those who insist upon their rights as a people and good gov-

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All Agree With Mr. Cleveland

Whether one endorses all of ex-President Cleveland's speech made recently or not, we dare say no one will object to the following utterance. Said he: "I do not know how it may be with other Northern friends of the Negro, but I have faith in the honor and sincerity of the respectable white people of the South in their relations with the Negro and his improvement and well being."

Mr. Cleveland does not believe in the "honor and sincerity of the respectable white people of the South in their relations with the Negro" any more than does the Negro himself. The fact is that, outside of his own efforts, this class constitute his only hope in the South. They are for the most part silent and sometimes we think too conservative, but only the Lord knows what they have been worth to us. There are times when they come to the rescue too late, but they come, nevertheless. Now the trouble is they are not the class who are constantly clamoring to the North, "Let us alone and turn the Negro over to us; we understand him." The Negro would not mind being left to them. The clamorers are mostly the politicians, and, while there are some good and honorable people among the politicians, that class does not set the pace for the crowd. They are mixed with them for a purpose, and when the crowd "takes snuff, they sneeze," whether they want to or not. Our judgment is that it will be a sad day for the Negro and for southern civilization as well when he is left entirely in the hands of the clamorers, with no friendly voice to point out injustices and denounce outrages. Hence Mr. Cleveland should understand this matter when he advises silence on the part of the North. The great "Silent South" may some day take charge of affairs, but it certainly has not done so yet. They know there is no danger from the Negro on social lines and do not seem to be giving themselves any uneasiness about it. And for that matter the others have no fears either, but since it influences a certain class of voters to howl "social equality," why, they continue to howl.

Consolidation of the Benevolences

We invite the attention of our readers to the report of the committee on the consolidation of the benevolences. The General Conference comes on apace and not only should the ministry and those who expect to be delegates be informed on all such subjects, but the people as well. The report is published in full on page 2 of the present issue.

If Gen. F. D. Baldwin made the remark with which he is credited, showing his lack of regard for human life when his soldiers are Negroes or Filipinos, it simply proves him unworthy the high official rank he holds. We are glad the War Department called on him for an explanation, but his explanation is a very lame affair.

Our Contributors

Consolidation of the Benevolent Societies To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN—The General Conference of 1900 adopted the following:

"Resolved, That a Commission shall be appointed by the Bishops, which shall consist of three Bishops, six laymen and six ministers, which Commission shall consider the question of the consolidation of the Benevolent Societies of the Church and shall make a plan for consolidation if it shall be found practicable, and publish such plan in the Church papers at least one year before the meeting of the General Conference, and report to the next General Conference."

The Bishops named the following as such Commission:

Bishops Foss, Walden and Fowler; Ministers

mends that the General Conference adopt the plan presented at the close of this report.

This plan proposes to consolidate our present Benevolent Societies into three great organizations, the work and claims of one of which can be presented and considered during each of three quarters of the conference year. There will then remain one quarter during which the interests of the conference claimants may be presented.

The objects sought by this plan are: unity, simplicity, economy and efficiency.

The Commission is convinced that the adoption of this plan will avoid both a multiplication of collections, and a confusing presentation of all benevolences without reference to their character or importance. And it will give the church an opportunity thoroughly to consider its three great denominational benevolences—*Foreign Missions*; *Home Missions* and *Church Extension*; and *Education* in all its methods—and secure increased

other mission work, in countries under the jurisdiction of the United States, as shall be assigned to it by the General Conference, and all the work of the present Board of Church Extension.

To the Board of Education, etc., shall be committed all the work now under the care of the present Board of Education, the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society and the Sunday School Union and Tract Society.

To carry out this plan the following readjustments of charters and other arrangements will be necessary:

1st. The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church is hereby directed to obtain from the State of New York an amended act of incorporation under the name of "The Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church," but preserving the identity of the existing corporation. The office of the Board of Foreign Missions shall be in the City of New York.



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BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH NOW IN SESSION IN MEADVILLE, PA.

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The Commission met at Ocean Grove, New Jersey, on Wednesday, July 2, 1902, and organized by electing Bishop C. D. Foss chairman and E. O. Thayer secretary.

Four days were given to the consideration of the questions referred to the Commission, during which substantial agreement was reached as to the general provisions of the plan that follows. The matter was then referred to a committee composed of Bishops Foss, Walden and Fowler, J. F. Goucher, J. M. Buckley, E. L. Dobbins and F. W. Tunnell. This committee, after devoting three sessions to the considerations of the discussions and recommendations of the Commission, made its report to the Commission at a session held in New York City, February 5, 1903. The whole subject was at that time thoroughly reviewed.

After this careful and protracted consideration, first of the desirability and then of the practicability of consolidation, the Commission recom-

interest; more generous offerings and more intelligent co-operation for all the benevolent work of the church.

The Commission, therefore, recommends for adoption by the General Conference the following

PLAN FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES OF THE CHURCH.

The several Benevolent Societies of the Church shall be consolidated into three under the following corporate names:

- 1st. The Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
- 2d. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
3. The Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, or, The Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid and Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church (as the General Conference may determine).

To the Board of Foreign Missions shall be committed all the mission work of the church in foreign lands.

To the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension shall be committed all the mission work of the church in the United States and such

2d. The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church is hereby directed to secure an amended act of incorporation from the State of Pennsylvania under the corporate name of "The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church," but preserving the identity of the existing corporation; and the said Board of Home Missions and Church Extension shall discharge all obligations connected with the annuities, bequests and other property which it now holds or which it may hereafter receive from the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, or from other sources, so that the purpose of every donor shall be sacredly regarded and every trust faithfully performed.

The office of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension shall be in the City of Philadelphia.

The properties of the Missionary Society shall be divided as follows, viz.:

The property now in actual use for foreign missionary purposes shall be held by the Board of Foreign Missions, and the property now in actual use for home missionary purposes shall be conveyed to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and all other property and

assets, including the Missionary Society's interest in the premises No. 150 Fifth avenue, in New York City, and the net proceeds of all annuities and of all legacies under the charge of the Missionary Society, and which have not been specially designated, shall be equally divided between the two boards.

3d. The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church is hereby directed to obtain from the State of Ohio an amended act of incorporation under the corporate name of "The Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church," or, "The Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid and Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church," but preserving the identity of the existing corporation. And it shall have all the rights and privileges and shall assume all the obligations and perform all the duties of the Board of Education incorporated under the laws of the State of New York and the Sunday School Union incorporated under the laws of New York, and the Tract Society, incorporated under the laws of the State of New York.

The office of this Board of Education, etc., shall be in the City of Cincinnati.

The objects of this board shall be to diffuse generally the blessing of education and Christianity, and especially to establish and maintain, or aid in maintaining, institutions of Christian education among white and colored people, either native or foreign born, and to advance the interests and promote the cause of Sunday schools in the United States and elsewhere under the direction of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The present Board of Education and the Sunday School Union shall convey all property and moneys held by them severally, and pay the net proceeds of all annuities and of all bequests now held or hereafter received by them to the Board of Education, etc.

The General Conference should provide for the legal continuance of the present Board of Education and the Sunday School Union until all annuities now held by them have lapsed and all special trusts now committed to them have been executed (which may readily be done under competent legal advice).

The said Board of Education, etc., shall discharge all obligations resting upon the corporations of which it becomes the successor, so that the purpose of the donors of moneys to it and to them shall be sacredly regarded and every trust faithfully performed.

The work done by the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be committed to the said Board of Education, which shall be responsible for its faithful and efficient prosecution. And the property held by said Tract Society or hereafter contributed for issuing and distributing tracts shall be deposited with or conveyed to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in trust, and administered under the direction of said board for the purposes for which it was intended.

The Corresponding Secretary or Corresponding Secretaries shall be chosen by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to be the executive officer or executive officers of said board. The work of the Board of Education, of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and of the Sunday School Union and Tract Society shall be classified and carried forward under its supervision and direction.

In the Discipline and in the annual reports of this board and elsewhere, there shall be added, in

parenthesis, immediately after the title of the board, the following words: "In charge of work heretofore done—"

1. By the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

2. By the Board of Education.

3. By the Sunday School Union.

4. By the Tract Society."

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall bear the same relation to the "Board of Foreign Missions" herein provided for, that it now sustains to the Missionary Society.

The Women's Home Missionary Society shall bear the same relation to the "Board of Home Missions and Church Extension" that it now sustains to the Missionary Society.

By order of and in behalf of the Commission.

C. D. FOSS, Chairman.

E. O. THAYER, Secretary.

Negroes Appeal to God Instead of to Monarchs

After reading the Negroes' appeal to monarchs I was made to wonder and to think how little faith the Negroes of to-day have in God. Appealing to the monarchs, kings and emperors to aid them in getting equal rights in America! Why not appeal to God, who is on this side of the ocean and has all power to do whatsoever He will? Where are the praying Negroes of America? You that have favor with God: God is always ready to answer his children. Thou shalt have no other God before me. Monarchs are men, like the Americans. They obtain their power from God. Negroes of to-day have not as much faith as they had fifty or seventy years ago. Then they did not know how to read the Bible, but heard, and believed if they asked God to free them He would. They asked, and in God's own time He broke the chains of slavery.

They did not appeal to man across the ocean, neither did they appeal to the North, but to God. The Negro as a race has fewer infidels than others, and they talk more about God, but now are appealing to man for equal rights. Shame on you who have a Father that owns the world, that has power to do whatever He will. And yet you publicly appeal to man. I say, appeal to the Father (God) in Jesus' name with faith, without wavering or doubting, and the Negroes will have equal rights.

You would have had your rights had you continued to sing that song, "Give Me Jesus." But instead, our pulpit men said "mix it!" Well, you have mixed it too much. Jesus will not mix.

I believe the appeal is an insult to Christ. You who have lived the life of Christ and get no answer, then investigate for the reason, for God truly will answer at all times. Praise God, I am one not appealing to man, and I hope there are thousands in America not appealing to man, but God.

We called the unlearned people of fifty years back "fogies;" If they were, they found favor with God and were freed. We intelligent people know God and then appeal to man. I repeat, shame on the Christian family! Men of God, if there ever was a time to cry aloud, it is now! God, in Thine infinite wisdom, grant that these pulpit men will ask God for the light so that they can see their mistake in making such an appeal. I have many other thoughts on this subject, but just want my people to think and act as being led, or rather guided, by the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ,

S. A. S. COLLINS.

Washington Conference

By REV. W. FELIX WATERS.

The fortieth session of the Washington Conference was convened at Staunton, Va., April 9-13. Bishop C. C. McCabe presided. We were much pleased, both with the Bishop and his presiding.

Welcome addresses were made by Mayor W. H. Lands; Prof. Anderson, principal of the city school; Rev. Moses, pastor Mt. Zion Baptist Church; Presiding Elder S. H. Brown, and others. Rev. M. J. Naylor responded.

John A. Holmes was again elected secretary; Rev. M. J. Naylor was elected statistical secretary, J. H. Griffin treasurer.

This is one of the great conferences of our Methodism—great in its work and in its men. It possesses property to the amount of a million dollars. The fortieth session was remarkable for its representative addresses, the order of its deliberations, and the amount of work dispatched in so short a period.

Many distinguished visitors and church representatives were present, notably among whom were Drs. C. C. Jacobs, of the Sunday School Union; J. P. Wragg, of the American Bible Society; J. O. Spencer, of Morgan College; H. K. Carroll and G. G. Logan, of the Missionary Society; A. G. Kynett representing the Church Extension Society, and T. G. Penn, secretary of Epworth League.

The following were ordained deacons: W. J. Tyler, Virgil Carter, W. N. Holt, J. M. Jessup, W. H. Dean. Those ordained elders are: G. E. Stevens, J. H. E. Carter, W. C. Thompson, W. H. Dean; and W. H. Holt, I. B. Haskins, W. E. Jefferson and J. G. Goins were admitted on trial. T. P. Thomas, H. A. Johnson, W. C. Thompson, J. R. Davis and G. W. Cohn were admitted into full membership.

Pastor C. I. Withrow knows how to take care of a conference. The great number of conference members and the many visitors were all amply provided for. The reports of presiding elders and pastors showed that the year had been one of much labor and great success, as also the following statistics from the treasurer's report indicate:

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

Missionary Society, \$3,768; Church Extension Society, \$641; Sunday School Union, \$158; Tract Society, \$114; Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education \$1,456; Education \$166; Twentieth Century thank offering, \$139; American Bible Society, \$147; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$341; General Conference expenses, \$214; other benevolences, \$142; Episcopal fund, \$691; Conference claimants, \$765; Childrens Fund, \$417.

With respect to membership, from the statistical secretary's report is the following: Probationers 3,226, increase over last year 797; full members 26,761, decrease from last year 110.

The next session of the conference will be held in Sharp Street Memorial Church, Baltimore, Md.

ASSIGNMENTS.

Annapolis District—Presiding elder, N. M. Carroll. Atholton, B. B. Martin; Annapolis, Alexander Dennis. Baltimore—Centennial, Joseph T. Owens; Eastern Chapel, T. H. Danberry; John Wesley, S. H. Brown; St. Paul, C. G. Key and J. C. Love; Zion Wesley, to be supplied by Thomas Monokey; Simon Peter, to be supplied by T. W. Booth. Broadneck, Edward Moore; Brooklyn Mission, to be supplied by J. M. Jessup; Calvert, R. H. Adams; Davidsonville, Samuel Aquilla; Eastport, B. L. Evans; Ellicott City, John H. Goodrich; Hullsville and Holly Run, J. S. Carroll; John Wesley and St. Mark, L. J. Valentine; Lancaster, Va., C. W. Matthews; Magatha and Hull, S. R. Hughes; Mount Hope, John W. Titus; Mount Zion, J. C. Norris; Northpoint, William N. Holt; Prince

Frederick, E. A. Stockett; Sparrows Point, S. A. Virgil; St. John's, D. L. Washington; Waterbury, George R. Williams; West River, James H. Jenkins. Lecturer on history and theology in the College of West Africa, Ernest Lyon. Left without appointment to attend school, Joseph H. Jenkins.

Baltimore District—E. W. S. Peck, presiding elder. Aberdeen, supplied, N. O. Osborne; Abington, G. A. Davis. Baltimore—Ames' Memorial, H. A. Carroll; Asbury, M. J. Naylor; Metropolitan, J. A. Holmes; Mount Zion, Joshua Barnes; Sharp Street Memorial, I. L. Thomas; St. Matthews, supplied, R. T. Parsons; Whatcoat, William Brown; Blair, J. W. Carroll; Buckeystown, Daniel Collins; Chase, W. R. J. Williams; Fallston, G. D. Johnson; Frederick City, T. O. Carroll; Hagerstown, J. L. Brown; Hereford, S. H. Matthews; Libertytown, W. H. Jones; Lutherville, R. R. Riggs; Michaelsville, J. T. Morton; Middletown, Moses Opher; New Market, G. H. Booze; New Windsor, to be supplied; Reisterstown, W. M. Moorman; Sykesville, Elijah Ayres; Westminster, P. G. Walker; Williamsport, Joseph Henry. Left without appointment to attend school, Joseph G. James.

Cumberland District—L. W. Briggs, presiding elder. Buchanan, Richard R. Boston; Charleston, Moses Lake; Clarksburg, J. M. Bean; Cumberland, W. H. Draper; Fairmont, James Lavett; Frostburg, supplied, Virgil Carter; Grafton and Kingwood, John W. Barnett; Huntington and Mount Pleasant, Alexander Hogsett; Keyser and Piedmont, S. P. Huskins; Moorefield, J. W. T. Wilson; Morgantown, J. H. Watson; Montgomery, supplied, J. W. Warren; Parkersburg, G. W. W. Jenkins; Romney, T. R. Snowden; Wheeling, W. P. Ryder; Harrisburg, Pa., J. W. Jackson; Pittsburg, Pa., D. W. Shaw and A. W. Brown.

Washington District—Alfred Young, presiding elder. Bowie, T. H. Brooks; Boyds, Bosley Boyce; Charlotte Hall, B. H. Brown; Ivy City, J. Byron Hopkins; La Platte, Wm. Smith; Laurel, W. T. Harris; Laytonsville, L. A. Carter; Marlboro, S. Smith; Metropolitan, Pomunky, L. E. S. Nash; Mount Airy, W. O. Lyle; Oxen Hill, Wm. H. Dean; Pisgah, Filmore Diggs; Poolesville, C. H. Arnold; Rockville, A. B. Dorsey; St. Marys, A. F. Bell and to be supplied by J. W. Dockett; Sandy Springs, B. T. Perkins; Shiloh, Nathan Ross; Tenallytown, D. C., Daniel Wheeler; Washington—Asbury, M. W. Clair; Asbury Mission, S. H. Norwood; Bennings, B. F. Meyers; Central, J. F. Chestnut; Ebenezer, J. H. Griffin; Haven, supplied by W. H. Barnes; Mount Zion, W. H. Gaines; Nash Memorial, C. C. Brown; Prof. Gammon Theological Seminary, J. W. E. Bowen.

Alexandria District—D. W. Hays, presiding elder. Alexandria, C. G. Cummings; Bedford City, W. I. Jackson; Bedford Springs, Wm. J. Tyler; Brownsburg, E. D. Venture; Buchanan, supplied by John H. Wilson; Buena Vista, to be supplied; Charlottesville, Daniel Aquilla; Falls Church and Halls Hill, H. C. Connor and G. W. Cohen; Hamilton, J. J. Cecil; Leesburg, G. W. Galloway; Lexington, W. C. Thompson; Lincoln, A. J. Jenkins; Lynchburg, W. A. C. Hughes; Lynch's, supplied by J. C. Ore; Middleboro, J. W. Meredith; Motleys, supplied by J. H. Lewis; Richmond, Asbury and Manchester, T. P. Thomas; Leigh Street, B. D. Pinkney; Roanoke, E. S. Williams; Salem, J. R. Davis; Stewartsville, supplied by N. J. Jones; Woodlawn, Eden Hammond; principal Morgan College Annex, Geo. E. Stevens; conference evangelist, R. H. Robinson.

Staunton District—John Wesley Waters, presiding elder. Augusta, C. E. Hodges; Berkeley, Charles S. Briggs; Charlestown, Washington Murray; Covington, White Sulphur Springs, supplied by James Anderson; Darkesville, H. A. Johnson; Harrisonburg, J. W. Colbert; Jefferson, Joseph Wheeler; Lewisburg and Roncerverte, J. B. Gibson; Martinsburg, George E. Curry; New Market and Luray, J. A. Reed; Pocahontas, supplied by George E. Stewart; Rockingham, W. E. Jefferson; Shendun, C. C. Young; Shepherdstown, J. H. E. Carter; Staunton, C. I. Withrow; Talcott, Abraham Becks;

Union, supplied by T. W. Garner; Waynesboro, G. D. Nickens; Winchester, R. P. Lawson; Woodstock, G. I. Lawrence.

Life of Faith

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FULL SALVATION.

In this imperfect world the Bible is the only book that holds up the ideal of perfection. We are presented with the idea of a perfect city inhabited by spirits of just men made perfect. Best of all, power is offered to attain and sustain that perfection. The same power is to usward that raised Jesus from the dead and set Him on high far above all might and dominion and every name that is named.

Perfection of all faculties and powers is slow at attainment, but we may be made perfect in love at once, because the new loving heart is God's gift.

The agency of this amazing and jubilant accomplishment of perfect love is the love of God—greatest thing in the world, great enough to do the work in our acquiescent souls.

The steps are perception (verse 1), desire (verse 2), prayer (verses 3, 4), faith (5). Result: The love of God shed abroad, like a river, throughout our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Jesus, thine all-victorious love
Shed in my heart abroad;
Then shall my feet no longer rove,
Rooted and fixed in God.

O that in me the sacred fire
Might now begin to glow,
Burn up the dross of base desire
And make the mountains flow!

Oh that it now from heaven might fall,
And all my sins consume!
Come Holy Ghost, for thee I call;
Spirit of burning, come!

Refining fire, go through my heart;
Illuminate my soul;
Scatter thy life through every part,
And sanctify the whole.

My steadfast soul, from falling free,
Shall then no longer move,
While Christ is all the world to me,
And all my heart is love.
Charles Wesley (b. 1708, d. 1788.)

"He Came to Save"

Some years ago an itinerant minister was passing through a prison crowded with convicts showing every phase of ignorance and brutality. One gigantic fellow crouched alone in a corner, his feet chained to a ball. There was an unhealed wound on his face, where he had been shot while trying to escape. The sight of the dumb, gaunt figure touched the visitor's sympathy.

"How long has he to serve?" he asked of the guard.

"For life."

"Has he anybody outside to look after him—wife or child?"

"How should I know? Nobody has ever noticed him all the time he has been here."

"Can I speak to him?"

"Yes, but only for a minute."

The minister hesitated. What could he say in one minute? He touched the man's torn cheek.

"I'm sorry," he said; "I wish I could help you."

The convict looked keenly at him, and he nodded to indicate that he believed in the sympathy expressed.

"I am going away and shall never see you again, perhaps; but you have a Friend who will stay here with you."

The small, keen eyes were on him; the pris-

oner dragged himself up, waiting and eager.

"Have you heard of Jesus?"

"Yes."

"He is your friend. If you are good and true, and will pray to God to help you, I am sure he will care for you."

"Come, sir," called the keeper. "Time's up."

The clergyman turned sorrowfully away. The prisoner called after him, and, catching his hand, held it in his own while he could. Tears were in the preacher's eyes.

Fourteen years passed. The convict was sent to work in the mines. The minister went down one day into a mine, and among the workmen saw a gigantic figure bent with hardship and age.

"Who is that?" he asked the keeper.

"A lifer, and a steady fellow—the best in the gang."

Just then the "lifer" looked up. His figure straightened, for he had recognized the clergyman. His eyes shone.

"Do you know me?" he said. "Will He come soon? I've tried to be good."

At a single word of sympathy the life had been transformed, the convict redeemed.—*Selected.*

Woman's Dominion

"That Didn't Take Long"

"There's plenty of work for this morning," she cried; "There's baking and scrubbing and sweeping beside." But she went at the baking with laughter and song, and said, as she finished: "That didn't take long."

And then to the scrubbing—and how she did scrub! The boards were like snow when she gave the last rub, Her hands were so deft, and her arms were so strong; And she said as she finished: "That didn't take long."

And then to the sweeping—she made the dust fly. She looked at her work with a critical eye, And yet all the time she kept humming a song, And she tacked to the last verse: "That didn't take long."

—Margaret E. Sangster.

Imaginary Troubles

"My children," said an old man as he lay on his deathbed, "I have lived long, toiled hard and worried much. But as I look back upon my life I find that my greatest troubles have been those that never happened."

How many men and women would have to make the same confession? Life, as a rule, is made twice as miserable as it need be, simply by imaginary troubles. The disposition to worry is one of the most unfortunate mental traits or habits with which a young woman can start in life. It is generally such a needless burden—as needless as the sack of meal which the Irish farmer carried on his back, as he rode home in his cart, to lighten the labor of his horse. Imaginary troubles seldom come to pass—in a form, at any rate, as bad as we have imagined, and yet they are the most depressing and wearing mental ills with which many people have to contend. It is the bridges we never cross that give us our worst tumbles into rushing torrents and frightful chasms.

One of the happiest purposes that a young woman can form, on entering upon the serious business of life, is the resolution not to worry—to hatch as few imaginary troubles as possible. Make the rule never to be distressed about anything until it becomes absolutely certain that such a calamity is going to happen. This would not, of course, exclude a preparation for any possible trouble, but it would prevent that premature and generally unnecessary suffering which helps to make so many heads gray before their time.—*Northwestern Christian Advocate.*

Young Friends

Days of Jeremiah CHAPTER VII.

By MISS INEZ A. GODMAN.

(2 Chron. 36:4.) And now Eliakim was placed upon the throne by Pharaoh and his name changed to Jehoiakim. The people mourned for Jehoaz, and fretted under the heavy taxes Jehoiakim levied in order to pay tribute to Pharaoh and keep up his own magnificent living; but they did not turn to Jehovah or renounce their idols.

One night when Jeremiah was praying to God to have mercy upon the people, God's voice came to him, saying:

(2 Jer. 26:1-16.) "Go, stand in the court of the Lord's house and speak to the people all the words that I command thee; keep not back a word. It may be that they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way; that I may repent me of the evil which I propose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings. And thou shalt say unto them:

"Thus saith the Lord: If ye will not hearken to me to walk in my law which I have set before you, then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth."

The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the Lord. And when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking they laid hold on him, saying:

"Thou shalt surely die. Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without inhabitant?'"

When the princes heard these things they came up from the king's house unto the house of the Lord, and sat in the entry of the new gate of the Temple.

Then the priests and the prophets spake unto the princes:

"This man is worthy of death, for he hath prophesied against this city."

But Jeremiah turned and spoke for himself:

"The Lord sent me to prophesy all the words that you have heard. Therefore now amend your ways, and obey the voice of the Lord our God; and the Lord will repent Him of the evil that He hath pronounced against you. As for me, behold, I am in your hand; do with me as is right and good in your eyes. Only know ye for certain that if ye put me to death ye shall bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city; for of a truth Jehovah sent me to speak all these words in your ears."

Then said the princes: "This man is not worthy of death: for he has spoken to us in the name of the Lord our God."

That ought to have settled the matter, but there were many false prophets who were anxious for Jeremiah's death. It was only the influence of Ahikam that saved the prophet. Ahikam was the son of the old man Shaphan, who was Josiah's scribe. He and his brother Gedaliah were great friends to Jeremiah, and were often able to help him, for they held high positions and had great influence. They now urged the prophet to stay quietly at home for a time without speaking to the people, but he could not contain himself very long, and after a few days was again on the Temple steps.

(Jer. 25:2-11.) His first words were a review of his prophecies and a rebuke to the people for not obeying the word of the Lord. Then he



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foretold the captivity in Babylon, saying that the people should serve the king of Babylon for seventy years. Of course the people were astonished and indignant, but they did not attack Jeremiah because their attention was taken by other affairs.

Pharaoh was fighting again, this time with Nebuchadnezzar. The battle was far away to the north, but the people had heard of it and were anxious. Pharaoh was their master now, and if he should be beaten in battle no one knew what might happen. Jeremiah had often told them that their destruction would come from the north, and now as he stood upon the Temple steps and stretching out his hand toward the north uttered the following cry, the people trembled:

(Jer. 8:16.) "The snorting of the horses was heard from Dan. The whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones: for they are come."

"Call the people into the city," said the frightened priests to Jehoiakim, but the king shrugged his shoulders. He had little faith in the prophet. In a few days the people came flying in of their own accord, saying that a great army was marching over the hills, devouring the land as it came.

How interested Daniel was in the war preparations. He and his friend Ezekiel spent every spare moment upon some housetop watching the Babylonish army as it surrounded the city. There were neither guns nor powder in those days, and the people in the city felt safe behind the great walls, but they were shut in and before long food grew scarce.

(To be Continued.)

Educational

Gilbert Industrial College, New Smith Hall

Smith Hall, which was destroyed by fire February 13, 1901, has been replaced by another building which in every respect is far superior. The loss was not without great embarrassments to our work, yet when we compare the beauty and magnificence of the new building with that of the old building we are tempted to rejoice for the loss, in that the "glory of the latter house is greater than the former."

Old Smith Hall was 38x72, two stories. On the second floor were twelve rooms, each 12x15.

The building was an exact duplicate of Gilbert Hall, which is now occupied as administration building and young ladies' dormitory. Smith Hall was named for Mr. Charles B. Smith, an estimable Christian gentleman, of Hartford, Conn., he being the largest contributor.

The new building is 48x109 and is three stories. The first floor is intended for the departments of administration. The second and third floors will be used for dormitory purposes. The second floor is subdivided into 17 rooms, 13 of which are 10x15, two 11x15, and at each end of the hall two teachers' rooms, each 12x16.

Work on the building had sufficiently advanced so that since the opening of the winter term the greater part of the first floor and almost the entire second floor have been occupied. The third floor is yet to be partitioned and ceiled; when completed it will contain 16 rooms, each 10x15.

There is also a two-story annex, 28x30. It is to contain the kitchen, dish and towel room, pantry and bath rooms.

The entire work, with but few exceptions, is to the credit of the students, who were led by a skilled and experienced carpenter. The plan and specifications and the general supervision in the design and structure of the building were under the personal direction of Dean Landry. The building stands a model structure of its kind. A coat of paint—silver gray—has recently been applied by our boys, and the greater beauty of the building is brought out with wonderful effect.

The burned building was insured for \$3,800; of this amount, up to last March 6, \$3,529.31 had been received and applied. Bills payable up to same date, \$390.50.

Amount necessary to complete the main building: One staircase, complete, \$25; 10,000 feet ceiling at \$20 per 1,000, \$200; cost of labor, \$30; painting, \$65; total necessary to complete the building, \$320.

H. W. McDONALD, Reporter.

Children's Day Program

The title of the program is "School Days, Old and New," and is a fitting recognition of the Wesley anniversary. The program gives glimpses of Wesley at Epworth rectory, at Charterhouse school, and at Oxford University. It shows pic-

tures of the Charterhouse school, of Wesley in cap and gown at the age of twenty-three, of Wesley's rooms at Lincoln College, and of the famous Holy Club. The supplement contains material for the most interesting symposium on the subject, "Why Go to College?" and a delightful exercise based upon the Wesley motto, "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can," together with other exercises. I think we have never issued a better program than this. The music is of a very high order, and will, I am sure, be very popular. The program and supplements can be ordered from the nearest Book Concern. Following the example of the other boards, the program this year is sent free to all schools which apply for it. Pastors and superintendents are urged to make immediate application.

With renewed thanks for your great kindness, I am, faithfully yours,

WILLIAM F. McDOWELL.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.-C. Conference

Easter Reports

T. H. Mitchell, Superintendent, Jackson, Miss.—Our Easter services were grand. Collection, \$49.85.

A. Taylor, Brenham, Tex.—Our Easter services were grandly carried out by the little folks. Collection, \$23.

W. R. H. Harry, Pastor, Mandeville, La.—Easter services were held at 11 o'clock. Collection, \$2.80.

L. L. Shumpert, Pastor, Canton, Miss.—Our Easter missionary service was carried out. Collection, \$15.75.

J. M. Marsh, Pickens, Miss.—Easter was a success. Collection, \$24.

Mrs. M. E. Hunt, Lavonia, Ga.—We did not do as well as we desired. Collection, \$13.

J. W. Terrell, Batesville, Miss.—Easter was grand at New Haven. Collection, \$2.85.

M. J. Dyer, Springfield, La.—Our Easter services were much enjoyed. Collection, \$5.

E. D. Ford, Pastor, Chatauah, Miss.—Easter was a grand day. Missionary collection on Easter, \$2.80.

N. R. Clay, Pastor, Holly Springs, Miss.—Easter was grandly celebrated at Asbury. Collection, \$327.80.

J. W. Turner, Pastor, Algiers, La.—Easter was a great day at St. Matthew. Collection, \$22.71.

A. J. McNair, Pastor, Meridian, Miss.—Easter program was carried out to the letter. The Sunday school raised \$45 for missions; the church raised \$6.20; total, \$51.20. One joined the church.

H. A. Sorrell, Pastor Magnolia M. E. Church, Jackson, La.—Our Easter service at this place was all that could be expected. The spiritual tide ran high. Accessions to church, three. Collection, \$18.

H. D. McCain, Honeysuckle, Ala.—We had a grand time Easter. Collection, \$2.06.

Wm. L. Amos, Cottonport, La.—We observed Easter at this place with much delight. Collection \$3.70.

R. N. Jones, Moss Point, Miss.—Easter was fittingly observed here. Collection, \$20.66.

J. I. Garrett, Pastor, Handsboro, Miss.—Easter was a high day. Riley Chapel raised \$5.47; the Sunday school, Mr. J. M. Thomas, superintendent, \$7.46.

tendent, \$7.46. Daisy Tuggul, Superintendent, Magdalen, Miss.—Easter collection, \$40.

W. L. Marshall, Pastor, Bay St. Louis, Miss.—St. Paul M. E. Church Easter services were grand and everybody enjoyed them. Collection, \$50.

Eugene Baptiste, Pastor, Thibodaux, La.—The Easter program was observed. Collection, \$13.

G. Orange, Pastor, Winter City, Miss.—Easter was carried out according to the program. Collection, \$36.55.

L. W. Price, Pastor, Brookhaven, Miss.—Easter was a great day at Kynett Chapel. Collection, \$36.78.

A. M. Quinn, Pastor, Pearlinton, Miss.—Easter was a high day. Collection, \$26.50.

R. C. Worsham, Pastor; B. Dosey, Superintendent, Crawford, La.—Easter was observed. Collection \$27.40.

J. A. Tillory, Pastor, Brookshine, Tex.—We held our Easter services in our new church. Collection, \$7.

S. H. Cannon, Fayette, Miss.—Easter was a grand success. Raised for missions, \$57.

R. P. Y. Green, Rosedale, La.—The services at Hartzell M. E. Church ran high. Collection, \$50.

Chas. C. Landry, Bastrop, La.—Easter was a glorious day with us and the spirit of the Lord met us. Collection good.

W. J. M. Price, Natchitoches, La.—Easter was observed. Collection, \$22.

S. H. Wallace, Moss Point, Miss.—A great day. Easter sermon at 5 a. m., exercises at 11. Collection, \$21.

A. B. Venable, Macedonia M. E. Church, Cinton, La.—Our Easter services were carried out. Collection, \$11.30.

N. Collier, Pastor, Hickory, Miss.—Easter was a great day with T. M. Rhodes and his school at Newton. They raised \$7.05 at Hickory; M. J. McIntosh, \$5.30; total, \$12.35.

East abton Rouge, taoiaven3hht, AITHARaoi L. A. Jackson, Superintendent, St. Mark M. E. Church, Baton Rouge, La.—Our Easter morning program was nicely carried out. Collection, \$16.20.

C. H. Monroe, Bennettville, La.—Easter was a great day. Collection, \$30.

S. E. E. Wing, Pastor, Greenville, Tex.—We had a grand time Easter. We raised \$14.

Thos. Williams, Pastor, Vanceville, La.—Easter was a high day at Mt. Zion M. E. Church. Collection, \$10. We had a glorious time.

J. H. Pierre, Pastor; Nellie L. Grant, Secretary, St. Martinville, La.—Our Easter programs were carried out. Collection, \$13.

Okolona, Miss.—Easter was carried out according to program. Collection, \$48.77.

A. G. Glenn, Pastor, Huntsville, Ala.—Easter services were very interesting here. Collection, \$58.03.

J. A. Holliday, Pastor, Dadeville, Ala.—Easter was quite a high day with us. Raised \$40.05.

W. H. Lang, Pastor, Washington Chapel, La.—Easter was a grand day. Collection, \$27.90.

R. L. Carpenter, Pastor, State Line, Miss.—Easter was a success. Collection, \$11.30.

J. A. Robinson, Superintendent, Deasonville, Miss.—Easter was celebrated at Mount Pleasant M. E. Church. Collection, \$37.55.

A. R. Rutledge, Pastor, New Haven, Fla.—Our Easter service was very interesting. Raised all my missionary money in the morning service.

J. M. Thompson, Columbus Station. Collection for the day, \$77.13.

A. C. Culbreath, Pastor St. James M. E.

Church, Huntsville, Tex.—We raised on Easter for benevolent purposes \$65; total amount to date, \$75. We are coming, look out for us.

R. V. Dookes, Pastor, Millican.—We are spiritually and financially alive. We raised \$10.40 for benevolence.

Mrs. E. A. Roberts; Wm. Mack, Pastor, Brenham Circuit, Tex.—We celebrated Easter. The best time we ever had. Collection, \$5.

Epworth League

May 10.

Obedience to God

(John 15:10; I. John 3:22.)

DAILY READINGS.

Monday—The King and his obedient children. Deut. 4:29-32.

Tuesday—The blessings of obedience. Isa. 1:18-20.

Wednesday—Christ an example. Phil. 2:5-11.

Thursday—Disobeying the voice of the King. Jer. 7:21-34.

Friday—When the King shall come again. I Thess. 1:7-12.

Saturday—Obedience the condition of prevailing prayer. I John 3:18-24.

The Word. "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love." In the thought of Christ, obedience and love appear to be correlative, for He says in John 14:15, "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments." Love assures obedience; obedience assures love. The spirit of obedience, having as its antitype the filial relation of the Son to the Father, secures to the disciples the enjoyment of Christ's love. It also secures the answer to prayer, for "whatsoever we ask we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (I John 3:22).

The Theme: "Obedience to Our King." 1. True kingship among men, we are learning to know, is founded in greatness of nature and service. The title, the office itself, means little. There are crowned nobodies, and there are uncrowned but royal personalities to whom we instinctively yield our homage.

2. Christ meets the highest possible claims of kingship. Viewed in His personality and nature He outranks all. The greatest, like Napoleon, Goethe, and others, while they seem far from yielding their hearts to Him, bear witness to His greatness.

3. He spoke as never man spoke (John 7:46). Well might He answer, when Pilate asked Him whether He was a king, "To this end have I been born, and to this end am I come into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth" (John 18:37). His words shed the highest light upon all the problems of life, and reveal Him as capable of guiding the destinies of mankind through all the ages.

4. Christ's deeds continually manifest a character of perfect purity, gentleness, and love, and yet of limitless power. At the same time they are the example and standard of ideal human life. If their spirit were embodied in all human action, the "kingdom of heaven" would come down on earth.

5. Christ revealed a sacrificial spirit toward the race of such a personal kind that it is worthy of securing the undying allegiance to Him of each individual soul. Others have died for a "cause," but Jesus died for men. He laid down His life "for the sheep;" He tasted death "for every man." Therefore He fulfills His own words, "whosoever would become great among you shall be your minister; and whosoever would be first among you shall be your servant."

6. Christ gained the crowning quality for perfect rule by learning Himself to obey. "Even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love" (John 15:10). "Though He was a son, yet learned obedience by the things which He suffered; and having been made perfect, he became unto all them that obey Him the author of eternal salvation" (Heb. 5:8, 9). "Wherefore also God highly exalted Him, and gave unto Him the name which is above every name; that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:9-11).

7. The obedience, then, of the Christian to Christ springs out of a most sacred personal relation, and is filled with those tender personal motives which make it the opposite to rule by authority. Rather it is the rule of love and gratitude, for love underlies all of Christ's commandments, and we were "bought with a price," even "with precious blood" (1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Pet. 1:19).

The Likenesses and Lessons. The disciple's loyalty to his Lord may be illustrated by that of Mrs. Gladstone to her husband. On one occasion in Mr. Gladstone's early days of cabinet office his young wife dropped a word in the presence of some of his colleagues which implied that she knew some matter of confidential importance. Immediately realizing that she had made a slip, she left the room and wrote a penitential note, which she sent in by a servant. Immediately came back the reply: "Dearest C.: Don't blame yourself. I don't blame you. It is the only little mistake you ever made. Your affectionate W. E. G." If we seek to be entirely obedient to Christ, and yet make some slip, we may be sure that He will be still more gentle with us than the great prime minister was with the wife to whom he was so devoted.

"To be a Christian is to obey Christ no matter how you feel." (Beecher.)

We may not always please others though we are obeying Christ. An employee at a certain post was criticised by a stranger, when he replied, "I have just one aim in what I do in this position—to please the company by whom I am employed." If young Christians under all circumstances will ask simply, "What would Christ have me do?" and follow the course they believe will please Him, they will not be likely to go far wrong.

It is in living near to Christ and having constant communion with Him that conscious obedience will pass into that higher range, the abiding in His love.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson VI. May 10th, 1903. Title—The Plot Against Paul (Acts 23:12-22, Study 10-35). Golden Text—"The Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer" (Acts 23:11). Time—A. D. 59. Places—Jerusalem and Caesarea.

Our last lesson closed with Paul on the steps leading into the tower of Antonia. He had been given permission to speak. In his defence he told the people he was a Jew, born in Tarsus and educated in Jerusalem; that he persecuted the Christians; that he had been soundly converted; and that he was defending the faith he had once tried to destroy. God in a vision told him He would send him far hence unto the Gentiles. The Jews would hear him no more. They cried: "Away with such a fellow from the earth." They

cast off their clothes and threw dust into the air. Lysias brought Paul back into the tower and commanded that he be scourged. But when he learned that Paul was a Roman citizen he was afraid and released him from bondage. He summoned the council and had Paul taken before it. He hoped to learn the nature of their accusation against Paul. The apostle saw the council was divided religiously. He succeeded in setting the Pharisees and Sadusees at variance with each other. The apostle was about to be pulled in pieces by them. Again the soldiers took him back into the castle. That night the Lord stood by Paul and told him to be of "good cheer" for he must yet testify of him in Rome. In the paragraph of which this lesson is a part we have a plot to take Paul's life; that plot revealed to Paul and his friends; and the plot defeated by the chief captain, Lysias.

I. *The plot drawn* (12-15). 1. *Time*—"When it was day." On the day before the Jews had been defeated, Paul had been taken from them. He was yet alive. Through the night they likely devised many plans by which they hoped to take his life. In the morning they likely laid their heads together, exchanged views, and reached the conclusion given below. 2. *Persons*: "Certain of the Jews." These were likely Jews from Asia Minor, and probably from Ephesus. Jews who the day before had stirred up the people, had laid hands on Paul, and had tried to kill him. They had been defeated, but were not discouraged. Now they devise another plan to take the life of Paul. See how determined they are. So were they with our Lord. 3. *Anathema*: "They bound themselves under a curse." They cursed themselves with a curse. They called all of heaven to record the oath they had taken, and invoked the wrath of the Almighty upon them, if they did not carry it into effect. Instances are on record where men have dropped dead while asking God to curse them. (See Vaughan's Cyclopaedia of Illustrations—Profanity.) 4. *Pledge*: "They would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul." We will take his life or destroy our lives: we will slay or be slain. This shows great determination. But they did not kill Paul, and let us hope they did not starve themselves to death. According to the Talmud, the wise men of the times, might release persons from rash vows under certain conditions. These men were likely excused from this oath. 5. *Number*: "More than forty." There were over this number of Jews who entered into this league. Then they revealed their plan to the chief priests and elders: a body of influential men who were not members of the Jewish council. Finally the great Sanhedrin was also taken into their confidence. Probably two hundred Jews had gone into this plot, or knew of it. Lysias felt that four or five hundred men would be needed to defeat them. How fearfully bad must have been the heart of this people, when such a large number could be persuaded to enter into such a heinous crime as this.

II. *The plot revealed* (16-22). 1. *To Paul*. We have no knowledge of the size of the family of Paul's father. There were two or more children. What the nephew of Paul was doing in Jerusalem is unknown. Possibly this was his home; probably he was there attending school, or he may have been only visiting there. He was a young man of intelligence. His eyes and ears were open while he passed through the streets of Jerusalem. He had affection for his mother's brother: he forgot not the ties of blood relationship. He was prompt to reveal the plot: delay would have been fatal, this he knew and acted

quickly. He had courage, and found or forced his way into the castle where his uncle was confined, and then went to the centurion to see the chief captain. He was also prudent, and kept his secret until he found the right party, and then told it in an honest, straightforward way. Those who heard were convinced of its truthfulness. 2. *To the chief captain*. Paul after learning the facts called a centurion, and requested him to bring the young man to Lysias, for he had a certain matter to relate to him. This the centurion did. Lysias took the young man aside to hear his statement. Again Paul's nephew told a straightforward story. The chief captain did not for one moment doubt it. He also requested Lysias not to yield to their entreaties. The chief captain then let the young man depart, but charged him to tell no man of the affair. Our lesson ends here, but the defeat of the plot is a part of the paragraph and should be studied with the lesson.

III. *The plot defeated* (23-35). 1. *Number*: Two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen. This made a bodyguard of four hundred and seventy men; the largest, no doubt, that ever accompanied Paul. It showed the enmity of the Jews towards him. Of course Lysias would not send more men than he thought necessary. A horse, mule or camel, was provided for Paul. Some of the soldiers were on foot, while others were mounted. They were armed for every kind of attack. They departed from Jerusalem at nine o'clock in the evening and journeyed northwest forty miles to Antipatris. They probably reached this city the second night after leaving Jerusalem. This city, founded by Herod the Great, in one of the most lovely plains in Palestine, and named in honor of his father, Antipatris. Here Lysias considered Paul out of danger from the Jews, hence all returned to Jerusalem except the seventy horsemen. After rest and refreshments they continued their journey some twenty-five miles to Caesarea. 2. *Letter*. This epistle is likely an exact copy of the one sent by the chief captain. It shows the Roman style of letter writing. The name of this chief captain is here given for the first time. *Claudius* is Latin while Lysias is Greek, which indicates that he was a Greek and likely assumed the name Claudius when he bought his Roman citizenship "for a great price." Nothing is known of him except what is recorded in the Acts. He seems to have been a fair, candid man: a fine specimen of heathen humanity. *Felix* was the Roman governor of the province of Judea, appointed A. D. 53. He was a freedman, and exercised the "power of a prince with the spirit of a slave." During his rule the affairs of Palestine grew worse and worse. He was the husband of three wives. He was recalled by Nero A. D. 60 or 61. Tradition says he perished in an eruption of Mt. Vesuvius some years later. The *letter* has a modest introduction, a history of the arrest and vile treatment of Paul by the Jews, and a statement of his conduct in taking the apostle from them when he learned that Paul was a Roman citizen. On the second day Lysias took Paul before the council to learn the nature of the trouble between him and the Jews. They laid nothing to Paul's charge worthy of death or of bonds. When Lysias learned how the Jews laid in wait to kill Paul he sent him to Felix. This letter is a model of brevity, simplicity, and perspicuity. 3. *Presentation*. When the company reached Caesarea they delivered Paul and the letter to Felix. Paul was kept in "Herod's judgment hall" for two or more years.

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I.—Things As they Appear in Guthrie

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ernment for all, are there, just as they are everywhere. As to whether these get what they insist upon having depends upon the strength of the other classes. It will serve no good purpose to say that there are classes of white voters to answer to each of those referred to among Negroes, for this is known to be the case everywhere.

An unfortunate feature of the political situation in Guthrie is that it involves the public schools. Such a condition is to be deplored, whether the teachers are males or females, but is to be especially deplored when it involves our young women. That is to say, it is asserted that in order to get a school in the county one must have a political or some other kind of a "pull." The political "pull" injures the schools, but the "some other kind of a pull" has been known to be destructive of all that is noblest and best in those who have fallen victims to it. It may mean money, and then it may mean that which is more precious than jewels. I could not gather to what extent such influences had been brought to bear on female teachers, but I was assured that some had felt compelled for this reason to give up teaching in the county entirely.

BUSINESS INTERESTS.

There are many other things that interested me in Guthrie, but none more than what is being done in a business way by our people. The Negro has a good start in this particular, if he will only hold to it and build on what he has. I found some enterprises that were large and prosperous and will doubtless continue to develop. Through the courtesy of Mr. Floyd B. Blow, who runs a neat little grocery in connection with an ice cream parlor, a confectionery and soda water stand, I secured a list of the most of the business houses of the place. A number of them I had the pleasure of visiting. Mr. Blow is a Louisianian, having come from near Mansfield, and is an energetic business man.

The list is as follows: Groceries, S. S. Jones, J. L. Oneal, H. T. Chadwick, F. R. Ross, T. T. Williams, G. A. White, H. York, Mrs. M. Taylor, H. Shelby, T. G. Childress, A. R. Porter, W. M. Green and S. D. Lyons. In connection with their groceries, Mr. Oneal runs a meat market and Messrs. Ross, Taylor and Shelby conduct a wood business. Chadwick & Jones are undertakers. Besides these there are stores that handle second-handed supplies of various kinds, barber shops, restaurants, blacksmith shops, boarding houses, etc., etc.

I. B. S.

A lawsuit, brought in Natchitoches parish, Louisiana, by two colored men, Waller and Edmond, against a white man named Cockfield, was decided in favor of the former for the amount of \$450. These men rented Cockfield's gin for the fall of 1902, but before the season closed he ordered the gin shut down, which was done. Judge C. V. Porter, who rendered the decision, is a democrat.

Mr. Carnegie's Gift to Tuskegee

Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the great steel magnate, who has erected so many library buildings in different parts of the country, has just given the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute \$600,000 toward the endowment of that institution. Mr. Carnegie is evidently interested in the work and also a great admirer of Mr. Washington. His letter conveying the gift reads thus:

"NEW YORK, April 17, 1903.

"William H. Baldwin, Jr., Trustee:

"MY DEAR FRIEND—I have instructed Mr. Franks, my cashier, to deliver to you as trustee of Tuskegee Institute, \$600,000 5 per cent. United States Steel Company first mortgage bonds toward the endowment fund.

"I give this without reservation, except that I require that suitable provision be made from the gift for the wants of Booker T. Washington and his family during his own or his wife's life. I wish that great and good man to be entirely free from pecuniary cares, that he may be free to devote himself to his great mission.

"To me he seems one of the greatest of living men, because his work is unique, the modern Moses who leads his race and lifts it through education to even better and higher things than a land overflowing with milk and honey. History is to tell of two Washingtons, one white, the other black, both fathers of their people.

"I am satisfied that the serious race problem of the South is to be solved wisely only through Mr. Washington's policy of education, which he seems to have been specially born—a slave among slaves—to establish and in his own day greatly to advance.

"Glad am I to be able to assist this good work in which you and others so zealously labor.

"Truly yours,

"ANDREW CARNEGIE."

This is magnificent, and just at this time will be the means of greatly encouraging our people. But this is not his first manifestation of interest in the Negro. For standing near Mr. Washington's residence, which adjoins the Tuskegee campus, is the beautiful library building given the school a year ago by Mr. Carnegie at a cost of \$20,000. In addition, he has for some years been contributing \$10,000 per annum for the running expenses. Now, on the eve of his departure for his summer vacation in Europe, he shows his confidence in the Negro and in their gifted representative, Dr. Washington, by bestowing the largest gift on Tuskegee ever given any institution for the education of Negroes. While Tuskegee cannot educate the entire race it can do much for them, and in this particular is the means of showing all that there are strong friends at the North who have not turned their backs upon the Negro in these dark days. Again we take heart and go forward.

Those who are surprised at the confidence manifested in Prof. Washington by business men might do well to study his methods. In the first place he handles no money himself, except his own modest salary, which he draws from the Negro treasurer of his school just as do the other teachers and employees. There is an auditor on the ground, assistant to and representing the chief auditor, a business man, who can be present only at stated times. Thus it will be seen that neither the professor nor the friends of the institution need lose any sleep about the way the finances are handled. An effort is now being made to raise an endowment of \$2,000,000; and this last gift brings the total already secured up to \$1,010,000.

Not only will every thoughtful Negro but every friend of the race be gratified by Mr. Carnegie's generous interest in a needy people.

Washington Conference Items

What a glorious singer is Bishop McCabe! It is said that a great singer is never a great speaker, but the bishop is an exception to this rule. He is a great singer, but a still greater speaker.

Mrs. McCabe, the bishop's wife, was a constant attendant at the conference sessions. She is a beautiful, queenly woman, and takes great interest in the bishop's work.

Dr. J. W. E. Bowen's classical lecture on "The Ancient Canaanites," was heartily received by the conference. It is a delight to listen to the eloquence and truth of so strong a plea for national and individual righteousness.

It was interesting to note how easily Rev. C. I. Withrow, pastor of Augusta Street Methodist Episcopal Church, provided for and entertained this great body and the many visitors. There was not only room in his beautiful church structure for the people, but also room in the hearts of his people and the various denominations of the city.

"Well," said Rev. Moses, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, in his address of welcome, "we welcome you to old Virginia hospitality;" and such hospitality it was—beautiful, well-kept homes, clean, comfortable beds, wholesome food, sparkling water and kind, congenial hosts and hostesses to boot!

Drs. C. C. Jacobs, G. G. Logan, J. P. Wragg and Prof. I. G. Penn each made impressive speeches in the interest of the respective causes they represent.

The conference passed resolutions complimentary to Dr. Ernest Lyon and congratulatory to President Roosevelt on his choice of so able a man to represent our country abroad.

At the Woman's Home Missionary Society anniversary, speeches were made by Mrs. Bishop McCabe, Mrs. E. J. Cummings, Mrs. J. A. Holmes, Mrs. N. T. Pannell, and Misses Ida Cummings and Mary Poindexter.

So many strong speeches were made during the sessions that I cannot mention all, but among the many were those of Drs Ernest Lyons, W. H. Brooks, of New York; J. L. Thomas, J. O. Spencer, H. K. Carroll, A. G. Kynett, John Crantz, Prof. G. E. Stephens, and Revs. C. G. Cummings and E. D. Venture.

The Presiding Elders' Council

Those interested in the subject will do well to remember that there is to be a meeting of the presiding elders and the leading men of our colored conferences at Meridian, Miss., June 25-28 next. We have received calls by the President, Rev. J. C. Hibbler, and the Rev. Dr. W. H. Nelson, the Secretary. All our leading men should try to be present, for after those who meet take action it is useless to complain. It is the part of wisdom to be present. This is another meeting of what was called the Presiding Elders' Council, which met in Atlanta, Ga., last August.

According to the *Travis Watchman* the legislature of the State of Texas at its recent session appropriated \$70,600 for the support of the Prairie View State Normal School for the next two years. This is an advance of \$24,550. For the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum the appropriation is \$46,460, an advance of \$6,520 for the two years. Both of these institutions are for colored pupils and in charge of members of the race. After all, Texas does not seem to be affected by the recent race agitation and sets an excellent example for other Southern States.

Personal and General

A communication from New Iberia, La., informs us that Mr. E. S. Gullet is the lay delegate to the annual conference.

A recent publication from the pen of Bishop Handy, of the A. M. E. Church, is a book entitled "Scraps of History." We shall review it soon.

Persons of this city who desire to purchase homes will do well to consult Dr. Albert's advertisement as published elsewhere in our columns.

The annual sermon at Claflin University will be preached Sunday, May 3, by Rev. W. H. Redfield, an alumnus of that institution and now pastor at Little Rock, S. C.

Rev. P. W. Clark, pastor, Alexandria, La., came to the city last week. Brother Clark is not very well and has come to the city for rest and meanwhile for medical attention.

Rev. W. H. Clarke, A. M., pastor, Bainbridge, Ga., has been invited to deliver an educational address before the State Teachers' Association of Georgia, which meets at Thomasville June 23.

Bishop Thoburn arrived in New York from India April 16. Before leaving that country he baptized at one meeting 834 persons. He says he is in excellent health.

Bishop Evans Tyree, of Nashville, will deliver the commencement address at the Tuskegee Institute, and Rev. George E. Stevens, of Boston, will preach the commencement sermon in May.

Rev. D. E. Skelton, who is now pastor of St. John M. E. Church, Cincinnati, O., desires his correspondents to address him at 755 Barr street. Brother Skelton has just removed from Flemingsburg, Ky.

We appreciate an invitation from Mr. Charles P. Ford to attend the class day exercises of the senior college class of Howard University, Friday evening, May 1, 1903. Mr. Ford is president of his class.

Rev. A. W. Carr, of the Lodi (Tex.) circuit, has made an unusually successful canvass for the SOUTHWESTERN. Aside from what he is doing for those families in which he places the paper, he is doing much for the church and the race.

We learn through the Rev. Hampton James that Mrs. Rose A. Poole, wife of Rev. J. D. Poole, pastor, Franklin, La., died at her home in Baker, La., Sunday morning, April 26. Mrs. Poole had been sick for two years. The bereaved ones have our sympathy.

Both Dr. J. W. E. Bowen and Prof. I. Garland Penn were called home from the session of the Washington Conference on account of the illness of their wives. Neither is well yet, but it is hoped both may soon be fully restored to health and strength.

Rev. Dr. T. C. Carter, formerly of the Methodist Episcopal Church and now of the United Brethren, made a brief stop in the city a few days ago, and we had the pleasure of an interesting talk with him. Dr. Carter is now superintendent of the work of his church in Georgia. He went directly North, where he is booked for a number of sermons and lectures.

A fresh copy of the minutes of the late session of the Louisiana Conference is on our desk with the compliments of Secretary J. J. Obee. It is a pleasure to say that both the secretary and his printer have done their work well. Not only so, but the minutes were out about forty days earlier than for some time. We congratulate all concerned.

Mr. A. P. Bedou, the successful colored photographer of this city, has just returned from a

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trip to Tuskegee Institute and Vicksburg, Miss., where he made scores of views, which he is finishing as rapidly as possible. He also attended the Lewis-Hunter wedding in Vicksburg, in which he was second best man, and is delighted with everything connected with it.

The many friends of Mrs. Emily Andrews, formerly of this city but now a resident of Chicago, will be pleased to know that she is getting on well and is as loyal to her church as ever. Sister Andrews was our hostess during our recent stay in Chicago and was disappointed because there was no one else at the conference from her old home. Her address is No. 2207 Calumet avenue.

Miss Maggie B. Shaw, sister of Mrs. H. T. Kealing, of Philadelphia, and Rev. S. J. Comfort were married in Philadelphia April 8, and are at home in that city at 1822 Addison street. Miss Shaw is one of the most accomplished and attractive young ladies of the Lone Star State, and we really pity some parties who live down that way. THE SOUTHWESTERN acknowledges an invitation.

We are pleased to have had an invitation to the commencement exercises of the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, which occurred at the Grand Opera House Tuesday, April 28. Our good friend John C. Davis, of Franklin, La., already a graduate in pharmacy, adds to his acquirements a knowledge of dentistry and graduates with honor in a class of more than one hundred and fifty. We congratulate him.

In the report of the Okanab Conference we should have announced the transfer of the Rev. C. W. Holmes from the Central Missouri Conference to the Okanab, and that he was stationed at Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Denver, Col. We are pleased also to mention the excellent work Brother Holmes is accomplishing in the far West, of which we learn on most excellent authority. He is a capable and deserving man, and we trust he may have a gloriously successful year.

News Notes

Cardinal Gibbons will dedicate the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, Mo., April 30.

In Porto Rico we have 620 probationers, 337 full members, and eight Sunday schools with 36 officers and 570 scholars.

One of the latest discoveries in the medical world is that the eating of unwholesome fish is the leading cause of leprosy.

Hon. Carter Harrison, the mayor of Chicago, is being boomed for the presidential nomination at the coming democratic convention.

Of the twenty-million-dollar thank offering fund of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the colleges and universities will receive seven million dollars.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" has been left out of the public school libraries of New York City. The superintendent announces that the book has fulfilled its mission.

It is reported that arrangements have been made to take 1,000 colored girls from the South to Pittsburg, Pa., for household servants. It is also announced that many of this class are needed in Pittsfield, Mass.

The shortstop in Harvard's baseball team is a colored man who, it is said, quieted demonstrations of prejudice and won the crowd by his brilliant playing in a recent game at Washington between Harvard and Georgetown.

According to the late report of the auditor of public accounts of Virginia, the total value of the land, town lots and buildings owned by colored people of that state is \$13,281,889. The value of the personal property is \$4,298,501, making the total valuation \$17,580,390.

A mob in Thebes, Ill., lynched a colored boy 17 years old, accused of attempting to assault a 10-year-old white girl, after which the mob attacked a colony of Negroes employed on construction bridge work. A battle followed. The Negroes were driven away and their tents burned. Many of them were injured, it is thought.

Commencement week at Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., is May 15-21. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached and annual lecture delivered by Rev. J. T. McFarland, D. D., of Topeka, Kan. Rev. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, of Atlanta, Ga., delivers the annual sermon and the commencement address also. A large attendance of visitors is desired.

Very recently a Mr. James and his three sons, of Alabama, moved to Beggs, I. T., and opened a store. A picture of a Negro hanging from a telegraph pole and the inscription, "You have brought trouble here," was posted on the door of the store for several nights. Mr. James and his sons paid no attention to the warning, and, April 25, their store and a drug-store adjoining, owned by a white man, were wrecked by dynamite. The Jameses are worth \$10,000.

The Sunday school workers of Atlanta, Ga., under the management of Rev. S. C. Upshaw, Sunday school agent of the Atlanta conference, have just closed a great Sunday school revival. The object of the meeting was to awaken greater enthusiasm and to introduce advanced methods in the Sunday schools. The services were held at the several Methodist Episcopal churches of the city. A magnificent mass meeting at Lloyd Street Church closed the effort.

It is gratifying to note the success a number of the brethren are having in their revivals. Not only do they report a large number of souls saved but the churches greatly quickened and strengthened. The indications are that the spirit is manifesting himself in greater power this season than for several years. In some cases the special meetings have been closed with many seekers at the altar. The Master seems ready to own and to bless. The harvest truly is ripe; let each laborer thrust in his sickle and reap. In addition to those already reported, Wesley Church, Charleston, S. C., Dr. E. B. Borroughs, pastor, reports 166 conversions; Trinity Church, Houston, Tex., Dr. W. H. Logan, pastor, reports 64 conversions; Rev. J. J. Obee, pastor Thompson Chapel, this city, 34; and Union Chapel, Rev. Valcour Chapman, pastor, 21. In addition a large number of reports are appearing from time to time in pastors' reports. The Lord be praised!

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TO THE COLORED PEOPLE OF THE
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We call the attention of the colored people of the South, and especially the colored owners of land, to the great interests the capitalists of the North are now taking through their agents in the purchase of land in the Southern States. We advise every colored man in the South who owns a foot of land to hold on to every foot of land he owns, as it is only a question of time until the South will be the garden spot of the United States of America, and the moneyed men of the North have discovered the value of the soil and what the South can produce at a less cost than same material or products can be produced in the North. It is only a question of time until every foot of land will be gobbled by the capitalists of the North, as they are fully aware that the South has better climatic conditions than can be found in the North. Almost every avenue in the North has been absorbed by capitalists and as there is an abundance of money looking for investment, it is a logical conclusion that the only outlet for the surplus capital of the North is the South. Knowing this, we advise the people of the South to hold on to all the land they now own, and, if possible, purchase more, and by doing so will in the future prove to be one of the best movements ever made by the colored race, as every fair-minded man must know that possession of lands by the colored race of the South will do more toward the elevation of our race than any other method of possessions. We intend from this out to keep the colored of the South through the columns of the *Independent* just what advantage the ownership of land will bring to our race. We ask that all papers owned and controlled by our race take up this question of ownership of land in the columns of their papers and advocate the retention of all land owned by our people, so they help themselves and their race in the near future.—*Ed.*

CHICKS NEED GRIT.

The chicks will be benefited by having some kind of gritty material mixed with their first feed. Coarse sand or egg shells dried and run through the coffee-mill is probably as good as anything for this purpose.

The supply houses keep in stock what is known as "chick grit," but we do not believe that it is any better than what has been above suggested. Next to the ravages of lice, lowel troubles lead to the heaviest loss of chicks, and the grit tends in a great measure to prevent such troubles. If the chick is killed at the end of the first day that it has run with the hen its crop will be found to contain a considerable quantity of sand and fine gravel, and if the weather is such that the hen can be turned loose the day following that on which the brood is taken from the nest, and be allowed to select the food, the owner will generally be safe in relieving himself of any concern regarding their health. The hen sees to it that the chicks get something which is not usually thought of by the owner, and that is grit.—*Drover's Journal.*

TO DESTROY INSECTS.

It may not be generally known that skim-milk or buttermilk readily mixes with kerosene, forming an emulsion which destroys insects without danger of injury to animals or plants on which they might be, that might result from the use of the pure oil or of the oil and water. We first learned of this from using this mixture for the scale insects, or mite which causes caly legs on fowls. We found that one or two dippings or washings with it would cure the worst case of scaly leg, and leave the skin as smooth as when first hatched. We never had occasion to try it for lousy animals; but we do not hesitate to recommend it, and we have lately seen its use advised for ticks on sheep, using a gill of kerosene to one gallon of milk. We did not make our mixture so strong of kerosene as that, but perhaps the larger tick may need a stronger application than an insect so small as to be scarcely visible to the naked eye.—*American Cultivator.*

Beets for a late supply for the table may be planted on rich soil. They will be found very desirable later in the season when the early crop is gone. One or two rows will provide quite a supply. String beans should be planted every four weeks. If they produce more than can be consumed on the table they may be packed in salt for winter. They make excellent pickle when put in vinegar.

The best melons are not always the largest. Many of the varieties grown are for shipment to market, and must, therefore, necessarily possess thick rinds. A good melon should be very sweet, and should not be stringy when sliced, nor should the rind be very thick. The best flavored cantaloupes are the small ones, the Jenny Lind and Netted Gem being favorites.

DOINGS OF THE
WORKMEN

W. L. Marshall, Pastor, Bay St. Louis, Miss.—Sunday, March 15, was a glorious day with us. We had a rally for the church, beginning at 3 p. m. and closing with the night services. At 3 p. m. Dr. W. W. Cammack of the M. E. Church South preached us a stirring sermon on "Faith." We hope to have him again soon. The

humble servant, the pastor, at the night services, closed the rally. The Spirit ran high and a goodly number came forward and gave their hands for prayer. The following are the names and amounts of those who contributed to the needy cause: Bro. Thomas Meegs, \$1.35; Sister E. Bennett, \$1; Sister E. F. Ross, \$1; Miss B. R. Ross, \$1; Sister L. Turner, \$1; Bro. Robt. Squires, \$1; Bro. Hollis, \$1.50; Sisters Champagne and Alice Squires' entertainment, \$6; postmaster, \$1; Bro. Isadore Morgan, \$1. We only give names of those who paid a dollar and upward. Total collection for the day \$25.06. We are planning for greater things; pray for the success of our church.

Meadville, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference was held on Feb. 21-22, with Elder R. P. Threlkeld in the chair. Many of the officers were present with written reports which showed that the work is still alive. Elder Threlkeld starts off in the work of his district in a business-like manner, handling and conducting matters as though he had been presiding elder for years. We anticipate great progress on the district under the wise management of our beloved elder. Sunday was a high day at Meadville. The elder preached a strong sermon to many anxious hearers. He seemed to fall right in line with our former elder's relation to the SOUTHWESTERN, urging all to subscribe. I. C. RUCKER, Pastor.

E. C. Troupe, Pastor, Grenada, Miss.—Our good people and friends of Vincent's Chapel have taken on new life. Their watchword is go forward spiritually and financially. On Jan. 29 we were met at the train by some of the officials who led us to the parsonage, where a delightful reception awaited us, with a large number of sisters who welcomed us to a bountiful table. On the night of March 13 a band led by such noble women as Sisters Roseman, Dudley, Haliday, Golden and Brother E. E. Pettibone and Wife, came to the parsonage singing that good hymn, "Blessed be the tie that binds," and put on our table 70 pounds of good things for our comfort. A new stove has been put in the parsonage. Such visitors are always welcome.

R. Walter Barfield, Alley, Ga.—Our first quarter was held March 7-8 by Presiding Elder W. M. Daniels. It was pleasant to all. The elder preached an able sermon. He held his audience spellbound. He is a man in the right place and doing the right work, and we believe that God is helping to do this work. Total collection \$27.43.

N. T. Mitchell, Tyler, Tex.—Our quarterly conference was held on the 21st and 22d of March. Rev. O. I. Jones was greeted with a good house all day. Brother Jones preached at 11 a. m. and at 3 p. m. He preached two able sermons, and the large congregation manifested much interest. He administered the sacrament to 53. The presiding elder reported his district as very well up both spiritually and financially, considering the amount of wet weather we have had this winter. Rev. M. Fountain is moving things in Tyler. Since he has been here he has got the Epworth League to work again. The League, the Sunday school and Church are all doing nicely. He has taken in six members, and raised \$88.10 this quarter; paid presiding elder \$15; for benevolence \$8.10, and balance was paid to Church and pastor. The pas-



tor has bought an organ for the Church. With our present pastor, Rev. H. Fountain's success will be ours. He is loved by his members, and respected by his friends. North Liberty Street M. E. Church is coming to the front. We ask the prayers of the entire Church.

Wm. Burns, Pastor, Malden Chapel, New Orleans.—We held our first quarterly conference March 31, Presiding Elder J. F. Marshall in chair; all the officers being present. We paid the presiding elder, and we had a good time. We must say that we are having a good start at this place. We have had some accessions to the Church.

T. F. Robinson, Mary, La.—Our first quarterly conference was held April 4 with Rev. R. E. White in the chair. The officers and members were ready with written reports, and our conference was a success. Raised \$17.10; paid the presiding elder in full \$8. The Lord has blessed us this quarter with many souls, and improvement on all lines. We have raised for all purposes \$73.35, and we are preparing to build a parsonage, and repair our Church. We want to thank those good Baptist people for opening the doors of their church. I thank Sister Ida Garner and Sister Hester Randolph for their hospitality, and send two subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN.

G. W. Arnold, P. E., South Atlanta, Ga.—Thursday night the 2nd inst., Flat Rock Church, on the Decatur street, Gainesville District, was burned to ashes; no insurance. The second quarterly conference was held on the 4th. The people standing on the ashes of their church, came together and raised \$20, their full assessment for the presiding elder. The conference was a glorious success spiritually and financially. The people are not discouraged. Plans were made at once for a new building. Any help that may be given for this purpose will be gladly received. Sunday night the 5th inst., while services were being held, the entire floor of the building of the North Atlanta Mission, gave way, falling fifteen feet, and carried the whole congregation of about 200 people with it. Many were badly hurt, but none killed. Among the injured was the pastor, Rev. H. C. Dennis. He received a se-

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vere cut on the head, but is able to get about.

F. R. Morton, Pastor, Leona, Tex.—On April 5, we had a small missionary rally; four sisters and three brothers were captains. Sister Etta Culton, captain of Tribe No. 1, raised \$1.70; G. Miles, captain of Tribe No. 2, raised \$1.90; Mettie Hill, No. 3, raised \$2.65; Aggie Middleton, No. 4, raised 50 cents; Penny Hillary, No. 5, raised 55 cents; Henrietta Culton, No. 6, raised 45 cents; Brother Wash, No. 7, raised \$6.85; friends and visitors, \$2.35. Total, \$15.25.

R. J. Shipp, Pastor, Statesville and Philadelphia Charge.—Our second quarterly conference was held at Philadelphia M. E. Church, April 4th and 5th. The brethren present had very good reports. Sunday was a high day with us. The elder, Rev. M. M. Jones, preached to the delight of all who heard him. This is our first year here, but we mean to do our best in the name of the Lord. We paid our elder and raised \$5 for pastor. This charge is coming forward.

G. W. Baber, Pastor, Dangerfield, Tex.—Quarterly conference convened April 4-5. It was the best meeting in the history of the circuit. The presiding elder, O. I. Jones, was present, and all the officials with written reports. Paid presiding elder \$25 and pastor \$57.60. The elder preached two grand sermons and administered Lord Supper to 86. Raised Sunday \$32.80. The outlook for benevolent money is better than ever before.

W. H. H. Gallian, Pastor, Columbus, Miss.—April 5 I preached On the Church Being the Light of the World, and the results were, three cash subscribers to the paper, and the promise of others in the near future. This work is growing stronger every day because there are thirteen SOUTHWESTERNs being read on this circuit every week. The people tell me they are learning more of the Church, on account of the circulation of the paper among them. The people of the Caledonia Circuit seem to be pleased with their pastor, and say they intend to bring this circuit to the front under the present administration.

A. M. Quinn, Pastor, Berlington,

Miss. My first quarterly conference was held at Humes Chapel, with Presiding Elder S. A. Cowan, in the chair. The reports showed the work was alive on all lines. Sister H. L. Naulty, that faithful district steward, had raised all the elder's money, and when the question was asked she replied by handing the presiding elder \$10. Pray for this good woman. We have raised this quarter \$163. The good sisters and brothers stormed us with many good things. S. A. Camson is the right man in the right place.

Mary Pinnix, President, Mt. Airy, N. C.—On the fifth Sunday night in March our Home Missionary Society rendered an interesting public program, the first ever given here by the mothers. Both white and colored people have asked us to repeat the program. This society is destined to do a great work here. We are so proud to have this society properly organized and in full running order, and we are proud to have Sister Morehead here to help us run it. It is not ourselves but Sister Morehead who is making the mission wheel hum in our Church, and we highly appreciate all her faithful efforts. Co-workers, pray for us, and we will go up to the annual conference second to none.

HOLLY SPRINGS DISTRICT NOTES.

We have about finished the first round, and found the work as follows: Hickory Flat Circuit with W. F. Isaiah as pastor is much encouraged for a good year's work. He was received gladly, and the members have pledged their faithful support. Our visit to Byhalia, Feb. 1, was a pleasant one. L. J. Terrell was cordially received the second year. He and his people are working for large results this year.

Feb. 2 we visited Miller's Mission, Paul H. Jackson, the pastor, is highly hopeful in his efforts to succeed at this point. At Victoria the conference session was held at the residence of Brother Joe Taylor, because of the heavy rain in the afternoon. Sunday we met a nice little congregation in Taylor's Chapel.

On the 20th met the conference in Asbury Holly Springs, N. R. Clay, the new pastor, is catching up things in a nice way. At Abbeville the work is going on successfully. J. C. McGee the pastor, and his people are fully pleased.

Oxford Station is doing well, the new pastor, F. H. Henry, has the work fully in hand. T. L. Ingraham on Alesville Circuit, the 7th year, is assured the greatest year's work of his life. M. H. Wilkins at Water Valley, has made some improvements on the parsonage. He teaches a private school in the Church, and has 40 pupils enrolled.

Elliott Circuit is succeeding in a fairly good way. D. P. Shaw was welcomed received this his third year. Opportunities for advancement this year is quite hopeful.

Oxford Circuit witnessed the most successful quarterly meeting in its history on March 7.

The congregation in Grenada Station is growing. E. C. F. Troupe is a gospel preacher, and his people is being very much revived. Grenada Circuit and Holcomb Mission are much encouraged as was indicated on our visit. F. J. Talbert is making a good start. Batesville Circuit holds its own. J. W. Terrell and his people are in peace, and the congregation was unusually large at the communion April 5.

The people of Sardis circuit are true to the Church, and had things ready

OSTRICH LOGIC.

"When I can't see danger there is no danger." That's the logic of the ostrich which hides its head and exposes its body to the hunter. There are not a few people who seem to have gone to the ostrich to learn logic. The most dangerous enemies of humanity are the enemies which can't be seen, the disease breeding microbes which infect the blood. It is harder to get the microbe out of the blood than to keep it out, but Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery does both, by purifying the blood and then keeping it pure.



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John H. Talbert has opened up our mission in Senatobia, with signs for success. The members of Waterford Circuit appreciate the return of their preacher, B. T. McEwen, and have pledged a great year's work. Taylor's Mission is assigned to E. D. Peques, and he has begun the battle. Hernando Circuit is well pastored, and the people received their pastor the third year very welcomingly.

R. H. WILLIAMS.

Holly Springs, Miss.

C. E. Lamar, Pastor, Gunnison, Miss.—I wish my friends to know that my postoffice is at Gunnison, Miss., and to know that I have not been able to go to my work since the third Sunday in February. There I met our new presiding elder who preached a good sermon. Collection \$3.75. The high water of the Mississippi river has kept me back. Think it will be two weeks yet before I can get to my people. Pray that the water may not wash me away. It is a foot and a half higher at Gunnison than ever before.

B. F. Anderson, Pastor, Lebanon Station.—The Church has been blessed with a great revival. We began a revival the second Sunday in February. After running one week only we were compelled to close it for awhile on account of bad weather but began a again on the fourth Sunday in the same month and closed the first Sunday in March with 39 conversions and several additions to the Church. The Church was spiritually revived. The outlook for a great harvest is good on this charge. Our Sunday school and Epworth League are in a growing condition. Our second quarterly meeting was held March 21-22. Mr. H. H. Key,

presiding elder, was on time, and held the meeting. Raised for all causes this quarter, \$110. Paid presiding elder \$16.50. Lebanon is a dry town. There are no saloons here, and the people do not seem to be down hearted. The loss of the saloon is a great blessing for our young men. Pray for our success.

C. A. Taylor, Pastor, Cotton Plant, Ark.—Rev. B. J. Griffin, presiding elder of the Forrest City District, was with us and held our first quarter for the year at 2:30 p. m., 15 members present with written reports, and on Sunday presiding elder preached to a crowded house and administered the Lord's supper to 55. Collections for the day \$22. Total collections \$136.37.

Wm. A. Dobson, Union Grove Charge, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference was held April 4 and 5 in Pleasant Valley M. E. Church, with Rev. W. C. Clay, presiding elder, in the chair. Members of the conference were present with well written reports which showed marked improvement. The elder spared no pains in representing Rust University to the young people, and showing them the need of a higher education. On Sunday he preached two able sermons. Raised in the conference \$23.60.

J. E. Coleman, Pastor, Canton, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference convened in Mt. Zion March 28 and 29, Dr. J. M. Shumpert, presiding elder, in the chair. Those brethren present had good reports, showing progress on all lines of Church work. Sunday was a great day in Zion here. The house was crowded and the Holy Ghost was felt. God bless our presiding elder, may he live long to do the work of the Church. Fifty souls partook of the Lord's Supper. Collection \$21. Paid presiding elder in full. We are planning for a great year's work. We want more souls for Christ and more subscribers for our own SOUTHWESTERN. Rev. Steward says he expects to do more. He proves that by paying pastor 50 cents a month and presiding elder 50 cents a quarter. Three joined the Church. Our work is alive for God.

Wm. Ector, Pastor, Kingston, La.—I want to thank Sister Mary Baley for her surprise party April 3. It was given by class No. 3, R. Bates leader. A lot of nice groceries was left at the parsonage. We have started in for a greater year's work. We have had two converts. I have bought the land to build a new church at Frierson, La., about six miles from Kingston.

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W. M. Johnson, Pastor, Mountain City, Tenn.—The two weeks revival which we closed March 2, was a great blessing to the Church, and I am glad to say the Lord blessed us with eleven conversions and twenty-one accessions to the Church. The members said they had been greatly benefited by the meeting. Rev. Davenport, of the North Carolina Conference, and Rev. G. P. Moor, rendered us great service. In revival work we have the best people we know of anywhere, and since the meeting the Church has taken on new life.

R. E. White, Pastor, Benson, La.—A storm party visited the parsonage Saturday night, while I was away and left about 50 pounds of choice groceries. The party was led by Brothers Chas. Adams, Ed Lee and Sisters Alice Robinson and Betty Thomas. Quite a number of our sinner friends contributed to make the affair a success. May the Lord bless those good people.

Willis P. C. Morrison, Pastor, Natchez, Miss.—In spite of the inclement weather during our first two months, we have made some marked progress. Our small membership of

ing, brick-dust or sediment in the urine, headache, back ache, lame back, dizziness, sleeplessness, nervousness, heart disturbance due to bad kidney trouble, neuralgia, rheumatism, diabetes, bloating, irritability, wornout feeling, lack of ambition, loss of flesh, sallow complexion, or Bright's disease.

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fifty has been increased to sixty, and the outlook is very promising. The rally on the fifth Sunday in March was quite a success. Dr. R. E. Jones, our very excellent field agent of the Sunday school, deserves credit for the success of the occasion. He preached two excellent sermons for us on Sunday to a large and appreciative audience, and on Monday night, when the house was taxed to its uttermost capacity, he delivered to the delight of all, an able address on, "To What Extent Is Crime Increasing in the Race and Some of the Remedies." Too much praise cannot be given some of the faithful workers of this charge. While prudence prohibits the individual announcement of their names in this article. Amount raised for the day \$125 with several unreported solicitors. Also \$5 for Sunday school Union.

H. P. Primm, Pastor, Gallatin, Tex.—I am moving on nicely in my new work. I have just closed what the people say is one of the best meetings ever held in Gallatin. It lasted 13 days, and 67 souls were converted and 44 have joined the Church. I had with me Rev. S. M. Strayhorn, of Brentwood. The people came from

four miles in the country to hear him. The Church has been greatly helped. I am expecting to send some subscribers soon.

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J. H. Thomson, New Orleans, La.—The pastor and family are very thankful to Mrs. Mary Dorsey and Mather of 1019 Amelia street, for the two large baskets of fine groceries and a purse. They were gladly accepted. We pray God's blessing on them, and the friends who assisted in that good offering.

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J. M. WALTON, Pastor.

Greenville, Miss.

Redie Bates, Kingston, La.—Class No. 3 of Pleasant Valley M. E. Church, and Class No. 2, led by Sister Mary

Bates, gave the pastor a pound party. Our preacher has done a great work for us since conference. Our church property has been improved a great deal and the white and colored people praise the work. We get more light from reading this paper. It makes us want to do more. This is the first year I have ever taken the paper. Rev. W. M. Ector, our pastor, is a good man.

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Hannah A. Hason, Vanceville, La.—Our pastor, Rev. Thomas Williams, is certainly the right man in the right place. Sister Williams stands by him in his work. She is kind and gentle. Our Sunday school is moving along nicely.

R. H. Warren, Dickerson Circuit, Houston District.—My first quarterly conference was held April 2, with Presiding Elder E. Lee in the chair. The officials were present with reports showing much advancement in every department of the church. The elder preached spiritual sermons and our hearts were made to burn. Raised for pastor, \$5.65; for presiding elder, \$5; benevolence, \$3; expenses, \$1.75; total, \$13.40. The parsonage is finished and the pastor and family have moved in. We have added to the church 1 member; to the Sunday school 15.

C. W. Jones, Pastor, Bay Springs, Miss.—My first quarterly conference was held April 1st, with Elder J. C. Hibbler in the chair. He seemed to be full of fire. The work is yet alive. We have added one more church to the work and things were looked after by the elder. He preached two strong sermons and everybody seemed to be uplifted. The Lord has blessed us so far this year. They are trying to make pastor and wife happy at home. Paid the elder in full.

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I have berries, grapes and peaches a year old, fresh as when picked. I used the California Cold Process. Do not heat or seal the fruit, just put it up cold, keeps perfectly fresh, and costs almost nothing; can put up a bushel in 10 minutes. Last year I sold directions to over 120 families in one week; anyone will pay a dollar for directions when they see the beautiful samples of fruit. As there are many people poor like myself, I consider it my duty to give my experience to such and feel confident anyone can make one or two hundred dollars round home in a few days. I will mail sample of fruit and full directions to any of your readers for nineteen (19) 2-cent stamps, which is only the actual cost of the samples, postage, etc. FRANCIS CASEY, St. Louis, Mo.

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W. H. Smith, Pastor, Haven Chapel, Meridian, Miss.—My first quarterly conference was held April 4 and 5, with the presiding elder, J. C. Hibbler, in the chair. The conference was truly a success. The reports of pastor and leaders and stewards showed the work to be in a prosperous condition. Sunday was a high day in Israel. The presiding elder preached to the delight of all that heard him. Rev. G. W. Arnel, the pastor of Marion Circuit, preached at Rose Hill and all enjoyed his sermon. Fifty or more communed at the Lord's table. Collection for the quarter for support of the ministry, \$33.40; paid the presiding elder in full; pastor, \$12.10; benevolence, \$7.00; sick, \$1.40; on parsonage, \$3.75; total for all causes, \$37.65. We are in our revival meeting. Several have come forward for prayer and three have joined the church.

The Preachers' Meeting of the Baton Rouge District convened at Port Allen, March 26th, a good many of the brethren being present. Rev. B. J. Reddix, president, was in the chair. The following officers were elected: B. J. Reddix, president; J. E. Rolax, secretary; C. Spears, treasurer (by acclamation); P. C. Colton, first vice-president; E. B. Richards, second vice-president; H. A. Sorell, third vice-president; C. C. Wright, fourth vice-president. One very interesting subject was discussed at the night service. The Lord poured out his spirit upon the meeting which resulted in one conversion, four accessions. Twenty-six sinners bowed at the altar for prayer. Many tears were shed because of sin. Our meeting at Port Allen was a benediction upon saints and sinners. The next meeting will be at Bayou Goula, May 7th. All the brethren of the district are requested to be present without failure.

H. TAYLOR, P. E.
B. J. REDDIX, Pres.
J. E. ROLAX, Sec'y.

W. L. Marshall, Pastor, Bay St. Louis, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference was held March 30 and 31. Rev. S. A. Cowan, presiding elder, was in the chair. Officers present had good reports. Monday night after conference a party of members and friends visited the parsonage with a lot of choice groceries. They also served refreshments. The presiding elder made a few remarks. Tuesday night was a high night with us. The elder preached one of his strongest sermons to the de-

light of all who heard him. Collections for the quarter since annual conference are as follows: Trustee funds, \$25.95; presiding elder's salary, \$10; pastor's salary, \$45.45; total, \$81.40. One conversion and two accessions.

A. B. Venable, Macedonia M. E. Church, Clinton, La.—The stewards and leaders gave a rally for the support of pastor and family the fifth Sunday in March, and they had remarkable success. They are trying to do all they can for the benefit of their humble servant. We have done a good work already at this place and the year bids fair for a good work.

C. L. Walls, Pastor, Eupora, Miss.—Elder Davis held our first quarterly conference April 4-5, with delight to himself and people. The members were present with written reports, which showed the charge to be in better condition than at this time last year. Elder Davis is the right man in the right place. Raised in conference \$21.55; raised during the quarter, \$60.45.

Mrs. F. M. Foster, Bunkie, La.—We feel sad because we lost our pastor Rev. M. S. Goins who served us faithfully for 3 years. He paid off the old debt; when he left us we were out of debt. We sent him to conference looking neat and nice and thought they would send him back one year to sit down and look up and see no debt hanging over him, but they moved him, but we thank the Lord He has blessed us again. We have a good pastor whom we all love, Rev. Clark, of Alexandria, who is with us. We have had a glorious time. I have been sick 2 months but the Lord blessed me to be near the church. On Wednesday, Rev. Clark, our pastor, came to see me. They were glad to know that I was the daughter of Stephen Green. They spoke encouraging words to me about the Lord and just before they left they had prayers with me.

M. White, Pastor, Vicksburg, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference, convened Feb. 21st and 22d. Rev. R. P. Threlkeld, the presiding elder, in the chair. We had a full quarterly conference, all the officers had well written reports. We paid the Elder in full, and a few dollars left over for the pastor. On Sunday the Elder preached two of his best sermons, to the delight of all. Ninety communed at the

Lord's table. On the 24th and 25th, Dr. R. E. Jones was with us working in the interest of the Sunday School Union. He worked up quite an interest among the people in regards to the Sunday School. Dr. Jones raised, for the Sunday School, \$9.00.

S. M. G. Taylor, Pastor, Eola, La.—I arrived on my work February the 8th and have been in high water ever since. Only met a few of my people twice—they are cut off by water—yet in the midst of water and mud to show their appreciation on the 23d, a happy party led by Sister A. Washington and others crowded the parsonage. After some remarks by the pastor, R. A. Walmsley responded by request of Sister P. Slack, an old pillar of the church. Sister Moore, a steward sister of Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, and wife of our own brother J. A. Moore, class leader of No. 2 Class, took up a penny collection for the pastor. They brought us a nice lot of groceries.

A Friend, Okolona, Miss.—We celebrated Lincoln's birthday at the M. E. Church, Sunday, Feb. 15th. Interesting addresses were delivered by pastor and superintendent, Rev. D. A. Brass and Prof. C. W. Carter. A paper was read by Mrs. Charity Wall. A collection was taken for the F. A. and S. E. Society. Our choir furnished good music for the occasion. Mrs. Martha Owen, organist, deserves credit for her faithfulness. Dr. G. G. Logan, field secretary of the Missionary Society, visited us on the 3rd of March and delivered an address at 7 o'clock on the subject of missions. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the attendance was small, but everybody manifested great interest. Dr. Logan has his work greatly at heart, and will no doubt accomplish much good for the missionary cause. The majority of the congregation subscribed \$1 each, to be paid in the Easter collection. Dr. Logan opened our eyes respecting the missionary cause, as has never been before. The missionary committee under the management of Mrs. F. A. Carter is busy at work. We want to make Easter a great day financially. Our work is alive now, along all lines. Pray for our success.

J. E. Webb, Pastor, Lake Como, Miss.—My first quarterly conference was held March 28-29, with I. C. Hibbler in the chair. The officers were present with well written reports that showed the work is alive. The elder preached good sermons. Many souls were made happy. We had four accessions to the church this quarter. Mr. Andrew McCallam and Miss Annie Gavin were married. Five subscriptions have been taken for the SOUTHWESTERN. We have bought a \$4 lamp. Raised for all purposes this quarter, \$32.00; paid pastor, \$17.75; elder, \$11.50.

R. A. Walmsley, Eola, Charge.—We are pleased with the conference for sending us the Rev. S. M. G. Taylor, whom our people met with smiling faces. He has the appearance of a real Christian brother and in his start we find him deeply interested in the church. He is a wonderful teacher as well as preacher, and also a pastor. Our first quarter was held Saturday, March 28, with Presiding Elder S. Duncans in the chair, and in the midst of oppositions and the inclemency of the weather, showed increase. Rev. Duncan preached Sunday. He called the young people back at 4 o'clock and lectured to them. The argument left an

impression on the least one and it spread out through the community. Collections, \$5.15; paid presiding elder in full, \$11.00, and pastor, \$18.55; raised for all purposes during quarter, with moving and traveling expenses, \$61.85. We hope to break the record in every instance this year with Jehovah's aid. The pastor says with my assistance we want to furnish nearly every home with the SOUTHWESTERN. One old subscriber reclaimed.

Lutcher, La.—The Mascotte Lodge No. 69, Knights of Pythias anniversary was all that could be expected. Mr. Joseph Victor, C. C.; A. R. Betties, V. C., and W. J. Alexander, K. of R. and S., with their many brethren, did well. They were a credit to themselves and an honor to their fraternity. The Pickwick band of the parish of St. John furnished music for parade. The anniversary sermon was preached by the Rev. S. U. McClellen, of Baton Rouge. The several lodges of the town were represented, viz.: Knights of Honor, by Rev. A. Betties; Hood's Enterprise, by Mr. E. L. Hood; Old Benevolent, by the Rev. John Louis, and Ebenezer No. 70, F. & A. M., by Rev. E. Williams. All of the above gentlemen spoke intelligently. The Knights of Pythias are doing a grand work in the uplifting of their race. In fact, all of the orders in this place are doing a grand work. Lutcher is awake to her several duties, relative to the betterment of our people. Collection, \$47.

M. C. HARRISON.
E. L. HOOD.

Conference Notices

MAYSVILLE DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

North Fork, April 30; Mayslick, May 2-3; Covington, May 9-11; Flemingsburg, May 16-18; Tilton, May 20; Maysville, May 22-25; Laurel, May 5-7; Scott P. O., May 12; Poplar Plains, May 19; Pleasantville, May 21; Sherburne, May 30-31; Moorfield, June 1-2; Clay City, June 11-12; Sharpsburg, June 6-7; Mt. Sterling, June 13-15.

Dear Pastor: We have just ended a very successful year. Call your committees together at once.

ELAM A. WHITE.

NOTICE.

To the Epworth League Chapters of the Anniston District: You are hereby informed that the Rev. J. W. Martin of Hobson City, Ala., has been chosen as a delegate to the International Epworth League convention, which meets in Detroit, Mich., July 16-19, 1903. Rev. Martin is one of the most intelligent and progressive Leaguers on this district, and each League is asked to raise \$2.00, and no less than \$1 to help bear Rev. Martin's expenses. Send the money to him or to me. Don't fail. Yours,
E. M. JONES, P. E.

NOTICE.

To the Pastors, Epworthians of the West Nashville District Tennessee Conference: Our district convention will convene at Lewisburg in June and we hope every chapter in the district will be represented. The writer was elected first vice president at our last district conference, and I want to arrange my work so I can visit every local chapter at an early date. I will expect the pastors to as-

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sist me in appointing a strong district missionary committee, so we can report to Mr. S. Earl Taylor. Let every pastor see to it that his chapter be represented at the convention. Yours for the Church and His cause,

J. H. THOMPSON.
Spring Hill, Tenn.

NOTICE.

To members and friends of the North Carolina Conference, Western District: Reduced rates have been secured over the following railroads, viz: Seaboard Air Line, Southern Railway and Carolina and Northwestern to and from Marion May 7-11, which is the seat of the Epworth League Convention. Pastors, please inform delegates and friends to purchase tickets, 6th or 7th of May, as this is the only date for securing rates. Reduced rates can be secured from Greensboro, Charlotte, Paint Rock, Murphy and all intermediate points within the State of North Carolina. R. W. WINCHESTER, District President.

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Hartford Missions, June 13-14; Montgomery, June 20-21; Mobile, June 27-28; Wesley and Theodore, July 4-5; Tensas, July 11-12; Pensacola, Fla., July 20; Brewton and Polard, July 25-26; Castleberry and Sparta, Aug. 1-2; Evergreen, Aug. 8-9; Pine Grove, Aug. 9; Troy, Aug. 15-16; Union Springs, Aug. 22-23; Abbeville, Aug. 29-30.

The district will convene in Brewton, Ala., on Wednesday, July 22.

A. W. MCKINNEY, P. E.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Spring, May 30-31; Conroe, May 29-31; Willis, June 6-7; Dodge, June 13-14; Montgomery, June 20-21; Lovelady, June 27-28; Corrigan, July 4-5; Jasseraud July 11-12; Camilla, July 18-19; Livingston, July 25-26; Calmesnell, July 25-26; Newton, July 18-19; Jasper, July 25-26; Prairie Plains, Aug. 1-2; Huntsville Circuit, Aug. 8-9; Huntsville Station, Aug. 10-16.

Dear brethren, the District Conference, Sunday School Institute and Epworth League Convention will con-

vene at Huntsville, Texas, Aug. 11, 1903. Push your revivals and claims. Yours for success,

W. A. FORTSON.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Forrest City, May 2-3; Crowdsville, Ark., May 9-10; Colwell and Wyne, May 16-17; Park Place, May 23-24; Mariana, June 6-7; Heyns, June 13-14; Palestine, June 20-21; Oak Forrest, June 27-28; Brinkley and Curcuit, July 4-5; Cotton Plant, July 11-12; Cotton Circuit, July 18-19; Awverque, July 25-26; Jonesboro, July 29-30.

Dear brethren, this is our second round. Now as the waters have gone down, push all of your claims; do your work like men. The two great causes before us are Mission and F. A. S. Let these two causes be full at this round. Remember your pledges to the SOUTHWESTERN. Yours truly, B. J. GRIFFIN, P. E.

We come to you to announce that the Thurman State convention will meet at Dallas during the time of the fair, three days. Our state meetings have grown slowly in interest, but we expect this to be by far the best in the history of the organization. I attended the Amanda Ritchie convention of the Indian Territory at South McAlistier last August, and the Harper convention of Auxiliaries at Little Rock, March 13-15, and I found strong workers and wide-awake women in both Unions. We have invited both Unions to send representatives to our state meeting this year. What will the Christian women of our state do towards adding to the strength of this meeting? The local option campaigns prevent my organizing just now. Saloon men in these elections buy our men to vote for the immoral saloon disgracing the home. They buy one influential man, educated or not, and he takes cheap free whiskey and buys others, and takes the lies and misleads the rest. There are others, thank God, who are not for sale. All the bloody riches of the liquor traffic in America could not tempt them to betray the honor of the race into the clutches of the treacherous licensed saloon. These are they to whom we look for protection. Brave and noble they are as men of any nation that ever trod America's soil. Thus you see

I must go to the immediate rescue of my people in the prohibition elections. Who will help us? Who will make the effort leaving results to God? The third week in April is set apart for this special effort. We call it Organization week, beginning April 19, ending 26. For the benefit of those who would desire to help, we give a little outline: Begin now to talk about it. Talk makes sentiment. Open your meetings with prayer, scripture reading and song. Elect temporary president and secretary. Call for the speeches, afterwards for volunteer speaking if others are in sympathy. Read pledges hereby promise with God's help to abstain from the use of all intoxicating liquors including wine, beer and cider, and to discourage the use and traffic of the same wherever I can, and to pay 50 cents per year as a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Call for pledge signs. Gentlemen may become honorary members by signing the pledge, same as the ladies. Elect officers, president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, a vice president from every Church, treasurer. I impress upon the people that the W. C. T. U. is not Baptist or Methodist, but organized Christian womanhood, defending the home. Send me the list of officers and I will send literature giving all information. Address letters plainly or they may not be forwarded. Letters mailed to me here are forwarded to wherever I may be at the time. God help our women to come to the rescue of the home. Yours in the glorious works.

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Magdalen, Miss.—Hurbert Evans, son of Mrs. Delar Ray, departed this life April 3, aged 8 years. He was a good boy and was well liked by all the Sunday school.

J. I. GARRET, Pastor.

Tullahoma, Tenn.—The death of Rev. D. C. Ransom, pastor of one of our best Churches in the City of Murfreesboro, Tenn., is sad indeed. The Churches held memorial service. Rev. A. Brooks, Rev. A. L. Wooten, Mrs. J. W. House and Miss Hattie C. Young and the writer took part in the services. J. L. MASSEY, Pastor.

Whereas, It has pleased the Great Shaper of the destinies of nations to remove from our midst one of our worthy and beloved brothers and co-laborer in the cause of Christ, Rev. D. C. Ransom, and whereas, his long and untiring efforts to promote the cause of Christ in pointing dying men to the Lamb of God, we feel it our duty to manifest our appreciation for the work accomplished by him; therefore be it resolved, that all of the good works accomplished by him be held in grateful remembrance. Be it resolved further, that the sudden removal of such a life from us, leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be deeply realized by his many friends and relatives, and will

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prove a serious loss to the Church with which he was identified. Be it also resolved, that with deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives, we express our hope that even so great a loss to us be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things well. Miss Kittle Howse, Miss Hattie Young, Mrs. J. W. Howse.

J. L. MASSEY, Pastor.

Gretna, La.—Sister Charity Sparks, who was one of the founders of the Boynton M. E. Church is dead. Sister Sparks has been a stewardess of this Church since it was established. She was true and faithful to her duty—when no one else would attend Church she would be there. Rev. H. James preached the funeral sermon, and Rev. J. W. Turner and Rev. T. B. Cooper assisted in the services.

J. D. WILSON, Pastor.

Shreveport, La.—Sister Rosa A. Bates, aged 22 years, member of St. James Church 8 years, past to her final reward April 8th.

J. O. BROWN.

New Roads, La.—Miss Victoria St. Cyr, aged 17 years, departed this life. She was not a member of the Church, but a good Church worker. She leaves near relatives and a host

of friends to mourn. The funeral was conducted by the pastor.

L. C. THOMAS.

Marion, N. C.—Brother Moses Ellett, aged 65 years, a member of New Prospect M. E. Church, was killed by an east bound train April the 16th. He was a good man.

Sister Elen Baskett, aged 43, departed this life April the 9th. She was sick 3 years. She found the Church four days before her death. She leaves a mother, two sisters and relatives to mourn.

C. W. WALTON, Pastor.

Annie Louise, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Scruggs, was born Sept. 8, 1901, died April 5, 1903, aged 18 months. Service was conducted at their home by Rev. B. F. Anderson, pastor.

MRS. ELA AVRIIT.

New Orleans.—Mr. John Vivian, a probationer of First Street M. E. Church, this city, died April 6, and was buried from the Church. He died in full triumph of faith. Requesting the pastor and others to tell the Church to meet him in heaven.

J. A. TIRCUIT, Pastor.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Kingston, La.—On April 9, at the residence of Mr. Henry Woarel, Miss Mary Sudds and Mr. Toby Ferrell were married. Miss Sudds is a member of the M. E. Church. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Wm. Ector.

Rushville, Ind.—While the soft strains of music were being played by Miss Elizabeth Fletcher at the home of the bride's mother April 7, 1903, Mr. Charles L. Smith of Hopkins County, Ky., and Miss Fannie D. Posey of this city, were united in holy matrimony by Rev. T. R. Fletcher. The bride is a daughter of the Rev. Alexander Posey, late of the Lexington conference, a graduate of the Rushville High School, and stands high in Church and social circle. She is a member of the official board and Sunday school superintendent of the Second M. E. Church—a ready and willing worker for the uplifting of our people. Mr. Smith studied in Walden University, and for a number of years was engaged in teaching school. He is now a prosperous farmer in Hopkins County, Ky., where he owns 100 acres of land besides he is the owner of property in Hopkinsville, Ky. The bridal party left for the home of the groom Wednesday morning the 8th inst., bearing the best wishes of many friends.

T. R. FLETCHER.

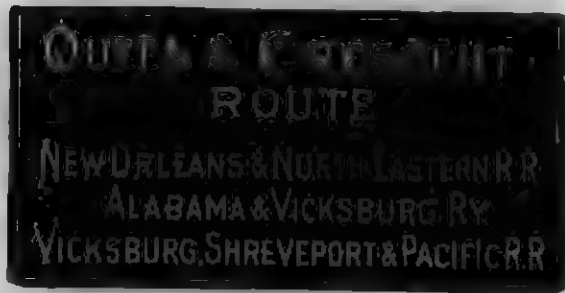
Brookston, Tex.—Mr. Qualley Ellis and Miss Susie McPherson were joined in holy wedlock by L. L. Neal.

Shreveport, La.—Mr. Emanuel B. James of Plaquemine, La., and Miss Nettie C. Brown of this city, and member of St. James M. E. Church, were united in marriage at St. James Church, April 20th, J. O. Brown, pastor, officiating.

Bastrop, La.—On April 2, at the home of Mrs. Jones, Miss Katie Jones and Mr. John Duffey were united in marriage.

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LITERARY NOTES

On April 27, 1803, occurred the death of Toussaint L'Ouverture, perhaps the greatest colored man the world has ever known. In commemoration of the centenary of this event *The Independent* will print on April 23 a recently discovered and hitherto unpublished estimate of his pathetic character, written by the late Frederick Douglass. Coupled as this article necessarily is with a consideration of the race question, it is of more than ordinary interest.

ENQUIRY.

I wish to find my people that I have not heard from for a number of years. My name was Rachel Jones; mother's name was Harriet Jones; one sister was Margaret and the other Georgia Davis; their home was ten miles from Rome, Ga.; was there in 1868 with my husband. I had two brothers, Dave King and Anthony Jones. If you can find out anything about them, please address me at Natchez, La., care R. M. Randolph.

RACHEL EMANUEL.

The price of cotton rises a little from day to day, but the end of a week generally finds it higher than at the beginning. This will probably be the case till new crop comes in.

I. S. Rucker, Pastor, McMinnville Circuit.—Our second quarter was held Feb. 8-9. Rev. M. Williams, presiding elder, preached a wonderful sermon on Sunday at 11 o'clock. The Holy Ghost was present and all were touched with the Holy Spirit. The brethren were present with written reports. Total collections, \$59. Repaired one church at the expense of \$37.70 and one church painted at the expense of \$10. We are preparing to build a new church at one point.

W. L. Lee, Sturgeon, Mo.—I desire to thank the following named persons for their kindness shown to me in response to an appeal made by Presiding Elder J. Will Jackson, last January, when my house and all of its contents were destroyed by fire. Rev. J. Will Jackson, \$1.00; Rev. Wm. H. Wheeler, Kansas City, Mo., \$1.00; Rev. J. L. Smith, Lexington, Mo., \$1.00; Rev. J. D. Evans and congregation of Mexico, Mo., \$2.25; Rev. E. O. Geiger, Rolla, Mo., \$1.00; Prof. H. L. Billups, Sedalia, Mo., \$2.65; Mr. S. W. Vaughn and wife, of Richmond, Mo., \$2.50; Mr. Lewis Smith and wife, Armstrong, Mo., \$2.00. The following white brethren and their congregations responded: M. E. S. S., Sarcosie, Mo., \$5.00; Mr. John Bauer, Kirksville, Mo., \$2.00; Rev. M. O. Cox and wife, Austin, Mo., \$2.00; Rev. M. M. Wallace, Clarence, Mo., 40 cents; cash from Waltonville, Ill., 50 cents; cash from Reserve, Mo., 25 cents; Prof. A. C. Lewis, \$1.00; Ladies' Aid Society of Sarcosie, Mo., two quilts; Woman's Home Missionary Society of Union M. E. Church, St. Louis, Mo., one comforter. Total cash received, \$22.55. My

wife and I thank you all, and if it should ever come your turn we will try and be ready.

A. S. Johnson, Pastor, Clarendon, Ark.—My conference convened March 21-22, with Rev. W. H. Higgins, presiding elder, in the chair. Rev. L. Mallory preached us a good sermon. The pastor had out a full conference with good reports, which showed an increase on all lines. The presiding elder preached Sunday. Rev. R. E. Jones of the Baptist Church was with us all day. He took part with us at night. The Pine Bluff district has a man at its head. We paid him in full and have raised his claim from \$7 to \$8. Paid him in full in my first quarter. We raised for the quarter, \$19.89.

E. C. F. Troupe, Pastor, Grenada, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference was set for the 27th and 29th of March. Rev. N. H. Williams, presiding elder, was at his post. Since my arrival at this work I am greatly encouraged to see the interest among the brethren for the work. We are pulling out on right lines. We have 19 officers, all present except three, with good reports. A new stove has been put into the parsonage. One man has been happily converted and joined the M. E. Church and been baptized. Dr. Williams preached a strong and instructive sermon to many hearers.

T. P. Norris, Pastor, Bastrop, Mt. Nebo, La.—Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, presiding elder, closed his quarter here on the 29th. We had one of the best love feasts Sunday at 12 o'clock m. ever known at this place. But the service at 8 p. m. was surely a spiritual one. The church was filled to its utmost capacity. The elder preached one of his best sermons. After the sermon several came forward for prayer. Elder Shallowhorne is a great man; he helps the pastors in their work, and if they strive to follow his advice they will succeed. Collection, \$22.65. Nearly all of the officers were present. Among other reports, five subscribers were reported for the SOUTHWESTERN. A rally will be given on the 10th of May to raise money to build the new church. All pastors of the Monroe district are invited to attend. I have sent in five annual subscribers since the annual conference. Mrs. Norris is in Red River parish, visiting her parents. I will send more subscribers soon.

HOUSE CLEANINGS DAYS.

It is very important that all walls and ceilings should be thoroughly cleaned. The old-fashioned and very unsatisfactory method of using a broom covered over with a rag, which was perpetually slipping off, has been superseded by a long-handled brush, or, more properly, a long-handle, ending in a wire frame, covered by a lamb's wool bag, which may be slipped off and beaten and washed. This is also a satisfactory article for wiping up either matting, or hardwood floors, and no house-keeper should be without one.

If marks and stains are on papered walls, try French chalk on a piece of dry bread gently rubbed in. A neat repair may be made to papers by cutting out the figures and pasting over the torn or soiled parts.

Paint should never be scrubbed, but wiped with a soft woollen cloth, dipped in warm water, with a little ammonia dissolved in it, and a slight touch of sand soap may be used on a very stubborn stain. A dry flannel should be used, after good rinsing. For varnished woods, use merely a damp cloth and wipe dry. For unvarnished wood, kerosene oil, followed by linseed oil well rubbed in. There are many reliable polishes and stains on the market.

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Editorial Notes

Some people's respectability depends entirely upon the fact that the life they live is not made public.

In Monroe, La., the militia was called out to protect a colored man who was being tried for the murder of a white man.

Which should set the standard, the Church or the world? You answer, the Church; and still you find fault with the Church for not doing what the world wants it to do.

Churches may differ in their polity and their creed, but the Christian religion is the same the world over; hence the conditions of salvation are the same, no matter to what church one belongs. Man looks at the outward part, God looks at the heart.

It is announced that a young white man accused of criminal assault was saved from being lynched recently in Atlanta. We are glad the officers were sufficiently conscientious to save him. Strange that they can't save a Negro who has only been impudent to or has struck some white man.

Even tho no one is convicted, or even indicted for the offense, such charges as that delivered by Judge Robt. Powell at Brookhaven this week, to the grand jury, against whitecapping, is sure to effect much good. This is not the first time this brave man has openly denounced lawlessness and we dare say the good people of his district are beginning to wish they had joined with him to suppress it. Mississippi is simply reaping the fruit of her sowing, and she is not alone.

A few days since, while aboard a train on the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, an officer came into that part of the car set apart for colored passengers, with a Negro prisoner. After the train started he lighted a cigar and began smoking. The porter went to him and said: "Sir, you can't smoke in this car." The officer replied: "All right; then I'll stop, for I respect the Negro's rights just as we have him respect ours. I find that the only way to get on with the Negro is to respect his rights; when we don't, we have trouble with him." He who made this remark was a poor white man and a very ordinary one at that. Nevertheless, we must give him credit for the utterance of words which indicate that he understands the situation better than some who consider themselves his superiors. The most serious question of to-day is the disregard of the Negro's rights. In fact the "Negro problem" of the South is simply how best to disregard his rights. This has brought about much trouble and will continue to do so.

Division of the School Money in Mississippi

A proposition which has been brought forward in more than one southern community and as often defeated is now attracting considerable attention in the state of Mississippi. The great contention in that state is to secure the nomination for governor in the primary elections which tho not exactly equivalent to an election, certainly determines who will be elected. The battle for the nomination is now on and will continue till next August. Meanwhile the candidates are traveling over the state speaking before the people and declaring what will be their policy if elected. One candidate who has tried for the nomination twice before advocates the division of the school taxes, the schools of each race to receive only the money paid in by that race for their support. His proposition is meeting with more favor than heretofore and yet there is a large element against it, for one reason or other. The *Jackson Evening News* opposes the scheme and states the grounds for its opposition with force and clearness. The *News* claims that Negroes even now get only 21 per cent. of the school money. Its views on the subject are set forth in six propositions, two of which are as follows:

1. The scheme is unconstitutional. If a law were enacted to divide the school fund, the courts would decide that either the white schools would have to stop or that the Negro children would have the right to attend the white schools.

2. The Negro schools do not cost the white people of the state anything. The total amount of money paid by the white people of Mississippi for school purposes do not pay the expenses of the white schools. If all the school tax paid by the white people of the state and the part of the non-resident corporate taxes paid for schools, which if divided according to population, were put together, the amount would no more than pay for the white schools; while if the taxes paid by the Negroes directly and the part of the school tax paid by the non-resident corporations, divided according to population, be added together, the sum would more than support the Negro schools.

In addition the *News* holds that the entire matter is in the hands of the whites and they can manage it just as they do the suffrage question. It thinks also that the training of the Negro should be in the hands of the southern whites, that they may see that he is properly taught. Else the boards of education of the North may furnish him more money than he would otherwise get and also unsafe teachers from the North. The *News* thinks too, that such agitations disturb labor, give birth to whitecapism and give the state a bad name.

We have only this to say, that it would make very little difference to the Negro whether Mr. Vardaman or some one else were chosen governor of Mississippi provided the people, that is to say, the heart and brain of the state, are opposed to the view he champions. It nevertheless seems reasonable that his continued advocacy of such policy will influence others to believe as he does, and it is evident that this is being done. To

reduce the colored schools of the state below what they now are will come pretty nearly destroying them entirely, and yet that is just what Mr. Vardeman and others of his class would have. This too, is why the SOUTHWESTERN joins with the right thinking whites of Mississippi and the South in the wish that he may again be defeated.

Two Giants Summoned Home

We are sure that many of our readers will be pained to learn of the death of Bishop Randolph S. Foster and Bishop John F. Hurst, and yet information reaches us that both have been summoned home. Neither was engaged in the active work. Bishop Foster was placed on the non-effective list by the General Conference of 1896, and Bishop Hurst was relieved by his colleagues fully two years ago. The former answered the summons Friday, May 1st., and the latter Sunday, May 3rd. Bishop Foster was, of course, older, being born in Ohio, Feb. 22, 1820, and Bishop Hurst in Maryland, Aug. 17, 1834. Each was elected to the Episcopacy from the presidency of Drew Theological Seminary, the one in 1872 and the other in 1880. Bishop Foster was chosen third in a class of eight, and Bishop Hurst third in a class of four. Of the class of eight, two, Bishops Merrill and Andrews, are still on the effective list, Bishop Bowman of the same class having been retired seven years ago. Of the class of four two yet survive, Bishops Warren and Foss. Their lives run parallel on one other line and that is as authors. Each was a talented writer and the Church is richer by far for their numerous volumes added to her literature. They were veritable intellectual giants. Our purpose is to make further reference to them at another time.

II.—Items of Interest: Guthrie and Little Rock

Some of the colored business men of Guthrie evince a degree of energy and push which augurs well for their future, but some of them, well as I looked them over, I wondered how they can possibly succeed. My judgment is that some day Mr. Henry Shelby will be among the leading merchants of the place. He is evidently a mover. There are others of his class who, if they meet with no unexpected reverse, will certainly develop.

There are people in Guthrie from all parts of the South, but Texans seem largely in the majority. I had the pleasure of being the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Windsor, who are from North Carolina. They were loyal Methodists there and are still; their house was headquarters for a number of the conference visitors. Revs. G. A. Maston, B. F. Abbott, Prof. R. S. Lovinggood and Drs. G. G. Logan and I. L. Lowe, president of George R. Smith College, were all delighted to enjoy their genial hospitality. Theirs is indeed an intelligent and Christian home, rendered all the

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Our Contributors

"The World's Great Open Sore"

By REV. W. H. CLARKE, A. M.

The day is breaking in the East, 'pon Ethiopia's shore,
The Land that Livingston hath called "*The World's Great Open Sore.*"
The morning Sun is rising, and the clouds speed fast away,
The Sun that bids all darkness hide and opens up the day.

Years ago th' Almighty ordered out His faithful son,
And Abraham and Sarah forth to Egypt went alone.
They sojourned here as "foreigners," and wondered
o'er and o'er
At sin, crime and iniquity in "the world's great open sore."

And thus did Joseph when he came, sold from his father's home,
Till Jacob, famished and alone, came Egypt-ward to roam:—
They saw a race of heathen men bow'd down from shore to shore,
And living in idolatry in "the world's great open sore."

So then the years move on their way, till Moses walks the scene;
He sees with grief "the chosen seed" driv'n under th' lash of men.
He sees the king in wickedness, beholds as heretofore
A land of beauty changed into "the world's great open sore."

With God he liv'd; with God he toil'd; with God he battl'd well,
And led the seed of Israel's race from this dark, raging hell.
Across the deep Red Sea they fled, nor paus'd to see e'er more,
The lands described by Livingstone—"the world's great open sore."

But Africa, forsaken now, left under a with'ring rod,
Is not forgot; for soon she "shall stretch forth her hands to God."
So when the Babe of Bethlehem came to this far-distant shore,
He bless'd the soil; henceforth was oil for this "great open sore."

And so reviv'd, new life was giv'n to this benighted realm,
Great men sprang forth, like Augustine, to spread the light from heav'n;
Great men indeed, in learning, and in spirit: men who bore
The message of Salvation to "the world's great open sore."

But pass on down the ages; see dense veils again enshroud
The Land of Ham, called Africa, in distressing, gloomy cloud.
The slave-trade and cruel war abounds, more savage than the roar
Of the king of beasts that stalks abroad through "the world's great open sore."

The King that reigns—the Sov'reign Lord—e'er mindful of His own,
Decrees the time when Ethiopia's Land shall cease to grieve and mourn;
To grieve and mourn o'er sins and crimes that earth and heav'n deplore,
And make her soil, says Livingstone, "the world's great open sore."

The day is breaking in the East; the day of Gospel light,
The day that Moses long'd for, and the Hebrew scepter'd knight;
The day that David prophesied, when, from hill and vale and shore,
Ethiopia should stretch her hands—no more an "open sore."

Could Moffat live to-day to see the work that has been done;
Could Livingstone arise to view the force that, with the sun,
Begins its march, its onward march, with J'hovah who of yore
Call'd forth His Son from Egypt—from "the world's great open sore,"

Their mighty hearts would thrill within and magnify the Lord,
And thank Him for those vallant men whose names the heaven's record.
They'd thank Him that Ethiopia, whose sins they did deplore,
Is fast becoming 'Manuel's Land—no more an "open sore."

Strong men are there like Camphor; Blahop Hartzell true and brave,
Who, filled with Livingstone's flaming zeal, are tolling hard to save

The millions in their blindness—heathen souls though e'er so poor,
From Pharaoh's Land to Good Hope, all "the world's great open sore."

The Church inspired is marching on with banners all unfurl'd,
To conquest and to victory through all the heathen world.
Eth'opia, too, is coming forth, with garments fair and pure,
And loud hosannas 'pon her lips, thank God! no more a "sore."

Let Israel, then, march boldly on; take courage from the Past.
The Present, how magnificent! March on while Time shall last.
The Future holds within its grasp—believe it, aye, 'tis sure—
The Day when there shall be no land—"The World's Great Open Sore."
Pastor M. E. Church, Bainbridge, Ga.

The Quality of the Negro

BY WILLIAM SEWARD CROSBY.

Much has been written concerning the Negro—his condition, past, present, and future; still but few articles appear respecting the quality of the Negro. What is of more importance concerning a thing than its quality? Does not quality determine the worth or worthlessness of things? What, then is the quality or disposition of the Negro?

Quality as I now use the word, refers to attributes of things relatively considered, and not merely to rank. The attributes considered are three, viz: Morality, Intellectuality and Religion. In what degree does the Negro possess these attributes, and are these attributes undergoing any observable development? This question I now attempt to answer; not from supposition, but from actually existing facts.

Whatever may be the Negro's origin, he certainly possesses a greater degree of Morality, Intellectuality and Religion, both in America and in Africa than he did prior to the time of the Emancipation.

Before the Emancipation, the Negro in the South had many ideas that were purely African; his relation toward his fellow-man was similar to the relations which were sustained by his brothers of the "Dark Continent;" his intellect, excepting his knowledge of a few trades and his acquirement of a few experiences from the white man, was practically undeveloped; his religion had become somewhat changed, although he was almost as superstitious as his African ancestors. Such was the quality or make up of the antebellum Negro; but is he so to-day, or has he advanced from that stage? A consideration of his past and present conditions will convince you that he has.

To enter into the minutiae of the morality of the Negro is out of place as well as unsuited to the subject at hand, and I am sure if those who justify the statement that the Negro is so immoral, would avail themselves of the opportunity to thoroughly investigate his moral status, they would, if free from prejudice, speak more favorably of Negro morality.

Has the Negro improved intellectually? Let us see. There are now doctors, ministers, lawyers, dentists, inventors, professors of the various sciences, artists, musicians, etc.—these were practically wanting before the Emancipation but are now very numerous. From nothing to something, is that progression or retrogression? It seems that the Chinese would prove an interesting subject for discussion instead of the "Nigger;" for the Chinese have had years before them, but are, nevertheless, intellectually inferior to the American Negro. Do you see how quality manifests itself? Consider how the Negroes of Haiti have progressed since the revolution of

1791-'93. The Republic has now 960,000 Negroes, over 400 national schools and five lycees, executive government vested in president, legislative in National Assembly of two houses and an army of 6,828, chiefly infantry. Remember the Negro was brought to the island a slave. No race upon earth can boast of such rapid progress as that made by the American Negro. That the Negro has improved religiously can be seen from the numerous ministers of the gospel, in both Africa and in America; from missionaries in foreign lands, and from the establishment of various religious institutions. If "improvement is the order of the age," then the Negro is truly in order.

Give him a fair chance and I know Negro quality will prove itself a patent factor of American citizenship and not, as some prejudicial persons suppose—an impediment.

Mt. Airy, N. C.

What Must He Do?

By REV. J. B. BROOKS.

Looking through the columns of the *Times-Democrat* a few days ago I saw the heading, "Letting Down the Bars."

The *Times* thinks Mr. Roosevelt has committed a grave mistake in his dealing with the Negro. In sustaining itself the *Times* refers to Washington and down to McKinley's administration, setting forth the fact that none of the Presidents except Mr. Roosevelt has acted so foolishly in dealing with the Negro.

It makes the statement that "The Negroes have been provided seats in galleries, specially assigned for members of the African race." In the mind of Mr. Roosevelt and many others, as to where the Negro belongs is still a doubted question. trust under McKinley and others, that the bars would not be lowered by reappointing them, Mr. Roosevelt thought, inasmuch as Mrs. Cox, Dr. Crum and others had filled public offices of since they had received their recommendations from their white friends, who profess to know where these persons and all Negroes belong.

The Negro, so to speak, is between the sap and the bark. There is a class of whites who are not willing that he should hold an office of any kind, and this class are using every available means to make the world see that the Negro is everything but something good.

There is another class who are doing their best to keep him from owning even a home. He is being driven from his little country home every year or two by the hundreds.

There are towns in which a Negro doctor cannot practice his profession, to say nothing of those who study law.

The general talk that goes the rounds through the South that the Negro is fit for nothing but menial labor, working the farms, means but little. The Negro must exist as a slave or his place will be questioned, his character disputed and his liberty measured out to him. He occupies a peculiar place in America, a place he did not ask for nor struggle to obtain, but a place thrust upon him, without his consent or will.

The Negro race, robbed for so many years of its rights as a race, regarded with undisguised aversion, treated with every possible indignity, and everywhere most cruelly oppressed—what is bad in their character has been the inevitable result of circumstances in which others, not their own choice, placed them.

To abuse and despise the Negro race for being what it is, on the part of our white friends, is to add insult to injury, and to cruelty the grossest injustice.

The Negro, like his countryman in the parable touching the good Samaritan, has fallen among the thieves, who have stripped him of his treasures and his clothing.

Where the Negro has had a chance he has proven himself worthy. He asks now for a home somewhere.

"Some day the silver cord will break,
And I no more as now shall sing.
But, oh, the joy when I shall wake
Within the palace of the King!
And I shall see Him face to face,
And tell the story—saved by grace."
Pass Christian, Miss.

Dr. Hickman Leaves Depauw

Dr. W. H. Hickman, chancellor of Depauw University, will sever his connection with that institution in June, to assume the presidency of the Board of Trustees of Chautauqua Institution. The formal election will take place in August, confirming an arrangement ratified by letters from all trustees. Dr. Hickman brings to Chautauqua a high type of administrative ability and a successful experience in connection with the building up of Depauw. He fills a position which has been vacant since the death of Hon. Clem Studebaker in November, 1901. There will be no change in the educational policy of Chautauqua which will remain in charge of Dr. George E. Vincent, while Mr. Scott Brown, as general director will continue to be responsible for the business administration.

William Howard Hickman was born at Crab Orchard Springs, Ky., and spent his youth in Crawfordsville, Ind. He took a classical course in college, graduating in 1873 from Indiana Asbury, now Depauw University, and later pursued special studies in Boston. He is a member of two Greek fraternities—the Beta Theta Pi and the Phi Beta Kappa. He was given the degree of doctor of divinity by Depauw University.

Dr. Hickman joined the Northwest Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and filled a number of the leading pulpits of that conference, building several of its best churches. While presiding elder, was elected president of Clark University, Atlanta, Ga. The institution took on larger life, organization, and better equipment, during the four years of his presidency. While he was president, the main college building—a structure that had cost about \$50,000, was destroyed by fire. Dr. Hickman took the insurance money, and, after raising a few hundred dollars from friends of the institution, hired about ninety workmen and rebuilt on a larger and improved plan. For his tact and skill in this matter he received the thanks of Bishop Walden, Bishop Hartzell, and the Board of Trustees at Cincinnati.

Although a Northern Methodist, Dr. Hickman was recommended by Bishop Haygood of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as his successor as secretary of the John F. Slater Fund.

He has served twice in the General Conference, and was made an alternate the third time. He was elected by the General Conference, fifteen years ago, member of the Board of Managers, controlling all the colleges and universities of the Southern Educational Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has been kept in that place ever since.

Dr. Hickman married Miss Eliza Hougham, daughter of Professor John S. Hougham, LL. D., a prominent Baptist of Indiana, who was professor of chemistry for many years in Franklin College, and later in Purdue University.

Although he was offered the presidency of sev-

eral colleges, as well as a number of fine business positions, Dr. Hickman declined them all because of his love for the pastorate. He accepted, however, the position as chancellor of Depauw University at the earnest appeal of the Board of Trustees; and during six years has rendered conspicuous service to that institution. Assuming responsibility when it was in the direst straits, he leaves Depauw well on the way to permanent prosperity.

Among the friends of Chautauqua who know Dr. Hickman, his acceptance of the presidency is a source of much satisfaction. The institution has large plans, to which the new president brings wide experience, large enthusiasm, and tireless energy. As a public speaker Dr. Hickman is extremely effective, and he will spread the "Chautauqua idea" vigorously from pulpit and platform.

The Chautauqua Institution is the greatest center for popular education in the country. It secured a new charter a year ago, and will now put up permanent buildings and create large endowments. They have already a good start along these lines. They have over 25,000 in the reading circle, have graduated over 260,000.

There were open to Dr. Hickman several fine opportunities for educational work. He will enter upon his work for Chautauqua first of next July. He has not determined where he will make his home.

Life of Faith

"Ministers' Mistakes"

1. It is a mistake to hold your predecessor responsible for all the kinks and frictions you find in the congregation. The devil finds other agents through which to disturb the peace of Zion besides the minister.

2. It is a mistake to believe all that your predecessor's enemies may say about him. For not unfrequently they are the greatest sinners.

3. It is a mistake to presume, because your predecessor did not remain, that he could not remain, and that if you want to save your own scalp, you must make yourself strong with your enemies.

4. It is a mistake to get jealous when your people speak in praise of your predecessor, for if they appreciated his services they will surely appreciate yours if you are faithful.

5. It is a mistake to resign and hunt a new field as soon as a little trouble occurs in the church, or a few unreasonable people are offended. For the Gospel is an offense to the carnal heart, and you should be alarmed if every person praised you. Your enemies may be the wolves that would destroy the flock from which "the hireling fleeth." The true shepherd should remain to defend the flock.

6. It is a mistake, when a majority, or large minority, turn against him, and his usefulness is ended, to class them all as wolves, and persist in staying until the church is rent in twain. This always looks suspicious, and savors of "the wolf in sheep's clothing."

7. It is a mistake to try to heal up every trouble that may occur in the church immediately. Most troubles are like mud on your clothes—if you try to rub it off while it is fresh, you will spoil the garment; let it alone till it dries, and it will come off easily.

8. It is a mistake to be a standing candidate for every vacant pulpit, and resort to unseemly methods to receive a call. It is a reflection on the people you serve, and a discredit of the divine

call, which you professed to heed when you entered the field. The royal road to promotion is earnest, faithful, self-sacrificing service where we are.

9. It is a mistake to write up all the good things you do or others say about you, and send them to the church papers. "Self-praise smells." If you are truly noble, unsought glory will come and abide.

10. It is a mistake on entering a new charge, to commence at once to reconstruct the church. You are working in the dark. Better wait till you have learned to know the people you have to work with, and have gained their confidence, then take the weakest point first. If you succeed with that, you will be stronger to take up the next point. Slow growths endure the longest.

11. It is a mistake to toady to the rich or influential members, for it is the sure way to win the contempt of those to whom you toady as well as of those you ignore. Be a man. Nothing wins like manliness.

12. It is a mistake not to train your people to give liberally to all the enterprises of the church at home or abroad, because some people complain of too many calls, or they are back on their salary. For, as a rule, the very people who complain will respect you more if you demand that the finances of the church be kept in a healthy condition, and you secure for them good repute throughout the church. Besides, some people are chronic complainers. They could not be happy if they could not stir up the dust somewhere. If you give no occasion to complain at the calls for money, they will soon complain that you are doing nothing.

13. It is a mistake to keep on preaching when the people want you to quit. You waste the wine if you keep on pouring when the bottle is full. Better save it for another time, and let it improve with age. Avoid monotonous points! Avoid monotonous points!! Avoid monotonous points!!!—J. M. R., in *Herald and Presbyter*.

A Frown--A Smile

'Twas just a cross, impatient look,
No spoken word, and yet
It crushed a heart of tenderness
And made an eyelid wet.

'Twas just a tender glance and smile,
It drove away the gloom,
And cheeks once wan and pallid
Like summer roses bloom.

—Willis Brown in the *Ram's Horn*.

Impatient people water their miseries and hoe up their comforts; sorrows are visitors that come without invitation, but complaining minds send a wagon to bring their troubles home in. Many people are born crying, live complaining, and die disappointed; they chew the bitter pill which they would not even know to be bitter if they had the sense to swallow it whole in a cup of patience and water.—C. H. Spurgeon.

"A smile, a word, a touch,
And each is easily given;
Yet either may win
A soul from sin,
Or smooth the way to heaven.
A smile may lighten the failing heart
A word may soften pain's keenest smart,
A touch may lead us from sin apart—
How easily either is given!"

The Touch of the Master

Herr Komer, the sculptor, was growing old and his hand had lost the skill of his youth, so when he had toiled all day, at evening he would find the result of his labor very far from his

ideal; and would retire sad and discouraged. But his gifted son, who was also a sculptor, knowing his father's weakness, would steal into the studio at night, while his father slept, and with a touch here and there would transform the whole work. And the father, on viewing it in the morning light, would exclaim: "Ah! it was all a dream, my hand has not lost its cunning. All my former power is shown here. My beautiful thought is not lost, as I feared, for here it lives in the marble."

So, it is not true, that when we go to rest at night feeling that we have fallen far short of what we had hoped to accomplish, the Master comes and touches our work with His marvelous skill and "perfects that which concerneth us" and what before was weak and meaningless now glows with life and power, a power that can never die?

Woman's Dominion

Woman's Work--Lexington Conference

(This report was received last week in April.—Ed.)

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Lexington Conference celebrated their third anniversary at St. Mark M. E. Church in Chicago, March 20, 1903, at 2:30 o'clock. The president, Mrs. J. T. Leggett, presiding. A very excellent program was rendered. The paper by Mrs. Mattie A. Sissle was an appeal to the ministers to organize an auxiliary in each Church; also a very impressive address was given by Miss Sarah M. Deline.

The second day's session opened with President (Mrs.) J. T. Leggett in the chair, after singing "Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah." Mrs. M. C. B. Mason opened prayer after which we sang, "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus." We then entered upon the business of the day. The report of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. B. Harris, was read which was very encouraging. The treasurer, Mrs. Mattie A. Sissle, gave her report in detail, showing an increase in receipts. Ladies of different auxiliaries gave encouraging accounts of their reports.

The W. H. M. Society of the Lexington Conference dedicated a window in Rust Hall, in memory of our sainted Mrs. Rust, credited to Park Street Church in Cincinnati. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. T. Leggett, Princeton, Ind.; vice president, Mrs. M. C. B. Mason, Cincinnati, Ohio; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. B. Harris, Anderson, Ind.; recording secretary, Mrs. M. V. Noel, 510 North Grant street, Bloomington, Ind.; treasurer, Mrs. Mattie A. Sissle, 1708 Columbia avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.; supply secretary, Miss D. Butler, Princeton, Ind.; literature secretary, Mrs. Mollie McCown, Indianapolis, Ind.; mite box secretary, Mrs. H. W. Simmons, 1119 Westminster avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

MINNIE V. NOEL, Recording Secretary.
510 North Grant street, Bloomington, Ind.

Dainty Luncheon Cake

Beat to a cream one egg, a cupful of sugar, and a half-cupful of butter; grate in a little nutmeg. Add three-quarters of a cup of milk, sift two scant cupfuls of flour in a bowl and stir through the flour two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Gradually stir the flour into the dish with the other ingredients, and when the batter is perfectly smooth, butter a number of patty pans and fill them to within a quarter of an inch from the top with the batter. Stand the pans in a dripping pan and bake the cakes till they may be pierced with a broom splint and not stick to it. Then stand them in a cool place, frost the tops of the cakes while in the pans, and put a grape, a raisin or a nut meat on top of each. Remove from the pans when frosting is stiff.—N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

Young Friends

Days of Jeremiah

BY MISS INEZ A. GODMAN.

Where was Mattaniah all this time? He lived at the palace, but Jeremiah seldom saw him. The boy was growing up to the evils which his brother countenanced. Once in a while he would come with Daniel or Ezekiel to chat a few minutes, but his thoughts were not with the prophet.

One day during the siege Jeremiah and the two boys were walking by the palace, when suddenly the prophet stopped and turned pale. He had heard a sound as it were from the dead, the old singing call of Josiah. He recovered himself in a moment and, looking up, saw Mattaniah smiling from the palace roof.

"Come up, all of you. It's a fine place to see the army."

So up they went.

"How did you come by that call, Matt?" asked the prophet.

"Father taught me that last time you came over the wall. He was telling how you used to visit him under that tree."

Jeremiah sighed but made no answer. His eyes were occupied with the view before him. The soldiers of Babylon covered the hills surrounding the city like a gay carpet. Matt looked into the prophet's face.

"Eli might as well surrender?" he said questioningly.

"Yes," said Jeremiah, "he might as well."

"That's what they're telling him down stairs, but he says that he'd rather starve here than be sent captive to Babylon."

"I agree with him," said Ezekiel.

Daniel was leaning over the parapet. "They're a fine army," he said, "and they say that Babylon is a magnificent place."

"If Eli should go," said Mattaniah, "I would be king."

"Why, you're but a child," exclaimed Ezekiel, opening wide his eyes.

"My father was crowned at eight years old," retorted the young prince.

"That was by our own people, who appointed older men to guide him," said Ezekiel.

"Well, what would suit Nebuchadnezzar better than to please the people by placing me on the throne and leaving one of his noblemen to advise me?"

Jeremiah turned at this. "You have an old head, my boy, but you would find it very wearisome to be king. I well remember how sad your father was his first years on the throne."

"Oh, look," cried Daniel, and they hurried to the parapet. Below in the street all was confusion as Jehoiakim, in gorgeous apparel, went forth followed by a throng of handsomely dressed noblemen.

Now Matt had desired his brother's departure that he himself might be king, but he knew how Jehoahaz had gone forth never to return, and a great sob burst from him.

But Jehoiakim was a man of tact and ability. He went forth in gorgeous apparel and great pomp. He gave himself humbly into the hands of the king of Babylon, but when Nebuchadnezzar ordered him to be bound and taken to Babylon he protested.

"Would it not be well to leave me here?" he asked. "I know my people and how to manage them. I would be your servant and pay tribute, as I did to Pharaoh."

After much discussion it was so arranged, and Jehoiakim returned to Jerusalem in great glory

and triumph. Matt, watching him from the housetop, sobbed with vexation and disappointment, but a greater sorrow came to Jeremiah. Nebuchadnezzar sent a nobleman to select some of the young princes to enter his service, and as Daniel showed great ability he was chosen among them.

"My son, my son," moaned Jeremiah, when he heard of it.

"Comfort my mother," said Daniel with pale lips, "and let Ezekiel be your son in my stead."

So Daniel was led away on his long, long walk, nearly a thousand miles, to the great heathen city of Babylon, never to return.

There was much unhappiness in Jerusalem in those days. Jehoiakim developed a harsh nature and was very cruel to his subjects. The taxes to pay tribute and support the king in luxury were almost unbearably heavy, and idols don't comfort sorrow very much. Jeremiah found little to rejoice in, and as for Mattaniah, he married, as young as he was, and occupied himself with family affairs.

"Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness,

And his chambers by injustice;

That useth his neighbor's service without wages, And giveth him not his hire.

—Jer. 22:13—19.

Did not thy father do judgment and justice? Then it was well with him. He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well.

Was not this to know me? saith the Lord.

But thine eyes and thine heart are not but for thy covetousness, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it.

Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah; they shall not lament for him. Ah, my brother, they shall not lament for him. "Ah, his glory! He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem."

Educational

Commencement Week Wiley University

Monday, May 4th, 7:30 p. m., closing exercises of Model Hall. Admission 10 cents.

Tuesday, May 5th, 7:30 p. m., exercises of eighth grade.

Wednesday, May 6th, 7:30 p. m., exercises of third year preparatory.

Thursday, May 7th, 7:30 p. m., closing exercises of Scott Literary Society.

Friday, May 8th, 7:30 p. m., graduating exercises of King Home dressmaking class.

Sunday, May 10th, 9:30 a. m., annual love-feast; 11 a. m., Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. C. W. Blodgett, D. D., Cincinnati, Ohio; 3 p. m., closing exercises of Epworth League; 7:30 p. m., annual sermon by Rev. O. I. Jones.

Monday, May 11th, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., oral examinations; 7:30 p. m., Alumni address by Prof. H. L. Billups, M. S., Sedalia, Mo.

Tuesday, May 12th, 9 a. m. to 12 m., reports of teachers and remarks from visitors; 2 p. m., business meeting of Board of Trustees; 2 p. m., business meeting of Alumni; 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., display work at King Home; 7:30 p. m., musicale. Admission 25 cents.

Wednesday, May 13th, 10 a. m., graduating exercises of normal and college classes. Central building collection.

Meridian Academy

The twenty-fourth commencement exercises

of Meridian Academy, Meridian, Miss., will be held May 10-14, 1903.

Sunday, May 10th, 10 a. m., students' lovefeast, conducted by Rev. A. J. McNair, pastor St. Paul M. E. Church; 11 a. m., Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. J. L. Wilson, A. M., D. D.; 3 p. m., annual sermon by Rev. W. F. Waters, assistant business manager of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, New Orleans, La.; 8 p. m., sermon by Rev. J. C. Hibbler, presiding elder, Meridian District, Mississippi Conference.

Monday, May 11th, 9 a. m., oral examination; 8 p. m., piano recital.

Tuesday, May 12th, 9 a. m., oral examination; 8 p. m., musical comedivette and burletta, by students of Junior department.

Wednesday, May 13th, 9 a. m., conclusion of examination; 2:30 p. m., literary exercises and business meeting of Alumni Association; 8 p. m., "Olivette" by students of Senior department.

Thursday, May 14th, 8:45 a. m., annual meeting of the Board of Trustees; 10:15 a. m., reading grades and remarks by visitors; 8 p. m., graduating exercises.

New Orleans University

Sunday, May 17th, 3 p. m., annual sacred concert; 7 p. m., anniversary exercises of the Temperance Society, Friends of Africa and Young Men's Christian Association.

Wednesday, May 20th, 7:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m., president's reception to Senior class and specially invited guests.

Friday, May 22nd, 8 p. m., anniversary exercises of the Athenian and Mallalieu Literary Societies.

Saturday, May 23rd, 8 p. m., public musical recital, Miss Grooms.

Sunday, May 24th, 2 p. m., annual lovefeast; 3 p. m., Baccalaureate sermon by the president.

Monday, May 25th, 8 p. m., eighth grade graduation. Admission 10 cents.

Tuesday, May 26th, 9 a. m., trustees meeting; 2 p. m., annual commencement.

Secretary Mason, Secretary Thirkield and Prof. J. W. E. Bowen, D. D., have been invited to participate in the exercises of commencement day.

We call upon our pastors, and all our friends to help make this the grandest commencement season the university has had.

Gilbert Academy and Industrial College, Baldwin, La.

Sunday, May 17th, 10:30 a. m., college lovefeast; 11 a. m., annual sermon by Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., editor of SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Monday, May 18th, 8:30 a. m. to 1:40 p. m., annual examinations, written; 8:30 p. m., annual exhibition of Model department.

Tuesday, May 19th, 8:30 a. m. to 12 m., annual examination, written; 8:30 p. m., anniversary of Gilbert Literary Society.

Wednesday, May 20, 8:30 p. m., anniversary of Friends of Africa Society.

Thursday, May 21, commencement; graduates of the English course; exercises at 8:30 p. m. in Trinity M. E. Church.

Wednesday night Mr. F. B. Smith, attorney and councillor at law, will deliver an address, subject: "Home Industry and Its Adaptation Abroad."

The first annual commencement of the Mississippi-Louisiana Normal and Industrial College at Magnolia, Miss., began Sunday, April 12th, with a sermon which was ably preached by Rev.

L. J. S. Bell. The annual concert Monday night was one of the grandest displays ever witnessed in South Mississippi. This was followed by the annual exercises of the Literary Society, the principal features of which were a debate and an address replete in every way, by Rev. Mr. Buckingham, A. B. The commencement address was delivered Wednesday night before 800 people by Prof. W. H. Lanier, A. B., president of Alcorn A. & M. College. It is indeed marvelous how that distinguished educator and champion of industrialism handled his subject, and swayed his audience with his profound thoughts and burning eloquence. Many distinguished educators claim that the exercises on the whole compare favorably with the best ever held in the state.

I. W. CRAWFORD, President.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

Bishop Joice Returned

Bishop Isaac W. Joice reached New York City on Tuesday, April 21st, nearly two weeks sooner than was anticipated, he having been able to make direct connections for New York via Rio Janeiro instead of coming via England, thus saving not only time but expense of travel. He was accompanied throughout the trip by Mrs. Joice. The bishop gives the following account of his South American trip:

"I left New York for South America the 6th of January, going first to Colon and to Panama, then down the west coast to Valparaiso. I returned to New York the 21st of April, coming from Rio de Janeiro on the Lamport and Holt steamer, Byron. I held the Western South American Conference at Concepcion, Chili, and the South American Conference at Rosario, Argentina. There was an increase in both these conferences in members and probationers.

"Valparaiso is the great port for all that part of South America, and my heart was made glad over the outlook for the cause of Jesus Christ in that great city.

"Santiago is where our college for women is located, and where also we have a Spanish church. I held services in this city, and there, as well as elsewhere, I found the spirit of revival in a very marked degree. The college has had a good year, and has a good outlook for the future.

"The session of the conference held at Concepcion and the attendance of both missionaries and native preachers was larger than usual. The session was full of interest, and a spirit of revival prevailed during the entire session. We had an Epworth League anniversary of an unusual character, and the young Spanish men and women showed unusual interest in the work of the league, and they had been active during the year in the work the league is everywhere trying to do. The workers received a blessed baptism of the Holy Spirit, and were filled with great joy over the prospect of winning greater victories for Jesus Christ during the present year. Seven hundred and thirty young men and women were enrolled during the year as students in our colleges, beginning with Iquique which is a college for boys, Santiago college, for young women, Concepcion college, for girls, and the American college in Concepcion, for boys.

"In order to get from the west coast to the east coast, we have to cross the Andes Mountains. There is a railroad being built across the mountains from Santiago to Mendoza and finally Buenos Ayres. It is finished except forty miles

and these forty miles cover the Andes Mountain range. We crossed the mountains, travelling these forty miles in about ten hours in a coach drawn by four horses. The trip was a delightful one, and the impressions made upon one's mind are such as will always be a delightful memory of the great scenery of this lofty mountain range.

"Buenos Ayres is a great city of 800,000 and more people, and is the capital and center of the Argentine Republic. The session of the South America Conference was a delightful occasion. We had a great meeting on Sunday afternoon in one of the largest buildings of the City of Rosario—1,400 people were present and the meeting was in the interest of the Sunday school work in that city. Six hundred children were present from our Methodist Sunday school in that city. Dr. Tallon is the pastor of the Spanish church, and Dr. Spangler is pastor of the English-speaking church. That night there was a great meeting in the Spanish church. After a sermon by Dr. Thompson and a short exhortation by the bishop and others, invitations were given for people to come forward for prayers, and many came, some of whom were happily converted. While the house was densely crowded, yet not one-half the people who desired to be present at the services could enter the building. People representing nine different nationalities were present, but regarding the United States and the English nation as one; in language there were eight distinct dialects or languages in the congregation represented. In a little testimony meeting people were asked to give their testimony of the saving power of Jesus Christ, and to do it in the language in which they were born. So we had this testimony in English, Spanish, Italian, German, French, Dutch, Welsh, Flemish, and then we sung the Doxology, every man in his own language. It was a glorious time.

"I spent some two days and more in the City of Montevideo, and had the pleasure of visiting our schools and also preaching for Spanish and English congregations, and laying the cornerstone of a new church; and all these services showed great interest upon the part of the native people. There were large audiences—very large—at the laying of the corner-stone and at the services in the Spanish church. Several of the officers of the Republic of Uruguay, of which Montevideo is the capital, were present, also officers of the city government, and also representatives of some of the villages about, and of the people generally from the city. The new building will cost \$35,000 or more. On this platform I had the pleasure of baptizing a little child, the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Coates, being prominent and useful members of the Church. The ceremony was witnessed by the great audience with intense interest. The entire program was printed in Spanish, and a copy was furnished to each person present, and while I read the ritual from the Discipline, the people were able to follow me, and the interest was manifest in every part of the great audience during all the service. That night we had a great revival service in the Spanish church. Dr. Craver was my interpreter. Many people came forward.

"We have special needs in these South American fields. First, we want more ministers as evangelists to go in all directions where we have the opportunity of opening new work. In many towns and villages the people are calling for us and asking us to come and organize a Church and give them the gospel. We need very much more church property, especially new church

buildings and additional buildings for school work. We need very much a college for young women in Lima. I know of no place where such a college could accomplish a greater work than it can in this city of Lima, where we need Churches, but especially we need them in the following named places: Valparaiso and Santiago. We could have a congregation in Valparaiso of 1,500 people and a Sunday school of 1,000 children in a little while if we had a church large enough to accommodate them. We could have a congregation of from 1,000 to 1,200 people in Santiago and a Sunday school of from 700 to 800 if we had the needed church building. We need also very much a Church at Rosario. We could have a congregation every Sunday of from 900 to 1,200 people in Rosario, if we had a building large enough to accommodate so many people. And we need a Church also at Cordova, and in many other places of that republic. The Church that we are now engaged in building in Montevideo, although it will have a large audience room, will soon prove to be too small to accommodate the audiences that would like to worship with us. We do not ask for churches with rich ornamentation. All we ask is plain but well-appointed churches, with rooms sufficient for class-meeting, Sunday school, Bible classes and prayer-meetings, which can be thrown together in times of great audiences to enlarge the audience rooms and to accommodate the people.

"I have promised our hard-working brother, Brother Pusey, who has charge of our schools at Callao, to get some very greatly needed volumes, such as dictionaries and reference books of various kinds, with maps and charts, for his high school in that city. They do so need these and other things that I told him I would help and do what I could to secure these better equipments for him. I wish some body would help me to make my promise good. Brother Pusey is also pastor of our English church. Taking our work as a whole, in all South America, I am delighted with it.

"I am expecting to return to South America in the month of December, and hold the conferences for the second time; and I am praying and believing that I will hear victorious reports of the work of this year. I am happy to say that both myself and wife have been in good health all the time we have been absent from home. We have been kept safely by land and by sea, and return full of hope, animated with a blessed faith that Christ is winning this world to Himself and His service."

Easter Reports

Z. K. Gowen, Adairsville, Ga.—"Easter was by far," said the elder and others, "the best in the history of the Church." Collection \$22.

B. M. Hubbard, Pastor, New Orleans.—Easter was a high day at Mallalieu; collection good.

I. S. Thomas, Pastor, Hazlehurst, Miss.—Had a grand time Easter; collection \$2.75.

Almire Grayden, Vanceville, La.—Easter was a grand day with us; collection \$10.

F. R. Bridges, Griffin, Ga.—Easter echo; \$68.41.

J. W. McKinzie, Pastor, Sublime, Tex.—Easter was a grand and glorious day; collection \$5.

T. J. Johnson, New Iberia, La.—Our Easter was a great day; collection \$17.

R. L. Cobb, Pastor, Gainesville, Ala.—Easter was a grand day; collection \$10.53.

T. H. Mitchell, Superintendent, Jackson, Miss.—Central M. E. Church Sunday school. At our

Easter service, we collected \$60.50. Six joined the Church.

M. White, Pastor, Vicksburg, Miss.—We observed Easter. We raised for mission \$6.

L. J. S. Bell, Pastor, Summit, Miss.—Easter was observed at both Churches; collection for mission \$18.

T. Larkins, Abbeville, La.—Easter was a high day at Briggs' Chapel.

E. B. Richards, Clinton, La.—Easter was a high day with Mount Zion; collection good.

W. L. Duncan, Honey Grove, Tex.—In the Eighth Street M. E. Church, our excellent Easter program was carried out successfully. The pulpit was decorated with beautiful flowers, vines, etc.; collection \$28.50.

F. R. Marton, Pastor, Leona, Tex.—Easter service was observed; collection \$16.41.

Lem Taylor, Jr., Newellton, La.—We celebrated Easter.

Trenton, Miss.—We had a grand time Easter; collection \$3.

Ed Powell, Superintendent, Caldwell Charge.—We had our Easter program at Harper's Chapel and raised \$10.

E. C. F. Troupe, Pastor, Grenada, Miss.—Vincent Chapel M. E. Church was decorated beautifully. All the program well rendered; collection \$10.

D. S. Sloan, Hurberville, La.—Easter program was rendered at 11 o'clock; collection \$7.

Win. Ector, Kingston, La.—We had a grand time. We raised \$2.25.

S. A. Martin, Memphis, Tenn.—Easter exercises were a success; collection \$33.

A. C. Page, Anniston, Ala.—Easter was a high day in Anniston. We carried out the program and had a grand time. Raised \$20 for missions.

A. B. McQueen, Pastor, Walnut Cave, N. C.—We observed Easter; collection \$13.05.

L. D. Williams, Pastor, Montgomery, Ala.—Our Easter exercises were a success; collection for missions \$10.

G. W. Reeves, Pastor, Wedowee, Ala.—Easter was grand; collection \$10.

J. L. Augustus, Pastor, Boyce, La.—Easter was a success; collection \$14.25.

D. F. Dudley, Pastor, Hattiesburg, Miss.—Program was carried out. Raised \$20.46.

P. F. Johnson, Pastor, Blackstone, N. C.—Sunday was a high day with us. We raised \$10 for benevolence.

N. Cannon, Lake, Scott Co., Miss.—Easter collections: Lawrence, \$3.65; Sherman Hill, \$1. Total, \$4.65.

G. J. Dobson, Pastor, Shugualak, Miss.—Easter was observed in grand style.

J. C. Chaman, Pastor, Brewton, Ala.—We observed Easter; collection \$9.

Mrs. M. E. Johnson, Sidney, Miss.—Had a grand time Easter. We raised for missions \$16.80.

N. D. Shamborgner, Lumberton, N. C.—Easter collection \$71.

J. H. Thompson, Spring Hill, Tenn.—Easter was observed; program carried out. The Easter collection \$5.19.

D. Royal, Pastor, Mantua, Ala.—We had a great day on Easter. Raised \$8.

W. S. Shervill, Hot Springs, Ark.—Easter was a high day with us. Program was good. Collection \$115.85.

E. H. Langston, Pastor, Bonace, Miss.—Easter was a high day; collection \$8.

H. Bright, Pastor, Center Point, Ark.—We had a splendid display on Easter. Program was carried out nicely. Raised \$21.

E. H. Hall, Pastor, Bayougoula, La.—Easter tide ran high; collection \$4.60.

Isaac T. Griner, Pastor, Valdosta, Ga.—Easter was grand. Total collection for circuit \$31.85.

H. James, Pastor, New Orleans, La.—Easter was a grand day at Mt. Zion. The church was decorated beautifully. A large collection was raised for missions.

Sanders Carroll, Monroe, La.—Easter was carried out to the letter. Collection \$44.

J. O. Brown, Shreveport, La.—Easter was celebrated by the Sunday school and Church. Our Easter offering \$76.

Crist D. Herron, West Greene, Ala.—We had a grand Easter service. Collection \$8.90.

Rev. W. Hartley Jackson, Navasota, Tex.—Easter service was the best in the history of the Church. The Sunday school raised \$50 for missions; \$15 for Wiley University; \$8 for F. A. and S. E.

W. M. Porter, Franklin, La.—The Easter service was an occasion of great interest. The program was well rendered. Collection \$21.

A. C. Morrell, Hahnville, La.—Easter Sunday was a brilliant day for St. James. Collection \$16.10.

C. A. Taylor, Pastor, Cotton Plant, Ark.—Easter was observed. Program carried out. Collection \$12.90.

E. C. Lucas, Steward, St. Paul M. E. Church, Macon, Miss.—Easter program was enjoyed by all. Collection \$54.71.

Epworth League

May 17.

Epworth League Anniversary Day

(Rom. 8:31.)

DAILY READINGS.

Monday—Personal work. John 1:43-51.

Tuesday—Bible study. Psalms 119:1-32.

Wednesday—Morning watch. Psalms 4.

Thursday—Christian stewardship. Deut. 8:11-20.

Friday—The evangelization of the world. Zech. 4:6.

Saturday—A Christian service. Matt. 25:40-45.

The Word.

"What then shall we say to these things?" (Rom. 8:31.) Paul has been led, in this remarkable chapter, to survey the powers and privileges by which the Christian's triumph is made complete, and he is just entering on the closing hymn or psalm of victory. We may use the first sentence to the verse, as just quoted, with accommodated reference to Epworth League history. What shall we, as a League, say to "these things" which God has permitted our great organization to accomplish during these "fourteen wonderful years?" Praise! Praise! Praise for our departments and the training they have given to many thousands. Praise for the endless array of good and right things made actual by the work of each one of the six departments. Praise for our conventions, local, district, State, international; for their thought, instruction, eloquence, music, inspiration, friendships. Praise for our *Herald*, its editor, its convictions, its circulation, its contributors and special helpers, its unflagging freshness and cheer. Praise for our *Juniors*, for their growth, their splendid leaders, their songs, their joy, their promise. Praise for our *new watchwords*. Praise for our mission movement, for its promoters, its student Volunteers, its libraries, its study classes, its monthly meetings, its grand first bugle calls and the response already

secured. Praise for renewed life of our *Reading Course*, for bright books and quickened minds. Praise profound for the surprising development of our new plan of Bible study, its thousands of enrolled members, for eager interest of the unconverted and conversions, for the outward and onward sweep of its literature. Praise for continued increase at the rate of a thousand new chapters a year. Praise for thirty thousand chapters and between a million and a half and two million members. Praise! Praise! And as for the future, "If God is for us, who is against us?" (Rom. 8:31.)

The Theme: "Epworth League Anniversary Day."

1. The League anniversary unites with other festal and memorial provisions of the year in uplifting the name and fame of John Wesley. The League does not need to proclaim that its roots go back to that epoch-making life. Had it not been named Epworth League it would have been wearing the title Wesley League.

2. Wesley and the movement he inaugurated had a notable and far-reaching mission and influence toward the children and young people.

3. Wesley himself had felt the value of sympathetic but systematic training under the love and teaching of that very wise and resourceful mother, Susannah Wesley. So careful was his religious training that he was admitted to the communion when only eight years of age.

4. He had a singularly interesting childhood and youth. His rescue from the burning rectory at the age of five would impress him with the importance of saving the young from other perils. As a lad at the Charterhouse School we see him in the midst of a group of boys charming them with stories. At Oxford he is directing the young men about him in the activities of the Holy Club.

5. It is not strange, therefore, that Wesley's service for children in the afternoon at Savannah, Ga., is regarded as the first Sunday school in the world, or that from the beginning of the more distinctive Methodist movement the welfare of the young should receive ever-increasing attention.

6. Wesley multiplied literature fitted to serve the needs of the young, and his cheerful, witty, keenly observant nature, with its love of history, science, poetry, beautiful and sublime scenery, pictures, museums, brings the spirit of his work in touch with all youthful life.

7. Finally, his view of Christian doctrine, full of the sense of God's infinite grace and impartial offer of mercy, has in it room for the trustful approach of tender young hearts to God, unbarred by thorny hedges of men's thinking or shut up in strong walls of carefully constructed theories.

The Likenesses and Lessons.

Every Christian may well use the words of John Wesley's singing brother:

"And shall I, Lord, confine thy love
As not to others free?
And may not every sinner prove
The grace that found out me?"

Leaguers may take a lesson from Wesley's practice of spending so little for self-gratification, and so much in beneficent deeds.

Very impressive also is Wesley's improvement of time. His mottoes, "Leisure and I have taken leave of each other," and "Always in haste, but never in a hurry," set over against the enormous range of his actual results in his life work, go far to reveal the secret of it all.

"The time is short!"

If thou wouldst work for God, it must be now;

If thou wouldst win the garland of thy brow,
Redeem the time."

That the anniversary may yield definite fruit, these questions may be asked:

What is the condition of the chapter compared with that of a year ago?

What is the chief fault of our League, and how can it be cured?

Are we as neighborly as we should be?

What can be done to make the chapter more helpful to the pastor? to the church? to the Sunday school? to the Juniors? to reform work?

What lines of the "Forward Movement," Bible study, missions, Christian stewardship, personal evangelism—should the League prepare itself especially to push the coming season?

What activities in the way of soul-winning, through open-air services or otherwise, should be planned for and undertaken during the summer.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson VII. May 17th, 1903. Title—Paul Before Felix (Acts 24: 10-27). Golden Text—"I will fear no evil; for thou art with me." Psa. 23:4. Time—A. D. 59. Place—Cesarea.

Five days after the arrival of Paul at Cesarea, some of his accusers came down from Jerusalem, with a certain lawyer called Tertullus, who informed against the apostle. They accused him of being a pestilent fellow; a mover of sedition; a profaner of the temple; and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. They told how they had arrested Paul, and were proceeding to try him according to their laws, when Lysias had with great violence taken him from them. The Jews confirmed his statements.

I. Paul's third defence (10-21). 1. The introduction. When Tertullus finished speaking, Felix, by a nod of the head or a wave of the hand, directed Paul to speak for himself. (1) Felix had been for many years a judge in that nation. He had held his office about seven years: a long period for those times of imperial caprice. He had been liberated from slavery, by the Emperor Claudius, and made governor of Palestine. He ruled in a mean, cruel and profligate manner. In the character of a slave he wielded the power of a prince. He was soon called to Rome by Nero, accused by the Jews, and would have been put to death had not his brother Paulus prevailed with the Emperor to spare his life. (2) His long rule had made him familiar with the teachings and customs of the Jews. His wife also was of that race. He knew them to be devoted to their creed; bitterly opposed to all that was against them; and peevish and whimsical in their ways. This knowledge and experience made him a competent judge in Paul's case. The apostle looked for no mercy from the Jews, but by the Gentiles he hoped to be protected.

2. The argument is not given in full. (1) They charged Paul with "profaning the temple." To this he answered: "They did not find me in the temple disputing with any man." He had gone up to Jerusalem to worship, before entering the temple he had purified himself, and after going in he had acted orderly. (2) They also accused Paul of being a "pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition." But the apostle answered "that he did not raise up the people." He had made no effort to stir up strife, and secure a band of followers to protect him. (3) They alleged that he was a "ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes." This the apostle did not deny. (a) He worshiped the God of his fathers. He, with the Jews, believed

in the true God; observed some of their feasts; and went up with them to the temple to worship. (b) He believed all that was written in the Law and in the Prophets. They were as sacred to him as they were to the Jews. (c) He with them believed in the resurrection of the dead. Paul believed in the immortality of the soul, in the resurrection of the body, in the last great judgment, and in final rewards and punishments. (d) This hope constrained him to live with "a conscience void of offence towards God and men." He conscientiously feared to do the wrong, or to leave undone the right.

3. The conclusion. Paul gave a sketch of his work among the Gentiles. He had labored with them, and taken collections from among them for the poor saints of his nation who dwelt in Jerusalem. He had purified himself before entering the temple. Jews from Asia Minor found him in the temple, but not with tumult as they affirmed. If their charge is true they should be here to prove it, or let these, likely pointing with his finger towards his accusers, say, "if they have found any evil doing in me."

II. After the defence (22-25). 1. The case dismissed. Felix heard both sides of the question. Tertullus had accused Paul of many things, but had failed to prove them. The Jews had assented to the truthfulness of the accusations, but Felix did not believe them. Paul had clearly shown that it was all a work of prejudice on the part of the Jews, and that he had done nothing worthy of death or of bonds. The governor was satisfied. Judgment was deferred until Lysias, the chief captain, should come down, then he would know the uttermost of the whole matter. This meant an indefinite postponement. The Jews lost their case. Paul was given to a centurion to keep confined, yet he was granted large liberty. None of his friends were prevented from seeing him, or administering unto him. Felix hoped the apostle would purchase his liberty. This was not done. Many think Luke was with Paul here, and wrote the Acts of the Apostles down to this date at this time. Some believe this chief captain Lysias was the "most excellent Theophilus," converted to Christianity, to whom Luke dedicated his gospel and the Acts of the Apostle.

2. Paul before Felix. (1) The congregation. It was likely composed of Felix, Drusilla the centurion, Paul and others. It was small, rich, cultured, wicked, and influential. (2) The minister was of an excellent family, highly educated, soundly converted, and for twenty-five years had been a faithful preacher of the gospel. (3) We have not that entire discourse: just an outline of it. His subject was: "The faith in Christ." (a) He reasoned of righteousness. Paul was a born debater. He reasoned with his hearers. Righteousness pertains to the law, especially the Ten Commandments. (b) He reasoned of temperance, or a proper control of the instincts, appetites, passions, emotions, affections, and desires. (c) He reasoned of a "judgment to come." The time of the final judgment will be the end of the world. The place will probably be this earth. The manner will be the return of Jesus, the resurrection of the dead, the examination of witnesses, the rendering of decision, and the execution of the same. (4) Some results of this sermon. (a) Felix trembled. Deep, pungent conviction seized his soul. (b) He sent Paul away. He had more than enough of that discourse. (c) He promised to hear Paul again. This he likely never did "concerning the faith in Christ." The way from the cradle to the grave is paved with good promises and broken vows.

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The Charge of a Brave Official

If the people of Mississippi who believe in law and order would stand by their Governor and those judges who have been trying to stamp out lawlessness, that grand old state would soon be one of the most inviting spots in the South. We care not whether they take the stand they do for the sake of the Negro or not, the result will be the same and the benefit accruing to all the same. If lawlessness is not checked the interests of the state will suffer more in future than they have in the past, or are now suffering. Judge Robert Powell delivered a telling charge to the grand jury at Brookhaven, from which we take the following excerpts:

"Now let us suppose that all the objects and aims of the whitecaps were fully accomplished; that all the Negro laborers were driven out; that all the property and security of the merchant and non-resident class was destroyed; that no man could hold property except at the end of the shotgun. What would be the inevitable result? Why, gentlemen, in less than ten years your splendid little city would dwindle to the dimensions of a crossroads hamlet. Your land would not be worth ten cents an acre, and a man traveling anywhere within a radius of twenty miles of your town would find as a sole representative of the wealth of the people a razor back hog, a stumped-tail bull yearling and a dried coonskin tacked on the side of a tumble-down shanty."

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"I confess, gentlemen, I can't understand this foolish hostility to the Negro. He is here without his consent, and here undoubtedly he must remain in large numbers. He has been eliminated by our constitution and laws from all political control. He asks not for social recognition. He only asks the poor privilege of working for his daily bread in peace and to indulge the hope that the coming years may bring something better to his posterity. We of the white race have all the offices of power, from governor to constable, and the Negro is simply the creature of our mercy. It strikes me that for us to oppress, where we should protect; to debase where we might lift up, is unmanly and unworthy of the proud race to which we belong. Stand by the nobler traditions of your race and let it be understood once and for all in Lincoln county that no man or set of men are so powerful that the strong arm of the law can not reach them or so lowly that the broad shield of the law can not protect them."

Fall Conferences of Our Territory

Atlanta, Dec. 10—Fitzgerald.
Central Alabama, Dec. 10—Foss.
East Tennessee, Sept. 30—Joyce.
Mobile, Dec. 17—Foss.
North Carolina, Oct. 14—Joyce.
Savannah, Dec. 3—Fitzgerald.
South Carolina, Nov. 25—Fitzgerald.
Tennessee, Oct. 15—Goodsell.
Texas, Dec. 9—Walden.
West Texas, Dec. 16—Walden.
Rev. Robert Forbes, D. D., Assistant Secretary Church Extension Society.

II.—Items of Interest: Guthrie and Little Rock

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more pleasant by the presence of two cultured daughters. But as much as I enjoyed the conference and my stay in Guthrie, I was compelled to leave on the close of the session.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Leaving Guthrie via Oklahoma City, over the Santa Fe Railway, one reaches Little Rock, Ark., the next afternoon. From Oklahoma City the Choctaw Railway is the direct line. I stopped off one train to fill an engagement with Dr. J. H. Reed, pastor of Wesley Chapel. There, too, I had the privilege of visiting Philander Smith College and the Adeline Smith Home. These institutions, in charge of the Rev. Dr. J. M. Cox, and Mrs. H. M. Nasmyth respectively, are both full to overflowing. Budlong Hall, the new building, has been completed and adds much not only to the appearance but also to the convenience and efficiency of the school. Dr. Cox has wrought nobly and has shown himself one of the greatest of our college presidents. He is an honor to his brethren and to the church.

The Home is doing a work which is constantly



DR. SUSIE L. DILWORTH,
PRACTICING PHYSICIAN, LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

increasing in effectiveness, and which will be manifested in hundreds of homes. Mrs. Nasmyth is greatly beloved by her girls and is thoroughly devoted to the interests of the school and the race.

BUSINESS INTERESTS.

A drive over the city through the courtesy of Drs. Reed and Cox enabled me to see something of the business interests. I was gratified with a number of things I saw on this line, but especially so with the new bank. The old veteran Judge M. W. Gibbs is president and the institution has made a most excellent beginning. The people are greatly interested and I feel confident that the proscriptive laws recently enacted in that state will make them all the more so. Here as elsewhere, the Negro is compelled to do something if he has any self-respect whatever.

The "Children's Drug Store," Dr. F. B. Coffin, proprietor, is in the highest degree a creditable business house. It carries an unusually large stock and is now well patronized. Ten years ago, according to the circular issued on the tenth birthday of the house, the proprietor and his business passed through a starvation period, but he held on and triumphed. The people have waked up; persecution and unjust laws forced them to wake.

But in addition, I found a number of other successful business enterprises, especially groceries. Among these are those conducted by J. I. Blakeley, Richard Weathers, J. E. Alexander, J. Gilmore, Charlie Coleman, J. W. Whitehead, and Abram Gray. If the people learn anything at all from the lessons of the day, in ten years' time these will be well-to-do merchants. There are also successful tailoring establishments run by Burton and Pettus, and by S. E. Collins.

Little Rock has also many professional men worthy of mention. Dr. G. W. Hayman is among the leading physicians. One of the most recent acquisitions in medical circles is Dr. Susie L. Dilworth, daughter of the late Rev. Benj. Dilworth, who was a member of the Florida conference. She is a literary graduate of Boylan Home and Cookman College, Jacksonville, Fla., and completed the medical course at Meharry Medical College, the only female of a class of 41. The outlook for her professionally is bright. I am glad to present her picture.

Among the other successful professional men are Drs. R. J. Meaddough and D. B. Gaines.
I. B. S.

The Company Could Help Us Daily.

The question now is, will the Odd Fellows and other organizations hold their annual picnics or will they be dispensed with because of the inadequate accommodations on street cars? Certain city papers criticize those of our ministers who passed a resolution advising the people not to hold such picnics even tho temporary arrangements are made by the company for carrying the crowds. The editorials in the morning papers are vindictive and threatening. They give the Negro to understand that if they do not go ahead and have their picnics, accepting the company's offer, the law will never be repealed or even modified. We are confident that if any change is ever made in the law it will not be with a view to making the black man more comfortable. This the company could do as the law now stands, but refuses. When the company is disposed to show some consideration for the Negro's comfort it will find preachers and all ready to assist it in spite of the objectionable law. Our people are not as greatly in need of some regard for their comfort on picnic occasions as on everyday occasions, so as to enable them to get to and from their work, etc. Two seats in a car with an inflexible rule that the screen must not be moved, even tho the other end be empty, does not indicate that the company means to treat us justly.

The Dedication at St. Louis

The dedication of buildings of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was a brilliant affair and a marvelous success, but our report of same is crowded over till a later issue. We regret this, but feel sure that the matter which claims its space to-day will easily atone for the delay.

We appreciate the invitation sent us by Mr. J. Beverly Redmond to the commencement exercises at Rust University. It's a thing of beauty.

We acknowledge the receipt of a well gotten up and neatly printed program of the commencement at Alcorn College.

Commencement week at Campbell College, Jackson, Miss., is May 31 to June 3. Special sermons will be preached on Commencement Sunday by Bishop Evans Tyree, D. D., Rev. Dr. M. R. Dixon, Columbus, Miss., and Rev. Dr. Adam Jackson, of Greenville, Miss. Exercises of interest will occur each day and evening.

Personal and General

Dr. Edward Everett Hale celebrated his eighty-first birthday, April 3.

Andrew Carnegie has given \$1,500,000 for the Temple of Peace at the Hague.

Rev. D. J. Price, of Plaquemine, intends having a SOUTHWESTERN revival soon.

The *Central Christian Advocate* says Bishop Walden has decided not to visit Africa.

Rev. H. Mays and Prof. J. J. Jefferson, of Mississippi, made the office a visit this week.

Dr. Adolf Lorenz, the Austrian surgeon, is in the city attending the American Medical convention.

On account of poor health, Rev. J. C. Sherrill and wife will return from Liberia, Africa, to this country.

John D. Rockefeller, Sr., has promised to give \$100,000 a year for ten years for education in the South.

The baccalaureate sermon for Charles City College will be presented by Secretary W. P. Thirkield, June 7.

Miss Euneida Viola, the daughter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Hayes, of the Washington conference, is dead.

Rev. Dr. Ernest Lyon lectured in Warren M. E. Church, Pittsburg, Pa., recently, on the status of "The American Negro."

Dr. G. W. Hubbard, dean of the Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., is in the city attending the American Medical convention.

Hon. Edward H. Morris, the only colored representative in the Illinois legislature, presided over that body the afternoon of April 21.

Miss F. E. Kelso was recently elected president of the W. C. T. U. in Beaumont, Texas. Miss Kelso is a graduate of New Orleans University.

Rev. Chauncey I. Withrow, A. M., pastor at Staunton, Va., will edit the department of the *Intelligencer* of Baltimore devoted to the doings of the race.

The son of Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Golston, of Baldwin, La., died April 29 and was buried in Natchitoches, La. Our heart goes out in sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Samuel Brown, the colored coachman of Joseph Parker, who recently died at his home in White Plains, N. Y., was left \$30,000 by his employer.

Miss Fanny Crosby, the most famous woman hymn writer in the world, has recently celebrated her eighty-fourth birthday. Miss Crosby is blind.

Rev. Robert Forbes, D. D., has just been chosen assistant corresponding secretary of the Church Extension Society, to succeed Rev. Dr. Manley S. Hard, deceased.

Mr. I. W. Crawford, president of the Mississippi, Louisiana and Normal Industrial College, Magnolia, Miss., made the office a pleasant call last week. Mr. Crawford was in the city in the interest of his school.

Mr. H. R. Hooker, a prominent member of the Metropolitan M. E. Church, Baltimore, Md., was present at the Washington conference. He is a friend of the SOUTHWESTERN. He brought in a good list of subscribers for the paper.

Miss Maud F. Bush, a graduate of Clark University, enroute from Franklin, La., to Atlanta, Ga., to attend the commencement exercises of her alma mater, spent a few days in this city with Miss Liatta Marshall.

George W. Crawford, a colored student of the senior class of Yale Law School, is one of the

successful contestants for the coveted Wayland prize of \$100, awarded the three men who prove ablest in debate. Mr. Crawford is of Alabama.

Richardson Jackson, of Charleston, S. C., a young colored man 23 years old, was recently arrested for stealing clothes from the home of another colored man. The newspapers state that notwithstanding the stolen goods were of trifling value, the young man was found guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

Rev. S. L. Beiler, D. D., pastor of Richmond Avenue Church, Buffalo, N. Y., passed through the city last week enroute to Lake Charles, La., on business. The doctor, it will be remembered, was for a long while secretary of the American University and did, in connection with Bishop Hurst, some of the most successful work for the institution that has yet been performed. Dr. Beiler was also at one time president of the Thompson Institute, now New Orleans University, and is greatly interested in our people and the educational work as carried on by the church in the South.

A Rising Young Musician

Impressed as were we the first time we saw Prof. Arthur R. Grant of Cookman Institute, Jacksonville, Fla., directing a class of singers, that he possessed special gifts for this kind of work, it does not surprise us in the least to learn of his signal success in conducting a musical entertainment of recent date. The oratorio, "The Nazarene," was rendered by the students of Cookman Institute and Boylan Home, assisted by other local talent, and was a pronounced success in every way. The report given by the daily *Metropolis* ought certainly to have been gratifying to every participant. After it was all over the audience was thoroughly impressed with the idea that the singers had simply given utterance to the music which was not only in the soul of the author, but of the conductor, Mr. Grant, who had trained them so successfully. We are sure he has a bright future. Of him the *Metropolis* says:

"When Prof. Rosamond Johnson left Jacksonville to go to New York, where he has found a greater field for his abilities and attainments in music, it was the regret of many that the excellent standard he had established in the musical taste of Jacksonville might deteriorate. This fear has at times appeared to be well founded since the departure of the Johnsons, but all were given fresh hopes last Wednesday night when Mr. Arthur R. Grant acquitted himself so creditably in directing the oratorio that was mentioned in yesterday's *Metropolis*."

Mr. Grant is the son of Rev. Joeffry Grant, of the Florida conference.

The Spectator, published in St. Joseph, Mo., says: "With a Negro population of less than 5,000 our people in Topeka own and control the following business and enterprises: Twelve grocery stores, eight restaurants, two boarding houses, one hotel, one sanitarium which employs some eight or ten colored people, two first-class drug-stores, one ice cream parlor, one first-class Negro newspaper, *The Plaindealer*. Professional life is represented by four doctors, three lawyers, eighteen or twenty teachers and any number of clergymen. In political positions they are proud of one deputy county attorney, one deputy county treasurer, one deputy county clerk, two deputy sheriffs, one marshal city court, five policemen, two fire companies."

The Post Office Department has announced that Mrs. Minnie Cox, the postmistress at Indianola, Miss., will continue to draw her salary either until the expiration of her term or until she is permitted to return.

News Notes

The Boer war cost England £165,000,000, or about \$800,000,000.

Italy has appropriated \$100,000 for an exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition.

The Germans are said to be making a success of cotton growing in East Africa.

In the state of Washington, by a recent enactment of the legislature, gambling is made a felony.

The fifty-fourth convention of the American Medical Association met in this city Tuesday of this week.

There are 32 postoffices in this country bearing the name of Cleveland. Fifteen are named in honor of President Roosevelt.

A resolution favoring the election of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people has been adopted by the Wisconsin legislature.

James Howard, who was found guilty of the murder of Governor William Goebel at Frankfort, Ky., was sentenced to life imprisonment.

The Egyptian government has written to the United States Department of Agriculture to secure the services of a cotton growing expert and chemist.

It has been announced that the "Star of Bethlehem" will be visible in 1911. It is claimed that it appeared October, 1835.

In Bainbridge, Ga., a colored man was suspected of having set fire to a farmer's house, and was taken from a constable by a mob and beaten to death.

A book entitled "The Curse of Central Africa," portraying the cruelty of Belgians to the natives in the Congo Free State, has created a sensation in Europe.

Turtle mountain in British Colombia was rent by a volcanic eruption and the village of France, a mining town, was destroyed, and over a hundred persons killed.

The medical superintendent of the London County Asylum says there are in British asylums 10,900 males and 5,800 females who are insane through the effects of alcohol.

The *Christian Guardian* says: "There is no citizen of the United States who deserves more grateful appreciation from the people of Canada, or, indeed, from the people of the British empire than does Bishop Hartzell.

World-wide Missions for May has on its first page a picture of Bishop Thoburn, four of his preachers and an immense congregation of natives. The bishop is baptizing the native converts.

The Epworth Herald says: A cycle of prayer has been arranged at Garrett Biblical Institute, so that special intercession is made each week for some of Garrett's alumni who are laboring in foreign fields.

Last year seven thousand millions of cigars, over two thousand, six hundred and fifty-eight millions of cigarettes and three hundred and fifteen millions of pounds of snuff were consumed by the people of the United States.

A bill has recently been introduced in the Oklahoma legislature making school attendance of all persons between the ages of 5 and 18 years compulsory. Negroes, Indians, whites and all are included in this bill.

The body of James Smithson, the founder of the Smithsonian Institute, at Washington, D. C., will be brought to this country and interred at Washington, near the great institution he established. Mr. Smithson died in Genoa, Italy, 1829.

The government of Spain has asked permission of the United States to remove the bodies found on the Reina Christina, the Spanish warship sunk during the Spanish-American war, and recently raised at Cavite, to Spain for interment in the Barcelona Pantheon.

Colored women were employed in the Lanett mills in West Point, Ga., to take the place of children below legal age. When this fact became known 1,500 white operatives decided to go out on a strike if every colored person employed was not immediately and permanently discharged. The colored employees were discharged.

THE OLD RELIABLE

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FARM AND HESIDE

Geo. C. Marshall Editor

DO AND DON'T IN THE POULTRY BUSINESS.

Do keep a dusting box where fowls can get at it.

Do season soft food with a little salt, and add occasionally a little flaxseed meal to make the plumage bright and glossy.

Do give a little crushed charcoal to fowls occasionally. It assists in cleansing the system.

Do keep the inside of the poultry-house clean and the sides whitewashed.

Do separate the males from the females except during the breeding season.

Don't undertake too much at first.

Don't keep too many fowls in a limited space.

Don't think it costs less to keep scrubs than it does fine ones.

Don't give the scraps from the table to the hogs. It pays better to give them to the fowls.

Don't neglect to feed and water your fowls regularly, and to clean out their quarters as often as necessary.

To make the most out of his work, the farmer should adapt his products, both in variety and quality, to the class of consumers who are best able and willing to pay. He should market his crops as near at home as possible, because the crops will be fresher, the more valuable they will be, while the expense of marketing will be minimized. With farming, as with many lines of business, it is the looking after the little details that in a great measure determines the profit, and the marketing is an important item in making the most out of the products. —Ex.

Turnips and rutabagas, like cabbages, have so strong an odor that they are unfit for storage in the house cellar. They keep freshest and in nicest condition if pitted, and instead of covering first with straw cover with earth, allowing it to sift through among the vegetables all it will. Then when there is danger of too much freezing, use the straw or manure, and a second covering of earth if needed. They, too, are more tender and crisp after a good freeze, but better to hold them thus than allow them to thaw and freeze again. —Rural New Yorker.

FEED FOR LAYING HENS.

There is probably no food better calculated to promote laying in fowls than cowpeas. Peas or beans of any sort are good, but large ones must be ground, or fowls will rarely eat them. Of cowpeas the smallest variety should be chosen, as fowls unused to such grain must be accustomed to it gradually. But once get them to eat peas and the victory is won. They are a perfect substitute for insects, meat scrap, blood-meal and other animal preparations that are often so combined with cheap substances that the hens are a long time learning that when they are fed "Lobsmith's concentrated egg food" they ought to lay fluently, instead of almost imperceptibly. Pea vines with peas on them cut as soon as the peas are full grown and while yet green, thrown into the chicken yard, will give them exercise and the very sort of food their nature craves. They will eat the peas, the leaves, and as much of the stems as they can break up small enough to swallow. —Ex.

THE ORCHARD A NECESSITY.

An orchard is a necessity on the farm. It is well known that a farm containing an orchard will sell at a fair price, when farms with no orchards are sacrificed. The buyer always looks for the greatest number of advantages, and if apples, peaches, pears, plums and the small fruits can be found, instead of only an apple orchard, the value of the farm will be increased much more than the original cost of the orchard. If the farm is not for sale, the orchard will be a source of profit to the farmer.

Irish potatoes in the cellar should be covered with carpet and boards. Light and air spoil their eating qualities. Sweet potatoes are handy to have around during the winter and spring months, but they will not keep during the winter in the cellar. They must be kept in a room where there is fire enough to keep out dampness, and where there is no danger of freezing.

BOILED CARROTS AND ONIONS.

Scrape six carrots; cook them in boiling salted water until tender; then take them from the water; cut them into cubes; have boiling six small onions; when they are nearly tender pour off the water, add the carrots to them, pour over a little broth of any kind and add one teaspoon of chopped parsley; simmer until the onions are tender.

MUFFINS.

Beat two eggs, add one-third cup of sugar, two tablespoonfuls of butter, one cupful of milk, half a cupful of corn meal, a little nutmeg and flour enough to make a drop batter; beat in four tablespoonfuls of baking powder; turn into a greased pan and bake twenty minutes.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

Eugene Dixon, Marksville, La.—We cordially welcomed our new pastor, the Rev. J. S. Weaver. We find him to be the right man in the right place. We expect much good to be done this year. The Sunday school is excellent. Rev. S. Duncan held his first quarterly conference Sunday, April 5th. The people here received him with warm hearts. God bless Rev. Duncan. The presiding

elder preached an impressive sermon, which had its effect. The pastor has received four members this quarter and paid \$38.15 on indebtedness.

T. Moore, Pastor, Ferrell, Texas.—I found the work in bad condition, with only eight members, and their children. Dr. Sparks is a power here in behalf of our church. We have recently held a revival with remarkable success. We had four conversions and seven of our members who had gone into other churches here, came back to us, making eleven additions. When we came we could hardly get our church before the people of other denominations had swept everything before them. Our Easter collection was \$5.

O. C. Jones, District Steward, Fairfield Charge, Texas.—Our second quarterly conference convened April 11, with Rev. L. S. Blakeney in the chair. The conference enjoyed the elder's address throughout. We paid our presiding elder in full and he gave us a clear receipt up to date. He preached a wonderful sermon for us on Sunday.

Noe Mitchell, Georgetown, S. C.—The Rev. H. H. Matthees has encouraged us and is still encouraging us to move along on the progressive line. His noble wife has done more in three or four months to inform the community what the Methodist Episcopal Church stands for and is more than any one we have had. The pastor is not afraid when it is necessary to say what the M. E. Church means; and yet our pastor is in harmony with all other Churches. He has preached some soul-stirring sermons since he came to us. May God bless him and his dear wife to continue in the good work. We had Rev. Dr. J. E. Wilson, ex-presiding elder of the Charleston District and presiding elder of the Florence District, with us on the third Sunday of last month. He preached two soul-searching sermons for us. All were glad to see him and hear him—pastor and people. Five persons joined us since Rev. Matthees took charge, and I believe many more to follow. Our Sunday school had been sleeping but now is being aroused gradually and surely. The preachers' meeting, Sunday School Institute and Epworth League convention is to be held here, beginning April 22 to 26 inclusive.

Miss R. A. Shepperd, Cooks Point, Tex.—April 4 and 5 was our second quarter. Rev. J. E. Bryant presiding elder was present. On Friday night was quarterly love-feast. Quite a number was out; all members were present except three. The Church is working up gradually to its spiritual duty. The Sunday school is once more alive. On Sunday Rev. J. E. Bryant addressed the school. Preached to a goodly number; his sermons stirred the people. We paid presiding elder \$5.80. The Epworth League is not doing anything at present, but I shall see after it at once.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CABINET.

The cabinet of the Gainesville District Epworth League met in Suwanee Grove M. E. Church at Suwanee, Ga., on the afternoon of March 28. The meeting was called to order by Prof. W. C. Strickland, district president. The recording secretary being absent Miss Alva Leak was elected secretary of the meeting. The chief object of the meeting was to study the vital needs of the League work on the

district and to set plans by which it may be revived and greater good realized than ever before. Preliminary remarks were made by the presiding elder setting forth the object of the meeting and at the same time showing the important relation of the district to the League work throughout the district. The other officers present made brief but pointed statements in regards to the work which was very interesting. It was voted that an executive committee be appointed for the district, and the following persons were appointed: Mr. P. L. Green, Mr. Elbert Barksdale, the presiding elder is chairman of the committee by virtue of position.

How shall we create more interest in our League work? In what way can we reach the weak and indifferent chapters? To what extent should the district officers correspond with the local chapters? and other questions of importance were discussed. The cabinet ordered that a circular letter, calling attention to some of the essential points of League work, be printed and forwarded to each chapter. The sending of a delegate to the "Sixth International Epworth League Convention" was considered and Prof. W. C. Strickland, District President, was elected; Mr. B. Johnson was elected Alternate. Each chapter do its part toward sending the delegate and he will certainly go.

The pastor, Rev. E. J. Kight, who had been unavoidably detained, came in just before the session closed and made the cabinet feel at home by a very cordial welcome which he extended to them. We were also favored with the presence of Prof. J. Earl of Atlanta.

Although Sunday was a very clement day and we were unable to render the program that had been prepared, we feel that the cabinet session was quite a success and know that those present returned to their homes with greater courage and larger hopes for the work of the future. We regret very much that members of the cabinet was not present for we are sure they would have been better prepared for the great work which they have to do.

P. L. GREEN, Reporter

Suwanee, Ga.

N. L. Hopkins, Conparle, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference convened at Conparle with Presiding Elder J. Shumpert in the chair. The brethren came with well written reports. Twenty-nine officers present. Dr. Shumpert preached one of his best sermons. We had an excellent time. Paid the presiding elder up to date \$21; paid pastor \$61.75; total \$81.75. One Cash subscriber for SOUTHWESTERN.

J. H. Rylander, Pastor, Fordock, La.—Myself and wife thank the sisters of Willey Chapel M. E. Church for many pounds of delicious and fine groceries presented us April 11th.

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Marcus James, Lake Providence, La.—After an unusual wet and rainy season we began another conference year. Our good and faithful presiding elder, Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, appointed to us the Rev. F. S. Brown whom we believe is the right man in the right place. Holly Brook levee broke and the great father of waters kept us from furnishing our parsonage. We have now from four to six feet of water all through the parish. The members of committee on parsonage furniture, are Mr. and Mrs. Attlass and their daughters, Misses Rachel, Mary Ethel last but not least, little Sabina Attlass.

A. L. Johnson, Pastor, Clarendon, Ark.—Dear Editor: We are glad that a space is left in the paper for information. It will be a help to us to get the SOUTHWESTERN in some of the homes. Mr. John Smithing, a farmer who lives one mile west of Clarendon, a young man, rents 107 acres of land; paid a debt of \$1,625.49 and cleared

\$700; owns a head of horses, cows, hogs, one wagon and a buggy, and corn and money to run him without buying anything on credit. He is a hustler and a great help to the Church and a help to the people. His wife is a member of the Church and Sunday school and a good Church worker. We will put the SOUTHWESTERN in his home and will take the lead in farming.

N. N. Murray, New Lewisville, Ark.—As corresponding, historical and statistical secretary of the Epworth League of New Lewisville, Ark., I wish to say that, during the short time I've been connected with the League, much interest has been manifested in this union of Christians. Following are League officers: Pastor, Rev. Lee Nelson; president, Jno. Darling; secretary, Mrs. O. Frazier; assistant secretary, Abram Murray; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Tucker; corresponding secretary, M. M. Murray. The Bible readings have become quite interesting. M. M. Murray, the ex-slave pension advocate and principal of the New Lewisville colored school, works like a Trojan on Sundays as on other days endeavoring to blot out the many immoral habits found among many pupils.

W. L. Darius, Pastor, Union Springs, Ala.—Our first quarterly conference was held March 8th and 9th with our beloved A. W. McKinney, presiding elder, in the chair. All officers were present with written reports. We paid the presiding elder his full assessment. Raised for all purposes this quarter \$80.40; \$6 of this amount was for missions. On Sunday the presiding elder preached two wonderful sermons and administered the Sacraments to nearly all of the members of the charge. The Sunday school is alive. Brother Richard Feagin, who has been superintendent for more than thirty years, certainly knows how to make a Sunday school go.

F. S. Brown, Lake Providence, La.—Joyce M. E. Circuit is now four to

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T. J. Johnson, New Iberia, La.—Our revival has just closed. The Lord blessed us with twenty converts and back-sliders. Our conference evangelist, the Rev. Thomas McCarty, helped us in the work. The church is revived and the outlook for the year is good. Our first quarterly conference was held and the reports of the brethren were good. The Rev. W. R. Butler was with us. The conference was surprised by the Kings' Daughters led by Mrs. Peggy Washington and others. We shall baptize our new members on the second Sunday in May, and our natural fair will be given the first Friday in May.

Harry B. Hart, Pastor, Winona, Miss.—Rev. B. F. Woolfolk held his first quarterly conference on the fifth Sunday in March. The elder was at his best all day. Reports better than last year. Elder Woolfolk is a great leader for the people. His district is leading the Upper Mississippi Conference.

B. R. Jackson, R. S., Plaquemine, La.—A storm party visited the parsonage April 16th with many good things for the comfort of the pastor, Rev. Price. Mrs. L. Lewis, Mrs. Irwins, Mrs. M. Wilson, Mrs. E. Jackson, T. Bally, E. Nelson, Mrs. M. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Bolden and the writer were among those in the party. We have just closed a successful revival with 56 souls saved for Christ and added to the Church. Our pastor is

the man for this place. We carried out the Easter program. The Sabbath school raised \$6.50.

H. B. Abel, Bursbery, S. C.—Our second quarterly conference was held at Bethel M. E. Church April the 16th with W. M. Hanner, our coming presiding elder, in the chair. The elder gave us a grand talk on all the lines of Church duties. Paid elder \$15; pastor during the quarter \$122.56; raised for missions \$165.56. Our pastor, W. Y. Valentine, is loved by all the members.

W. E. Pruitt, Pastor, Dunnas, Ark.—March 29 was a high day with us at Witherspoon Chapel for F. E. and S. E. Society. Dr. W. Y. O'Neal graduate of Meharry Medical College, Dr. W. E. Watson from Knoxville College, Prof. Alfonso Reed and E. Robin Zine graduates of Rust University, rendered us valuable service. We raised \$10.43 of our \$15 assessment. Easter was a high day with us for missions. Raised \$7.97 of our \$12 assessment. We are only 11 members but trusting in God we hope to do all we can for the Church.

Anna Weatherall, Pontotac, Miss.—Our pastor, W. C. Conwell, preached an interesting sermon to a good crowd of anxious listeners on the first Sunday in April. His text was St. Luke, the 12th chapter and the 32nd verse.

W. H. McCarty, Reporter, Sardis, Miss.—First quarterly conference convened April 4 and 5 at New Prospect. Dr. N. H. Williams presiding. A goodly number of the brethren were present. Reports showed the work to be in a prosperous condition. Pastor seems to have work well in hand. Presiding elder preached to a crowded house and administered the Lord Supper to 52. Raised this quarter \$25.31. Paid presiding elder in full; added to the Church this quarter two.

Rev. J. C. Braker, Pastor, Citra, Fla.—We have a goodly number of young folks in my Church, and we are now having a Young People's Missionary Industrial School every evening. It is grand for teaching girls how to cut and sew. They are doing nice work. We have about 13 enrolled and hope to have more. The school is conducted by Miss Mary Jenkins. She is a member of the Church.

J. O. Richards, Pastor, White Hall, La.—Our first quarterly conference was held April the 4 and 5; nearly all officers were present with written reports. The love-feast was enjoyed. The presiding elder's lecture to the conference was highly appreciated. The presiding elder preached one of his best sermons. Two joined the Church; one subscriber for the SOUTHWESTERN. Also for the first time in the history of White Hall, Dr. R. E. Jones, our Sunday school agent, was with us. His lecture to the officers was a blessing. At night he preached a revival sermon long to be remembered. Forty came forward for prayer. Collection good. We are in the midst of a revival. Many anxious souls are seeking for mercy.

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Wm. Campbell, Pastor, Kosciusko, Miss.—My second quarterly conference was held April 12. Rev. Davis was on time. We had a good conference. The leaders' reports show that we are gaining ground. The work is done nicely. Received three persons by letter. We also held Easter service. The elder preached two good sermons. Total collection for the day \$21.46. We have a fine Sunday school.

John Tutson, Pastor, Deerford, La.—Rev. H. Taylor, our presiding elder, was with us on the 12th of April, and held our first quarterly conference. He preached a good sermon. We paid him in full \$10. The collection for the day was \$14. We are small in number but full of energy, pluck and push. Our motto is to get 25 converted and 10 subscribers.

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E. W. Coleman, Princeton, W. Va., F. D. Johnson, Pastor.—Our third quarterly conference was held April 11. Our pastor was sick and not able to be out. We had a glorious waiting on the Lord. The reports showed that we are doing something for the Lord. Elder W. E. Mitchell preached to the delight of all, and the good people of Dryfork made it pleasant for all. We have a very small membership at this point, but they are willing to do all that they can. Brother E. W. Coleman,

one of our local preachers, looked after the business in the place of the pastor. He is willing to do all that he can for his pastor and for the church in general. Our dear pastor is improving. Raised \$12.50. Paid the presiding elder \$10.00; pastor, \$2.50. Twenty-four communed.

A. S. Johnson, Pastor, Corner Stone M. E. Church, Clarendon, Ark.—What kind of a church would my church be if every member was just like me. Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some, etc. Hebrews 10: 24, 25. Come let us go to the house of the Lord. Micah 4: 2. I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalm 122: 1. I will go into thy house with burnt offerings; I will pay thee my vows. Psalm 66: 13. In union there is strength. The Lord being my helper, I intend to put the battle within the gate, a new church and parsonage, fifty souls for Christ, 15 subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. I went into the streets last week and raised \$20 on the parsonage. Easter Sunday, \$2.50.

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L. A. C.

Millican, Texas.—Our second quarterly conference was held March 14-15, with the presiding elder, J. E. Bryant, in the chair. He preached two able sermons. The writer preached in the evening. The Lord's Supper was administered to a large number. Raised for the presiding elder, \$9.00; for the pastor, \$25.75. The sisters had a surprise party in which 35 pounds of groceries were left for the pastor. It was led by Sisters Jane Robertson, Bettie Scott, and others.

Rev. C. Tays, Malta Bend, Mo.—The good people of Malta Bend gave Rev. C. Tays and wife a surprise, April 11. There were forty colored and six white

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L. J. S. Bell, Pastor, Summit, Miss.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival with 19 conversions and accessions to the church; 2 more had joined at Magnolia in the regular monthly meeting, thus we have 21 new members added to our church. This meeting was truly a time of refreshings from the presence of the Lord. The church was greatly revived. We are praying and waiting for great success here this year. Glory to God for his presence at all of our meetings. We are his. We will follow where he leadeth.

N. McNeal, Pastor, Dulac, La.—The church at this place is alive once more. We held our Easter services here for the first time in ten years or more. We have a good Sunday school of 18 scholars, and the Lord has blessed us with one convert. Rev. A. Thornsberry has assisted us much in the work. We are preparing to beautify our church and parsonage, and hope to have everything in order when the presiding elder comes down to hold his quarterly conference. The Lottinger brothers, together with Mr. Luke Bordeaux, have promised to help us in our work.

E. J. Guthrie, Franklin, Tenn.—Our second quarterly conference was held at this place April 4-5. Officers present with encouraging reports. They showed we were on the advance, and that all of the departments were organized, and had done something during the quarter and were determined to do more the next quarter. Our beloved presiding elder, Rev. A. Phillips, was on duty. He lectured to the Sunday school on the Sabbath, and preached two good sermons.

CENTRAL MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

FIRST ROUND.

Bowling Green, May 2-3; Hannibal, 5-6; Frankfort and Pittsfield, Ill., 7-8; Louisiana, 9-10; Clarksville, 9-10; Ellsberry, 16-17; Farmington, 21-22; Fredricktown, 23-24; Springfield, Ill., 27-28; Ironton, 30-31; De Soto, 30-31; Union Memorial, June 6-7; St. Charles, 13-14; Bridgeton, 16-17; Lebanon, 17-18; Rolla, 20-21; St. James, 27-28; Baden and East St. Louis, 29-30.

Dear Brother Pastors—You raised your banners higher last year and fought upon the field like men of war along all lines of church work, and your reports showed such encouraging signs of progress that your conference cheered you and God and the angels smiled upon you. Let us march to the front this year by raising every dollar of our apportionment for benevo-

lence. Hold revival meetings and work for the salvation of souls.

The district stewards meet at St. Charles April 22.

The District Conference, Epworth League and Sunday School Conventions meet in Farmington, Mo., August 11 to 15.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Bayou Goula, May 15; Plaquemine, 16-17; New River, 18; Conrad, 20; Port Allen, 23-24; Priestly, 26; Jones Creek, 27; Wesley Chapel, 28; St. Mark, 29; Donaldsonville, June 6-7; Darrow, 8-9; Musson, 11-12; Rosedale, 13-14; Wesley and Melville, 15-16; New Roads, 19; Union, 20-21; Lettsworth and Island, 21-22; Batchelor and Monganza, 23-24; Zachery, 27-28; Baker, 28-29; Slaughter, 30; Vincent, July 1; Asbery, 2; Macedonia, 4-5; Mount Carmel, 5-6; Clinton, 7; Wesley, 9; Jackson and Mount Zion, 11-12; Beach Grove, 14-15; Stony Point, 18-19; St. Luke and Plainview, 20; Summon and Mason, 21.

Brethren, the year is passing away. Let us raise all our benevolences for the district conference, which will convene in Donaldsonville Aug. 19. I am expecting each pastor to come up with his full apportionment.

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BUTLER, IND.—I would be ungrateful indeed were I to remain silent concerning the great benefit I have received from the use of *Vitae-Ore*. The relief derived from your remedy is incalculable. It has been of greater benefit to me than any other I have ever used. *Vitae-Ore* prevents Hoarseness and Sore Throat and I would not think of going into a protracted meeting of many weeks duration without first laying in a supply. I cheerfully and heartily recommend it to all, feeling that it will be a God-send to those who use it.—Theo. F. Frech, A. M., D. D.

VIRGINIA CITY, VA.—I am an Evangelist Preacher. Three months ago my doctors said I could not live, but the Lord has raised me from death to the Pulpit through the use of *Vitae-Ore*.—Rev. B. T. Moody.

HAMPDEN, MASS.—Just one month ago I received the package of *Vitae-Ore* sent me on trial and have prepared and used it strictly according to directions. I must say that I never before received so much benefit from any remedy in so short a time. In three days I began to feel its good effects and I am forced to conclude that you have a wonderful remedy. I had Catarrh of the Stomach, which seriously affected my digestion and that in turn painfully afflicted my heart. I had a sort of all run down feeling but have been gradually gaining in strength and buoyancy. I actually feel ten years younger. You are at liberty to use this report in any way you see proper; I mean every word of it.—Rev. W. P. Squires, Pastor Congregational Church.

NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA.—I have taken one package of your *Vitae-Ore* and find it something that gives new life. I want to recommend it to others; I have used it and found it a good medicine.—Rev. W. M. Ayers.

MARYSVILLE, CAL.—I have used *Vitae-Ore* for ten years and believe it to be the greatest curative for human beings that can be found. I hope that all sufferers will use it and give it a fair test, and I am satisfied they will find it as I and thousands of others have, a God-sent remedy.—Rev. Dr. H. E. Howland.

ELIZEE, MISS.—I have been afflicted with Nervous Prostration, Liver and Kidney trouble for about sixteen years and Piles for twenty years, so bad that I had to give up my church work. After using *Vitae-Ore* four days my Piles disappeared and the bleeding ceased. I continued its use for about four months and to-day my Nervous Prostration, Kidney and Liver Trouble are all gone, and there has not been a day since that the Piles have prevented me from riding horseback. I owe all this to *Vitae-Ore*.—Rev. T. H. Smith.

ALEXANDRIA, IND.—I have used *Vitae-Ore* with satisfactory results; also know a number of people who derived great benefit from its use. I cheerfully recommend it to the afflicted.—Rev. S. C. Hummel, Pastor Christian Church.

HOPE, WIS.—I have been using *Vitae-Ore* for some time. It is working remarkably well and I am feeling stronger than ever. Up to this time I have been doctoring with a renowned specialist and have spent much money, but it seems that your medicine must be given first place.—Rev. J. Wolf.

NEW WINDSOR, ILL.—I have been using a package of *Vitae-Ore* with considerable profit to myself and am well satisfied with the improvement of my health. You certainly have a very valuable medicine in your V.-O. Tonic. I wish all weak men and women could be brought to know of its value to them as a restorer.—Royal J. Kellogg, Congregational Minister.

HOLTON, KAS.—For three or four months before using *Vitae-Ore* I suffered constantly with severe pain through the main part of my body and small of my back so that I could not turn in bed without first sitting up, which I believe was caused by Kidney and Liver Trouble. A few days after I began using *Vitae-Ore* those pains all left and have not returned. I was also troubled with extreme drowsiness as night came on, and Bowel Trouble, which *Vitae-Ore* removed entirely. It is a splendid remedy to build up and give new energy and life to the human body. I shall ever speak a good word for *Vitae-Ore*.—Rev. H. T. Hough.

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King, May 2-3; Bridgeville, 2-3; Bow-
erton, 9-10; Barlow, 8; Kennolia, 16-
17; Brookhaven, circuit, 19; Brook-
haven, 23-24; Fernwood, 28; Chatawa,
29; Summit and Magnolia, 30-31;
China Grove and Tylertown, June 6-7;
Buford, 9; Columbia, 10; Zion Ridge
and New Zion, 11; Hub, 13-14; Rock-
port, 16; Crystal Springs circuit, 20-21;
Florence, 27. The District Conference
will convene at Florence June 25-28.

Dear Brethren—Christ and the
church are depending on us for the suc-
cess of the work. Shall we fail? The
answer is, No; we are loyal Methodists
and cannot fail. We shall come with
every interest of the church carefully
looked after, and two cash subscribers
for the SOUTHWESTERN from each
charge on the district.

A. DAVIS, Presiding Elder.

NEW ORLEANS SOUTH DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Camp Parapet and Kenner, May 17;
William Church, 17-21; Simpson, 22-
24; First, 28-31; Beatleville, June 4;
Schriever, 6-7; Thibodeaux, 7-8; Vi-
rion, 12; Napoleonville, 13-14; Wood-
lawn, 14; Houma, 21; Berwick, 28;
Morgan City, 27-28; Centerville, July
4-5; Franklin, 3-5; Godman, 8; Bald-
win, 9-10; St. Peter, 12; Hubertville,
July 11-12; Pattonville, 14; Jeaner-
ette, 15-16; New Iberia, 18-19; Craw-
ford, 26; Union Church, 25; Poncha-
toulas, 30; Olivier, August 9; Patter-
sonville, 10.

Brethren, be ready to report your full
apportionment for missions in this
conference; also send in the ten sub-
scribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. I am
glad to say that I found every pastor at
his post, doing his whole duty.

W. R. BUTLER, Presiding Elder.

PALESTINE DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Bryan Station, June 12-14; Bryan
circuit, 13-14; East Calvert, 18-19;
Franklin, 20-21; East Mexia, 27-28;
Fairfield Mission, July 2-3; Firfield
circuit, 4-5; Winkler, 11-12; San Au-
gustine, 15-16; Hemphill, 18-19; Jack-
sonville, 25-26; Oakwoods, August 1-2;
Palestine Station, 8-9; Palestine cir-
cuit, 12-13; Jewett and Buffalo, 15-16;
Hopewell, 19-20; Madisonville, 22-23;
Leona, 29-30; Hearne, 29-30.

Brethren—Those of you who have
not ordered Children's Day programs,
do so at once. They are sent free this
year. Order them at once. Let us
sustain our past record. District Con-
ference meets in Palestine August 4-9.
Program committee, which consists of
the presiding elder and pastors, meets
in Jewett May 19 at 10 o'clock a. m.
Those of you who cannot attend, send
in a list of names of persons who will
go on the program for Sunday school
and Epworth League exercises. Send
list of names to me at once, so we may
have a full program.

L. S. BLAKENEY.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Olney Spring, May 8-10; Harriman,
16-17; Heiskell, 23-24; Greenville, 30-
31; Warrensburg, June 6-7; Knox-
ville Circuit, 13-14; Knoxville Sta-
tion, 20-21; Morristown Station, 27-28.
District Conference will convene at
Clinton, Tenn., July 9-12, at 8:30 a. m.

Brethren, see that a parsonage is
built on your charge. Don't neglect it,
for they are much needed. Come pre-
pared to report all your benevolences
and a correct membership.

W. T. MARLEY, Presiding Elder.

In the May number of the *Southern
Workman*, published by Hampton In-
stitute, considerable space is given to
the annual report of the principal of
that institution, who reviews its his-
tory during the ten years since the
death of its illustrious founder, General
Armstrong. There is much in this re-
port of interest to the general reader,
especially if he doubts the expediency
of educating the Negro and Indian.
Reasons are given for the expense of
industrial education and an interesting
comparison is made between the cost
per capita at Hampton and at West
Point.

TOPEKA DISTRICT, LINCOLN CON- FERENCE.

Fort Scott, April 11-12; Mound City
and Iola, 18-19; St. James, 25-26; Rose-
dale, 29-30; Bonner Springs, May 2-3;
Lawrence, 4-5; Atchison and Valley
Falls, 6-7; Asbury, 9-10; Alma and
Mahaunee, 13-14; Burlingame and
Osage City, 16-17; Dunlap, 19-20; Man-
hattan and Wamego, 23-24; Lincoln
and Omaha, 30-31; Clay Center, June
6-7; Salina and Ellis, 9-10; Mount
Olive, 13-14; Larned, 15; Colorado
Springs, 20-21; Caldwell and Kingman,
16-17; Independence, 27-28; Chetopa,
July 1-2; Oswego and Parson, 4-5.

Dear Brethren—Push the benevolent
collections. The watchword is a dol-
lar from every member, and let each
pastor do his whole duty and our col-
lections will be greatly increased. The
district stewards will please meet me
at Mount Olive, Topeka, May 12, at 2
o'clock p. m.

H. SOUTH,

Presiding Elder.

NOTICE.

To the Epworth Leaguers of the At-
lanta District:

DEAR LEAGUERS—I wish to call your
attention to the Epworth League and
Sunday School Convention that is to
convene at Newnan May 27-30, 1903.
We are expecting to make this the
greatest Epworth League and Sunday
school meeting in the history of the
district, and we will succeed if every
one will do his best to have his League
and Sunday school well represented.
Remember, that the reputation of your
League, of your church, and of your-
self as an individual, is at stake; so
work to maintain your good reputation
by having those who are to represent
you, your League, and Sunday school
come to the convention.

We hope the pastors will do all in
their power to arouse the young people
and cause them to take hold of the
work. See to it that Leaguers on your
district prepare and come to the con-
vention.

The program will be out soon and
copies sent into each appointment.
Study the subjects and come prepared
to render whatever service is asked of
you. We hope to have with us quite
a number of distinguished visitors.

H. W. BESCHER WILSON,
District President.

THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY

Nashville, Tenn.—Doc. C. Ransom
was born June 12, 1861, died Friday,
April 3, 1903, at 12-m. He professed
a hope in Christ in 1885, was called to
the ministry very soon afterwards.

C. C. Ransom, Washington, D. C.
strong personality. He was a
man of great character and
high standing in the church.
He was a man of great
influence and was a great
leader in the church.

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joined the Tennessee Conference in 1894, was ordained deacon at his present work, Key Chapel, 1897; became elder in 1899 at Lebanon, Tenn. He was a faithful worker for Christ during this time, a faithful husband and a good instructor. He was taken ill Feb. 10. During his illness he did not forget his God, his church and his family. He died without a struggle and fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. He leaves a wife, three children and one brother and other relatives to mourn. Memorial services were held in Key's Chapel, Murfreesboro, Sunday, at 2 o'clock p. m., led by Rev. M. Williams, presiding elder of the Nashville district. He was memorialized as a good husband, a kind father, an intelligent citizen, a great preacher and a loyal member of the Tennessee Annual Conference. He was also a Mason of the highest honor. The following brethren were present and spoke: Revs. A. L. Nelson, S. B. Danley, T. W. Johnson, H. H. Hinton, P. R. Woodson, Dr. G. C. Harden and Dr. T. W. Stephens. The regular burial rites of the Masons were carried out. The following was adopted:

Whereas, in God's providence He has seen fit to call from our midst Rev. Doc. C. Ransom from labor to reward, and, whereas, Brother Ransom was a faithful member and minister of the Tennessee Conference, a promising

man, and whereas in his death we sustain the loss of a student and a strong preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He was earnest in promoting the great cause of Methodism among the young as well as the old of his charges; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we realize the loss the church has sustained in the death of Brother Ransom;

Resolved, That we share a part of the grief and sorrow of wife, children and relatives, and that we invoke the great mercy of God upon her who so faithfully nursed him for six weeks in his affliction, and we pray that the peace of God may be upon her, keep and console her in all her trials of life; and,

Resolved, further, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the District Conference record and a copy be sent to the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE for publication.

(Signed) T. W. Johnson, S. B. Danley, H. H. Hinton, A. L. Nelson.

De Kalb, Miss.—On April 10 Sister Matilda Roberts died in the triumph of faith. She was 29 years old.

Brother Silas Houston died the last of March in full triumph of living faith. He was 65 years old, and had been our class leader of New Hope M. E. Church. He died at his post. He was sick twelve months. He leaves a wife and children.

C. W. IYR, Pastor.

Lake, Miss.—Brother Lee Sims, aged 17 years, died April 12. He was a brakeman on a freight train on the A. V. R. R., and was a member of the church. He lived a good Christian for nine years. N. CANNON, Pastor.

Livingston, Tex.—Sister Martha Hardaway, aged 70 years, a faithful member of the Methodist Church for 50 years, died in full faith in the Lord April 9. She was born in the State of Virginia, converted and joined the M. E. Church in Louisiana.

E. MICHEAUX, Pastor.

Grenada, Miss.—Little Emma T. Phillip, daughter of J. H. Phillip, our superintendent, and Mrs. Phillip, died April 10. Funeral service at the home conducted by the writer.

Brookline, Tex.—At Wealey Chapel, Brookline Circuit, Brother Smith Blacknell died, April 8, with the smallpox, after a few days lingering. He was district steward and president of board of trustees. He was the founder of the M. E. Church at this place under Rev. Chas. Bryant.

Little Waneta Blunson, the daughter of Mr. and Sister Nancy Blunson, died April 10. She was a loving child.

J. A. TILLORY, Pastor.

Wedowee, Ala.—On April 7, Brother Frank Andrews died at the age of 72 years. He joined the M. E. Church 40 years ago and had been class leader, steward and trustee for 39 years.

G. W. REEVES, Pastor.

McDonough, Ga.—John Richie, brother to Rev. J. A. Richie, pastor of McDonough M. E. Church, died in Birmingham, Ala., April 17. Rev. Richie attended the funeral. He has our sympathy.

R. P. McDONOUGH.

Brooks Station, Ga.—Sister Vinie Westmoreland, a faithful member of Hartford M. E. Church, fell asleep in Jesus March 30. She was 85 years old and had spent her life in the work of the church, being one of the founders of Hartford M. E. Church.

J. W. SWAIN, Pastor.

Daniel Sueing, son of Mack Sueing and wife, died at his home March 12, aged 2 months and 5 days. The funeral was conducted by L. H. Horn.

Pelham, Tex.—Resolutions in memory of Mrs. Maria J. Carruthers, our district steward. She died April 6 after an illness of three weeks, aged 45 years. She lived a faithful and earnest Christian in the church for 32 years.

Whereas, it has pleased Him that doeth all things well to take from our midst Sister Maria J. Carruthers;

Whereas, the church has lost a faithful member, the community has lost one whose life was full of sunshine and service, the husband has lost a faithful wife, the children a loving mother; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy;

Resolved, further, as a token of respect to the memory of our departed sister, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and to the bereaved family.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. WATERS, Presiding Elder;
MRS. M. J. PORTER,
L. R. RICHIE.
MRS. L. A. RICHIE, Reporter.

Cotton Plant, Ark.—Sister Margie Hughes, wife of Brother Dan Hughes, died last month. She was a member of the M. E. Church about 15 years. She was a faithful Christian. Her funeral was conducted by the writer.

C. A. TAYLOR.

West Point, Miss.—Sister Emma McFowler, wife of Mr. McFowler and daughter of Rev. A. J. Trice, died April 7. She had been a member of the M. E. Church for fifteen years. She lived a consistent Christian, a loving mother and a devoted wife; aged 27. Her funeral was conducted by the writer and Revs. H. M. Thompson, Coats and S. M. McLeod.

J. BURTON, Pastor.

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Hawkins, Tex.—On March 30 Sister Fannie Beavers died. She was born in Georgia in 1823. She was one of the oldest members of Bethlehem M. E. Church. As long as she was able to attend she was dutiful. Her funeral was largely attended.

E. P. PRINCE.

Elisha Carr, the baby of Brother and Sister Carr, died March 25, aged 1 year 11 months and 24 days. Sister Carr has been sick over a year and is now very sick. Brother Carr is a faithful member of New Light M. E. Church. The pastor being absent, the funeral was conducted by Brother Robert A. Steward.

J. W. LEWIS, Pastor.

Reidsville, N. C., St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.—Moses Settles, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died of dropsy and old age, March 24. He leaves an aged widow, two sons and quite a number of grand children, who mourn his loss. He was 85 years of age. His remains were placed in the Wesley Chapel cemetery to rest, March 25th.

Mrs. Isabella Johnson is dead. She leaves a husband and three daughters, to whom our sympathy is extended. She was buried March 26th, from St.

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TIGHTLY BOUND

Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.
Mrs. Lizzie B. Searcy Donnell, a woman of sterling worth and strong Christian character and for many years identified with the St. Paul's M. E. Church, died March 29, at Johns' Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., where she had gone for surgical treatment. The remains were returned to this city, her maiden home. She was married to Rev. W. B. Donnell of the Presbyterian church, June 11, 1902. She was a cheerful, liberal, industrious and devoted Christian woman. Memorial services were held April 5, in St. Paul's Church, and an interesting program was executed commemorating her life. Dr. Chavis, president of Bennett College, was present and spoke in terse and lucid terms of the worth of this good woman, of many years' experience as a teacher. She was laid away in the Reidsville cemetery to rest, March 31st.
G. B. McLEAN, Pastor.

Mrs. Zephia Ann Hancock, aged 73 years, a faithful member of Lee Tabernacle Church, died very suddenly on April 17th, 1903, of heart trouble. She had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church 63 years; was one of the founders of the M. E. Church in Navasota, Tex. Her funeral was conducted by the writer.
W. HARTLEY JACKSON, Pastor.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Lauderdale, Miss. April 10, Rev. S. M. May of the M. E. Church and Miss Lillie Borden were married.
R. L. BROOKS.

Schriever, La.—At the residence of the bride, Mr. Dennis Wesley was married to Miss Jane Kannedy.
Rev. C. W. Kershaw officiated.

Hubertville, La.—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones, April 15, their daughter, Miss Lucy Jones, was married to Mr. E. Molo. Only the nearest relatives and a few friends were present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dudley S. Sloan, pastor.

New Iberia, La.—Marriages for this quarter: Mr. Joseph Howard to Miss Lillian Sallard; Mr. Eddie Radler of Lake Charles to Miss Pulld Sallard; Mr. Thomas Davis to Miss Celeste Labouse; Mr. Moses Ray to Miss Della Labouse.
T. J. JOHNSON.

Shreveport, La.—Mr. Jeff Horn and Miss Rosanna Hudson were married April 13, at Shreveport La., H. J. Wright, pastor St. Paul M. E. Church, officiating.

Crawford, La.—Little Bernon Gibson, aged 8 years, was drowned March 29. On April 9, Mr. Wash McGrue and Miss Louise Melton were married.
R. C. WORSHAM, Pastor.

Shreveport, La., Fairfield M. E. Church.—On the night of April 8, at the residence of the bride, in the presence of a large company of friends, Miss Lola B. Johnson and Mr. Abe Nelson were married.
D. M. Scales officiated.

Reidsville, N. C.—Morris Graves and Osaline Simpson were married at the residence of John H. Martin, March 17. H. Owens and Mary Lou Broadnax were married April 8.
G. B. McLean officiated.

Lake, Miss.—Mr. Walter Smith, of Meridian, Miss., and Miss Minnie Oddy were married on the 5th of Feb.



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February. Mr. Geo. Nicheral and Miss Rosa Diala were married February 25.
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Daily, Except Sunday.			
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Illinois Central.			
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11:55 a. m.	St Louis and Chicago	7:15 p. m.	
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9:55 a. m.	McComb Accom	8:50 p. m.	
9:40 p. m.	Sunday Excursion	7:30 a. m.	
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Memphis exp	10:40 a. m.	Memphis exp	8:00 p. m.
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Valley Express	6:00 a. m.	Valley Express	10:15 p. m.
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8:00 p. m.	New Orleans and Houston	7:05 a. m.	
8:50 a. m.	Pacific Coast Express	9:00 p. m.	
6:45 p. m.	Sunset Limited	11:55 a. m.	
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6:10 p. m.	Texas and Ft Worth Ex	8:15 a. m.	
11:55 a. m.	Port Allen Local	8:20 p. m.	
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9:45 a. m.	Saturday and Sunday	5:30 p. m.	
7:25 p. m.	Daily Except Sunday	8:05 a. m.	
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He will be at the following places on the dates given:

Mt. Zion Church, Thursday, May 28, at 8 p. m. At which time and place all Sunday school superintendents, Epworth league presidents and other church officers, with as many as can be present, are expected to attend.

First Street Church, Friday, May 29, 8 p. m.

Williams Chapel, Sunday, May 31, 11 a. m.

Union, May 31, 8 p. m.

Thompson, June 1, 8 p. m.

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Simpson, June 3, 8 p. m.

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LITERARY NOTES

The special features of *The American Monthly Review of Reviews* for May are illustrated articles on The Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, and The Irish Land Bill. There is a brief forecast of the important conventions and other gatherings of the coming months. The editor's comments on the Northern Securities decision will be read with interest.

Timeliness of subject seems to be the keynote of the May number of the *New England Magazine*. "Flies and Flowers" is the second in the series of outdoor nature articles by Clarence Moores Weed, while Clifton Johnson, the creator of a new school of photographic illustration, turns to a new subject for him in the "New England Primer," with reproductions of many amusing and interesting features of that early school book. Prof. Lawrence B. Evans throws new light on the "Negotiation of the Louisiana Purchase." America Company, Boston, 25 cents.

A CARD OF EXPLANATION.

It was said at the close of conference, and has been repeatedly said since, that the benevolent collections on the New Orleans North District did not come up to those of the previous year. It may appear so on the surface, but facts and figures will prove that there has been an increase, even tho there was a falling off in the

"straight" benevolent collections, in two of the largest churches.

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J. F. MARSHALL,
Presiding Elder, N. O. North District,
Louisiana Conference.

J. M. Lyte, Pastor, Lumsden, Chapel M. E. Church, Nashville, Tenn.—March 28-29 was our second quarterly conference. The elder gave us a good lecture along the line of church work and on the Sabbath he preached to us. Everyone seemed to be helped by his words and will be glad to meet him any time. Elder Phillips is a pleasant man and wins the people as he goes. Additions to the church, 8; raised during quarter, \$43.75; in Sunday school, \$3.76.

Rev. Ed. Powell, Pastor; P. Mitchell, District Steward, Mt. Sinai M. E. Church, Sterlington, La.—Our first quarterly conference met April 2 and 3 with C. D. Shallowhorne, presiding elder, in the chair. The class leaders all made good reports. Raised on Sunday, \$13; paid presiding elder in full \$16; raised this quarter, \$75.20.

C. E. Moody, Pastor, Hernando, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference was held April 11-12, with Dr. U. H. Williams in the chair. Quite a number of the brethren presented written reports, which showed a marked improvement along all lines. Notwithstanding the heavy rain that fell on Sunday, we had a grand time. Paid the elder the entire amount, \$12.50. The elder preached two able sermons. Fifty-six partook of the Lord's supper. Amount raised for the quarter, \$70. We have made some very much needed repairs on the church and parsonage. Notwithstanding that this is our third year we have the work well in hand and peace and harmony reign. My people gave me a very cordial reception on my return from the Annual Conference. The presiding elder says that this quarterly conference was the best that we have had since he has been on the district.

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on probation. On April 11-12 Rev. W. R. Butler, presiding elder, held his first quarterly conference. All reports showed some improvement.

A. Reid, Pastor, Edwards, Miss.—The presiding elder held the quarterly conference April 11. We had twelve members present with written reports, which showed the work in good condition. On Sunday we enjoyed love feast and Elder Threlkeld's sermons. Fifty-four partook of the Lord's supper. Money raised this quarter, \$76.80; paid elder, \$13.50; pastor, 39.40. Easter collection, \$3; the other on building and improvements. The Bishop made no mistake when he appointed Elder Threlkeld to be presiding elder. We have a good class of people.

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Editorial Notes

We are still expecting those subscribers.

You enlisted in the church for service but you seem to have forgotten that, or is it a fact that you did not mean it?

Do not be content till you touch some one of your acquaintances each day and arouse him to do something for his own good and the development of the race.

There are many who speak as tho they feel that a united effort is being made the country over to "shut the door of hope" in the face of the Negro. No doubt there are many who would gladly do so, but somehow we feel confident there is light ahead.

"There was a great deal of heroism in the course of the war, North and South, but there was not much statesmanship in the construction of a peace." These are the words of Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, the New York reformer. What he says of those who were then in charge of affairs is just about what many persons have said of his reform movement. But then we desire to remind Mr. Parkhurst that it is an easy thing to criticise, especially when one is where that kind of thing takes, as was true with him in Atlanta.

"Debarred From the Fair"

Under the heading "Debarred from the Fair," the *Methodist Advocate-Journal*, Dr. R. J. Cooke, editor, publishes the following:

"The colored man in the United States, North, South, East and West, seems to be in as bad a situation as the Jews are in Russia. He is now debarred, it is said, from making an exhibit at the World's Fair, and the daily papers inform us that the refusal of the St. Louis Fair Commissioners to establish a Negro department has aroused the ire of Bishop Abram Grant, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and several other leading colored men, who believe that they should have a part in the fair. They have issued an appeal to the colored people in the form of an open letter to Afro-Americans, in which they are urged to make a display on their own account.

"The appeal says the managers of the fair are inviting to it every nationality except the Afro-Americans, and the sentiment on the part of the managers seems to be to debar, ignore and humiliate the Negro."

Our contemporary may be right, but we believe it is laboring under a mistake. What some of our race leaders have desired is a separate department for the Negro, which, as we understand it, the management refused. Nevertheless our understanding is that exhibits made by the race will be gladly received if sent in with the regular state exhibit. To bear out this view the State Commissioner of Louisiana has appointed Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne to solicit and collect exhibits from Negroes. Nevertheless, we shall not drop this matter till we know the straight of it.

The Power of a Godly Life

The consciousness of being right gives one a bravery that does not wilter in the face of opposition nor surrender under the severest test. An inner life of purity does more to give moral strength, and the courage thereof, than standing armies. He who has the witness of the Spirit of acceptance with God bears unmoved the "world's dread scorn" and dies upon the rack as if on a bed of roses, and conquers tho he dies. Having once seen the Great Light, Paul preached Him whom he had persecuted and was ready not only to be bound but to die for righteousness' sake. Conscience makes heroes as well as cowards.

A godly life nerves the possessor to dare and to do and charms the lookers-on. 'Tis the life of Christ of which none can find fault that has won for Him a world-wide following. A godly life, not that which seems, but is, is a tremendous force.

As the sun is greater than the ray and the dynamo than the current, so is a godly life than the external formalities of song, testimony and prayer. It is not action, but something deeper. It is not that which appears, but is. An individual may externally be a saint, but internally a veritable devil. Such a person will be weak, lacking spiritual vitality and the conscious and unconscious forces of a godly life. He will lack Christian boldness in the time of danger and Christian fortitude in the time of suffering. He will have more dark days than bright; the way will seem rough and the commandments grievous. Not so with a life hidden with Christ in God: conflicts strengthen; tribulations give patience and the commandments are not grievous for the yoke is easy and the burden is light. As a counterfeit silver coin put to the test will reveal hypocrisy, so will hypocrisy be revealed when trials come to him who does not have the continued presence of God.

The godly life is pinioned on wings as eagles, walks and faints not, runs and does not weary.

The godly life is the fountain of perpetual youth. It gives freshness and vigor along the journey of life and in the shadow of death shows the greatest vitality.

Sin devitalizes, makes cowards and weaklings, hastens old age and breeds disease and death. Godliness is optimistic, hopeful, youthful, vigorous—the full bloom of life here and life eternal in the hereafter. Godliness is a dethronement of selfism and the reigning of Christ and Christly principles as the controlling power.

The positive experience of having passed from death unto life is the strongest and best of Christian evidence. More convincing than any theory or any philosophical argument. Knowing for one's self and not another that God is because He lives within, is the great vital argument of the Christian faith.

The world receives with shouts and banners the soldier of many a battle-field, but the world's

greatest victories, inner moral victories, are not recorded. God and the victor often are the only witnesses. No one watches but God while the soul and the tempter struggle. There is no noise of trumpet or the waving of banners when the tempter sneaks away and the godly arises with new strength; but the angel records the battle as one of the decisive ones in the great struggle of righteousness against sin.

Dedication of the World's Fair

While it is difficult to say whether the thousands of people who assembled in St. Louis April 30 to witness the dedication of the World's Fair were attracted more by the presence of President Roosevelt and ex-President Cleveland than by the dedication itself, it is nevertheless a fact that it was an unusually great occasion. The ceremonies began on the 30th with a military parade, consisting of regular troops and the militia of a number of different states, which was of sufficient length to require two hours and a half to pass any given point. The reviewing stand was in the midst of the Fair Grounds and was occupied by President Cleveland and others as the procession passed by. The parade is said to have been the greatest witnessed in St. Louis since the close of the civil war.

Our readers will recall that the Louisiana Purchase took place April 30, 1803, and the purpose was at first to open the Exposition this year on that date, but the management had not gone far before they found they had undertaken the greatest enterprise of the kind ever known in this country and that they could not be ready by April 30 of the present year. Therefore the Fair itself was postponed to 1904, but the dedication took place as planned. These exercises were conducted in the building which will be devoted to liberal arts, but is too large to be used for speechmaking because it is impossible to hear a speaker at any considerable distance from the stand. Nevertheless the fifty thousand people present saw the ceremonies even tho they could not hear what was being said. The vast assemblage was called to order by ex-Governor D. R. Francis, president of the Exposition. Cardinal Gibbons conducted the devotions. Mr. Thomas Carter, president of the World's Fair National Commission, was the president of the day. A great chorus, consisting of several hundred voices, accompanied by a band, sang "The Heavens Proclaiming," after which the buildings were formally presented to the President by Mr. Francis. When President Roosevelt arose to speak, the vast multitude was wild with enthusiasm and cheered themselves hoarse while he bowed his acknowledgment. Finding himself rather low as he stood in front of the speakers' desk, he mounted it, so that everybody, even in the remotest parts of the building, had an opportunity to see him. He could not be heard, of course, by many, but the order was better than at any other time during the exercises. At the conclusion of his address the chorus sang "Unfold,"

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Our Contributors

Seeking and Finding

BISHOP W. F. MALLALIEU, LL. D.

Every preacher ought to have a purpose in his heart to accomplish something great for God and humanity. It is unworthy of a Christian minister to be hunting for a place of honor and emolument. If such places come to him as the result of honest hard work and the faithful performance of duty, well and good; but if one attains such places as the reward of friendship or as the result of unworthy means, then surely his selfish soul will find small comfort, and no reward at the judgment day. It is the consecrated soul, the true follower of Jesus who sees in every place a field where sinners need to be saved and where the saints need to be built up in the holy faith of the gospel.

No matter how small the place or how obscure the work, it is absolutely sure that the eye of the blessed Master never fails to look with sympathy and interest upon his humblest servant, and while this is true, it is also true that in the smallest places there are weary souls that need to be comforted; there are those who have to bear heavy burdens and they need the cheerful word that is sure to help; there are those who are meeting with fierce temptations and spiritual conflicts and they need to hear the ringing words of faith that only a true pastor can give. Why not search these out until they are found and then give them the help they so much need.

So, too, in every place there are unsaved souls that will never find Christ and the great salvation unless some faithful preacher follows them from day to day with wise counsels and loving invitations. It is the preacher's one great business to go out into the highways and hedges with the King's invitation and compel the unsaved to come to the gospel feast. The way to compel them is to set before them the mercy and grace, and compassion, and love of Christ, until they can stay away from him no longer. The good preacher is like the good shepherd, he seeks for the lost sheep until he finds them, and brings them to the fold. If the preacher seeks for the lost and the perishing he will find them—and when he has found them by the help of God he will be the means of saving them. Sinners will not be found unless the preacher seeks for them diligently. He must devote himself to this great work. No other work will give him so much joy in earth or heaven as seeking the lost and bringing them home. The Lord Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost, so it is the preacher's supreme duty to follow the example of Jesus.

Would that all the preachers who read this article would become earnest seekers and successful finders of those who wander in the paths of sin and death.

Auburndale, Mass.

What Shall Our Preachers Do When They Grow Old?

BY REV. EZRA S. TIPPLE, D. D.

This question is not a new one by any means. Francis Asbury wrote in his journal under date of September 23, 1794: "Several of our preachers want to know what they shall do when they grow old; I might also ask, what shall I do? Perhaps many of them will not live to grow old." But preachers do grow old, just as other folks do. They have not discovered any fountain of perpetual youth. The preacher's experience is very like that of the poet:

"Bring me my broken harp," he said—
We both were wrecks—but as ye will—
Though all its ringing tones have fled,
Their echoes linger round it still;
It had some golden strings, I know,
But that was long—how long!—ago.

"I cannot see its tarnished gold,
I cannot hear its vanished tone,
Scarce can my trembling fingers hold
The pillared frame so long their own;
We both are wrecks—a while ago
It had some silver strings, I know.

"But on them time too long has played
The solemn strain that knows no change,
And where of old my fingers strayed
The chords they find are new and strange—
Yes! iron strings—I know—I know—
We both are wrecks of long ago."

Yes! Yes! Preachers do grow old. Asbury lived twenty years after he had made that entry in his journal. He was in New York at the time he wrote it, holding the conference, which had opened that very day. The question may have been raised in open conference. It would not be strange if it were. Some of the preachers were aging fast. They were not old men according to modern notions, but some of them would likely soon be laid aside. They could not longer endure the hardships of the itinerancy. The strain was too severe for physical endurance. How natural that with old age, or inability to do much longer the work of an itinerant, they should ask, "What is to become of us when we are old?"

This was not the first time the subject had been under discussion. It was no new theme in a Methodist conference. As early as 1786, and regularly thereafter, in the minutes of the several annual conferences there appears this question: Question 15. *What was contributed toward the preachers' fund for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of the preachers?*

The answer that year was *thirty-eight pounds, five shillings and four pence.*

Bishop Asbury's interest in the well-being of his preachers is well known. His famous "mite subscription" was started in their interest. This he carried with him on his extended tours, year after year, soliciting funds for necessitous cases. He always headed the list himself, and his allowance was but \$64 a year. He asked rich and poor to contribute, governors and hosts, generals and preachers, young and old, men and women. The preface of one for the year 1815, the year previous to his death, which contains in the list of subscribers the names of Governors Worthington and Tiffin of Ohio, General Van Cortlandt, of New York, Richard Channing Moore, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Virginia; Bishop McKendree, James B. Finley, Henry B. Bascom (then but two years in the ministry and eighteen years old), William Burke of the Salt River Circuit, Peter Cartwright, Samuel Merwin, Freeborn Garrettson, wife and daughter; William Capers, and many other distinguished preachers, and such laymen as John Baker, James Sterling, J. B. Oakley and W. B. Skidmore, states among other facts that "some of the annual conferences pay but thirty-one dollars to the unmarried and sixty-two to the married preachers, and the children are generally excluded from receiving anything in the settlement."

Bishop Asbury died March 31, 1816. That same year there was formed in New York City the "Asbury Mite Society" for the relief of necessitated traveling supernumerary and superannuated preachers, their wives, widows and children. This society took its rise and name from the me-

morable example of Bishop Asbury who, as has been said, was in the habit of carrying around with him a subscription paper which was called "A mite subscription." What he thus collected was distributed at the respective conferences among the most necessitous of their members, and such as were dependent on them for temporal support. After his death it was asked, "who shall supply this place?" The formation of this society was the answer of a few devoted Methodist women. This organization did not have a long life, but it was an earnest of the purpose of the people to provide for the support of their aged and broken-down ministers.

During all the years since, the proper care and support of the aged preacher has been a subject of anxiety and concern. At times it has been a burning question, but never more so than now. The heart of the people has been right in this matter. Methodists have never been without feeling for and interest in the old preacher. Their sympathies have been warm, their impulses generous, their solicitude tender. With many of our people the old preacher has had the warmest nook in their hearts. If they have heard of any one of them in want they have been swift to succor. But the tragedy of it is that they have not always known. Most of the deepest sorrows of superannuation never touch the surface of human observation or knowledge. What miseries have never come into the sunlight of sympathy! What agonies of those days when the old preacher "sits by the raked-up ashes of the past" never sound in the ears of our compassion. We don't help because we don't know. God forgive us! Why should we wait till some ship goes to pieces on a dangerous shore before lifting a light? Must every old preacher, "shrunk, tottering, bent, of aches and ills the prey," cry from his Golgotha "I thirst," before the church will give him to drink?

The question is one which is compelling the consideration of many of the denominations. The Congregational Church is pleading for "fair treatment for ministers," declaring that "the message of an apostle to American Congregational churches is: 'he that ploweth ought to plow in hope, and he that thresheth to thresh in hope of partaking.'" The Protestant Episcopal Church is attempting to put in operation some plan of insurance which will yield an income sufficient to maintain its priests in their old age. The Reformed Church has an agent in the field who is bent on securing \$200,000 at least for investment with which to supplement the annual contributions. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church is face to face with the problem. The Methodist Episcopal Church South has on foot a project to raise \$5,000,000 as a permanent fund. There is an almost universal opinion in all the denominations that justice has not yet been done the old preacher. The shame of it is keenly felt. The scandal of it is realized. Is it not time that effort be made to remove the reproach? Would it not be glorious if the Methodist Episcopal Church, which has so often led the mighty hosts of American Christianity in reforms of various names and kinds, and which has had the right treatment of the old preacher on its heart and conscience these many years, might set such an example of generous liberality as to inspire the other denominations to do their full duty. But whether they are influenced or not, our duty is plain.

This question the ministers ought not to be asked to settle alone. Some one must plead the cause of the old preacher besides the preacher himself. Natural reserve padlocks the lips of

many a minister who knows full well the sorrows of superannuation, and who realizes his possible, if not probable, fate. But who can blame us for our supersensitiveness in the matter? It is the layman's voice which should be heard. From the pew should come the command and the assurance, "Give yourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word, and in old age you shall not suffer fear or know want." This question is pre-eminently a layman's problem. They will not decline the responsibility, they will not draw back from the burden. They can count on the active co-operation of the preacher. As far as in him lies they can depend upon his financial aid—in several of our conferences the ministers have voluntarily taxed themselves for an annual contribution to this superannuated preachers' fund. But upon the laymen rests the larger responsibility in the very nature of things.

There is a story of a little London crossing-sweeper who found an apple, and offered a companion "a bite." The companion took a very moderate one, upon which the donor said: "You know you are welcome; bite bigger, Billy." The layman has the apple, his must be the hearty, resistless invitation to every old preacher to "bite bigger." In every part of the land the layman's voice ought to be heard championing this cause and showing his faith by his works."

This question will never be settled until it is settled right. The honor of a great church is at stake. The happiness and comfort of many old preachers, and many others who are fast growing old, depend upon the increased liberality of the people whom they have served, and are serving, with unselfish devotion. They have a claim upon the church. It is a just claim, and one which cannot be repudiated, if the church had any desire to repudiate it, which happily it has not. It is a sacred obligation which rests upon the church. The church has entered into a solemn compact with its preachers. As long as faithful ministers of Jesus Christ keep their part of the covenant, giving themselves wholly to the work of their sacred calling, the church must keep its part of the covenant, to provide for them in their old age, not niggardly, but with considerate and generous impulses. Any other way of settling the burning question of the hour cannot be worthy of the Methodist Church, which from its beginning has been righteously concerned for the twilight days of its self-respecting, loyal and successful ministers.

In every conference in Methodism this question of the better support of the old preacher ought to be so persistently urged, now when some of the conferences are laying the matter so successfully upon the hearts and consciences of the people, that there might be a spontaneous and conclusive answer in every section of the land where preachers grow old or are in need; that in every conference of universal Methodism there might be an ample, and, indeed, a generous, support for the preachers when they are old.

New York City.

An Appeal to the Washington Conference

In the name of the Woman's Home Missionary Society we extend to you greetings. We trust that you have had a year of rich and abundant harvest and that the favorable reports made and the satisfactory results achieved will be incentives to greater efforts and better work in all the departments of the church.

We come as co-workers in the cause of Christ. We have always shared your responsibilities, burdens, sorrows, afflictions, and discouragements.

We need not dwell further upon this fact, so well known.

You are well acquainted with the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society—of the work it has accomplished and what it is still doing.

An urgent appeal has been made, and is still being made, to the womanhood of our conference to assist in the maintenance of the many schools scattered throughout the South, conducted by the Woman's Home Missionary Society for the benefit of our race. We feel that not to respond to this call, when so much has been done for us, would show ourselves unworthy of the help we have received. We feel hampered because we lack the knowledge of your approval and the encouragement, which are so necessary to the proper development of our work.

For two years the faithful, though a few, have striven against untoward circumstances to do what we could; but it is far from meeting the demands or proving satisfactory to ourselves.

Our women of other denominations are active. Several thousand dollars were raised by the Baptist women last year in Virginia for educational purposes. With your hearty approval and support we can do just as much as other women.

If we were thoroughly organized, we would be able to render you better and more effective service. The Woman's Home Missionary Society makes no unnecessary demands upon us. We are asked to contribute two cents per week, or \$1 a year. Every cent of this money is reported by you, and to you the proper credit is given.

We heartily recommend the founding of six scholarships, one to be raised in each district for the benefit of the orphan children of our ministers, especially those that are most eligible and promising. These scholarships should be equally divided between Morgan College and Virginia Collegiate and Industrial Institute. Should this proposition meet your approval, plans could be easily formulated whereby this suggestion, which I think is both good and opportune, could be carried into execution.

The women of our church have always responded to all calls and have met every obligation. The women of to-day should do more. They are able to formulate and execute. They are anxious to do something which will compare favorably under similar circumstances with their more favored sisters.

We who have enjoyed in any way the help of others should do all in our power to help those less fortunate than ourselves. In doing this we are only doing our duty.

With the united efforts of our women we could do much by way of encouraging our young people to higher endeavors. Take Mrs. Brice for an example. With our forces combined, how easily we might aid her in the education of one of her children, thus lessening her responsibilities and making the child self-supporting.

The work of Brother Riley, of the Lexington Conference, in founding a Deaconess Home, deserves our most thoughtful and prayerful consideration. For the support of this Home, the Woman's Home Missionary Society contributes each year \$1,800, according to the last annual report.

The hour is ripe for us to employ some of those advanced agencies used by our great church in reaching the unreached—that class which ministers, largely, cannot bring under religious influence. The secret of the growth of all churches lies in the fact that they keep in touch with the masses through such instrumentalities as our

church has found it necessary to adopt in the organization of the Deaconess Homes.

Dear fathers and brethren, we know the demand made upon your time and the resources of your people are urgent and abundant. But we feel that the necessities of the hour are imperatively great, and if we will to do, it is possible for us to accomplish greater results in proportion as we expand our work and increase our faith in God, who helps those who help themselves.

The field is white unto harvest, and if we are concerned about the growth of our great church, we must send out those into the highways and hedges whose hearts are burning with apostolic fire, that they may set aglow that vast inert mass of our people whose sympathies and energies are not directed to the uplift of humanity and the hastening of the coming of the kingdom of our blessed Redeemer. MRS. L. B. STEPHENS,

Corresponding Secretary of the Washington Conference of the M. E. Church.

Colonel Lyons in Nashville

The fourteenth annual lecture of the Inter-Collegiate Lecture Bureau was delivered April 10, 1903, in St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, by Hon. Judson W. Lyons, LL. D., Register of the Treasury, Washington, D. C. This is an incorporated organization, composed of the students of Walden and Roger Williams universities. There was a full house, and the music, furnished by both schools, was grand and inspiring. N. D. Merriam, a student of Meharry Medical College, and a native African, was president for this administration, and presided with much grace and dignity. With an eloquent flow of oratory he introduced the speaker, and the lawyers and doctors of Nashville said, Surely Ethiopia hath stretched forth her hand.

The speaker began without any preliminaries, and dealt with plain facts and figures and made no effort at oratory. He was deep and profound from start to finish. Among the many good things he said was that the race problem was not a condition, nor a theory, but a plain fact. He took as the theme of his discussion "Charity for All and Malice Toward None; An Age of Progress." He said all the southern states more or less had dealt in black codes. Some of their constitutions were conceived in sin and devised in iniquity. Slavery brought its bitters and its sweets, and declared that a colored man could be white in all but his color. He said the colored man must be the finest gentleman and the best citizen in all the land. Poverty and illiteracy go hand in hand. He said that about four-fifths of the agriculture and all the unskilled labor are performed by the colored man in the south. No strikes or labor disturbances are ever perpetrated by the Negro. Whatever is good for one man is good for the other, and firmly declared that there was no conflict between industrial and classical education. The Negro will never be satisfied until he is rightly judged and not classified according to the mistakes of a fellow-brother. The speaker was of the opinion that the public highway belonged to the public, and a demand for equal accommodations is not an effort at social equality. The ballot is the highest right of citizenship and is sacred to black and white alike. If the Negro deserts the right of suffrage and endeavors to take it up again, his disfranchisement will be confirmed by his voluntary action. Vote, if you must vote for yourself.

At the close of the address, amid deafening applause, Miss Mae Fields, of the junior class (classical) of Walden University, made her way

to the rostrum and, with appropriate words and an appreciation of thanks in behalf of the students and faculties of the two universities, presented the speaker with a beautiful bouquet. This closed one of the grandest and most soul-inspiring lectures in the history of the organization.

R. R. BELL, M. D., Reporter.

Walden University, Nashville, Tenn.

Life of Faith

The Memory Guild

FOR LEARNING BEST HYMNS.

BISHOP H. W. WARREN.

Christianity is the most strenuous life of the world. Paul regards it as wrestling, striving warfare, ending in a victor's crown. Many Methodist hymns are pitched on this keynote, and ring like the blast of a trumpet.

Was it not the resonance of these battle-cries, the rhythmical movement of these marching peans, the spirit of "wrestling against principalities and powers, the spiritual hosts of wickedness in high places," that made our church, as Lincoln said, send more soldiers to the field, more nurses to the hospitals and more prayers to heaven than any other church in the civil war? Does not the same training account for the positive position and active work of the church on the temperance question?

This hymn is not in our present Hymnal, but it will be in the next. It is one of Bishop Heber's finest lyrics and fit to come from the same heart as "Holy, Holy, Holy," and "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

The Son of God goes forth to war,
A kingly crown to gain;
His blood-red banner streams afar;
Who follows in his train?

Who best can drink his cup of woe,
And triumph over pain,
Who patient bears his cross below—
He follows in his train.

A glorious band, the chosen few,
On whom the spirit came;
Twelve valiant saints, their hope they knew,
And mocked the cross and flame.

They climbed the dizzy steep to heaven
Through peril, toil, and pain;
O God! to us may grace be given
To follow in their train!

Reginald Heber, Bishop of Calcutta (b. 1783, d. 1826.)

Heart Keeping

Dr. Theo. L. Cuyler gives the following excellent advice on how to keep our heart secure against the assaults of evil temptations:

Heart-keeping is much like housekeeping. There must be continual sweeping out of dirt and clearing of rubbish—a daily washing of dishes, and a perpetual battle with all sorts of vermin. If heart-cleaning could be done up once for all, then the Christian might discharge all his graces, and have an easy time of it. And just because the assaults of subtle temptations are so constant, and the uprisings of sinful passions are so frequent, and the task of keeping the inward man what it ought to be is so difficult, many a one who begins a religious life gets discouraged and makes a wretched failure. The question with every Christian is: Shall these accursed Amalekites of temptation burn up all my spiritual possessions and overrun my soul? Shall outward assaults or inward weakness drive me to discouragement and disgrace me before my Master and before the world? Or shall they drive me

to Jesus Christ, who will give me the victory?—*Ex.*

By giving, you reduce, perhaps, your earthly store. By withholding, you lessen your heavenly treasure. By helping, your purse may shrink, but your soul expands; your material means are reduced, but your spiritual state is improved. By declining to help, you may, perchance, enlarge your worldly possessions; but you contract your heart. You manage in that way, so you think, to be richer in dollars; but you become poorer in the golden currency of generosity, benevolence, and goodness, those inestimable virtues which will shine undimmed when all the wealth of this world shall have turned to dust.—*Methodist Quarterly Review*, M. E. Church, South.

Woman's Dominion

For the Kitchen Queen

Meats or soups should never be covered closely while they are hot.

The fat removed from the soup kettles makes the best kind of drippings for kitchen use.

Any meat intended for soup should be put over the fire in cold water, since the object is to extract the juice.

Foreign cooks who use garlic and onions for flavoring to such advantage, parboil them before using them for such purposes.

Any vegetable of assertive flavor will be improved for persons who are inclined to scorn it by first parboiling it. Cabbage will be found far more delicate if it is treated in this way.

The dish of hash left from the breakfast may be converted into a savory dinner soup by cooking it slowly for two or three hours and seasoning it with parsley, tomato and celery.

To vary the appearance of the salad course, arrange four small slices of tomatoes on lettuce or cress. On two of the slices pile shredded sweet red pepper mixed with shredded celery. On the other two put minced cress and diced tomatoes.

If the beans for baked beans of either the famous "Boston" or "New York" variety are parboiled in water to which a little soda has been added before they are baked, persons who have formerly found them hurtful can often eat them with impunity. They should, of course, first be soaked over night.—*Picayune*.

Why People Call Her Nice

Always shielding others at her own expense.

Making a sacrifice cheerfully whenever one is made.

Avoiding discussions in the presence of a third party.

Always repressing criticism when there is anything to praise.

Inquiring after the friends and families of those whom she meets.

Expressing an interest in that which she sees is interesting to others.

Avoiding jokes of a personal nature likely to wound another's feelings.

Showing "small courtesies" to humble people without an air of patronage.

Looking at people and speaking pleasantly, although she may feel disturbed.

Taking no notice of accidents which happen to others, unless she can give aid.

Never refusing a gift when it evidently comes from the heart and is bestowed with pleasure.

Making no unnecessary allusions to any subject which is known to be disagreeable to another.

Writing letters to those who have benefited her in any way, or to whom she may give help or cheer.

Showing herself happy when she is enjoying herself, remembering it is a pleasure to others to make her happy.

Home Mission Notes

Among special needs for the new hospital in Alaska, are twenty-five cots and mattresses. A cot and mattress in that distant country will cost \$10. Mrs. S. L. Beiler, secretary of the Bureau, hopes that individuals and auxiliaries will feel moved to assist in furnishing these necessary articles. Money should be sent to Mrs. George H. Thompson, 2144 Fulton avenue, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio, specially designated for this purpose.

Rev. A. J. Simms, missionary to the Poncas, Okla., is endeavoring to carry forward the special work for Indian women begun by Mrs. Simms under the direction of the W. H. M. S., and so sadly interrupted by her death last autumn. The teachers in the government school co-operate most heartily with Mr. Simms in this endeavor.

A recent visit of Bishop Hartzell to the National Training School of the W. H. M. S. in Washington, D. C., was greatly enjoyed. He addressed the school, much to the gratification of the students.

The commencement exercises of the Lucky Webb Hayes National Training School in Washington, D. C., will be held in the last week in May. Rev. Lucian Clark, D. D., will preach the annual sermon and Rev. George P. Mains, D. D., of New York, will deliver the graduation address.

Miss Bancroft writes: "I was delighted with my visit at Orangeburg, S. C. There are two teachers in this Home, Miss Robeson, a charming young woman from Boston, who teaches educational sewing and cooking classes, and Miss Van Calpen, who teaches dressmaking, millinery, and also educational sewing. The girls are doing fine work, and the exhibit they are preparing for Chattanooga will be most interesting."

The Training School for Colored Deaconesses in Cincinnati, Ohio, has been removed to Indianapolis, Ind. This is owing to the fact that Rev. W. H. Riley, the founder, who has thus far carried on the work both wisely and well, has been transferred to that city. One of the first class of graduates is now serving a Church in Washington, D. C., while another has received appointment to a Church in Baltimore, Md.

There are special needs for the Alaska Hospital and Jesse Lee Home at this time which it is hoped that auxiliaries will feel drawn to supply. One hundred night garments for boys and girls between the ages of four and sixteen are greatly needed. This would make good work for the summer. Towels and bed linen are also in demand. It should be remembered that everything of this description is very expensive in Alaska.

Young Friends

Days of Jeremiah

CHAPTER VIII.

Thus spake Jeremiah one evening when he met Jehoiakim on the Temple steps. The king hurried on without stopping to listen but the people heard with approbation; they were tired of Jehoiakim and his oppression.

"It is strange," said Gedaliah to Jeremiah, "that wicked king Amon should have such a

good son as Josiah, and Josiah should have such a wicked son as Jehoiakim."

"You forget the mothers," replied the prophet, "character is made those early years while the boys are with the mother."

"True," said Gedaliah. "Well, we have had enough of Jehoiakim's wickedness. I wonder what he will do now that he cannot raise the tribute."

"He can raise the tribute if he wishes," replied the prophet. "The drought is severe and crops have failed, but the king can pay the tribute if he will cut down his luxurious living and be economical."

"Do you think he will?"

"No," said Jeremiah, "he will refuse to pay tribute any more and keep the money for himself."

"And bring down Nebuchadnezzar upon us?" asked Gedaliah, horror-stricken. "Yes, he thinks that Nebuchadnezzar is so busy with other wars that he cannot give time here now, and then Pharaoh has promised to come to his aid if Nebuchadnezzar does put in an appearance."

Gedaliah could hardly believe what the prophet said, and yet it came true. (2 Kings 24:1.) Jehoiakim did refuse to pay tribute longer, thinking that Nebuchadnezzar was too busy to come and punish him, but punishment came. The king of Babylon could not undertake another war, but he sent word to the wild tribes from the north to attack Jerusalem. They needed no second bidding but swept down upon the land like a whirlwind, killing and burning as they passed.

In those days of terror Jeremiah again endeavored to turn the minds and hearts of the people toward Jehovah, but his words made small impression. (Jer. 36:2.) Then God commanded him to write all the prophecies he had spoken. It was a great undertaking but he called Baruch the scribe to help him, and they made rapid progress.

(Jer. 36:4-26.) One day the prophet sent Baruch to read what they had written to the people. There were many people in the city, taking refuge from the wild tribes that were devastating the country. Now Gedaliah had a room in the Temple so placed that it served well to speak from, and here Baruch read the roll in the hearing of a great multitude. He must have read well for the people were more impressed than they had been when Jeremiah spoke the words. As soon as the reading was finished, Micaiah, the son of Gedaliah, went to the palace and finding the princes there in the scribe's room told them what he had heard. Then Elnathan said: "Jehudi, go tell Baruch to take the book in his hand and come." So Baruch came and Elnathan said, "Sit down and read it in our ears." So Baruch read, and as he read the terrible warnings Jeremiah had spoken they were afraid and said, "We will surely tell the king." But they told Baruch to hide himself and Jeremiah.

Then they went to the king and told him, and he sent for the book and commanded Jehudi to read it to him.

Now do you remember how Josiah felt when he heard the word of the Lord read? Not so this son of his; but when Jehudi had read three or four pages, Jehoiakim took the book from him, cut it with his knife, and cast it into the fire. Elnathan and Gedaliah begged the king not to burn the book, but the king would not hear them.

Then he commanded Jeremiah and Baruch to

be arrested, but the Lord had hid them, and while they were hidden they wrote the book again.

All of this time the wild tribes were drawing nearer Jerusalem and the people came more and more into the city, until finally they were almost besieged. Then came to pass the words of Jeremiah: (Jer. 16:18.) "If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the sword; and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are sick with famine. O Jerusalem, who shall have pity upon thee?"

Because Jeremiah had told them of these calamities, the people now accused him of bringing them upon their heads. The prophet was sore disheartened. He was very lonely without Daniel, and grieved that he had ever been born.

And now Jehoiakim died and the people cared not. They were so exhausted with the fight and famine that they gave no thought to the dead king, and the servants dragged his body out and cast it away without burial. (2 Chron. 36:8.) Jehoiakim's little son Jeconiah now became heir to the throne, but the few people who had any strength were busy fighting, and it was some time before he was crowned.

Ezekiel kept very close to Jeremiah those days. The lad was gaunt and thin but did not fall ill as many did.

"The people are glad that Jehoiakim is dead," he said to Jeremiah, "they think that Jeconiah will save the city."

"Jeconiah is a brave-hearted lad," replied Jeremiah, "but he has no power to save this doomed place."

"They say that God will bless the child in his innocence and lead the people out of their troubles," insisted Ezekiel.

To be continued.

Educational

Preachers' Summer Normal

At Sam Huston College, Austin, Texas, beginning June 22 and ending July 17, 1903, the Preachers' Summer Normal will be held. There will be full courses of study and an able and experienced faculty. The Normal is intended to help the exhorters, the local preacher just entering the work, to aid the minister who is to take the examinations, to aid all ministers in their work by arousing a spirit of study, of consecration, and enthusiasm in the work of the redemption of the world. A number of the best educated men of the conference will assist the College Faculty as instructors.

Bennett College

Commencement exercises of Bennett College will begin on Sunday, May 10, and will close with commencement day, May 14. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. A. H. Newsome, of Charlotte, N. C. The address to the graduating class will be delivered by President James B. Dudley, A. M., of the A. and M. College, Greensboro, N. C.

Samuel Huston College

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES, MAY 14-20.

You are invited.

May 14, Thursday Night—Cantata, primary department. Admission, 10 cents.

May 15, Friday Afternoon—Musical recital. Free.

Friday Night—Drama, "Defending the Flag," Haven Literary Society. Admission, 15 cents.

May 16, Saturday Night—Graduating exercises, dressmaking department. Free.

May 17, Sunday, 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon, by Rev. J. P. Wragg, D. D., of South Atlanta, Ga.

3 p. m.—Epworth League anniversary.

8 p. m.—Annual sermon, by Rev. Moses Smith.

May 18, Monday, 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.—Oral examinations.

Monday Night, 8 O'clock—Exercises eighth grade. Free.

May 19, Tuesday Morning, 10 O'clock—Class day exercises. Free.

2 p. m.—Annual meeting trustees.

Tuesday Night—Musical concert. Admission, 15 cents.

May 20, Wednesday—Commencement exercises; orations by graduates; commencement orator, Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Collection for boys' building.

R. S. LOVINGGOOD, President.

Resolutions Relative to Rev. W. W. Lucas by Gammon Students

WHEREAS, our friend and brother, the Rev. W. W. Lucas, has been removed from the position of secretary of the "Stewart Missionary Foundation for Africa, and, whereas, in such removal it is our sober and impartial judgment that the Foundation has lost a man most eminently fitted for the work of inspiring the hearts of young men and women for the work for which the Foundation was established, and, whereas, these three years of the work of the Foundation under his care have been years of remarkable success and growth in the number of productions upon Africa, the number of students in the special study for Africa, the number of hands for Africa, and in the number of volunteers for Africa—in short, in all the interests of the Foundation; and whereas, Rev. W. W. Lucas has ever impressed us with his genuine integrity and unerring loyalty to the principles of truth and the interest of the church and school and the work of the Foundation; and, whereas, in the prosecution of his work he, by extra lectures and recitals, paid his own traveling expenses voluntarily that the Foundation might prosper; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the students of Gammon Theological Seminary, take this means of expressing that we most deeply deplore his sudden removal.

Resolved, further, That we most highly appreciate the work he has done in inspiring us in the interest of Africa.

Resolved, further, That we have ever found him loyal to the interests of truth, virtue and righteousness.

(Signed) J. C. Prince, E. D. Petty, W. H. Renfro, and twenty-eight others.

Resolutions Adopted by the Senior Class of Gammon Relative to Dr. E. L. Parks

WHEREAS, we learn on the eve of graduation that our beloved Dr. E. L. Parks, who for seventeen years has labored so faithfully and conscientiously as a professor in Gammon Theological Seminary, has been dismissed on the grounds that it will be conducive to the peace and harmony of the school; be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the senior class, record herein our deep pain and humiliation that such a complaint, designating him as a disturber of peace and harmony, has been made against a man who has been so Christlike in his life and so patient and forbearing under all the

trying circumstances which have disturbed the tranquillity of the Seminary.

We record that we have never heard from his lips a single word that savored not of loyalty to the Seminary and its administration, and we have never seen one act of his which tended otherwise than to promote peace.

We renew our confidence in the great church of which we are a part, and we believe she will never surrender the principle imbedded in her history, viz., that no man should suffer against whom there are charges or complaint, without an opportunity to answer such charges or complaint, or to meet his accusers face to face.

We believe that when all the facts are known, the character of Dr. Parks will shine forth with increasing lustre.

We herein also express personally to him our sincere gratitude for his earnest and unselfish labors among us as a teacher, and the spotless example set before us as a Christian gentleman in his noble stand for truth, honor and virtue.

(Signed) L. H. King, William H. Dean, Robert L. Perkins, Joseph Griffith, T. H. B. Walker, Hugh L. Ashe, Henry E. Burnes, Robert P. Harriston, W. H. H. Renfro, J. E. Wood.

Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.C. Conference

Lookout Mountain Missouri Conference

A Conference for Leaders of Missionary Work in Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies of the Southern States will be held on Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, July 1-8. This conference will be similar in its general plan and program to the conference for northern leaders which was held last summer, and which will be held again this summer at Silver Bay, on Lake George, New York.

The purpose of these conferences is to bring together the strongest workers from the Sunday schools and young people's societies of all denominations for a week or more of unhurried prayer and conference concerning methods of missionary work among our young people. The conferences are intended as councils of war for the organization of a more comprehensive missionary campaign among young people, and as training schools for the better equipment of leaders in the campaign.

In addition to official representatives of denominational missionary organizations who are expected to be present, an invitation is extended to leaders from local societies.

Inasmuch as most of the delegates attend these conferences in connection with their summer vacations, the programs are so arranged as to give ample opportunity for recreation in the afternoon. Lookout mountain, rising 2,300 feet above the sea level, and 1,700 feet above Chattanooga, and overlooking seven states, forms an excellent starting point for numerous inexpensive excursions that will be organized by the recreation committee to points of exceptional natural and historic interest.

While the vacation features will be emphasized to some extent, the conference is meant to be a gathering of serious and purposeful leaders of young people's work, who are in downright earnest touching the missionary propaganda.

Further information concerning program-speakers, expense and other details may be had upon application to S. Earl Taylor, 150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

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Board of Education

Will pastors and Sunday School superintendents desiring collection envelopes and tracts for Children's Day, please send their orders to the Board of Education, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, immediately so that there may be no delay. These supplies are furnished gratuitously as heretofore.

Epworth League

May 24.

Attendance on the Means of Grace

(Heb. 12: 20-25.)

DAILY READINGS.

Monday—Public prayer. 1 Chron. 29: 10-17.

Tuesday—The conditions of prevailing prayer.

John 15.

Wednesday—Praying and watching. Eph. 6: 1-24.

Thursday—The word of God. Psal. 119: 97-136.

Friday—The Lord's Supper. 1 Cor. 11: 23-24.

Saturday—Conversation with fellow-men. 1 Pet. 1: 13-25.

The Word.

"Ye are come unto Mount Zion and unto the city of the living God" (Heb. 12: 20). The contrast is here drawn—and it is an immense one—between Sinai and Zion, or the old covenant and the new. The circumstances of the giving of the law were full of terror; the surroundings of the Gospel are full of attraction. How great a cause of gratitude is given the Christian by the simple fact that his channel of access to and communion with God is so cleared of all repellent material elements, such as the animals and bloody sacrifices of the former covenant, and that it is made inviting by the wealth of its personal and social privileges. In the description of the scene at Sinai there is not a term that suggests the personal touch of life with life; in the few phrases delineating the new covenant there are a dozen such terms, such as "city" and "living God" in the quotation above.

"To the general assembly and church of the first born who are enrolled in heaven." The word has the meaning of a festive assembly, and so indicates the joyous, festive nature of the new church life into which the believer now comes. Christian fellowship should always have a glow of joy about it.

"To God the judge of all, * * * and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling." This epistle not only unfolds the perfect and all-sufficient mediatorial work of Jesus, and the power of His blood shed as a sacrifice, but the privilege of the believer as a priest to come to God through and with Christ.

The Theme: "Attendance on the Means of Grace."

1. The Christian life is represented as if it were the birth and growth from infancy to maturity of the spiritual within us. "Grace" is the new world into which the soul has come. As with the natural life, so with the spiritual, an absolute essential of growth is food. If the Scripture speaks of the new birth and of growing in grace it also speaks of "milk" and of "meat."

2. An immeasurable amount of effort and skill is expended in supplying the natural life with food. The present qualities of nearly all food products have been obtained by generations of selection and cultivation. The enterprise of Christian lands now exploits every clime and country of the world to secure the greatest possible food variety. Then who can calculate the total of atten-

tion given to food preparation before it comes to the table? Even the table itself and the dining room must add their attendant charm before the ministry to natural appetite is felt to be complete.

3. Can there be any surprise, then, if the spiritual life shall require "means of grace," just as the body requires means of food? By a sure impulse of self-preservation every religious organization, as soon as it begins to exist, begins to provide agencies to nourish the life of its members. Methodism notably did so from the beginning, not only by such as existed before, but by special prayer and band meetings, class meetings, watch-night services, love-feasts. The Epworth League has done so in its devotional meeting and morning watch and plans for spiritual Bible study.

4. But nothing is more painfully incongruous than a sumptuous banquet and richly spread table with the place of many a guest left vacant. Only attendance of our members on the means of grace with vigorous spiritual appetites can fill out the ideal, and satisfy the purpose of God and the intention of Church and League in making these abundant provisions. So the Epistle to the Hebrews in another place speaks of "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh."

The Likenesses and Lessons.

Attendance on the means of grace needs to be prepared for no less than does our coming to the table. As the grime gathered in office and shop, on flying train or busy thoroughfare, in field or garden, is removed from hands and face, as attire receives some touch of attention, so let the soul by thought and religious habit be freshened and fitted to come with greatest benefit to the means of grace.

Good cheer at the table helps digestion. So a genial and happy atmosphere of good-fellowship and sunshine of soul wonderfully aids spiritual digestion, and greatly increases our power of assimilation of what is heard in any meeting. How Mr. Moody's meetings glowed with simple good feeling! How well he knew the virtue of sanctified humor in helping the audience to take the meat he gave them! Listen to Harry Monroe at the Pacific Garden Mission, and see how much the bright little turns of thought that cause a smile or laugh count in winning the souls that from night to night come forward hungry for the bread of life.

Not only will you receive strength yourself by attending the means of grace, but your presence will help others. If it is a social meeting your prayer and testimony are a component part of that which makes the meeting a success. Your very presence and readiness may greatly inspire the leader, and one person in a devotional or testimony meeting, having no specific part beforehand, may turn the tide of the entire service. The presence of the Christian young people in the mid-week prayer meeting on, Sunday evening public service, may determine the character of many a pastorate in its power to reach the unsaved. Very encouraging is the statement of one of the presiding elders of Chicago that a careful gleaning of the facts shows that 94 per cent. of the young people who attend the League devotional meeting on Sunday evening in his district are found in the public congregation.

"Christians must grow as plants grow, not by the use of one means alone, but by every means. The plant grows by day and by night, in sun and in shade, in the clear sky and in the shower, by means of earth, air, dew, rain. Any one alone

will injure and destroy. In combination they will cause the plant to grow in beauty and fruitfulness."—McLeod.

Some forms in which the means of grace present themselves in our modern city life appear almost as remarkable as the manner in which natives of the Arabian coast are supplied with fresh water, who, favored with no rainfall, are yet able to obtain fresh water from springs that burst forth from the bottom of the sea. Bamboo poles are pushed down from boats, and the water rises through the tubes. So amid the rushing tides of the streets, in the salt sea of business and struggle, some are able to find noonday services of preaching, praise and prayer, from which there comes to their little boat the sweet and pure water of life.

The Sixth International Epworth League Convention

DETROIT, July 16-19.

BY SECRETARY I. GARLAND PENN.

Let us have one thousand Negro delegates at the Sixth International Convention at Detroit in July. We can have them if all will go to work from now on and keep at it. One thousand delegates at Detroit from among our presiding elders, pastors, League presidents, cabinet officers and members of our Methodism in the South will be a great inspiration to our work on their return and will give new life and quickening to our forces. It will be money well invested to attend this greatest of all our conventions in the history of the Epworth League. What we want to do is to have our delegates from every point in the South go to Detroit by way of Chattanooga. We can all meet at this gateway and have a solid train of Negro delegates moving on to Detroit. With the proper arrangement our delegates from Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, and North Carolina can leave at a time which would put them in Chattanooga to meet the delegates from Georgia, Florida and South Carolina and then move on to Detroit in a body. Let us have correspondence upon this subject from those who are expecting to attend. We shall be in our office from now until July 16-19, so as to be able to answer correspondence promptly upon this and other League matters, and it will greatly help toward making arrangements that will be agreeable to all if we may hear from all who expect to go. If our district presidents and officers, with our presiding elders and pastors, will keep us informed and see that the delegates are elected and encourage persons to go who may not be elected delegates, and then inform us of these, so that we can open correspondence with them, it will be in the interest of the best arrangements. We shall go to Detroit not later than the last of May to make suitable and ample provision for the entertainment of our delegates, and correspondence is solicited. The railroad fare to Detroit will be ONE FARE FOR THE ROUND TRIP. Any one may find out approximately what the fare will be from his point by inquiring of the agent what is the one straight fare from where he lives to Detroit, Mich., and in this way he will have the round trip rate for the convention. Board may be figured upon at one dollar per day, the convention opening on Thursday, July 16, and closing Sunday night, July 19. We have 2,485 chapters of the Epworth League and Junior League in our conferences; there are of presiding elders eighty or more, 1,800 pastors, and 300,000 members, besides a following thrice as large, and from these we ought to have one thousand delegates at Detroit, that all may be

made to praise God for the glorious army to which we belong. We have not quite three months in which to get ready. That's not long nowadays with a busy Methodist presiding elder, pastor or League worker, so don't delay, if you really mean to go.

On to Detroit! On to Detroit!! On to Detroit!!! Watch the SOUTHWESTERN for information every week.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson VIII. May 24th, 1903. Title—Paul Before Agrippa (Acts 26: 19-29). Golden Text—"Having therefore obtained help of God, I obtaine unto this day" (Acts 26: 22). Place—Caesarea. Time—A. D. 62.

When Porcius Festus succeeded Felix as governor of Palestine, the Jews informed him against Paul, and requested that the apostle be brought up to Jerusalem for trial. This Festus refused to do. The apostle's trial before Festus was very much like the one before Felix, studied in our last lesson. Again the Jews were defeated. Paul appealed to Caesar, and the governor hearkened to his request.

Agrippa was a descendant of Herod the Great. He was governor of the dominion of Herod Philip. He came to Caesarea to congratulate Festus over his appointment as governor of Judea. Bernice, his sister, who lived under circumstances of great suspicion with him, was also in attendance. After some time Festus declared Paul's cause unto Agrippa. The king expressed a desire to hear the apostle. This was granted. On the following day Agrippa, Festus, Bernice, the chief captains, and the principal men of the city, came together to hear Paul. The apostle was brought forward. Never in his life had he stood before so great an audience, and never before did he make such an address. It is a masterpiece of oratory. He labored to vindicate himself, and to defend the Christian religion. He made a fitting introduction, spoke of his early life, gave a touching account of his conversion, and of his work after that event.

I. Paul (19, 20). 1. *The vision.* As he journeyed to Damascus at high twelve, a light from heaven shone about him. It was another dawn at mid-day. All saw it, but only Paul that Just One. All fell to the ground, but those that journeyed with Paul soon arose. All heard the voice, but only Paul understood the words. He desired to know who Jesus was and what He would have him do. Paul received directions, and gladly obeyed the same. 2. *The mission.* Paul was a chosen vessel unto the Lord. His cardinal doctrines were "repentance towards God, and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ." He taught that Jews and Gentiles should "repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance." His labors were chiefly among the heathen.

II. *The Jews (21-23).* "For these causes" refer to the doctrines Paul preached and the works he did. He taught that Christ should come, suffer, rise from the dead, and show light unto the people; that faith, repentance, pardon, cleansing, assurance, growth, sanctification, and glorification should be preached in His name. The life of Paul was faultless. He lived with all good conscience before God. The Jews charged him with being a pestilent fellow, a mover of sedition, a defiler of the temple, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. Three of these charges he denied, the fourth he acknowledged to be true. They who live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But Paul had "obtained help of

God." Through the mercy of the Lord his life had been spared, his wants supplied, and he had continued to preach the word down to that day: a period of twenty-five years. Jesus said to his disciples: "I will be with you always." His special providence is extended towards His children.

III. *Festus (24, 25).* The logic, rhetoric, and pathos of Paul's sermon touched the governor's heart; stirred his soul. He could keep silent no longer, but shouted with a loud voice: "Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad." He believed the apostle to be insane from poring over old manuscripts. Paul had spoken of a vision, of a light from heaven, of Moses and the prophets, and of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Festus felt that the spell had to be broken in some way, hence the loud cry, and the false charge. Felix, Festus, and Agrippa were all moved by the preaching of Paul. When the gospel comes from the heart, it usually reaches the hearts of those who hear. Paul in his reply said: "I am not mad, most noble Festus." I have not lost my mind by studying many writings. O that all ministers would show as much wisdom, meekness, and love, when disturbed in preaching, as did Paul on this occasion. There was no madness, lightness, or jesting in what he said, but he spoke "forth the words of truth and soberness," or seriousness. The bearing of a minister should be thoughtful, dignified, reverent and earnest.

IV. *Agrippa (26-29).* Herod Agrippa was of Jewish descent. He knew the sacred writings of the Hebrews. He does not seem to have been a bad man. He was no doubt familiar with the story of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Paul was persuaded that none of these things were hid from him. The life of Jesus was open. His death public, and His resurrection known to many. This plan of salvation was not wrought out in a corner, or in a concealed way. Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? said the apostle. They speak of a coming Messiah. I know that you believe them. You were taught them in your childhood, studied them in your manhood, and are endeavoring to live by them now. The king was deeply moved and said: "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." or "With but little persuasion thou wouldst fain make me a Christian," or "You do in a small degree persuade me to become a Christian." A Christian is one who has the Holy Spirit, and walks in the ways of Jesus. People are persuaded to become Christians by the preaching of the gospel, the study of the Bible, the power of the Spirit, and the influence of the church. Those who have been religiously trained, those who are leading strictly moral lives, and those who are deeply penitent because of sin, are almost Christians. Festus was altogether lost, Paul was altogether saved, and Agrippa was almost saved. Paul's great desire, and prayer to God was, that not only the king, but also all that heard him that day, were not only almost, but altogether such as he was except his bonds.

V. *Decision (30-32).* The assembly seems to have broken up rather abruptly. They did not wait for a closing prayer or benediction. Yet the sermon seems to have been about finished. They arose according to rank. First the king, then the governor, then Bernice, then the chief captains and principal men of the city. They went aside and talked among themselves. They decided that Paul had done nothing worthy of death or of bonds, and would have been set at liberty if he had not appealed unto Caesar. The apostle had acquitted himself and forced his hearers to think well of the Christian religion.

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Dedication of the World's Fair

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Ye Heavens." Prayer was again offered by Bishop E. R. Hendrix. The second address was by ex-President Grover Cleveland, who must have been gratified at the hearty greeting given him when he arose to speak. When he was seated the benediction was pronounced by Bishop H. C. Potter.

The pyrotechnic display surpassed anything we have ever witnessed. Thousands of dollars had evidently been expended in securing the fireworks. There were fifty-two numbers, among them being the Festival Hall and the Cascade Gardens of the World's Fair. These scenes were done in fire on a set piece 600 feet long by 60 feet high. The other numbers included everything known to pyrotechnics, not omitting the pictures of President Roosevelt and other prominent personages.

The dedication may properly be called an international affair, because of the presence of the representatives of the various foreign governments who live at the capital of the nation. There were also a number of the governors from many of the States of the Union, North and South. The second day's program was devoted to the representatives of foreign governments, and addresses were made by prominent Americans and two or three foreigners as well; and the third day to an immense civic parade, and other addresses. The military feature of the dedication was perhaps the most prominent, and the young soldiers certainly enjoyed their outing as well as an opportunity to show some authority.

There is a question in the minds of many as to whether the buildings will be ready for opening the Fair a year hence, but those in charge seem to have little or no doubt on that point.

An Extraordinary Offer

One of the most remarkable meetings ever held in this country by our Methodism was the Cleveland Missionary Convention of last October. Its doings, and especially the addresses delivered on that memorable occasion, have been published in book form, bearing the title of "The Open Door." This volume of nearly four hundred pages sold at first for \$1.00, but because of the larger sale it has had is now offered at 50 cents. All orders should be sent through the pastor or the presiding elder. As to whether this cheap edition will be published or not depends on the number of orders sent in. If you wish it, and will take it when it comes, hand your name to the pastor at once that he may send it to Eaton & Mains, No. 150 Fifth avenue, New York City. The money is not to be paid until notice is received from the Book Concern that the book is ready.

Dr. Adolph Lorenz performed several successful operations on children while attending the American Medical Association convention in this city.



REV. W. A. WEBBER,
Pastor New Century M. E. Church, Harriman, Tenn.

We are pleased to present our readers a good picture of the Rev. W. A. Webber, one of the strongest and most polished members of the East



NEW CENTURY M. E. CHURCH, HARRIMAN, TENN.

Tennessee Conference. With a very small membership he built the New Century M. E. Church in 1901 and dedicated it in July of last year. The building is well finished and painted inside and out, and is free of debt.

A cablegram sent from Havana by John S. Durham, recently appointed as an attorney of the Spanish Claims Commission, denies the statement published in various newspapers to the effect that he has applied for naturalization papers in Cuba. Mr. Durham still retains his citizenship in the United States, and will return to the country when he has finished the work he is engaged upon for the commission. Mr. Durham very greatly regrets the report, which has been widely published. It has caused him, and his friends as well, a great deal of annoyance.

The Methodist preacher is sometimes up and sometimes down. When he is up he smiles, and when he is down he blames the presiding elders. When the presiding elders are down they say the Bishop "done" it for spite.—*The Monitor*.

Simpson M. E. Church, Cadiz, O., Rev. Geo. W. Bailey pastor, has recently been renovated and repaired. The Steubenville Sub-District Epworth League and Sunday School Convention has just been held there in connection with the re-opening. The building as improved is spoken of in a very complimentary manner.

The *Epworth Herald* speaks of the Joplin (Mo.) outrage thus: "Poor Joplin! How deeply the Missouri city is disgraced! No words are adequate to characterize the savagery of that mob. Mad dogs or wild beasts could not have been more merciless."

Sixty-four thousand immigrants landed in New York the first eighteen days of April.

Bishop Mallalien's Appeal for 3000 New Subscribers.

Dear Dr. Scott:

We are fully impressed that this tap of the drum should be heard throughout the length and breadth of all our colored Conferences and if you will be kind enough to reach each Presiding Elder at once and learn from him if he and his pastors are willing to take their proportion of the 3000 and set the time you want us to report, we leave out the "if" and say, this can be done. Our District is a mission field, but I am authorized to say, that if the brethren agree to do this thing, the Rome District, Atlanta, (Ga.) Conference requests to be called on to report one-fourth more of the 3000 new subscribers to the Southwestern than any other District in our glorious Methodism.

And then the paper will be on a self supporting basis. This high appreciation of what the church has already given us will help us before the whole church relative to some other things we are clamoring for.

Very truly,
V. D. JENKINS. P. E.

[What do you say brethren; now is the time to rally? Write me at once. ---Editor.]

The Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., has sent out into professional life 546 graduates, not to mention the departments of pharmacy and dentistry. No other agency in the whole country has done so much to place the Negro on his feet professionally as the Methodist Episcopal Church. The "boys" do not always remember her, but no matter, the work is for humanity and not the individual. They can better afford to be ungrateful than the church can to neglect the work. The graduates have gone to the ends of the earth. Dean Hubbard keeps up with the vast majority of them, and gives the following statistics: Tennessee 93, Texas 71, Georgia 41, Kentucky 41, Arkansas 35, Missouri 34, Alabama 24, Florida 21, Mississippi 18, Kansas 12, Louisiana 12, Illinois 10, South Carolina 7, Indian Territory 4, Ohio 4, Indiana 3, District of Columbia 3, Oklahoma 2, North Carolina 2, California 1, Philippine Islands 1, British Guiana 1, West Indies 1, New York 1, Pennsylvania 1, Minnesota 1, Iowa 1, Bermuda Islands 1, Colorado 1, Africa 1, and Nebraska 1.

The latest sensation in postal affairs is furnished by Tennessee. John C. Algood, a rural free delivery letter carrier, whose route begins at Gallatin, Tenn., was held up by masked men and ordered to give up his job at once. The postmaster notified the authorities at Washington at once, with the result that the mail route has been suspended. It is evident that the difficulty is the outgrowth of the fact that some one wanted the job. Algood got the place because he passed successfully the civil service examination and because he was not objectionable to the people he was to serve. There has never been a single protest against him sent to Washington. No one objected to him but those who desired to succeed him. The case will be watched with interest.

Yes, indeed, the church can get on without you, but you will find later, if you do not realize it now, you cannot get on without the church.

Personal and General

Mr. Emmett Scott, of Tuskegee, recently made Hampton Institute a visit.

Rev. T. P. Norris, of Mt. Nebo charge (La.), is delighted over the advent of a fine boy in his home.

Dr. William T. Councilman, of Harvard Medical School, announces that he has discovered the cause of smallpox.

Rev. E. L. Gilliam, of the Lexington Conference, has moved his family to his new charge, Columbus, Ohio.

Rev. Z. T. Gayden, pastor, Slidell, La., was in the city recently and reports his work as progressing smoothly.

Rev. R. E. Jones, D. D., of the Sunday School Union, was in the city last week. Dr. Jones is an indefatigable worker.

Presiding Elder S. Duncan was in the city a few days last week. He is looking well and gives a glowing account of his district.

Dr. J. F. Marshall, presiding elder of the New Orleans North district, is continually on the go, looking after the interests of his district.

Hon. F. B. Smith, A. B., will deliver an address on "Home Industry and Its Adaptation Abroad" at Gilbert Academy, Baldwin, La., May 20.

The annual commencement of the Syracuse (N. Y.) University takes place June 10. An address will be delivered by General O. O. Howard.

The Rev. J. P. Wragg, D. D., of the American Bible Society, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon, May 17, at Sam Huston College, Austin, Tex.

Hon. Morris K. Jessup, of New York, has given \$25,000 to Tuskegee and the same amount to Hampton Normal and Industrial Institute in Virginia.

Rev. Edwin Holt Hughes, D. D., pastor of the Malden Methodist Episcopal Church, in Massachusetts, has accepted the presidency of De Pauw University, Indiana.

Rev. Thomas Harrison, D. D., the assistant editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, from 1841 to 1848, died at Shelbyville, Ind., April 18. He was ninety-one years old.

Rev. Homer Eaton, D. D., was absent from the annual session of his conference (Troy) for the first time in forty-six years. He is in China. His conference cabled him its greetings. Miss Alice C. Peck, the attractive daughter of Rev. Dr. E. W. S. Peck, one of the presiding elders in the Washington Conference, was a visitor at the Washington Conference.

The Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., one of our secretaries of Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, will deliver the commencement address at Sam Huston College, Austin, Tex.

Mrs. Mary Turnbull, of Baton Rouge, La., is in the city visiting relatives. Misses Emma and Hildred Williams, talented teachers in the city public schools here, are sisters of Mrs. Turnbull.

It is said that Mrs. E. Lewis, a colored woman of Chicago, has been in the hairdressing business twenty-six years. Within that time she has taught her trade to fifty persons and saved \$25,000.

In St. Louis, Mo., at the home of Hon. and Mrs. W. Farmer, Prof. Peter H. Clark, for years the leading Afro-American educator of Ohio, was presented a solid silver loving cup on the anniversary of his seventy-fourth birthday.

Dr. M. J. Marmillion, a graduate of the New Orleans University Medical College, class 1903, was successful in passing the State Board of Ex-

aminers and is now engaged in the practice of his profession at Morgan City, La.

We are gratified to have a number of invitations from members of the senior college class of the New Orleans University to be present and witness their graduation Wednesday, May 26, at 2 o'clock p. m., and we hope to be there.

Mrs. Troupe, the energetic wife of the Rev. E. C. F. Troupe, pastor Grenada, Miss., sends us eight cash subscribers. If we can get a good picture of Sister Troupe we intend letting our readers see what kind of a looking lady she is.

Rev. J. D. Pettigrew, at one time pastor of Central Congregational Church, this city, is now pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Sunnyside, Washington. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is in good health and enjoying his work in his new field of labor.

Mrs. Sissell, the cultured and progressive wife of Presiding Elder G. A. Sissell, of the Lexington Conference, attended the meeting of the General Board of Managers of the Womans Home Missionary Society in Cincinnati. She was the guest of Mrs. M. C. B. Mason and Mrs. H. U. Simmons.

We learn that Mr. Alexander Tramble, who was lynched at Guerdon, Ark., for cutting a white man who had struck him with an iron weight, was the stepson of Rev. G. W. Thompson, of the Little Rock Conference. This is indeed a sad affair and we sympathize greatly with Brother Thompson's family.

The *Conservator* refers to the fact that the southern wing of the Negro press has not discussed its editorial on "Bad Women," and intimates that it is because it is a dangerous subject to "tackle." Well, it may be, but that is not what deterred us. We read the production with very great interest but said nothing because we learned long since that our Chicago friends are awfully sensitive, and we haven't time just now for a round with the *Conservator*. The editorial was a timely one and handles the subject well as far as it goes, and we dare say our contemporary went as far as he knew on the one hand and as far as he thought wise on the other.

News Notes

At Sorrel, La., thirteen persons were bitten by mad dogs.

In Kansas City 20,000 school children greeted President Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt presented the Pope ten volumes of presidential messages.

A new rifle has been adopted by the War Department for use by our army.

The Venezuelan government has decorated Andrew Carnegie with the order of Bolivar.

The *Philippine Weekly* is the name of the first newspaper to be published in the Philippines by Afro-Americans.

Within four years the Philadelphia Conference has given \$1,886,867.12 to the Twentieth Century Thank Offering Fund.

Three cadets were expelled from the Georgia Military College at Milledgeville, Ga., for refusing to march behind a colored band.

At the National Congress of Mothers in session at Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Clarence Barrett, of Virginia, made a plea for the elevation of Negro mothers. Mrs. Barrett is a Southern woman.

H. H. Pierson, Jr., former president of the New Orleans Railways Company, was fined \$1,100 in the City Criminal Court because the company failed in eleven cases to comply promptly with the law relative to separating the races in street cars by screens.

In the Northern Oratorical League contest, which took place at Minneapolis, Minn., May 1, the successful competitor was Frank J. Milnes, of

Northwestern University. Eugene Marshall, of Michigan University, a young colored man, was given second place; third place went to George P. Jones, of Minnesota.

The United States Supreme Court, in an opinion by Justice Brewer, on May 4 declared invalid the statute respecting bribery of persons protected by the fifteenth amendment. The ruling was delivered in the case of United States Marshall James of Kentucky versus Henry Bowman, who was indicted for buying Negro voters.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation

Conference, Place and Time—	Bishop.
Alaska Mission	Cranston
Arizona Mission, Tempe—Sept. 24	Cranston
Atlantic Mission, Elizabeth City, N. C.—Oct. 21	Joyce
Black Hills Miss., Deadwood, S. D.—Sept. 3	Andrews
Blue Ridge, Smith Chapel, P. O., Glass, N. C.—Oct. 7	Joyce

California, Pacific Grove—Sept. 9	Cranston
California German, San Francisco—Sept. 3	Cranston
Central German, Cincinnati—Sept. 9	Walden
Central Illinois, Monmouth—Sept. 23	McCabe
Central New York, Canandaigua—Sept. 30	Goodsell
Central Ohio, Findlay—Sept. 16	Goodsell
Central Swedish, Chicago (Elim Ch.)—Sept. 10	Goodsell

Central Tennessee, Dickson—Oct. 8	Goodsell
Chicago German, Milwaukee—Sept. 16	Merrill
Cincinnati, Cincinnati—Sept. 9	Fowler
Colorado, Denver—Aug. 26	Cranston
Columbia River, Spokane—Sept. 2	Hamilton
Dakota, Aberdeen—Oct. 14	Fowler
Des Moines, Indianola, Ia.—Sept. 2	Mallalieu
Detroit, Flint—Sept. 16	Walden
East Ohio, Akron—Sept. 23	Mallalieu
East Tennessee, Morristown—Sept. 30	Joyce
Erie, Warren, Pa.—Sept. 9	McCabe
Genesee, Olean, N. Y.—Sept. 23	Goodsell
Holston, Knoxville, Tenn.—Sept. 23	Joyce
Idaho, Boise—Aug. 27	Hamilton
Illinois, Quincy—Sept. 16	Fowler
Indiana, Indianapolis—Sept. 9	Joyce
Iowa, Muscatine—Sept. 9	Mallalieu
Kallispell Mission, Kallispell, Mont.—July 30	McCabe
Kentucky, Covington—Sept. 16	Joyce
Michigan, Jackson—Sept. 23	Foss
Minnesota, Redwood Falls—Sept. 30	Fowler
Montana, Livingston—Aug. 13	McCabe
Nebraska, Lincoln—Sept. 16	Andrews
Nevada Mission, Loyalton, Cal.—Aug. 20	Hamilton
N. Mex. Eng. Mission, Albuquerque—Oct. 9	Walden
N. Mex. Span. Mission, Albuquerque—Oct. 8	Walden
North Carolina, Greensboro—Oct. 14	Joyce
North Dakota, Wahpeton—Sept. 24	FitzGerald
N. Montana Mission, Fort Benton—Aug. 6	McCabe
North Nebraska, Fremont—Sept. 23	Andrews
North Ohio, Norwalk—Sept. 16	McCabe
N. Pac. Ger. Mission, Davenport, Wash.—Sept. 10	Hamilton

Northern Ger., St. Paul, Minn.—Sept. 17	FitzGerald
Northern Minn., Duluth—Oct. 1	FitzGerald
N. Swed. Miss. Conf., Marinette, Wis.—Sept. 10	Foss
Northwest Ger., Charles City, Ia.—Sept. 16	Mallalieu
Northwest Ind., South Bend—Sept. 2	Joyce
Northwest Iowa, Sioux City—Oct. 7	Fowler
Northwest Nebraska, Valentine—Sept. 10	Andrews
Norwegian and Danish, Racine, Wis.—Sept. 3	Goodsell
Ohio, Portsmouth—Sept. 30	Merrill
Oklahoma, Guthrie—Sept. 30	Walden
Oregon, Salem—Sept. 30	Hamilton
Pac. Japan Miss., San Francisco—Sept. 4	Cranston
Pittsburg, Pittsburg—Oct. 7	Mallalieu
Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash.—Sept. 23	Hamilton
Rock River, Aurora, Ill.—Oct. 7	Andrews
St. Louis German, Pekin, Ill.—Sept. 10	Merrill
Southern California, Los Angeles—Sept. 16	Cranston
Southern Illinois, Mt. Vernon—Sept. 23	Walden
Tennessee, Martin—Oct. 15	Goodsell
Upper Iowa, Cedar Rapids—Sept. 23	Fowler
Utah Mission, Park City—Aug. 13	Cranston
West German, St. Joseph Mo.—Sept. 3	Merrill
West Nebraska, Lexington—Sept. 30	Andrews
West Virginia, Huntington—Sept. 30	Mallalieu
West Wisconsin, Chippewa Falls—Sept. 3	Foss
West Nor.-Dan., Tacoma, Wash.—Sept. 17	Hamilton
Western Swed., Saronville, Neb.—Aug. 27	McCabe
Wisconsin, Green Bay—Sept. 16	Foss
Wyoming Mission, Newcastle—Aug. 6	Cranston

Alabama, Anniston—Dec. 3	Foss
Atlanta, Covington, Ga.—Dec. 10	FitzGerald
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex.—Nov. 26	Walden
Central Alabama, Birmingham—Dec. 10	Foss
Georgia, Ellijay—Dec. 17	FitzGerald
Mobile, Union Springs, Ala.—Dec. 17	Foss
Savannah, Brunswick, Ga.—Dec. 3	FitzGerald
South Carolina, Sumter—Nov. 26	FitzGerald
Southern German, Perry, Tex.—Dec. 3	Walden
Texas, Houston—Dec. 9	Walden
West Texas, San Antonio—Dec. 16	Walden

In order that our readers might know the dates fixed for fall conferences of our territory and the Bishops appointed to hold them, at the earliest possible moment, we had them sent us by wire last week immediately on the adjournment of Bishops' meeting. This week we are pleased to present official list in full—except foreign conferences, which will appear later.

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FARM AND FRESIDE

Geo. C. Marshall Editor

FARM NOTES.

When farmers are busy in the spring they are liable to neglect many matters which deserve their attention. Now is the opportunity for getting the implements in order and sharpening the tools. The grindstone is a valuable adjunct to good farming if thorough work is desired.

The goose is a forager and grazer, and even alongside of the sheep will utilize all kinds of grass very closely, and will assist poor land to earn a dividend. Geese can be kept in large flocks profitably, so that "specialty farming" in this line may be conducted on quite a large scale. They may be grown for less per pound than almost any other meat upon the farm.—*Ex.*

The principal cause of chickens dying in the shell is a too rapid evaporation during incubation. Rather the best plan of arrangement is to immerse the eggs for a very few minutes the day before they are expected to hatch. This tends to soften inner lining of the shell. Sprinkling with tepid water will answer in some cases, but the better plan usually is to immerse.—*Ex.*

FOR A KICKING HORSE.

Many horses have an ugly habit of kicking in their stalls, and apparently no method has yet been found by which they can be effectually cured of this habit. Here, however, is a plan which was recently tested in Germany and which is said to have proven effective in every case. All that is necessary is to hang a bag of sand or gravel from the ceiling of the stable in such a manner that the bag will be a little distance behind where the refractory horse is standing. Whenever he kicks he will strike the bag, and in return will receive a smart blow from it, which he will remember. It may take a few days to impress upon his mind that he will always be rewarded for his unmannerly conduct in this manner, but unless he is exceedingly stupid he will quickly learn the lesson, and then the bag may be removed. It is asserted that a horse once cured in this manner will never again think of kicking, but whether this is true or not, time alone can tell.—*Ex.*

CORN FOR THE SILO.

Corn should be put into the silo when it is almost ready to cut and can be

put in at the time it is ripe enough to cut with good results. Formerly it was thought best to cut corn when rather green for silage, but later practice leans toward the stage of ripeness—just before it begins to dry out and the stalks become woody.—*Dairy and Creamery.*

Living next door to a provision dealer who is famous for the excellence of his sweet corn, I learned a thing or two last summer. He raises the corn on his farm, three or four miles from his home. The day's supply for customers is picked toward night, to prevent heating, and brought to the house, care being taken not to let it heat during transportation. It is spread on the grass of his back yard to keep cool over night, picked up early in the morning, before the sun has had a chance to warm it, and delivered to customers during the early trip on which orders for other goods are taken. The sugar in corn and peas turns to starch under the influence of heat, and this man has the secret of preventing the change.—*Good Housekeeping.*

FRUIT CREAMS.

Peel and slice, say ten to twelve bananas (any kind of fruit, fresh or canned will answer), and put them into a bowl, dusting them lightly with caster sugar; pour over them a small wine-glassful of lemon juice or liquor syrup, then whip lightly together a good gill of stiffly whipped cream, enough sugar to sweeten it, and vanilla to flavor it, and serve it piled over the fruit. Any fruit may be successfully treated in this way.

After handling onions, or other malodorous substances, wash the hands with mustard water. There is nothing better.

Four crops of corn are produced yearly in Cuba. The first crop is planted in December and the fourth harvested in December.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

To clean a sewing machine of oil or dirt, go over it with a rag wet with coal oil.

When broiling steak keep the blaze caused by the dripping fat from rising by sprinkling the coals with salt.

Eggs may be omitted from cookies, ginger-bread, fruit and chocolate cakes, as baking powder fully supplies their place.

Turning the flame of a kerosene lamp low does not save the oil, while it generates a gas dangerous to life.

Wrinkled silk may be smoothed by sponging it on the right side with a very weak gum arabic water and ironing on the wrong side.

When boiling common starch sprinkle in a little fine salt; it will prevent its sticking.

For good common cookies, take two cups of sugar, one cupful of good sour milk, one cup of lard, one teaspoonful of soda, and two eggs. Mix fast and bake in a quick oven.

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W. L. Dyas, Spring Creek, La.—No better people can be found any where than my members. They all own their homes. We have 80 scholars in our Sunday school. The stewardesses and W. H. M. sisters are going to carpet the pulpit and furnish the altar with chairs. I have built a room to the parsonage. The Sunday school ordered a clock for the Church. We have added souls to the church. Easter was a great day. Raised \$21.

One annual subscriber actually sent to this office proves what one can do to increase our subscription list, but one annual subscriber simply promised proves nothing until that promise is redeemed.

Joseph A. Reddix, Darrow, La.—Our first quarterly conference was interesting and largely attended. Rev. P. C. Colton of St. Peter, held the quarter. He was deeply impressed with our young people, and his inspiring lecture to the school was enjoyed. The pastor was at his post, and the officials were on hand with written reports. I wish to thank the conference for its approval, the good will and kind sentiment expressed for the writer. On April 8, Mr. Fred Thompson, one of our most exemplary young men, a teacher, was married to Miss Martha James of New Orleans. Miss James is well known as a teacher.

S. S. Lawton, Sumter.—On invitation of Rev. N. T. Bowen, the pastor, I spent the fifth Sabbath of March in Sumter to assist in raising the amount of \$1,000 of the \$1,800 past due on the new brick church, whose basement cost \$2,000. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather up to the following Tuesday evening we collected \$868.09. The people of Sumter, of all denominations, are wedded to Rev. Bowen. Sumter people are broad-breasted and generous and their excellent pastor seems to be the "right man in the right place."

C. C. Frazier, Beulah M. E. Church.—Our quarterly conference was held April 4 and 5, with presiding elder in the chair. Reports showed success a long all lines. Presiding Elder Shallowhorne preached a sermon to the delight of all that heard him. Paid presiding elder in full, notwithstanding we are surrounded by water. The people came to the Church in boats. Rev. Ed Powell was with us and did much good by speaking to us. Easter was a high day here. We will raise the full assessments.

C. A. Taylor, Pastor, Cotton Plant, Ark.—Our people are yet picking cotton. The gins are running and prices paid for cotton from 8 to 9 cents. They are picking in one field and planting in the other.

A. Member, Chilaress, Va.—Rev. J. H. Harrison has had the best result obtained at this place for 30 years. We had 8 conversions and 5 added to the church.

Have you sent in the number of subscribers you promise d?

Frank H. Harvey, Pastor, Napoleonville, La.—Our battle against debt was I am encouraged. All honor to the Bury Bee Workers: honor to the Sunday school. Many thanks to Rev. Edward Fields and his people for their substantial support. As also to Rev. Cheeks of the A. M. E. Church and his good people. Collection for the day \$56. By the end of the week ten all subscriptions shall have come in we shall reach the \$100 mark. God be praised. Our prayer meetings are more interesting. Wesley is spiritually alive, and I am now ready to find out "who is on the Lord's side."

J. I. Garrett, Handsboro, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference was held at the Church M. E. Church with Rev. S. A. Cowan, presiding elder in the chair. Report showed that the work is in a fair condition on all lines. The elder preached two sermons. Collection for the day \$22; subscribers to SOUTHWESTERN 9.

Green, Pastor, Rosedale, La.—A true servant will never be forgotten by those whom he serves. On Wednesday night, March 25, the pastor of Hartzell M. E. Church, was at Port Allen, La., attending the preachers' meeting of the Baton Rouge District. Four sisters came to the parsonage. They were Sister Josephine Thomas, Sister Tempa Denala, Sister Lurriner Thomas and Sister Emma Green. They all came in with many good things to eat.

W. J. Hampton, Pastor, Poland Charge, La.—I want to thank the young men of Poland and Richland for their liberality. Messrs. P. Dixon, H. Dixon, A. Burner, George J. Clark, Jackson, Sibley and others gave the pastor a nice purse, also 80 pounds of choice groceries. The pastor was led by Brother C. Johnson and Sister Anner Jones and others to the home of the bride—Mr. A. Bumer and Miss Ada Page were united in marriage.

W. M. Ector, Pastor, Kingston, La.—At the residence of Prince Harris Miss Lenomer Harris and Mr. Somes Blaw were married March 26. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. M. Ector. The Church is moving along slowly. I have two converts. We have covered the Church at Kingston and built a nice garden.

P. H. Jenkins, Pastor, Calvert, Tex.—My second quarterly conference was very successfully held by Rev. L. S. Bladeney, presiding elder. Brother J.

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F. Taylor preached a good sermon. Brother J. S. Smith was elected secretary. The reports from the class leaders and missionary collection, also local preachers and superintendent, were very encouraging with a few exceptions. Sunday was a day of rejoicing by the members and friends of the East Calvert Circuit. The entire amount for the presiding elder was raised, also balance due him on last quarter. Sunday afternoon Rev. Blakeney addressed the Scott Junior League. He said that this was the only Junior League on the entire Palestine District. Our Junior League was organized on this charge a few weeks ago and all the Juniors love their League. Let's not forget to look carefully after the children. If you don't know how to organize, write to Central Office, 57 Washington street, Chicago, Ill., for information. Remember the sainted Wesley's remarks: "I desire to form a League offensive and defensive, with every soldier of Jesus Christ."

P. S. Grant, Pastor, Brodnax, La.—I have been appointed to Anderson and Big Ben. The members though a few in number, met me with a smile. We expect to make a record on this circuit for the upbuilding of Christ Kingdom that will never be forgotten. Our honored presiding elder, Shallowhorne, was with us at Washington on the 22d inst. We expect to raise all of our benevolence on Easter. We have three members at Anderson Chapel and five in Big Ben.

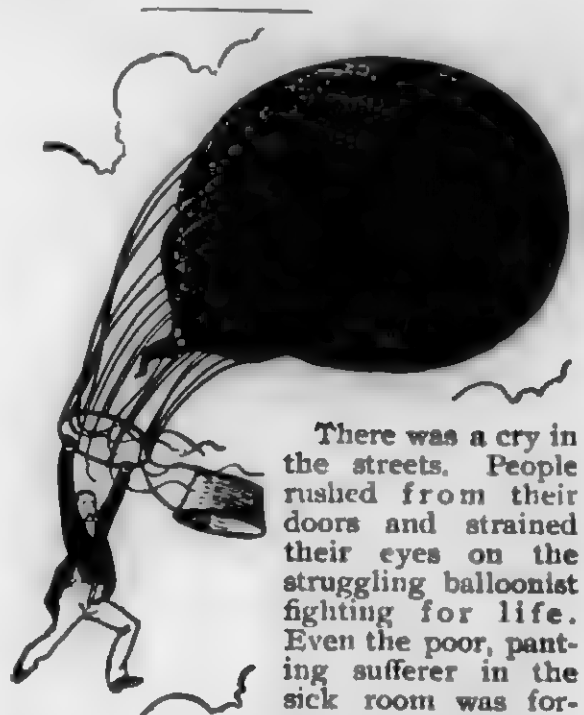
Slater, Mo.—Our ex-pastor, Rev. Wm. H. Smith, who has served us for the past year and who at the last session of the Central Missouri Conference, was promoted to the presiding eldership in the Sedalia District, was given a most hearty and enthusiastic farewell reception at the parsonage on Thursday evening, March 26. The members of the Church and friends among both white and colored citizens, regretted very much the change which has come to our Church and community in the departure of Brother Smith. Presents of various kinds were left by the crowd of people as a token of their respect and appreciation. Before the friends left for their homes a prayer was offered and the hymn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," was sung.

J. W. Wells, Pastor, Lenair, N. C.—Our second quarterly conference convened at Warrior's Gap, March 21 and 22. Our much beloved presiding elder, Rev. M. M. Jones, was in the chair. The reports rendered showed signs of some improvement in the work. Notwithstanding the almost constant rainfall on the Sabbath, an appreciative audience assembled in the Church to listen to the preaching of God's word and partake of Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Elder Jones was at his best all day, and certainly the Lord was with him, for he preached two wonderful sermons. Quite a number of persons communed. The presiding elder also preached at 8 p. m. at Lenair. On Tuesday night a large audience assembled to hear him. We paid him \$16.30. Pastor \$4.24. Total amount raised the visit \$20.54. May the Lord bless the good members and friends on this charge.

J. L. Augustus, Pastor, Boyce, La.—I started my revival meeting Sunday night, March 22 in a quarterly love-feast. The altar is crowded with mourners, calling on God for mercy. The Church is taking new life on all lines. The Lord is with us. On March 22 a grand surprise was given the pastor led by Sister L. Westens and Sister A. Harris, A. Emgram, R. Westens. They loaded the table with groceries of all kinds, also presented the pastor with a nice purse of money. They left the pastor and family happy.

Chas. C. Landry, Pastor, Bastrop, La.—Our first quarterly conference was held by our esteemed presiding elder, the Rev. Chas. C. Shallowhorne. The elder on reaching here received a hearty welcome from his many friends. In these parts where the Negro is simply regarded as a hewer of wood and a drawer of water, the elder gets the how-do-you-do "parson" and a warm hand-shake from the best white people and is highly honored by his own. Rev. Shallowhorne is a broad man. As a high official of the Louisiana Conference, he stands conspicuous, and is a whole-souled Christian man. At present he is being much sought, for his advice, views and ideas both in Church and state. He recently received the appointment as commissioner for Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Brother Armstead Smith, Jr., while at work in the blacksmith shop, met with a serious accident. While planing the tail gate of a wagon his hand slipped on the knife of the planing machine, and three fingers were cut off and the hand badly lacerated. Mrs. Eva Smith, his wife, gave birth to the seventh boy this morning. Mother and child are doing nicely.

A. B. Harris, Pastor, Darrowville, La.—This charge is alive spiritually, notwithstanding the continued rains. The river is higher here than ever before. But amidst all of this our members and friends are mindful of their pastor. On Saturday morning we were surprised when Mr. George Kenner, a sinner friend, rode up to our door coming nine miles with a sack of groceries (75 pounds) from class No. 4. The weather prevented them having a surprise, therefore they sent these pounds to hold us awhile. We are planning for Easter. We have three converts. We hope to make this a high day spiritually and financially.



There was a cry in the streets. People rushed from their doors and strained their eyes on the struggling balloonist fighting for life. Even the poor, panting sufferer in the sick room was forgotten while the family gazed breathless at this strange tragedy of the air. Then they went back to the sick room to tell of the terrible struggle for life they had just witnessed. It did not occur to them that under their very eyes a more terrible, more pathetic struggle was going on daily.

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J. McKee, Pastor, Campti, La.—I thank the good Lord for the storm that visited the parsonage last Tuesday night and left on my table 80 pounds of groceries. Brother C. C. Smith made the presentation speech, and the pastor responded.

J. C. Roberts, Knoxville, Tenn.—The presiding elder, Rev. W. T. Marley, held the second quarterly conference at the East Vine Avenue M. E. Church on the 21st and 22d inst. The weather was very inclement, but we convinced the elder of the fact that, we can sing the old song that our fathers used to sing, "Through Floods and Flames If Jesus Leads, I'll Follow Where He Goes." For we had a full house at all of the services, and raised every cent of our assessment for the presiding elder, and no small amount of pocket change for the pastor. Evidences of progress are visible along all lines. Please duly notify Rev. Hunly of Alabama, that I am not dead nor lost.

S. W. Troupe, Goodman, Miss.—This charge is moving along nicely. This is my third year. Everything bids fair for it to be my best year. Elder Woolfolk said some things in my first quarterly conference which will never be forgotten. He knows what to say and when to say it. The quarterly conference was largely attended; over 100 partook of the Sacrament, also Lincoln's birthday was celebrated with grand results. The collection was taken by Sister Susan Turner and Sister Cherry Dinkens, Sisters Eliza Red and Sallie Metcalf.

Miss Lela Miller, Centreville, La.—We regret to say our superintendent, Mr. W. H. Osborne, of our Sunday school here, was bitten by a snake.

He has been very sick but is much better. We love our superintendent, as he is so kind to us children. Papa takes the SOUTHWESTERN. I am 16 years old.

J. A. Landry, Pastor, Berwick, La.—Our first quarterly conference was quite a success. The Rev. W. R. Butler was in the chair. All officers were present except four. The presiding elder was paid in full, and a few dollars left for the pastor. Much praise is due to Sister Louisa Davis, the district stewardess, who knows how to care for the presiding elder and all others who go to her home. On Tuesday night the presiding elder preached a soul-searching sermon. The Rev. J. H. Leonard of St. John Baptist Church and a good many of his people were present. Rev. H. W. Coleman of the little Zion Baptist Church, was absent but the major part of his officers and members were present to help the cause along. Rev. E. B. Banks from the Baptist Church in Jeanerette was also present. Collection for the quarter \$30.70; paid the pastor \$16.70.

L. L. Shumpert, Pastor, Canton, Miss.—This charge is in a more prosperous condition than ever before, the members claim. Our first quarterly conference was held March 28 and 29. Dr. J. H. Shumpert in the chair. Sunday was a high day in Zion. The Lord was with us. The elder preached two wonderful sermons and administered Sacrament to 112 communicants. Eleven adults were baptized. Collection \$31. The Lord wonderfully blessed us in revival. We had 35 accessions to the Church and 16 conversions.

Ed Clarke, Hockley, Tex.—We are delighted to say that our Epworth League is practically at work. It was reorganized a few months ago with an efficient set of officers: Mrs. C. H. Bell, president; Mr. Miles W. Jordan, first vice-president; Miss Pearl Montgomery, second vice president; Miss Anna N. Benchley, third vice president; Miss Mary H. Mason, fourth vice president; Mrs. Kate Gage, benevolent work; Mr. Ed Clarke, department of correspondence. We are glad to say that much reformation is being brought about by this auxiliary. The pastor, Rev. Jos. Jordan, is happy over the growth of the League, and encourages it with his devoted presence, and when called upon, renders us excellent service. Some of the most prominent men in this place are sinners, and they do not only unite with us in the literary and social work, but they are in sympathy with the Mercy, and help work and come in crowds at 3:30 p. m. each Sunday to be in our spiritual meetings. From their own expressions we are made to feel that the Epworth League will be instrumental in having many to accept Jesus Christ as their leader. We can not say too much concerning the valued service Miss Anna N. Benchley, our public school teacher, gave us on the night of April 1st. The League Social, conducted by Miss Mason and committee, was model

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Easter Reports

H. J. Jordan, Pastor, China Grove Charge.—Easter Sunday was indeed a grand day. Collection, \$6.00.

Jesse D. Poole, Pastor, Franklin, La., Asbury M. E. Church.—Our Easter program was carried out to the letter. Collection, \$21.18.

W. E. Blackson, Denison, Texas.—Easter services were grand. Collection, \$10.10.

W. A. Parks, Pastor, Prairie Plains, Tex.—Easter was a high day with us. Collection, \$9.65.

Wm. H. Hebrew, Pastor, Nashville Circuit.—Easter was celebrated at Ebenezer with appropriate exercises. Collection, \$10. \$2.10.

D. G. Taylor, Asbury Chapel M. E. Church, New Orleans, La.—A glorious time Easter. Collection, \$5.00.

R. Howze, Pastor, Shubuta, Miss.—We observed Easter. Collection, \$10.

James Jordan, Pastor, Hockley, Tex.—Easter has come and gone and truly we had a grand time. We closed our Easter collection Monday night with \$22.23.

R. S. Stacy, Pastor, Waresboro and Nicholls.—Easter program was carried out at two of my churches. Collection, \$6.21.

Miss Emma L. Reese, Tallapoosa, Ga.—We had a grand time here Easter Sunday. The church was packed. We raised \$3.50. The services were conducted by Miss Emma L. Reese. The opening address was made by Mrs. Sterling. The exercises were grand.

Rev. C. D. Cockelle, Pastor.—Easter service here was very good. Collection, \$14.00.

D. S. Smith, Pastor.—City Mission is yet alive. Easter was a great day with us.

Rev. M. S. Goins, Pastor, Wesley M. E. Church, Houma, La.—The Easter service was carried out nicely. Collection, \$10.

W. M. Johnson, Pastor, Mountain City, Tenn.—Easter was a grand day with us. Collection, \$5.17.

M. T. Vaughn, Baldwin, Ark.—Easter rally at Rock Comfort was a success. Collection, \$2.05.

J. L. J., Houston, Texas.—Easter morning broke forth in a blaze of brilliancy and glory. The children acquitted themselves splendidly. Collection, \$130.

O. J. Harvey, Charenton, La.—Easter was a high day here. Raised \$10 for missions.

N. J. Ross, Chickamauga, Ga.—Easter Sunday was a very high and happy day with us. Collection better than ever before.

W. S. Leake, Lexington, Miss.—Easter services were quite impressive. Collection, \$24.45.

R. H. Warren, Pastor, Dickenson, Texas.—We carried the Easter Dawn program out grandly. Collection, \$5.

Crawford, Miss.—Easter was a high day in Crawford. Raised \$26.50.

F. C. Hamilton, Lobdell, La.—We had a glorious Easter. Collection, \$3.35.

E. Bullock, Supt., Bullock's Chapel, Miss.—Easter was observed and the program carried out to order. Raised

W. H. Whitlock, Pastor, Amory, Miss.—Easter was a success. Collection, \$15.30.

Mt. Zion M. E. Church, W. Washington, D. C.—All were delighted with the rendition of the Easter program by

the Sunday school. The Sunday school Easter offering was \$119.30.

F. D. Bowers, Pastor, Gray, La.—Easter service was observed at Mt. Vernon; program was carried out. Collection, \$5.00.

H. B. Hart, Pastor, Winona, Miss.—Easter was a big day in Winona. Closed out on Easter night with \$546.

J. C. Whitlodge, Pastor, Celia Moore, Superintendent.—We had a grand time in Sabbath school, after which a program was rendered. Collection, \$2.50.

W. L. Darius, Pastor, Union Springs, Ala.—Easter was a high day with us. Collection, \$8.76.

J. A. Landry, Berwick, La.—Our day and night services were given to the children's program, which was carefully carried out. Collection, \$16.60.

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C. P. Cannon, Pastor, West Point, Ga.—Our first quarterly conference was held on the 21st and 22d inst., with Rev. J. D. Jenkins, presiding elder, in the chair. Reports showed improvement. The down pour of rain was heavy on Sunday, but the people came out. At 11 o'clock a. m. the elder preached a very interesting sermon. The Lord's Supper was administered to 87. The SOUTHWESTERN was not forgotten. The presiding elder took great pains to show the people the good of being a subscriber to the SOUTHWESTERN. One subscriber was secured. Collection \$13.

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Lake City, La.—Rev. H. Hawkins was appointed to Lake City and Huntsville. He is our new pastor. The people extend to him a hearty welcome and feel that we need a new church, and we are going to work for it with our hearts and hands.

G. H. Pettis, Pastor; J. F. Turner, Secretary, Pulaski, Va.—My second quarterly conference convened March 30 and 31. Our efficient presiding elder in the chair. He is the right man in the right place. His motto is,

Push and pull, to the top we must go; we have a mind to lead. Officers reports were good. On Sunday was a feast of good things; the presiding elder seems to have been at his best. During the revival 15 left Satan's ranks and 12 joined our Church. The total amount raised during this quarter \$226.44.

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R. B. Henry, Pastor, Mena, Ark.—The cornerstone laying of Johnson M. E. Chapel will be on May 3. Everybody is invited to be present. When you come, please bring \$1, or if you cannot come, send \$1. We are trying to build the M. E. Church at this place. Help us. Dear Christians, friends, and brethren of the Fort Smith district, please come and bring \$1 with you, or send it.

Conference Notices

NOTICE.

Dear Brethren of the East Tennessee Conference, and Members of the Epworth League Chapters.—The annual convention of the Epworth League will be held in Christianburg, Va., May 21-24, 1903. All members are expected to be present, with their several reports.

W. T. ANDERSON, Conf. President.
Wytheville, Va., Lock Box 64.

OCALA DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Citra, May 8; Hawthorne, May 9; Rochelle, May 15; Micanopy, May 16; Orange Lake, May 22; Reddick, May 23; Lowell, May 29; Cotton Plant, June 6; Ocala, June 13; Hernando, June 15; Santos, June 19; Spring Lake, June 23; Tampa, June 26; Tampa City, June 27; Bradentown, June 29; Lakeland, July 4; Punta Gorda, July 7; Ft. Myers, July 10; Freedom, July 18; Free Canaan, July 25; Lowtey, Aug. 1; New River, Aug. 8.

The seventeenth session of the Ocala district conference and the tenth session of the Ocala district Sunday school and Epworth League convention will convene Sept. 9, 1903. Dear brethren, the quarter just ending was one of the most encouraging we have ever seen; everything points to an advancement along all lines. The spirit of revival characterized each meeting. A little earnestness and self-sacrifice will fan

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these sparks into a living blaze upon the altar of each heart. Let us press our work along all lines as we never have before. Help us to sustain the new missions we have opened since conference. Let advancement along all lines be our watchword, and strive to bring your charge up to it.

S. A. HUGHES, P. E.

HOUSTON DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Orange, June 27-28; Beaumont, July 4-5; Beaumont Mission, 4-5; Harrisburg, 12-14; Liberty, 18-19; Houston, Trinity, 26-27; Mallalieu, Houston, 25-26; St. James, Houston, 26-28; East Houston, 29; St. Mark, 30; Richmond Station, Aug. 8-9; Richmond Ct., 8-9; Hamilton Chapel, 11; West Tabernacle Gal., 14-16; Dickinson, 19; St. Paul Gal., 22-23; Velasco Ct., 24; Wallisville, 29-30; Crosby, 31; Thompsons, Sept. 5-6; Columbia Ct., 11-13; Roeville, 12; Kendleton, 19-20; Mt. Vernon, Aug. 29-Sept. 2; Sloan St., Aug. 29-Sept. 3; Boynton, Sept. 26-27.

The District Conference and Home Missionary will be held at Kendleton on Sept. 17, 18, 19 and 20, inclusive. The pastors will please come prepared to report the amount of benevolence raised. Bring the money or vouchers, that we may know the district standing. Also let the sisters have a chance to collect and report something for the Woman's Home Mission cause. That is, let each pastor encourage the sisters of the Home Missionary Society to do something for Harrisburg Orphan Home. Also come prepared to help the SOUTHWESTERN. Let each pastor bring five subscribers to the paper. Bishop Mallalieu says we must bring in 3,000 at once. EDWARD LEE, P. E.

To Brethren of the Texas and Louisiana Conference: I want to inquire for my brother. His name was Silas Brown. He left home 1893. He left

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mother and father at Spring Cottage, Miss., Manon county, and went to Texas. I heard from him March 5, 1898. He was at Sartartia, Fort Bend Company, Texas. Address Mrs. A. D. Hopkins, Jackson, Miss.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Flenoy, May 20-21; Logansport, 30-31; Fairfield, June 4-5; Curtis, 6-7; St. James, 10-15; Shreveport Mission, 11; Kingston, 13-14; Mansfield, 12-14; St. Paul, 17-22; Blancha, 18; Benson, 19-21; Shady Grove, 20-21; Brownlee, 24; Debayed, 26; Compti, 27-28; Many, July 2-3; Noble, 1; Leesville, 4-5; Deridder, 5; Carron, 6; Dixie, 8; Fopp, 9; Bedford, 11-12; Scarboro, 12-13; Coushatta, 14-15; Pleasant Hill, 17-19; Martha-ville, 18-19; Allen, 20; Rocky Mount, 24; Vanceville, 25-26; Alpha, 29; Lake End, 31; Columbus, Aug. 8-9; Grand Cane, Aug. 1-2.

Brethren, let us do our best to raise our benevolent collection by the District Conference. I am well pleased with the work at present. Let us keep up the revival spirit and be true to God and man and success is bound to come. Don't forget the SOUTHWESTERN. Speak of it every day.

H. DANIELS.

LINCOLN CONFERENCE, OKLAHOMA DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren—The Oklahoma District Conference and District League Convention for this district will convene in Spencer chapel, M. E. Church, Muskogee, I. T., July 22-26. Rev. A. W. Talbert, the efficient pastor, has already begun preparations to entertain the conference and convention and we expect a grand time. The Rev. G. G. Logan, D. D., of the Missionary Society has promised to be present. Dr. I. B. Scott, of the SOUTHWESTERN; Dr. M. C. B. Mason, of the F. A. and S. E.; Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, of Gammon are invited to be present.

Guthrie, O. T. D. G. FRANKLIN, P. E.

To the Louisiana Conference:

Dear Brethren—Please keep in mind that we pledged at the last conference to send in five or more annual subscribers for the paper on or before Easter Sunday. Owing to the rainy season, we were hindered. The rain has ceased so let us take this matter in hand and show Dr. Scott and the general Church that we mean to make the paper self-

supporting. Louisiana ought to lead the other conferences and from the way the brethren are sending in subscribers, it will lead. Yours for the advancement of the SOUTHWESTERN.

W. S. HARRIS, Cheneyville, La.

Brethren of the Shreveport District will please meet at St. James M. E. Church May 20, 1903, for the purpose of having preachers' meeting, and to arrange for our Sunday school convention. Don't fail, brethren; this is business of importance.

H. DANIELS.

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Blacksburg, July 6; Batesburg, 13; Catawba, 26; Campobello, June 21, A. M.; Clover, July 30; Cowpens, June 29; Epworth, Aug. 9; Greenwood, June 8; Greenwood Ct., June 6; Greers, June 23; Gaffney, July 12; Gaffney Ct., July 7; Lee's Chapel, June 28; Mountain View and Hickory Grove, July 5; Newberry and Saluda, June 15; Ninety Six, June 13; Oak Grove, June 23; Pacolet, June 28; Rock Hill, July 27; Reidville, June 22; Spartanburg, Aug. 10; Spartanburg Ct., June 30; St. James, July 29; Taylor's, June 28; Wellford, June 21, p. m.; Yorkville, Aug. 2; Yorkville Ct., July 28.

District Committee meeting Tuesday, at Epworth. Yours to "look up and lift up."

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MARION DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Pine Grove, June 13-14; Selma, 20-21; Oak Grove, 27-28; Newberne, July 4-5; Marion, 11-12; Jackson's, 18-19; Eutaw, 25-26; St. Paul, Aug. 1-2; Clinton, 8-9; Gainesville, 16-16; Mt. Sterling, 22-23; Scotts, 29-30.

District Conference will convene at Marion July 8 to 12. My dear brethren, let us have the best possible reports at the District Conference. Present all the claims and if possible raise the apportionment in full for all causes. In the meantime hold revivals and bring souls to God. Keep on bent knees and before an open bible and you can't fail. G. W. STAPLES, P. E.

NOTICE.

The Shubuta District League is called to meet in Groups, Ocean Springs, Miss., May 29-31, 1903; one at Ellisville, Miss., May 29-31, 1903; one at

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Shubuta, Miss., May 29-31. Rev D. F. Dudley will conduct the group at Ellisville. Rev. R. Howze at Shubuta. The programs have been sent to press. Let each league and church be fully represented. Rev. H. L. Kennedy, Rev. R. Howze and J. K. Comfort and their good people will spare all the time to make this a profitable service to all that will come. R. N. JONES, Pres. I. B. BROOKS, Acting Secty.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

To the District Presidents and Presidents and Pastors of the Epworth League Chapters of the Tennessee Annual Conference:

My Dear Co-Workers: As our conference league convention will meet about the last of June, will each officer report to the district officers the condition and work done in each department, that I may understand the status of the leagues in our conferences. Our next meeting will be the 6th of May, 1903, at Walden University, Nashville, Tenn. Yours in the Lord, JESSE P. PRICE, President.

To the Presidents of Mercy and Help of each Chapter of the Epworth League of the West Tennessee District:

Dear Co-Workers: As District President of the Mercy and Help Department, will you please give me a report of the work done in your respective departments at once, giving the number of members and other work, that I may be able to make my report to the District Secretary.

J. E. LAND,

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MONROE DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Lake Providence, May 29-31-June 1; Joyce Circuit, May 30-31; Island Circuit, June 2; Caspar and Swartz, 6-7; Jones, Dennis and Windham, 7-8; Anderson and Big Bend, 11; Washington Chapel, 12-14; Bastrop and Mer Rouge,

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Charges not listed in this schedule will be notified by letter.

Dear Brethren—We are very anxious to have this quarter the grandest we have had in this season of the year. You have done well this first quarter, but let us surpass it in revivals, accessions and benevolences, and also in extending the SOUTHWESTERN. Please prepare at once for Children's Day, June 14, and go in to raise every dollar of your benevolence that day, that we may be able to have round reports at the District Conference. I also appoint June 21st as SOUTHWESTERN Day in all the charges of the Monroe District. Remember that the Monroe District Conference will meet at Mt. Nebo, Aug. 5. During that session there will be one day devoted to Epworth League Conventions and one day to other organizations of the church.

Send for Children's Day programs at once at the New Orleans house or the New York house. With best wishes I am, Yours fraternally,

C. D. SHALLOWHORNE, P. E.

Did you read Bishop Mallalieu's appeal in the SOUTHWESTERN of April 30 for 3,000 subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN at once? How many of that number are you going to send?

THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY

Prairie Plains, Texas.—Edward Pace, aged 21 years, was buried April 23. He was a teacher in the public school and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. The funeral was conducted by the writer. W. A. PARKS.

Riddleville, Texas.—Monday, the 20th inst., at 12 o'clock, William Anderson

died. He was converted some years ago, but never joined the church. His last words were: "I am ready to go." The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Bell. A goodly number of people attended. M. L. WHITE.

P. S. Grant, Pastor, Brodnax, La.—Mr. John Watson is dead. He died as he lived, without Christ.

M. Q. A. Fuller.—Sister Minnie Bolton, a member of Cedar Grove, died on March 26.

Mrs. Susan Parks, wife of the Rev. J. W. Parks of the Upper Mississippi Conference, died at Edwards, Miss., March 23. Brother and Sister Parks were married April 10, 1866. During the six weeks of illness Mrs. Parks bore her affliction with the same calmness and trust in God that had characterized her life. Sister Parks was a faithful wife and a diligent mother, and the husband and children sustain a great loss. The funeral was held in our church at Edwards, by Rev. A. Reed, pastor, who opened the service and delivered a short address. The sermon was preached by Rev. William McMorris, pastor at Jackson, Miss.

A FRIEND.

E. L. Young, Flemingsburg, Ky.—God in his infinite wisdom has removed from labor to reward, Squire Ferguson, the son of Samuel and Tillie Ferguson. He was a faithful worker in the Sunday school from early childhood. He was a dutiful and obedient son to his parents.

Fort Stephen, Miss.—Sister Angeline M. C. Cog fell asleep in Jesus April 17. She was a member of Black Water Baptist church. Funeral was preached by R. B. Anderson.

D. Royal, Pastor, Mantua, Ala.—Rev. A. C. Nimrod died Feb. 13, 1903. He was born Oct. 14, 1850. He died in full triumph of faith. His funeral was conducted by the writer.

Hub, Miss.—On March 3, Brother John Abram, a member of New Hope M. E. Church, died. March 13, Sister Mollie Abram, wife of Brother Gabriel Abram, died. Her last words were:

"Jesus is standing by me." They are resting from their labors.

G. W. MOODY, Pastor.

Duck Hill, Miss.—Sister Charity Fox, aged 62 years, is dead. Her funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. S. Walker of the A. M. E. Church and Brother Edmond Jones of the Baptist Church.

D. P. SHAW, Pastor.

On Monday morning, April 26, Mrs. Rosanna Pool, wife of Rev. J. D. Pool, pastor of Franklin, La., departed this life in the triumph of the Christian faith, after patiently suffering one year and five months. All that devoted love and medical skill could accomplish was done in order to detain among us the one so beloved, and whom we could so ill afford to spare. But her physical powers continually waned while spiritual energies awakened, glorified her face and seemed to fill the room with a heavenly presence. Her sickbed became an altar of consecration to her loved ones and friends. Sister Pool was a faithful and earnest member of the M. E. Church for fifteen years. Wherever her husband was appointed, for sixteen years she went cheerfully. A beautiful light has gone out from our sky, a loving presence has departed from our society, the home of our dear Brother Pool is without the soul that made it warm and lovely. The true Christian wife is the center of the home circle. When she is pure and lovely, all things move around her harmoniously. Such a wife was Sister Pool. Brother Pool will find in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ support in this trying hour. Those left to mourn are a dear husband, mother, two sons, one daughter, the wife of Rev. E. H. Hall of Bayou Goula, and one adopted daughter and other relatives and friends. Seven hundred people attended the funeral service, which was held at Albert Chapel. The writer was assisted by Revs. T. A. Brown of Morgan City, J. E. Rolax of Baker, and A. C. Governor of the Baptist Church.

E. H. CLARK, Pastor.

J. J. Johnson, Pastor, Crawford, Miss.—January 26, Sister Fannie Carr departed this life in full triumph of faith. Sister Lue Pertest fell asleep in Jesus Feb. 13, 1903. Brother Moses Disnute fell asleep in Jesus Feb. 24. He was 99 years of age. Brother Ned Lee died March 25. Brother Tommie Thompson fell asleep April 4.

W. R. VANCE, Reporter.

Gray, La.—Sister Mary Johnson, aged 24 years, wife of Spencer Johnson, and a faithful member of Mt. Vernon M. E. Church, died in triumph of faith Monday, April 13. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Wm. Raney and myself. F. D. BOWERS, Pastor.

Gonzales, Texas.—Brother Wash Walker, aged 63 years, who has been so faithful to his church and one of the leading men of the county, died at his home April 27. His funeral was conducted by the pastor and writer.

B. J. GORF.

H. J. W., Shreveport, La.—Miss Emma Gray, aged 38 years, sister of Brother H. and Mrs. Mary Daniels, died at their home on Friday, April 24. She found the Savior precious to her soul just before she died. Her funeral was conducted at the residence at 3 p. m. Saturday, by Revs. Wright and Brown. Flowers covered the casket. Brother and Sister Daniels are among the leading members of St. Paul M. E. Church.

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Mrs. Ella Anderson, wife of Rev. E. M. Anderson, born Sept. 6, 1852, died April 27, 1903. She lived a faithful Christian and died in full triumph of faith. She leaves a husband, five daughters and four sons to mourn, and a host of friends. Her funeral was preached by Rev. P. A. Lemons of Victory Charge. S. J. MYERS.

Pantotoc Circuit, Miss.—Sister Edie Choens, a member of County Line Church, aged 57 years, died April 30. She leaves a husband, eight children, and friends to mourn her loss. The funeral was attended by the writer. W. C. CANWELL.

New Albany, Ind.—Sister Gertrude Warren, born in Logan county, Kentucky, Sept. 6, 1885, died in New Albany, Ind., April 13, 1903. Gertrude was baptized by the Rev. E. E. Gregory, pastor of the A. M. E. Church. She was much loved by all who knew her. FRIEND.

Childress, Va.—Brother Phamphy Phillips died April 14, aged 78 years. He was a good husband and father and has been a member of the M. E. Church thirty-three years. Brother Phillips is not dead, but sleepeth.

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7:55 p. m. Chicago Limited.....	9:25
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Rev. J. D. Belknap of New York will conduct a revival meeting at Central Congregational Church, corner Gasquet and Liberty streets, beginning May 11. All are invited to attend.

LITERARY NOTES

The struggle between duty to self and duty to others, or, as Clara E. Laughlin puts it in the June *Delineator*, between the Struggle for Life and the Struggle for the Life of Others, is one that comes to thousands of young men and women with impressive significance. Self-development along chosen lines, or renouncement and devotion to those who may need you—is a question that can be decided only by the individual; and whichever way he may take, if he but be guided by the best light that he has, he will do all that is expected of him. The two great evils to be guarded against are: lest the development of self make us selfish, or devotion to others make us negligent of self. A "true balance" should be aimed at.

The May *McClure's*, which is printed in a new type, repeats the chief excellencies of the recent splendid issues of that magazine and adds some of its own. All who have read in former numbers Lincoln Steffen's great articles on St. Louis and Minneapolis and their bosses, will turn first to his account in May of "Pittsburg: A City Ashamed," and of her boss, "Chris" Magee. It is another remarkable story, told in Mr. Steffen's characteristic way. Two full page drawings—Pittsburg by night and by day—by Jules Guerin, give distinction to the whole. "Waifs of the Street," by Ernest Poole, is a forcible picture of the real life of newsboys and bootblacks, of which Mr. Poole assures us we get but a misleading glimpse when we buy a paper or a shine of them on our way up town.

The *LIVING AGE* for May 9 is full of timely articles. Professor H. H. Turner of Oxford replies to Dr. Wallace on "Man's Place in the Universe;" Professor Harnack comments on "The Kaiser's Letter on Christ and Revelation;" there is a review of Mr. Chamberlain's career from *Blackwood's Magazine*; and a discussion of "The Unrest in the Balkans," by the Roumanian ex-Minister of Public Instruction, the Vice-President of the Central Macedonian Committee and the president of the Cretan Chamber of Deputies.

NOTICE!

Pastors will please take notice that the Rev. G. G. Logan, D. D., field secretary of the Missionary Society, M. E. Church, will visit this city and state, May 28-June 8th, in the interest of missions; and will hold councils, preach and lecture.

He will be at the following places on the dates given:

Mt. Zion Church, Thursday, May 28, at 8 p. m. At which time and place all Sunday school superintendents, Epworth league presidents and other church officers, with as many as can be present, are expected to attend.

First Street Church, Friday, May 29, 8 p. m.

Williams Chapel, Sunday, May 31, 11 a. m.

Union, May 31, 8 p. m.

Thompson, June 1, 8 p. m.

Haven, June 2, 8 p. m.

Simpson, June 3, 8 p. m.

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J. A. TIRCUIT, President.
F. B. SMITH, Secretary.

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Editorial Notes

For the second time the Lebaudy airship is said to have made an ascension at Paris, France, and to have been successfully manipulated against head winds. No one knows what a day may bring forth.

May be the mixed legislatures of reconstruction times did accept bribes and were for that reason adjudged corrupt, but really if there was one that made any worse record than the legislature of Missouri has to its credit, we should be pleased to have it pointed out.

The young woman who hired to an Indianapolis hotel as a public servant and refused to make the bed in which Prof. Booker T. Washington slept, made quite a hit with persons who esteem their prejudice more highly than law. She was discharged for refusing to make the bed and received letters of commendation and money from a few persons in Georgia and Alabama.

A report of some days since from St. Petersburg, Russia, announced a race riot in a Russian town in which one hundred Jews were killed and nearly three hundred wounded. This is terrible. The attack was planned and executed by a band of workmen, and, it appears, if we may judge from the report, that the only thing being done about it is that measures were taken to "restore order." The Negro is not the only sufferer in the world.

We note with regret that the "companion," or private secretary as we suppose, of Special Commissioner T. Thomas Fortune, has gotten into some kind of muddle in Manila with which the name of his chief is connected by the reports published in the daily papers. It seems that the party accompanying Mr. Fortune was arrested for some petty offense and that at the trial in a general fight he was clubbed by the police. Mr. Fortune himself is charged with resisting officers of the law. There may be something in this report, but we are not willing to accept it until the other side is heard.

The Chinese of California are sufficiently Americanized and progressive to understand when they are discriminated against. A petition signed by 2,000 of them was presented President Roosevelt during his visit to San Francisco, asking that he use his good offices with the state and city boards of education, "to have the native born Chinese children admitted to public schools on equality with other nationalities." They are confined in special schools and are insufficiently instructed. The Negro of the South would not mind the "special schools" if he could have apparatus and other facilities provided public schools for "other nationalities."

The Labor Situation in New Orleans

One of the most interesting questions in this community just at this time is the combination of the white and colored laborers on the river front. The cotton screwmen, for such they are, are in the midst of a controversy with the ship agents as to the terms on which the cotton to be shipped from this port is to be loaded into vessels. This is not the first clash that has taken place between these interests, but unlike those of former years, in the present one the white and colored screwmen are combined. This combination, as it would seem, is extremely objectionable to one or two of our city papers and, as a matter of course, to the interests most directly affected by it. That it should be so to the latter is perfectly natural and in no wise surprising, but the most bitter opposition manifested by the papers referred to seems to us, to say the least, strange indeed. The editorial in the *Times-Democrat* of May 6 is written in the unreasonable spirit usually manifested by that paper when questions that concern the Negro are under discussion. For, notwithstanding the ability manifested by that journal in the discussion of subjects in general, it finds it impossible to get from under the shadow of a most bitter race prejudice whenever the black man heaves in view. From the editorial referred to we take the following excerpt:

"The white people of the South have maintained their civilization, supremacy and racial purity by rejecting all Negro alliances and combinations and by refusing to have anything to do with those who proposed them. The relegation of the Negro to the rear in politics, drawing the color line on those white men who showed themselves willing to betray their race and join forces with the blacks in order to secure personal advantages, destroyed the foundations of the Africanization with which the republicans threatened the South in the period of reconstruction. We are now threatened with a similar alliance of whites and blacks against the peace and business of the community: we see white men offering to divide the business of New Orleans with the Negroes just as they offered to divide the offices and 'the swag' in days of old, and insisting upon New Orleans bowing before and accepting a Negro judge. The danger here is as great as the political danger which threatened us twenty-five years ago. It will be even more disastrous to New Orleans to have its commerce and its business absolutely controlled by a combination of black and white trades unions than under the mastery of a black and white political party. This is a far more serious matter back of the levee trouble than the temporary suspension of the commerce of the port by the exorbitant demands of the screwmen, and the sooner the mixed racial conditions now existing among the levee trade unions are broken up the better for this city."

We have long since recognized the importance to the black man of what may be called the labor question. To our mind it overshadows all other questions with which he is now confronted. There are those who think it would be best for him to hold aloof from the white laborer and make his

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Atlanta's Smelling Ordinance

The city council of Atlanta has enacted a smelling ordinance, that is to say the street car conductor is to smell every passenger who boards his car and determine whether or not he has an objectionable odor. The matter is not to be left entirely in the hands of the conductor, however, for any passenger who desires may smell a fellow passenger and object to his riding in the car. The ordinance is aimed ostensibly at that class of laborers who are engaged in the fertilizer factories; but will it end there? The mayor has not yet signed the ordinance and may not do so. Even tho it should become a law we do not believe it will stand the test in the courts, for the street car is a public conveyance and one passenger has no more right to say another shall not ride because he smells too loud than that he does not smell at all. In the case of his own private conveyance, he could do so. Tho it might be a little more expensive to do so, the street railways of the South would save themselves considerable trouble and their patrons much annoyance if they would attach a trailer for laborers to some of their regular cars mornings and evenings, at the hours when this class are moving in large numbers. We note that this is done in some northern cities and seems to work to advantage. Laborers who do not find it convenient to change their clothing after work hours would doubtless be glad to take advantage of such an arrangement.

Repeal Will Be Asked

So the next session of the United States congress is to witness a positive effort to repeal the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the constitution of the United States. The matter is to be presented by the Hon. T. W. Hardwick, the Georgia congressman, who as a member of the legislature of Georgia made two or more unsuccessful attempts to disfranchise the Negroes of his state. He made the race for congress in the Tenth district with the understanding that if elected he would stand for the repeal of said amendments, and defeated his opponent. Hence Mr. Hardwick has the backing of his district, anyway. As far as we are concerned, we have not the least objection to the efforts being made for he represents an element that will never be satisfied till the question is settled, and unless we mistake the temper of our country it will not take long to settle it.

We note with sincere regret that two A. M. E. Churches, one of Chicago and another of Evanston, Illinois, have recently been wrecked by dynamite, because, it is thought, their pastors, Revs. R. C. Ransome and L. N. Daniels, preached against what is known as "policy." It is a form of lottery which is quite popular in many cities, North and South. This systematic form of robbery operates very successfully indeed among a certain element of Negroes and whites as well, and we trust this recent manifestation of violence will open the eyes of those who are its dupes.

Our Contributors

The South Carolina Conference—Division and Redistricting

BY REV. S. D. WILLIAMS.

The smaller the pasture the oftener can the shepherd travel over it. The smaller the farm the more frequently can it be stirred by the farmer. The constant visitations of the shepherds or leaders to the sheep or disciples give new life and inspiration as well as the frequent stirring of plants gives freshness and growth to them. One might argue that too much visiting or too much stirring is as injurious as not enough. We settle that by saying let discretion and prudence be exercised and one can decide as to the effects produced. No man should attempt to fill the place of a shepherd who is not a shepherd at heart. The farmer should know about farming; the carpenter and watch tinker must know of their respective occupations or they cannot do the required work. This is true in all pursuits of life. Then let men be placed as nearly as possible wherever they fit. For things that are equal to the same thing are equal to each other, and the whole is equal to the sum of all of its parts. The South Carolina annual conference is equal to the six district conferences by which it is composed. It is my opinion that it will be to the greatest advantage of this conference, materially, numerically, financially and spiritually to be so divided as to give smaller fields over which the presiding elders travel. We have not despaired of the enabling act sent to the General Conference in 1900, asking for the division of the conference. We hope the General Conference of 1904 will grant this request.

It is a fact much to be lamented that there is an immense territory in this the "Piedmont" region of South Carolina, where the M. E. Church is seemingly not known. And the only hope for the establishing the Church in this region, as I see it, is to so divide the conference that this portion of the state can receive more attention, both personally and financially. It can be done.

1. By dividing the conference. That is to say, make the conference in which shall fall this territory more of a point to which missionary money should go.

2. By redistricting the whole of the South Carolina Conference as it now stands, and let the missionary appropriation be made largely for the districts on which these needy places fall. Make smaller districts so that time and attention can be given these destitute places. Instead of six we need eight or nine districts—yea, ten would be none too many. Take the counties of Union, Chester, Lancaster, Kershaw, Newberry, saying nothing of many other places, and not only in these towns is our Church not founded (we have a small mission in Newberry) but as a general thing throughout the entire counties, only the A. M. E. Z., A. M. E., Baptist and Presbyterian churches are known. Let the division be made and give us a chance to travel over these places and make ourselves known and the inevitable result will be realized. The attention is not given and cannot be given to these destitute places that they need under present conditions. Think for a moment, one conference embracing 30,170 square miles, 40 counties and only six districts. The presiding elders can't do the work. Their field of labor is too large and time precludes their giving this work the attention needed. The pastors who are in charge of regularly estab-

lished charges are powerless for the same reasons. So the only thing I see, is to raise more missionary money, do more mission work, both for the home and foreign field.

The A. M. E. Church of South Carolina never made such progress as her record now gives until she had more conferences and smaller districts. It is also true with the A. M. E. Z. Church, and will be true with the old M. E. Church, that is in these parts where it is not so already. We want our Church felt and known in every city, town, hamlet, village, county, precinct and corner, and if the slight changes here suggested are made I feel that it will be a question of a very short while when in these places where the M. E. Churches is scarcely known will be seen church edifices erected and dedicated.

I trust that this matter will be given due consideration by the brethren of the South Carolina Conference and a plan be furnished by which the redistricting may be had, and the enabling act again repeated for the division of the South Carolina annual conference.

Yorkville, S. C.

Goliad and Our Sunday School

Very nearly twelve months have swiftly passed since the cyclone swept away part of our little town, Goliad, Tex., carrying with it Fannin Street M. E. Church. Soon after the destruction we appealed to the public for aid in rebuilding our Church and supplying our Sunday school with literature. Help has come and our work glides slowly and quietly, but steadily on. We have had and still have free access to the public school building, and the Sunday school under the management of Mr. J. B. Whitby as superintendent, and Mr. S. D. Mitchell, assistant, with the experienced pastor, Rev. J. T. Jacobs, and a faithful corps of teachers, has progressed wonderfully. Every Sabbath morning at the call of the bell the room is soon filled with anxious and eager faces of workers and listeners. There are few listless hearers.

Response by those from afar to our appeal for help together with much diligence on the part of those in charge kept the Sunday school alive. The scholars, especially the younger ones, are not only instructed in the excellent lesson topics and beautiful songs, but are taught to be active little missionaries, bringing into the Sunday school both their pennies and their little friends. The instructors set the example and the pupils eagerly follow.

It is a sad fact that many parents stand as stumbling blocks to their children and themselves. Their carelessness, in urging them to go while young and learn of the Bible and to become active Sunday school workers, is a sin of omission that will some day appear against them. However, such obstacles are being surmounted and our interest and number constantly increase.

We see and read and are constantly told that the greatest men and women are the ones who were reared in the Sunday school. We long to see Goliad Sunday school turn out numbers of enthusiastic Christian men and women who will not be afraid to encourage and persuade the little wanderers on the street and to prevail upon the thoughtless parents to willingly seek the Sunday school as a place of refuge.

A more practical and excellent example of Christian character building in the Sunday school has never come within our observation so vividly as the following: On the night of April 26, an appreciative audience that filled every available space in the room, was highly honored

by the presence of Prof. H. L. Billups, M. S. M., assistant secretary of George R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo. One who delivered a masterly lecture on "Leadership." He while on a mission through this state was drawn by that maternal cord of love, to pass this way and it was our pleasure and honor to listen to this lecture which inspired our minds to higher incentives. His eloquence and vivid manner of proving the necessity of following a leader was something grand. He was once upon a time a little boy in the Goliad M. E. Sunday school. 'Twas then and there that he began climbing the ladder of success and he now returns to us as a leader who is worthy of being followed.

We pray that our earnest efforts to carry on the good work in this storm stricken district, may prove our hearty appreciation for the year's Sunday school literature and library of books that were, through the deep interest of Elder Swann, presented to us by the Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Yours for Christ, ELIZA L. WHITBY
Goliad, Texas.

The Methodist Bishops at Allegheny College

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Bishops of the M. E. Church was held at Meadville, Pa., April 28 to May 5. As they were the guests of Allegheny College, the meetings were held in the oratory of Ford Memorial Chapel. On Thursday morning twelve of the bishops filed into the college chapel service and occupied seats on the platform, customarily occupied by the faculty. Bishop C. D. Foss, of Philadelphia, was chosen by their number to lead the chapel exercises, and Bishop H. W. Warren, of Denver, to address the students.

Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, a public reception was tendered them in the First Methodist Church. President W. H. Crawford introduced Mr. Durbin Horne, of Pittsburg, president of the Board of Trustees, who was chairman of the meeting. Rev. E. F. Edmonds, presiding elder of the Meadville District, Erie Conference, delivered a pleasing address of welcome and was followed by Hon. John J. Henderson, judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, in the same vein. The responses in behalf of the bishops were made by Bishop J. M. Walden of Cincinnati, and Bishop C. C. McCabe, of Omaha. After the addresses the guests repaired to the parlors of the church where the formal part of the reception was held.

On Friday morning, May 1, in the college chapel, Bishop Hartzell delivered his famous lecture on Africa. The lecture was interspersed with vivid descriptions of his experience and travels. It was instructive and intensely interesting.

Saturday morning Bishop Thoburn, who has just returned from India, addressed the students. He recalled the early days of his life as a student in Allegheny College and his early labors after his graduation. He told how the work in India had passed from one stage to another until it now includes thirty-five languages. The bishop seems to be in the best of health and is most optimistic as to the future of India.

On Sunday most of the Churches of the city of all denominations were filled by the bishops. Bishops Andrews and Goodsell preached at the First M. E. Church, Bishops McCabe and Walden at the State Street M. E., and Bishop Hamilton at the Bethel A. M. E. Church.

Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Bishop Hamilton preached in the college chapel. Dr. C. W. Smith,

editor of the *Pittsburg Christian Advocate*, assisted in the service. Mr. Douglass Powell, director of the Pennsylvania College of Music, sang a very beautiful solo. Bishop Hamilton's text was Psalms 46:9, "He maketh wars to cease unto the ends of the earth."

On Monday evening at 8 o'clock a grand missionary mass meeting was held in First M. E. Church, at which time Bishop McCabe presided. Addresses were made by Bishops Thoburn and Joyce. Bishop Joyce has just returned from South America, so he is filled with a burning zeal for the work. The vast audience literally hung on the burning words from these men of God.

Tuesday was the last day of the conference and in some respects the most remarkable day. At 10 o'clock all college work for the forenoon was suspended and the students and faculty, and a large number of town people thronged the chapel to attend the memorial services of Bishop Foster and Bishop Hurst, who passed away during this conference in Meadville. Bishop Andrews presided and Bishop McCabe announced the hymns. The addresses of eulogy on Bishop Foster were delivered by Bishop S. M. Merrill and Bishop Mallalieu. Bishop Mallalieu was with Bishop Foster only a few days before his death. He spoke of him most touchingly. Bishops Foss and Fowler delivered the addresses on Bishop Hurst. They spoke in glowing terms of his career as a scholar and author, but most especially of his executive ability as shown by his great work at Drew Seminary and his connection with the American University at Washington. Never before have we heard such eulogies to any man as those paid Bishop Hurst and Bishop Foster by Bishop Fowler. The service was very impressive and all the bishops seemed to be greatly moved. Bishop Joyce led in the opening prayer and the Benediction was pronounced by Bishop Walden.

Bishop Walden lectured in the evening at 8 o'clock in the chapel of the First M. E. Church to the Epworth League, on China.

The presence of this distinguished body of ecclesiastics was a source of inspiration to all who saw and heard them. It has been thirty-four years since the bishops met in Meadville for their regular meeting; then there were only nine of them, now there are eighteen.

Much credit is due President Crawford and Rev. L. H. Bugbee, pastor of the First M. E. Church of this city, for their tireless efforts in making it pleasant for the visitors and in arranging for the various meetings where the public might have an opportunity to hear these venerable men of God.

DENNIS A. BETHEA.

Epworth League Department Suggestions

ARTICLE NO. I, ORGANIZATION—BY SECRETARY I, GARLAND, PENN.

The necessity for holding our young people to the Church for their own future, as for the future of the Church, is apparent to us all. There is no more important work than that of holding them for that comprehends using them. They can't be held unless used, and they can't be used unless held. To hold them we must be equal to interesting them and to interest them we must have something for them not only to see and hear, but to do. That's the sole purpose of the League. How shall we therefore interest, use and hold them? This is the study of the pastor, the League president and the cabinet. This article, as well as those to follow, is to help in an humble way our pastors and league officers to some means, to the end of holding our young

people. If there be any suggestions worth any thing in these articles, we are in hopes that the papers may be preserved and the suggestions put into practice, just as fast as conditions in our Churches and chapters will permit. It should be said that in many cases no one suggestion will suit all Churches and chapters alike. In Churches where there are now no organizations of the Epworth League or Junior League the first suggestion we have to make is ORGANIZE! ORGANIZE!! Organize!!! How? For the Epworth League get all the young people together above fourteen years of age and up to one hundred and give a BRIEF talk on the league, its history, purpose and plan of organization. Send for the Epworth League Year Book for 1903, that will give you the history of the league. It will cost but TEN CENTS. If you haven't ten cents, write any way to I. Garland Penn, 7½ North Broad Street, Atlanta, Ga., and say you want to organize and he will send you FREE some constitutions and by-laws and an Epworth League Year Book of 1901 or 1902, that will give you the history, purpose and plan of organization of the league, also an application blank to fill in for a charter to be sent you, after you have organized. These can be used in organizing but immediately after organization there should be some money raised with which to buy, first the literature that cannot be done without such as How to Make the Wheel Go, Responsive Services, Secretary's Book, Song Books, Prayer Meeting Topics, Vesper Services, Pledge Cards and the Object and Pledge of the League to be hung upon the wall of the room in which the league meets, so that the object and pledge may be ever before the league members. What next? After organization the next is to secure a charter by making an application for the same on the regular printed application blank, which may be had upon application to the office in Atlanta. There are two styles of charters, one which requires a fee of 25 cents, another which requires a fee of \$1.

Many pastors have league organizations in their Churches without charters. This is serious. Will all such brethren send to the office at once for an application and have the league chartered? After the charter is secured it should be framed and hung upon the walls of the Church. After the league is organized there should be a public installation of the officers elected. The pastor if tactful and enterprising, will see wisdom in making much over these young people who have taken upon them the obligations of Christian work or work of salvation. What more important work? If we can have secret societies march in pomp and regalia to our Churches to install their officers and have an annual sermon preached to them by the pastor, which is without the regular Church work, why can't our Epworth League be made much of once a year at least, the league given a prominent place and an annual sermon preached to them upon what the league can do for the Church or some such subject and the officers on that same evening or morning, duly installed. The Responsive Services which sells for \$1.50 per hundred, contains a splendid installation service which may be used on such occasions very impressively and effectively. In the organization of the Junior League the same method should be employed as to the explanation of the plan of organization, only children of the Junior League rank in age from three years to fourteen. The offices of president, first vice president, spiritual department; second vice president, mercy and help department; third vice

president, literary department; fourth vice president social department, secretary and treasurer should be filled by the children, and then a competent young man or woman placed over them to direct the officers and the Junior League in the proper way. The same methods should follow in securing the charter and literature and installing the officers. We shall not go further in this first article only to say that we should like questions on points that trouble you sent us which we shall attempt to answer in this public way for the benefit of all our workers if at any time in the series, the suggestions offered do not meet your exact needs. We hope our pastors and league workers will form a league with us to make these articles of the largest possible use to all.

Life of Faith

"Courage, O heart; keep to the right.

God reigns!

Beyond the darkness, amid the light,

God reigns!

His unseen eye marks every tear,
Each cry has entered his listening ear,
His step majestic is drawing near.

God reigns!

Shout! for the battle will be won.

O yes.

Sing! for the sorrow will be done.

O yes.

There's stern, hard work in the field to do,
Patience and praying and weeping, too;
But victory cometh, grand and true.

O yes."

—Exchange.

The Dignity of It

Consider the dignity of this—to be admitted into so near converse with the highest majesty. Were there nothing to follow, no answer at all, prayer pays itself in the excellency of its nature and the sweetness that the soul finds in it. They who love find much delight in discoursing together, and count all hours short and think the day runs too fast that is so spent, and they who are much in this exercise the Lord doth impart His secrets much to them.—Leighton.

Manliness in Religion

The pure, high, broad manliness of Jesus is your model, a manliness at once modest and aggressive, serene and earnest, tender and fearless, gentle and powerful, full of sympathy, and full of searching thoroughness in dealing with sinners. We need more such manliness in the pulpit; it is the secret of power; it is the soul of eloquence. The cringing appeal for popularity, the hunger for approbation, the anxious looking for signs of sympathy, the cowardly compromising of truth—these things are so unmanly that they forfeit the respect they covet. A gun is less heated when it fires a ball than when it fires a blank cartridge. Let your sermons have a steady aim, and let not one be a blank cartridge. With a brave, warm, human heart, come near to men of all classes and conditions with the same gospel of love for all. Manly piety, speaking in brave, earnest and cheerful tones in the pulpit, and moving in the district with looks and words and acts of love for all—the poor and the rich, the low and the high—that is the power which, under God, will solve social problems and remedy the evils caused, as Maurice expressed it, by "unsocial Christians and un-Christian Socialists."

A settled, clear, calm faith makes manly men. Such men are full of magnetic power; they command attention; they incarnate the truth, and so are in themselves the best of sermons. It was said of a great preacher: "His thought was not in his hands, but he was in the hand of his

thought." That is the secret of effective earnestness; the man who is under the mastery and spell of the truth will bring others under the same mastery and spell. David Hume said of John Brown, of Haddington: "That's the man for me; he means what he says; he speaks as if Jesus Christ were at his elbow." May every one of you so speak. Drummond said: "The one hope of science is more science." I believe that, but add this: The only hope for religion is more religion. Only as our daily lives are benedictions to men can they be doxologies to God.—*Primitive Methodist.*

The Master's Hand on the Harp

A strange instrument hung on an old castle wall, so the legend runs. No one knew its use. Its strings were broken and covered with dust. Those who saw it wondered what it was and how it had been used. Then one day a stranger came to the castle gate and entered the hall. His eye saw the dark object on the wall, and, taking it down, he reverently brushed the dust from its sides and tenderly reset its broken strings. Then chords long silent woke beneath his touch, and all hearts were strangely thrilled as he played. It was the master, long absent, who had returned to his own.

It is but a legend, yet the meaning is plain. In every human soul there hangs a marvelous harp, dust-covered, with strings broken, while yet the Master's hand has not yet found it. Is your soul-harp hanging silent on the wall? Have you learned the secret of glad, happy days?

Open your heart every morning to Christ. Let him enter and repair the strings which sin has broken and sweep them with His skillful fingers, and you will go out to sing through all the day. Only when the song of God's love is singing in our hearts are we ready for the day.—*J. L. Miller, D. D.*

Standards and Stamina

I have read of a mother who prayed beside the cradle of her babe, and while she prayed she dreamed and saw messengers drawing near to proffer strange gifts. One said, "I am Health, and whom I touch shall know neither poverty nor want." Another said, "I am Fame, and at my touch the child shall rise to a place with the immortals." Another said, "I am Love, and at my touch in the darkest hour a friendly hand shall be outstretched." Last of all came one with furrowed, serious face, who offered neither health, nor wealth, nor fame, nor love, but only this: that he could cause the child to love his ideals and never lose them. "This is my gift," he said. "His ideals shall be real to him." And then the mother, kneeling down, claped the garments of that messenger, and cried out: "Touch, oh, touch my child!" None of us could wish for ourselves anything better. This is the might with which God desires to strengthen us in the inner man, as revealed in our lesson. The best of growth is assured if we have the stamina to be true to our standards.—*Ex.*

Woman's Dominion

Woman's Mission

MRS. R. L. POWELL-PANNELL.

Standing in the garden of Eden, in a world of spontaneous luxury, man was incomplete until God took him off in a trance and placed by his side woman, and he became a blessing to the world and a complete man. We do not propose to discuss the purpose of God in putting woman

by the side of man at this period, but shall attempt to discuss woman in that useful field of missions.

To be a woman is richer than pearls and more glorious than rubies. It takes much to make a lady, but oh, how much more to make a woman! In the work of woman, she cannot pass without taking in the home. It is an old song, but it can never lose its melody. We will sing it in the morning, at the noontide and when the twilight drops its mantle over us. We will sing it at the dawn and in the evening of life: "Home, sweet, sweet home! Be it ever so humble there is no place like home." I mean that blessed realm where parental king and queen sit side by side in robes of spotless virtue and clothe the subjects of their realm with garments as spotless as their own.

In every woman's home, it is where she should begin her mission work. The training of the boys and girls for future men and women. It is there that we must all realize if we would be great and good and make the most of boundless possibilities, we must wear this trinity of priceless gems upon our inner hearts and outer lives: Virtue, Charity and Purity.

At the head of every home should be such a woman, a woman wearing the badge just mentioned, and she should instill into the hearts of her off-spring, her boys and girls, a life as spotless as her own. It is sad to note the number of mothers in this country of ours, in this race of ours who are striving after society and neglecting the little children placed into their hands by the great and good God. Their mission is being neglected and it is our duty as Christian women to reach the motherhood of our race and make better homes, and from good homes come good boys and girls, and from bad homes, come the indifferent girls and boys.

We want to preside over the home that woman who will take the children from the streets in the week and put them into the school room, put them into the Sunday school on Sunday, and even go there with them. Not a woman who will spend half of the night around entertaining, and half of the day in bed neglecting her duty. The children of our race must be trained, must be taught in the fear of God, and we women must do the work. It is a sad, sad sight to see ragged children on the streets of our cities and towns and villages, using bad language and conducting themselves in an unbecoming manner. When we look upon these sights we at once ask "Where are the mothers of these children?" Mothers you must do more mission work in your own homes, by your own lives and training your own children. This is the first and greatest duty. In this way you prepare yourselves and your sons and daughters to help others.

Train the children to be polite, to be upright and honest in all their dealings, to be industrious, and above all to be reliable; to be neat and clean in everything they do. Train them to be moral and virtuous. Advance them to the highest ideal of moral rectitude.

Material wealth does not possess nor can it confer upon any man or woman the secret of true happiness. Diamonds cannot purchase virtuous, queenly womanhood, neither does intellectual culture possess, nor can it impart these elements of character that hold in their embrace the secret of human greatness. It is the heart, the brave heart, the true heart, the womanly heart, that makes the woman, the brave woman, the true woman, the womanly woman.

Teach our boys and girls that a man may be

clad in homely garb, but wearing virtue upon his breast he belongs to a race of kings. She may preside in an humble one room cottage, unadorned by costly tapestry, and elegant appointments of those whom the world call rich; but if she wears upon her heart and in her life, the sparkling gem of virtue, she is a very queen. Do not cultivate in our children the love for fine dress when they are not able to keep it up, but plain neat dress with virtue backed up by pure manhood and womanhood, and Christian education will win for them a place in a world like this, and will entitle them to a rank among angels.

Having trained our boys and girls in the way they should go, it is then our duty to go out into the high ways and hedges and help fallen humanity. We should follow Christ, and in doing this we must reach out a helping hand to our unfortunate men and women. A woman with honest purpose and true character can afford to enter the world and do something for her brothers and sisters. She can afford to go into the slums of our towns and cities and help the fallen women there. What a great thing it is to assist those who are struggling in life. How blessed it is to be able to instruct some man or woman in the duties of life.

Ask God to help us and he will. Let each of us feel it our duty to help some one less fortunate than ourselves. Never feel that we are too good to stoop to help the unfortunate. Remember that God has blessed us, and we must share our blessings with others. Let us band ourselves together and see the good we can do. There lies a great field before us, both home and abroad. Bear in mind that each of us has a mission to perform and we must be up and doing, with a heart for any fate, still achieving, still pursuing, learn to labor and to wait. Each hath been given a mission, and we must do our noblest and best. Trusting when our mission work on earth is ended we will go up as a band of noble women and receive our reward.

"Woman how divine your mission,
Here upon our natal soil,
Keep o' keep the young hearts open,
Always to the breath of God."
Staunton, Va.

Young Friends

Don't Wait

The world will find worth out, they say,
But don't you sit and wait, my boy;
They say each dog will have his day,
But don't you sit and wait, my boy.
Some day when you are old and gray
The world may think 'tis time to lay
Rewards upon your plate—it may—
But don't you sit and wait, my boy.
The world's intentions may be kind,
But don't you sit and wait, my boy,
For worth that waits is hard to find,
So don't you sit and wait, my boy.
The world may turn, some day, inclined
To cheer the worth that lags behind,
That through long years has hoped and pined—
But don't you sit and wait, my boy.
—S. E. Kiser, in *Chicago Record-Herald*.

Days of Jeremiah

But Jeremiah shook his head. "The people are not repentant, and the troubles of this city have just begun, my boy," laying his hand on the young man's arm, "you are preparing for the priesthood?"

"Yes."

"You will need to be brave and strong hearted."

Ezekiel's shadowy eyes looked steadily into those of the prophet as though he could see visions behind them.

"My God will pour His spirit upon me and show me His glory," he said, but made no mention of the captivity that might be stretching out behind him.

CHAPTER 9.

"Let the king live, let the king live," cried the people as Jeconiah stood in the royal robes beside his mother, and the high priest placed the crown upon his head.

Many years before the child Josiah had been crowned in the same way, but with what a difference. Then the mighty multitude that hailed the king were happy, hearty, people, and the hills outside the city were covered with fruit and grain. Now a horde of wild men covered the hill sides, and the people were gaunt and feeble from sickness and starvation. Nevertheless their hearts warmed at the sight of their young sunnifaced king, and they shouted to the best of their ability.

Jeremiah stood by, a sad faced man with white hairs beginning to show at his temples.

"Give over your gloominess, Jeremiah," said the queen mother, "and bestow God's blessing upon the king."

The prophet laid his hand on the lad's head, "My God, give thee his grace in thy trial," he said, but Jeconiah turned away. "I like Hananiah better," he said, "he tells me that God will help me to drive away these wicked people and make Jerusalem beautiful again."

There was a little laugh and Jeremiah turned to face Mattaniah. "It is useless," he said, "you might as well join in with the crowd. They adore Jeconiah and are sure that he will save them."

"They trust in false prophets and believe lies," said Jeremiah.

"Very likely, but it is useless to mourn over them. Come home with me, it is long since you saw the children."

After a pleasant hour with Mattaniah's family the prophet walked home alone. The streets were full of people and they seemed cheery in spite of their hunger and feebleness.

"Hananiah says that in nine days there will be plenty in the city," said one hopefully. Then catching sight of Jeremiah he called out, "What say you to that?"

"I know nothing to the contrary," replied Jeremiah, "but there are worse things than hunger."

"What a croaker you are," was the retort and Jeremiah passed on thoughtfully. "Was he a croaker? Had he better join in with the crowd and be merry in hope? Suppose he should marry and have a home and family as gathered about Mattaniah?" He smiled at the thought. There was surely naught against it; he was not old by any means though sorrow had brought a few early gray hairs; he knew a pleasant good woman; and so he thought and fell asleep with a smile.

In the early dawn he awoke as he often did feeling that God wished to speak to him, and he arose and knelt in silence.

(Jer. 16:1-4.) "Thou shalt not take thee a wife," said the voice to his soul, "neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place. The sons and daughters that are born in this place shall die of grievous deaths, they shall be consumed by sword and by famine." Then as Jeremiah bent his head in discouragement the voice came again:

"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is; for he shall be as a

tree planted by the waters, and shall not see when heat cometh, neither in the year of drought cease from yielding fruit."

Jeremiah arose strengthened in spirit, but he spoke not to the people that day. Indeed he spoke but little to the people in those days of sorrow. He had no encouragement to give these half starved people, and he felt that they had trouble enough without the prophecies of calamity, which were all he had to speak. He still used all his powers of persuasion in appealing to them to reform and turn to Jehovah, but without effect. They went in the morning to the Temple to pray to the Lord, and during the day worshipped at a dozen heathen shrines.

They were watching eagerly for the plenty prophesied by Hananiah, and it came. It came over the hills with Nebuchadnezzar and his army. The king of Babylon brought plenty with him on his second visit, and he took his pay with a ruthless hand.

(To be continued.)

Educational

Teachers' Home to Be Built

I am at this place engaged in educational work. As the territory is large and bids fair to success, the people here have come together to build and furnish a house purposely for a teacher, as it is almost impossible to obtain a place for a teacher to stop. We have a school house built and land is deeded for the same, and a plan is also on foot to enlarge the building and make this a great thing along educational lines as it is much needed here. The high water did a little damage to us but in God's name we move on.

JAMES E. HARRISON.

Williams, La.

Marion Institute

The Marion Institute closed its school year May the 13th. This has been quite a prosperous year. The teachers have done faithful work on small salary. Commencement exercises begin May the 10th. Rev. J. L. Speight preached the commencement sermon. The one thing needed to make this a great school in the heart of the Black Belt of the state, is money. I want to call the attention of the pastors of the Mobile Conference to an important action of said conference: "All money raised for public education will be sent to the writer for said school." The second Sunday in June is Children's Day. Money raised for children's fund will be sent to Dr. W. F. McDowell, New York; but the public education collection will be sent to me. Now brethren, the school is ours, and the success depends upon your support, which I am sure you will give. Swell the public education collection that day. Urge the people to give liberally. I will send conference vouchers for every cent you send me. Humbly your servant,

Marion, Ala.

Claffin Commencement

The thirty-fourth annual commencement exercises of Claffin University, Orangeburg, S. C., was one of the most interesting and successful yet held. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Rev. J. A. Clifton, D. D., pastor of the M. E. Church, South, Orangeburg, and was indeed a literary gem. The impression it made upon the minds of the great audience will never be effaced. The annual sermon delivered by Rev. W. H. Redfield, an alumnus of the institution, was a

splendid and magnificent demonstration of the great work the university is doing in this southland. It was ably delivered and enthusiastically received.

In 1878 there was established the Dunton oratorical prize to be contested for by members of the second year normal class, and each year, since then there has been an exhibition of friendly rivalry on the part of the contestants worthy of the highest commendation. This year's contest was no exception and the vast audience with which the capacious Webster Memorial Chapel was packed on Monday evening, May 4th, was richly entertained. After an exciting contest the first prize was borne off by Miss Bessie L. Martin, Greenville, S. C., and the second by Miss Minnie E. Billany, Clio, S. C.

On Tuesday, May 5th, the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees was held. President Dunton in his annual report stated that the enrollment for the year had been 609, and that many had been turned away from the English department because the grades were full. He said the institution employed in both the literary and industrial departments thirty-eight instructors, and that while the institution ranked third among similar industrial schools in the South—according to Hampton and Tuskegee, first and second places respectively—yet, in its literary work it was superior to either.

At 8 o'clock of the evening of May 5th, the Alumni Association held its annual public meeting. The meeting was presided over by Jacob Moorner, Esq., its efficient president. The opening addresses were made by Rev. C. C. Jacobs, D. D., and E. B. Burroughs, D. D., after which Prof. N. J. Frederick, A. M., principal of the Howard Graded School, Columbia, S. C., delivered the annual address, choosing as his subject: "Elements of Sound and Sane Negro Leadership." It was a strong and masterly production.

Commencement day proper, was ushered in by prayer offered by Rev. B. F. Witherspoon, D. D., Greenville, S. C., and the delivery of the annual address by Rev. John Pearson, D. D., one of the managers of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, Cincinnati, Ohio. It was a splendid effort both as to matter and delivery, and was appreciatively received by the vast audience.

At 2 o'clock the regular graduating exercises came off. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. B. Middleton, A. M., of Summerville, S. C. The graduating class numbering two from the college and twenty-four from the college preparatory and normal departments were well represented by those whose good fortune it was to be called upon to speak. Prof. N. J. Frederick, A. B., received *in cursu* the degree of A. M., and the Rev. W. M. Hanna, A. B., the honorary degree of D. D. Thus closed one of the best and most successful years in the history of the institution.

As the needs of the university are many, Dr. Dunton and his inestimable wife, with the indefatigable zeal that has characterized them all these years, will again tour the northwest with a quintet for the purpose of raising funds with which to meet these needs. During the twenty years of his presidency the university has pushed forward so that to-day she stands in the front rank of the best institutions of this country. Long may he be spared to carry on his great work, and live to see Claffin become what, to his mind, an ideal university should be.

E. B. BURROUGHS.

Orangeburg, S. C.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.-C. Conference

Easter Reports

- P. A. Lemon, Victoria, Miss.—Easter was carried out. We had a grand time. Collection \$2.61.
- C. R. O. Rowland, Pastor, Elberton Circuit, Ga.—We observed Easter on this charge with great satisfaction. The Lord was with us. The exercises were very inspiring. Raised at Downer's Grove, \$18.50; Morrison's Chapel, \$10; Mattox Chapel, \$3.50; total \$32.
- Stoneham, Texas.—We had a glorious time Easter. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and the programme was nicely carried out. Amount raised \$9.60.
- D. T. Burch, Pastor, Warren Chapel, Memphis, Tenn.—Easter was a high day. Collection for the day \$72.
- Johnson Rimmer, Supt., Kosciusko, Miss.; B. J. Roberson, Pastor.—Easter was observed at Mt. Vernon church. Collection \$15.
- J. H. Bynum, Pastor, Ripley, Miss.—Easter was a high day at St. Paul M. E. Church. Raised for missions, \$4.27.
- J. H. Everett, Macon, Miss.—Our Easter programme was carried out to the letter. Collection \$55.
- J. A. Y. Dickens, Sardis.—Our Easter was carried out. Collection \$2.10.
- J. F. Barnes, Pastor, Houston, Tex.—We had a glorious time Easter. Collection \$57.26.
- E. L. Gary, Pastor, St. Paul M. E. Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala.—Easter programme was carried out to the letter. Collection \$4.
- Joseph H. Augustus, Opelousas, La., St. Mark Church.—Our Easter was grand. Collection \$15.
- J. K. Camford, Ellisville, Miss.—Easter was a grand day. Collection \$27.
- J. Burton, Pastor, West Point, Miss.—Easter was observed as usual. Collection \$32.
- G. N. Johnson, Pastor, Clow, Ark.—Easter programme was interesting and well observed. Collection \$10.
- Wm. Perry, Heflin, Ala.—We had a grand service on Easter. Raised \$3.55.
- J. D. Banks, Kent's Store.—Our Easter services were grandly carried out. Collection \$4.50.
- R. H. Patton, Union Church, Miss.—Easter was a high day. The programme was carried out in full. The collection was \$16.23.
- Wesley D. Riggen, Pastor, Olivier, La.—Easter was a grand day. Collection \$4.55.
- Wm. Harrell, Manchac, La.—Easter was a high day at Conrad. Collection \$8.
- Rev. L. G. McDonald, Pastor, Bullock, N. C.—Easter was a high day. Collection \$7.75.
- D. Harrison, Pastor, Bell Rose, La.—Easter was observed at St. James M. E. Church. The Spirit of the Lord was with us. Collection \$14.
- B. G. Burks, Pastor, Duluth, Ga.—Our Easter collection at Alpharetta was a complete success. Raised \$27.24.
- W. M. Bell, Pastor, West Point Circuit.—Easter services were carried out. A number of persons gave 25 cents each.
- A. W. Carr, Pastor, Lodi Ct.—Our Easter program was carried out at each point and a splendid time was had. Total collection \$141.45.

Epworth League

May 31.

Missionary Meeting—Work Among Heathen Women

DAILY READINGS.

The references for this week are taken from the Missionary Campaign Libraries.

Monday—Victory for a slave girl. "Chinese Slave Girl," Chapter xxiii.

Tuesday—Womans work in India. "Light in the East," Chapter xiii.

Wednesday—Women's work among women. Toronto Convention Report, page 494.

Thursday—A girl's school in Brazil. "Izilda," Chapter vi.

Friday—The value of medical missions among heathen women. "The Healing of the Nations," Chapter ii.

Saturday—The needs of Chinese women. "China and the Chinese," Chapter xvii.

The Field.

Multitudes of women among all heathen people

are without the light of the Gospel, and it may truly be said that in every country and tribe and island community heathenism lays upon woman the heaviest burdens and brings to her the deepest degradation and misery. It matters not whether she is shut up in seclusion or not. If she leads a comparatively free outdoor life it is, as among the American Indians and Africans, a virtual slavery of grinding toil and drudgery for her husband as her master. She is hedged about by cruel superstitions and made the helpless victim of coarse passion until her own soul becomes contaminated with the baseness of her estate. Not till we once saw the faces of heathen African women thrown upon the screen did we realize the awful contrast between their inner life of thought, feeling and desire and that of the Christian woman. Those who have had the widest opportunity of observation bear witness to the same fact. Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop, the eminent oriental traveler, says:

"I think we are getting into a sort of milk-and-water view of heathenism—not of African heathenism alone, but of Buddhism, Hinduism and Mohammedanism also. When traveling in Asia, it struck me very much how little we hear, how little we know, as to how sin is enthroned and deified and worshiped. There are sin and shame everywhere. Mohammedanism is corrupt to the very core. The morals of Mohammedan countries perhaps in Persia in particular, are corrupt, and the imaginations very wicked. How corrupt Buddhism is! How corrupt Buddhists are! It is an astonishment to find there is scarcely a thing that makes for righteousness in the life of the unchristianized nations. There is no public opinion not interpenetrated by Christianity which condemns sin or wrong. And over all this seething mass of sin and shame and corruption hovers the ruler of the darkness of this world: rejoicing in the chains with which he has bound two-thirds of the human race.

But our thought especially turns to those vast masses of heathen women shut up in zenanas, harems, or womens apartments, to be reached only by women missionaries. There are eighty million women in Moslem harems; perhaps one hundred million in the zenanas of India, of whom twenty-one million are widows, the most despised and persecuted of all; almost countless numbers of foot-bound women in the apartments of China. Again, Mrs. Bishop, an impartial observer, having at first no interest in missions, but fully converted to them by her experience, may testify:

"I have lived in zenanas and harems, and have seen the daily life of the secluded women, and I can speak from bitter experience of what their lives are—the intellect dwarfed, so that the woman of twenty or thirty years of age is more like a child of eight intellectually; while all the worst passions of human nature are stimulated and developed in a fearful degree—jealousy, envy, murderous hate, intrigue, running to such an extent that in some countries I have hardly ever been in a women's house or near a women's tent without being asked for drugs with which to disfigure the favorite wife, to take away her life, or that of her infant son. This request has been made of me nearly two hundred times. This is only an indication of the daily life of whose miseries we think so little, and which is a natural product of the systems that we ought to have subverted long ago. It follows necessarily that there is also an infinite degradation of men. There are no sanctities of home, nothing to tell of righteousness, temperance, or judgment to come."

The Agencies.

The first recorded visits to zenanas were undertaken before any account of them was made public. The Society for Promoting Female Education in the East was first established in Europe in 1834. Three years later their first zenana missionary, Miss Wakefield, was permitted to enter four zenanas in Calcutta, not only to teach needlework, but to read in Bengali from Christian school books. There are now reported six women's foreign missionary societies on the continent of Europe, nineteen in Great Britain, five in Canada, and twenty-four in the United States, including one in the Hawaiian Islands, or a total of fifty-four, with an annual income of about one and a quarter millions of dollars, and 1,200 representatives in the field.

The society of our own church has a magnificent record of a third of a century. Among its first and most influential workers abroad was Miss Isabella Thoburn, who sailed for India November 2, 1869, and was translated to the immortal clime September 1, 1901. But a roll call of its worthy and most beautiful characters would be longer than that in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews.

The Fruits.

Already marvelous results have been accomplished. The long-standing barriers of false religious teaching, bitter prejudice, immemorial custom, caste, ignorance, selfishness, are giving way. Pure homes are being formed, and gradually men's ideas of woman's relations to life are being revolutionized.

How can we as young people help this work? For one thing, by denying ourselves of needless luxuries and indulgences, and giving the money saved to this cause. Once more, as Mrs. Bishop comes out of these lands, let her speak to us, seeing us as we do not see ourselves:

"Our style of living is rising. We are always accumulating. Our expenditure on ourselves is enormous; and when I returned from Asia two years ago I thought that the expenditure on the decoration of life among Christian people had largely risen, and I think so still, and I think so increasingly. We have old silver, jewelry, objects of art, rare editions of books. May we not hear the Lord's voice saying to us in regard to these our treasure accumulations, "Lovest thou me more than these?" It is time that we should readjust our expenditures in the light of our increased knowledge, that we should go carefully over our stewardship at the foot of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the light of those eyes which closed in death for our redemption."

"There never has been in the past such an opportunity as exists to-day for a man with a small sum of money to take a large part in the extension of the kingdom of God. The world is becoming one vast neighborhood. We are so closely knit together that the commonplace disciple with the silent influence of his merciful heart; with his sincere word of testimony; with his inspired prayer; and with his dollar, can make a contribution for humanity the influence of which no man may measure."—Bosworth.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson IX.—May 31st, 1903. Title—The Life-giving Spirit (Rom. 8:1-16). Golden Text: For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God (Rom. 8:14). Time of writing—Spring A. D. 58. Place of writing—Corinth.

In the days of St. Paul, Rome was the greatest city of earth. It was the center of knowledge, culture, wealth, and power. It is not certainly

known who first preached the gospel and founded there the church. The supposition that Peter, when released from prison by the angel of God, went there and established the church, and became first bishop of same, is without foundation. We do not positively know that St. Peter was ever in Rome. These were "strangers of Rome" in Jerusalem on day of Pentecost. They saw the power of God in the gift of His Spirit. Possibly some of them were saved, and carried back to Rome the gospel. By the blessing of God they probably soon succeeded in establishing the church. Some of those "that were scattered abroad," by the persecution of Saul, and "went every where preaching the word," may have found their way to Rome and founded the church. The household of faith at Rome grew rapidly, and soon became the leading church. It was composed of Jews and Gentiles. St. Paul's letter to that church is the greatest production of his life. It is the first book of the Bible for doctrine. It shows an earnest gushing style, yet beneath the surface we may see a framework of solid bone. It teaches that all need the gospel; that Jews and Gentiles are saved by faith; that the state of the justified is one of intense happiness; and that the saints should be a people zealous unto good works. We have in this lesson man in his natural state, and man in a saved state; or man under law, and man under grace; or man in the flesh, and man in the Spirit.

I. *Man in a lost state.* 1. *Original sin:* the unsaved are under the influence of a depraved nature. Sin has existed for ages, even from Adam down to the present. Our first parents were tempted and fell. This was the introduction of evil into the human family. By this violation of law man became depraved. There is such a principle as inbred sin. It is both negative and positive. It is not only the absence of "original righteousness," but also the presence of "evil tendencies" which control the life. Original sin is not guilt. No persons, except Adam and Eve, are responsible for it. It has been atoned for in the death of Jesus. No one is a sinner until he transgresses the laws of God. The race was not in Adam when he sinned, as the oak is in the acorn, and in this way became depraved. Neither did Adam represent the race in the sense that it was tempted and fell with him. But when Adam violated God's law he became a sinner, and also possessed a sinful nature. Like begets like. So all his descendants are like himself—depraved, fallen, and inclined to evil continually.

2. *Man while in an unsaved state cannot please God.* The moral quality of an act lies in the design. When man's intellect, reason, judgment, memory, conscience, emotions, affections, desires—the entire man—are under the influence of sin, or of Satan, it is impossible for him to please God. The trouble is within. The fountain head is impure. This evil disposition leads to the omission of duty, and to the transgression of law. If we break one of the commandments we are therefore sinners and guilty of all. The weight of the whole law rests upon us. There are none, in an unsaved state, that doeth good, no not one.

3. *"Walking after the flesh" is leading a wicked life.* The sins generally practiced in this age are found in the violation of the Ten Commandments. We see so much idolatry, profanity, and Sabbath desecration. So much dishonoring of parents, murdering, stealing, lying, and covetousness. There are very few, if any, sins that are not violations of some of the commandments. The drunkard cares next to nothing for God, for the Sabbath, for parents, for human life, for hu-

man character, for ownership of property, for truth. He is a constant violator of the entire law of God. 4. *Death is the result, or outcome, of a wicked life.* Death is separation. When two distinct united bodies, the one receiving its life from the other, are separated, then the dependent body is dead. Moral death is the separation of the soul from God: this occurred in Eden when our first parents violated the law of God. Physical death is the separation of the soul from the body: this occurs when we depart this life. Eternal death is final banishment from the presence of God and the glory of His power: this occurs at the end of the world and the last judgment.

II. *Man in a saved state.* 1. *The Spirit of God.* The third Person of the Trinity is often mentioned in the Old Testament. He was promised to the human family in the fullness of time. On the day of Pentecost the pledge was fulfilled in great power. The Holy Spirit came to assist in carrying on the work of salvation. He usually acts through instrumentalities. Through the preaching of the Gospel, the study of the Scriptures, and the influence of the church, He convicts the world of sin. He causes man to see and feel his need of salvation. After this He convinces man of the righteousness of Jesus. He leads man out, on, and up, to Christ, who is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. The Holy Spirit assists in moving man by warning him of danger. It whispers of immortality, of judgment to come, of future rewards and punishments. Without the help of the Holy Spirit our preaching is in vain. 2. *Man may possess the Holy Spirit.* His gifts and graces may be seen in man's daily life. These are not the Spirit of God, but they are products of His: where they are seen He is not far away. The gifts of the Spirit are wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, gift of tongues, and interpretation of tongues. Not all of these were ever given likely to any one person, but some of them to every believer. The gifts of wisdom, knowledge, faith, prophesying, or teaching, and discerning of spirits are no doubt given in some degree to every child of God. The graces, or fruits, of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. These are not the Spirit, but He, hid away in the soul, causes them to be seen in the life. All of these are given in some measure to every believer. We do not secure the Spirit by the deeds of the law. Salvation is not of works, lest any man should boast. The moving cause of salvation is the love of God; the meritorious cause is Jesus the Christ; and the instrumental cause is faith in God and also in His Son. Faith in the life, death, resurrection, ascension, and intercession of Jesus. Abraham believed God and it, his faith, was counted, set to his account, for righteousness. 3. *We may know that we are in possession of God's Spirit:* "the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." (1) The direct witness of the Spirit is an impression made on the mind of the believer that his sins are forgiven, that he is accepted of the Lord, and is an heir of heaven. This doctrine is taught in the Old Testament (Psa. 40: 1-3; Jer. 31: 33; Ezek. 36: 26). (2) The indirect witness of the Spirit is the manifestation of His gifts and graces, or fruits. Many souls are in possession of these, yet they know not when or where they received them. They love the Bible and the Sabbath, the church, and the people of God. They desire to do good and not evil. 4.

We should walk after, or be led by, the Spirit. Yet he makes no impressions above, or beyond, or that may not be found in, the written word. We should grow in the favor of God by using the means of grace with wisdom, reverence, spirituality, and regularity. The Christian life is a race to be run (Heb. 12: 1); a character to be built (2 Peter 1: 5-7); and a battle to be fought (Eph. 6: 14-17).

Plan of Episcopal Visitation

Conference, Place and Time—	Bishop.
Alaska Mission	Cranston
Arizona Mission, Tempe—Sept. 24.....	Cranston
Atlantic Mission, Elizabeth City, N. C.—Oct. 21.....	Joyce
Black Hills Miss., Deadwood, S. D.—Sept. 3.....	Andrews
Blue Ridge, Smith Chapel, P. O., Gla. s, N. C.—Oct. 7	Joyce
California, Pacific Grove—Sept. 9.....	Cranston
California German, San Francisco—Sept. 3.....	Cranston
Cincinnati, Cincinnati—Sept. 9.....	Walden
Central Illinois, Monmouth—Sept. 23.....	McCabe
Central New York, Canandaigua—Sept. 30.....	Goodsell
Central Ohio, Findlay—Sept. 16.....	Goodsell
Central Swedish, Chicago (Elm Ch.)—Sept. 10	Goodsell
Central Tennessee, Dickson—Oct. 8.....	Goodsell
Chicago German, Milwaukee—Sept. 16.....	Merrill
Cincinnati, Cincinnati—Sept. 9.....	Fowler
Colorado, Denver—Aug. 26.....	Cranston
Columbia River, Spokane—Sept. 2.....	Hamilton
Dakota, Aberdeen—Oct. 14.....	Fowler
Des Moines, Indianola, Ia.—Sept. 2.....	Mallalieu
Detroit, Flint—Sept. 16.....	Walden
East Ohio, Akron—Sept. 23.....	Mallalieu
East Tennessee, Morristown—Sept. 30.....	Joyce
Erie, Warren, Pa.—Sept. 9.....	McCabe
Genesee, Olean, N. Y.—Sept. 23.....	Goodsell
Holston, Knoxville, Tenn.—Sept. 2.....	Joyce
Idaho, Boise—Aug. 27.....	Hamilton
Illinois, Quincy—Sept. 16.....	Fowler
Indiana, Indianapolis—Sept. 9.....	Joyce
Iowa, Muscatine—Sept. 9.....	Mallalieu
Kalispell Mission, Kalispell, Mont.—July 30.....	McCabe
Kentucky, Covington—Sept. 16.....	Joyce
Michigan, Jackson—Sept. 23.....	Foss
Minnesota, Redwood Falls—Sept. 30.....	Fowler
Montana, Livingston—Aug. 13.....	McCabe
Nebraska, Lincoln—Sept. 16.....	Andrews
Nevada Mission, Loyalton, Cal.—Aug. 20.....	Hamilton
N. Mex. Eng. Mission, Albuquerque—Oct. 9.....	Walden
N. Mex. Span. Mission, Albuquerque—Oct. 8.....	Walden
North Carolina, Greensboro—Oct. 14.....	Joyce
North Dakota, Wahpeton—Sept. 24.....	FitzGerald
N. Montana Mission, Fort Benton—Aug. 6.....	McCabe
North Nebraska, Fremont—Sept. 23.....	Andrews
North Ohio, Norwalk—Sept. 16.....	McCabe
N. Pac. Ger. Mission, Davenport, Wash.—Sept. 10	Hamilton
Northern Ger., St. Paul, Minn.—Sept. 17.....	FitzGerald
Northern Minn., Duluth—Oct. 1.....	FitzGerald
N. Swed. Miss. Conf., Marinette, Wis.—Sept. 10.....	Foss
Northwest Ger., Charles City, Ia.—Sept. 16.....	Mallalieu
Northwest Ind., South Bend—Sept. 2.....	Joyce
Northwest Iowa, Sioux City—Oct. 7.....	Fowler
Northwest Nebraska, Valentine—Sept. 10.....	Andrews
Norwegian and Danish, Racine, Wis.—Sept. 3.....	Goodsell
Ohio, Portsmouth—Sept. 30.....	Merrill
Oklahoma, Guthrie—Sept. 30.....	Walden
Oregon, Salem—Sept. 30.....	Hamilton
Pac. Japan Miss., San Francisco—Sept. 4.....	Cranston
Pittsburg, Pittsburg—Oct. 7.....	Mallalieu
Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash.—Sept. 23.....	Hamilton
Rock River, Aurora, Ill.—Oct. 7.....	Andrews
St. Louis German, Pekin, Ill.—Sept. 10.....	Merrill
Southern California, Los Angeles—Sept. 16.....	Cranston
Southern Illinois, Mt. Vernon—Sept. 23.....	Walden
Tennessee, Martin—Oct. 15.....	Goodsell
Upper Iowa, Cedar Rapids—Sept. 23.....	Fowler
Utah Mission, Park City—Aug. 13.....	Cranston
West German, St. Joseph Mo.—Sept. 3.....	Merrill
West Nebraska, Lexington—Sept. 30.....	Andrews
West Virginia, Huntington—Sept. 30.....	Mallalieu
West Wisconsin, Chippewa Falls—Sept. 3.....	Foss
West Nor-Dan., Tacoma, Wash.—Sept. 17.....	Hamilton
Western Swed., Saronville, Neb.—Aug. 27.....	McCabe
Wisconsin, Green Bay—Sept. 16.....	Foss
Wyoming Mission, Newcastle—Aug. 6.....	Cranston
Alabama, Anniston—Dec. 3.....	Foss
Atlanta, Covington, Ga.—Dec. 10.....	FitzGerald
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex.—Nov. 26.....	Walden
Central Alabama, Birmingham—Dec. 10.....	Foss
Georgia, Ellijay—Dec. 17.....	FitzGerald
Mobile, Union Springs, Ala.—Dec. 17.....	Foss
Savannah, Brunswick, Ga.—Dec. 3.....	FitzGerald
South Carolina, Sumter—Nov. 26.....	FitzGerald
Southern German, Perry, Tex.—Dec. 2.....	Walden
Texas, Houston—Dec. 9.....	Walden
West Texas, San Antonio—Dec. 16.....	Walden

In order that our readers might know the dates fixed for fall conferences of our territory and the Bishops appointed to hold them, at the earliest possible moment, we had them sent us by wire last week immediately on the adjournment of Bishops' meeting. This week we are pleased to present official list in full—except foreign conferences, which will appear later.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

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The Labor Situation in New Orleans

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fight alone, while others think he should, wherever possible, unite with the whites. There are advantages and disadvantages on both sides. Before the alliance was formed in this city, the white screwmen complained that Negroes did more work than they and for lower wages. This latter not because he preferred to work for less than the whites, but because advantage of his position was taken and he acted on the principle that "a half loaf is better than no loaf at all." It was, of course, to the advantage of the employer to have him so situated. Another advantage that grew out of his situation is the fact that the Negro tried to see how much work he could do, rather than how little. The white laborer does not do this. All the advantage was on the side of the employer. The Negro had no protection as a laborer, that is, as to his wages, and no protection for his person, as was clearly demonstrated here during the labor troubles of a few years ago, when whites and blacks were arrayed against each other. Whereas, if labor is valuable it should be protected. In the present strike they fare as do the whites, and, as we understand it, they are paid as are the whites, which is as it should be. In other words, they protect each other. With the explanation which we have given, it is easy to understand why the *Times-Democrat* is so wroth. If one must judge from its editorials on the subject, that paper is happy only when it sees the Negro placed at a disadvantage—when he is handling the "hot end of the poker." The question of politics has nothing to do with the subject, neither has that of social equality. As to who shall serve as an arbitrator will take care of itself. We dare say, however, it will take more than the bitter editorials of our contemporary to break the alliance thus formed.

The Mobile & Ohio Strike

The *Memphis Appeal* of May 13 contains an interview with Mr. John M. Beall, assistant general passenger agent of the Mobile & Ohio railroad, relative to the recent strike of the trainmen on that road. From it, it appears that the trainmen were too precipitate if not unreasonable in their demands. It also appears that the company had voluntarily raised the wages of those men on an average of \$15 to \$35 a month since 1898, and had recently agreed to their further demands for overtime service. We understand that all passenger trains and local freights are now running as usual.

The city marshal of Owensboro, Ky., shot and killed a Negro and his friends guarded him all night for fear the dead man's friends would make an attack on the marshal. Conscience is a terrible accuser and invariably makes cowards of the guilty. The Negroes had no thought of attacking the marshal.

Important to Our Pastors and League Workers

Recognizing the fact that the **SOUTHWESTERN** goes into the hands of all of our pastors and many League workers, Secretary Penn begins in this issue of the paper a series of articles upon "Epworth League Department Suggestions" with the evident desire to place within reach of all helpful notes on the practical work of the League. In a note to the editor, the secretary expresses the desire that our brethren be encouraged to make as much of these suggestions as their importance demands and that there be a general awakening along League lines in the real work of the League. In point of organization the League has grown wonderfully. At the Indianapolis meeting of the Board of Control in 1899 there were reported 1064 chapter organizations, at the Chicago meeting of the Board in 1901, 1572 chapter organizations were reported, an increase of 508 in two years, while at the Board of Control which meets this month of May in Philadelphia, Brother Penn will be able to report 2085 chapters of the League, an increase of 513 in two years. This is gratifying as to organization and the \$20,000 worth of literature which has been circulated is also gratifying, as well as the many chapters which are doing efficient work, but the hope of the church and the race is in Christian training of the youth and the future of the church depends in a large sense upon the use of the vigorous, youthful powers of our young people; hence every church should have an Epworth and Junior League and, in line with our suggestions of a few weeks ago, the pastors should study in every conceivable way the plan of the wheel to keep and use our young people to the glory of God and the building up of His church. The articles of the secretary should be looked for, carefully read, preserved and used. Again, our pastors this year could do no better thing for their leading young people than to encourage them to go to the International Convention at Detroit, in July. It would give them new views, new life and fresh courage for the work they have in hand. We solicit for Brother Penn's articles the largest and widest reading and also the largest possible usefulness.

The following item from that true and tried friend of the race, Dr. W. D. Godman, formerly of this state but now of Philadelphia, is sure to prove of interest to our readers: Mr. Isaac Walter Sutton, a native of Winsted, St. Mary's parish, Louisiana, last night received from the Hahnemann Medical College of this city the degree of Doctor of Medicine—M. D.—and the accompanying diploma. He received much applause. The exercises were held in the great Academy of Music, in the presence of three thousand persons. Dr. Sutton was ready for graduation a year ago, but was taken seriously ill and was so confined that he could not be examined. He therefore wisely concluded to take a fifth year of study. He comes through with flying colors. He finished the eight years' course at Gilbert Academy; afterwards a four years' course in a college in this city, and now has completed five years in a first-class medical college. His class numbers sixty-nine. He has many friends, is in good health, and, I am glad to say, his habits are without fault. I anticipate for him a successful career.

We received sometime ago, through the courtesy of Rev. W. T. Trammell, the secretary, a copy of the minutes of the Central Alabama Conference. It is one of the best gotten up journals that has reached our office.

Personal and General

Florence Nightingale, the famous nurse of the Crimean war, is 80 years old.

Rev. W. L. Marshall, of Bay St. Louis, was in the city this week visiting among friends.

Rev. H. A. Sorrell, of Jackson, La., and his son Mr. E. J. H. Sorrell, are in the city this week.

Miss Agnes Henderson, a member of St. Paul M. E. Church, Shreveport, La., is in the city for a few days.

The presidency of the University of Southern California has been accepted by Rev. Dr. George F. Bovard.

Mrs. S. Fields, of Woodlawn, La., has been elected a lay delegate to the Louisiana Annual Conference.

Rev. H. J. Wright, of Shreveport, came to the city last week and reports matters in his city in excellent shape.

Miss Floy Gilmore has been appointed assistant attorney general for the government in the Philippine Islands.

Dr. A. M. Curtis, one of the leading colored surgeons of this country, was tendered a reception at the Richmond (Va.) hospital, May 11.

Mr. D. W. Young of Camden, Ark., who belongs to the senior class in pharmacy at Meharry Medical College, is in the city this week and gave us a call.

Mr. J. H. Denson, who is a route mail agent on the Mississippi Valley railroad between this city and Vicksburg, Miss., is meeting with excellent success.

Senator Tillman of South Carolina does not want Grover Cleveland for president. He says the simple suggestion is an insult to the democrats.

Rev. Pierre Landry, dean of Gilbert College, was in the city Monday to attend the meeting of his Board of Trustees. His institution closes this week.

Mr. M. S. Alexander, of Maillard, is in the city this week on business. He thinks that the sugar crop will be a bountiful one if the rains come in time.

We thank Secretary Skelton for a copy of the minutes of the Lexington Annual Conference. They are neatly gotten up and are a credit to him and his printers.

Prof. R. S. Halbert, president of the Paris District Epworth League, has sent out an earnest appeal in a neat little pamphlet to the pastors and Epworthians of his district.

Rev. W. S. Sherrill, A. M., pastor at Walnut Street Church, Hot Springs, Ark., preached the annual sermon and delivered an address at Clow Seminary, Clow, Ark., May 10.

Printed programs are out for the Alexandria District Epworth League and Sunday School convention, at Le Compté, La., May 11-12, Rev. S. Duncan, presiding elder.

Rev. R. P. Threlkeld, presiding elder of the Vicksburg district, Mississippi conference, was in the city this week and handed in two new subscribers. He is extremely hopeful for his year's work.

In a personal item found in our issue of May 14th, the type made us credit Mrs. E. C. F. Troupe, of Grenada, Miss., with only eight new subscribers, whereas it should have been eighteen.

M. C. B. Mason, Jr., son of Dr. M. C. B. Mason of the Freedman's Aid Society, won second honors in the interstate high school debate. Young

Mason is only sixteen and was the only colored boy contesting.

Miss Nellie Benita, daughter of Mrs. Delia Adams of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., but well known in this city, was married to Mr. E. W. Lee, a prominent young man of Atlanta, May 14, 1903.

Roscoe Furguson, a colored boy in the Houston (Tex.) public school, recently won the prize offered by Randolph & Son for the best drawing of any pupil of the white and colored public schools of that city.

The many friends of Mrs. F. C. Landry, wife of Dean Landry of Gilbert College, Baldwin, La., will be much pleased to know she is greatly improved in health since her recent visit to this city to see a physician.

Rev. Geo. E. Caesar, A. M., of Conyers, Ga., Mr. A. B. Fortune of Rome, Ga., and Mr. R. B. Pruett of Meridian, Miss., called at the office this week. Rev. Caesar and Mr. Fortune were enroute to Los Angeles, Cal., to attend the Presbyterian General Assembly, to be held in that city.

Rev. J. P. Wragg, A. M., agent of the American Bible Society, passed through the city last Tuesday, enroute to his home in Atlanta, Ga. He preached the baccalaureate sermon at Samuel Huston College, Austin, Tex., and visited a number of other points in the interest of his work.

The Hon. Christopher H. Payne, a prominent colored republican of West Virginia has been appointed consul at St. Thomas, D. W. I. This consulate is said to be the most important in the West Indies. He succeeds Hon. Mahlon Van Horne of Rhode Island, who has held over since 1897.

Prof. E. H. McKissack, A. M., the talented professor of natural science, Rust University, has been chosen a member of the Epworth League Board of Control to succeed Prof. Thomas A. Fortson, A. M., deceased. Prof. McKissack's selection will, we are sure, give general satisfaction throughout the Twelfth General Conference District.

Rev. Dr. M. C. B. Mason, corresponding secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society, was in the city on Monday of this week. He attended the meeting of the Board of Trustees, New Orleans University, and left Monday evening for Austin, Tex., where he delivers the commencement address at Samuel Huston College. He also spends one night in Houston, Tex., where he is to lecture at Trinity Church, Rev. Dr. W. H. Logan pastor. Dr. Mason looks well and is as enthusiastic and hopeful as ever for the work he has in hand.

We call the attention of the presiding elders and pastors of the Mississippi conference to the fact that Mrs. Campbell, widow of the late Rev. Joseph Campbell, is doing her utmost to meet the payments on her little home at Jackson, Miss., and appeals to them for assistance. Bishop Mallalieu has, through a friend at the North, arranged the notes so that the payments on same may be made monthly, but Sister Campbell finds it difficult to support herself and family on the little she can make and meet this obligation also. Hence she asks the assistance of the brethren and will acknowledge through the columns of the SOUTHWESTERN anything that may be sent her at Jackson, Miss.

It looks as tho the republicans, black and white, of Alabama, are about to get together again. A meeting looking to that end was recently held in Montgomery, Ala.

News Notes

The Filipino leader, Mabini, is dead.

The Roman Catholics of Brooklyn, N. Y., are making a fight against profane swearing.

Since the friars are desirous of leaving the Philippines, a movement is on foot to get them to remain.

Ex-Mayor Ames, four times mayor of Minneapolis, has been sentenced to six years in the penitentiary.

On the Manhattan elevated railroad in New York City, colored men have been employed as ticket takers.

The bartenders' association of Fall River, Mass., refused to be served by colored waiters at their banquet.

In Cross county, Arkansas, eight white citizens were arrested by the federal authorities for intimidating colored people.

Students at the Agricultural and Mechanical College (white) in Mississippi, tarred and feathered a Mexican student of the school.

An order creating a postoffice at Quindocquia, Md., has been rescinded. Mr. Andrew J. Day, a colored man was to have been appointed postmaster.

In the parade in San Francisco, Cal., in honor of President Roosevelt, the position of honor was given a troop of colored cavalry, they leading the procession.

Women will not be employed again as immigration inspectors in New York. The services of those thus employed about three months ago have been discontinued.

In Manila a mob of Americans stormed a theater which was presenting a play that the Americans called seditious because in it the American flag was torn down and another hoisted in its stead.

Within the last twelve months colored people in different parts of the country have contributed \$1169.14 towards the expenses of the Tuskegee Institute. This is the largest contribution made by colored people in any one year of the history of the institution.

Mr. Speranza, secretary of the Society for the Protection of Italian Immigrants of New York, on investigating complaints of ill treatment by Italians working in Virginia, found that they had been cruelly treated. Some of them who had quit work had been tied to a mule and dragged back to work.

The colored teachers of Georgia will receive for their institutes this summer \$1,200 from the Peabody fund. A summer school will be held during the month of July in Athens, Ga., for Negro teachers. A considerable portion of the appropriation will be used for this purpose.

Relative to the proposed meeting of presiding elders and others to assemble in Meridian, Miss., next month, the Baltimore *Methodist* says: "The presiding elders and leading men in our colored conferences meet in Meridian, Miss., June 25-28, for consultation. May wisdom from on high guide their deliberations."

John Farson, a Chicago millionaire banker and broker, has offered \$1,000,000 for an ideal servant. She must fill his requirements, some of which are intuition of people's likes and dislikes at table, cheerfulness, dignity, neatness, knowing her place, avoidance of gossip and some knowledge of nursing, cooking and dressmaking. He is flooded with applications.

The Hilltop Association, an organization of citizens in the vicinity of the confederate cemetery at Camp Chase, Ohio, by a majority vote refused to participate in the annual services to be held in memory of the dead confederates. Dr. Warner, who is evidently an influential member of the association, declared that the civil war is not over and will not be till the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the constitution are recognized by the confederates. We think that there is no question that such feeling is dying out about as rapidly as can be expected, and we have thought more rapidly at the North than in some sections of the South.

Liberia Annual Conference

The Liberia annual conference convened in Cape Palmas, Liberia, Feb. 11, 1903. Bishop Hartzell being absent, Rev. W. T. Hagan was chosen president. The appointments are as follows:

(All postoffice addresses are in Liberia unless otherwise stated. *A Star indicates not members of the annual conference.)

MONROVIA AND BASSA DISTRICT.

W. T. Hagan, presiding elder; postoffice, Monrovia, Liberia.

Central Buchanan, to be supplied, J. H. Potter, Mrs. M. A. S. Ragland,* teacher.* College of West Africa, A. P. Camphor, president; Mrs. A. P. Camphor,* preceptress; W. F. Hawkins, professor of Greek and Latin; Miss Ella B. Dowell,* teacher; Miss Ida M. Sharp,* music teacher; Miss Emma W. Payne,* assistant teacher. DeCoursey Mission, to be supplied. Edina, E. B. Mitchell, Mrs. L. A. Page,* teacher. Fortsville and Fortsville Mission, U. S. Ware, pastor and teacher. Farming, supplied by J. T. Williams.* Hartford and Boxley, Lee Anderson and T. M. Hill.* Johnsonville and Barnesville, W. F. Hawkins, T. A. Rose,* teacher. Lower Buchan, N. B. Whitfield, J. H. Porter,* teacher. Marshall, to be supplied. Mt. Olive and Powellville, J. J. Powell; J. D. Stryker, assistant; Mrs. E. E. Powell,* teacher; Mrs. M. J. Deputie,* Philip Harris,* interpreter. Monrovia: First Church, J. C. Sherrill; Kroo Mission, D. W. Hermon* and Nimley Taylor.* New Georgia, to be supplied. Paynesville, to be supplied. Paynesbury, Thos. J. King. St. Paul's River Industrial School, J. C. Sherrill, principal; J. B. McGill,* superintendent mechanical department; Mrs. J. B. McGill,* evangelist; E. R. Gravelly, pastor and teacher; Mrs. E. R. Gravelly,* assistant teacher. Upper Buchanan—Wm. P. Kennedy.

SINOE AND CAPE PALMAS DISTRICT.

Presiding elder, to be supplied.

Blue Barrow, to be supplied. Bluntsville, S. R. Miller.* Greenville, J. A. Simpson, Mrs. J. A. Simpson,* teacher. Fishtown, Z. B. Roberts,* Mrs. E. F. Russ,* teacher. Lexington, to be supplied by C. A. Minor.* Louisiana, P. E. Walker. Settra Kroo, to be supplied. Sinoe River Industrial Mission, J. B. Robertson, Mrs. Fredrica Robertson.* Niffo, Pano Staey.* Baraka and Wissika Mission, J. M. Perkins, Mrs. Jessie Perkins,* Miss Minnie Wilhoit,* Jaspar Grant* and John Stark.* Beabo, to be supplied. Bigtown and Plukey, H. H. Evans, Mrs. F. B. Ashton.* Cape Palmas: Mt. Scott Church, Cavalla, and Rocktown, J. A. Faust, E. W. N. Valentine,* C. E. Gibson,* Wm. Asbury Harmon,* and Edward A. Bedell.* Wrebbo Station, David Baker,* native supply. High School, J. A. Faust, principal; Jos. T. Dayrell* and Mrs. J. A. Faust.* Grand Sess, George B. Grando.* Garraway and two out-stations, J. M. L. Harrow, and one native helper. Piquinnine Sess, to be supplied. Third Town, to be supplied. Tubmantown, A. Tubman,* G. B. Gray,* D. F. Johnson,* and George Stevenson,* teachers.

ST. PAUL'S RIVER DISTRICT.

I. N. Holder, presiding elder; postoffice, Monrovia, Liberia.

Bensonville, R. Boyce, pastor. Brewerville, F. C. Holderness, assistant J. H. Davis.* Caldwell, W. H. Carter, pastor; C. R. Clarke,* teacher. Crawford Mission, H. A. M. Crawford.* Clay-Ashland, C. A. Lincoln, and Teacher R. V. Richards,* assistant. Careysburg and New-Land, J. E. Clarke,* Mrs. A. E. Hagans,* teacher. Crozierville, A. L. Sims, pastor and teacher. Harrisburg, J. M. Gross, A. M. Harris,* teacher. Millsburg, P. T. Barker. Pesseh and Brown Station, I. N. Holder,* H. L. Porterfield.* Robertsport and Tallah, B. K. McKeever. Robertsville, T. H. Clarke.* Sasstown, A. Snorton,* S. E. S. Payne,* assistant. Virginia, S. D. Richards.*

Missionaries on Furlough—U. L. Walker and wife, F. M. Allen* and wife, Miss Jessie Hunt,* J. A. Davis* and wife, J. C. Sherrill and wife, Miss Agnes McAllister* was transferred to East Central Africa Mission Conference.

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FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. C. Marshall Editor

We know some first rate farmers who regularly breed their sows when the sows are between seven and eight months old; the opinion held being that they are thus made more prolific and healthy.

We know of a prize sow now two years old that is altogether in support of this position.

She has had three litters of pigs, and she produced twelve pigs in starting, raising every pig of the twelve. The second time sixteen came, and but one died. Her latest performance, a recent one, runs up to twenty pigs.—*Home and Farm.*

BETTER POULTRY.

The demand for better poultry has become so great that poultrymen are fast discarding the mongrels and selecting the standard breeds, which more nearly fill the requirements of the public who buy the products of the poultry yard.

Eggs must now be of uniform size and color, and poultry must be of good size, with a generous supply of meat on the breast.

Dressed poultry must be attractive in appearance and assorted according to grade.

High-priced beef and pork have placed a premium on the products of the poultry yard, which will be of inestimable benefit to the farmer and breeder of poultry.

The despised old hen has now become the housewife's pet, and we have suddenly discovered that there is money in chickens after all. We have found that in proportion to money invested and labor expended in caring for them the hens produce a larger per cent of profit than the cows, and since the world's poultry supply is far short of the demand we can confidently look forward to an uninterrupted period of prosperity for those who know how to raise poultry.—*Home and Farm.*

It is announced that "complaint is made that there is a scarcity of good saddle horses and cow-ponies in Texas. The old-fashioned broncho is a thing of the past and many of the cow men are bemoaning the fact, saying that the horses they keep nowadays cannot stand as much grief as the old-timers could." One who appears to have looked very carefully into this business, tells us that "the first horses brought into Mexico by the Spaniards

were Moorish and Arabians, and that the original Texas mustangs were descended from those. For nearly half a century 'improved' stallions have been used among them, and for the last fifteen years or so it has been almost impossible to obtain any stock that does not show signs of admixture with northernbred stallions. This has increased the size, but knocked out much of the staying quality and activity of the foundation Texas stock." This admirer of the early mustang has got together a small lot of mares filling the bill for the old requirements. "Mine are all small," he observes, "and I do not want to increase the size, nor do I want to lessen the stamina, which is one of the characteristics I value in the breed."—*Home and Farm.*

GINGER WAFERS.

Cream one cup of butter with one cup of sugar and add one cup of molasses and half a cup of strong cold coffee. Sift together two teaspoonfuls of soda, one tablespoonful of ginger and enough flour to make a dough just stiff enough to roll out thin. Cut out with a cookie cutter and bake in a quick oven.

VEAL STEW.

Strip the meat and cut it from a knuckle of veal weighing three pounds, put it in a stew pan and rest the bones on top; barely cover the meat with boiling water and skim it as it comes to the boil; then add three small onions, half a level teaspoon of salt, a little pepper; cover the pan and let the contents simmer until potatoes are ready to fall apart; rub two level tablespoonfuls of flour in a little cold water; add it to the stew, stirring carefully until boiling; just before serving add one cup of hot milk, one teaspoon of chopped parsley and one level tablespoon of butter; serve very hot.

U. C. V. RE-UNION, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Passengers arriving in New Orleans via the New Orleans & Northeastern Railroad (Queen & Crescent Route) desiring to go direct to the Fair Grounds—where are located the Convention Hall, state headquarters, and other departments of the convention of the United Confederate Veterans—can take at the station electric cars to Esplanade avenue and there change to cars going direct to the grounds; or, by remaining on the cars originally taken, can ride directly to the center of the city, hotels, etc.

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DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

Church Reporter, Indianapolis, Ind.—The appointment of Rev. W. H. Riley to Simpson Chapel, Indianapolis, Ind., promises marked success for the pastor and church. Rev. Mr. Riley being a disciplinarian, and an earnest spiritual worker, will soon swing Simpson back to her normal condition. The

conservative element have renewed their position in the church and his plans for work are being readily accepted by them. Together with his faithful and energetic wife, his deaconess students, great good is anticipated by way of a much needed revival. A good revival has not characterized the report of this charge for some time. We are also glad to notice that the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Indiana Conference (white) is so willing and ready to take charge of the deaconess work that has been transferred to their care by the W. H. M. S. of Cincinnati, O. The Indiana Conference Executive Board, with Mrs. Wm. T. Brown for president (wife of a prominent lawyer of Indianapolis) heartily endorsed the coming of the Riley Deaconess Home by sending a letter of welcome to Rev. Riley and his work. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

A. E. Gibbs, Pastor, Waller Ct., Patterson, Tex.—Our second quarterly conference was held in St. Thomas M. E. Church April 18-19, Rev. J. E. Bryant, A. B., presiding elder. The officers present had good reports, showing that the work was improving. The elder preached two spiritual sermons; 56 souls partook of the Lord's Supper, after which we visited the homes of the following sick sisters: Anna Van Duran and Patient Smith, also one other sister, and administered the sacrament to them. Paid the elder \$9; benevolent claims, \$11; and pastor, \$1.50. Total \$21.50.

Mrs. Martha Rankins, Handsboro, Miss.—Our Epworth League is on foot and the pastor is doing all he can to help us to look up and lift up. Our president, J. D. Thomas, is proud of his office and we are proud to have him our pastor. We have a good pastor. Our Easter exercise was nice. Our Sunday school is on the increase. Easter collection was good.

A. T. Jackson, Pastor, Hubbard City, Tex.—Rev. L. A. Richardson, presiding elder, paid us his second visit and held our second quarterly conference, to the satisfaction of all. The officers were on hand with good reports. The pastor's report showed three added to the church. The report from the president of the Epworth League and Sunday school superintendent showed that these departments are alive. The presiding elder preached us three earnest sermons and administered the sacrament to 38 persons. Paid presiding elder \$10.50; pastor \$20.75; for traveling expenses, \$1.50; raised on Easter, \$11.25; total \$53.55. A goodly number of our people have moved to the territory and that accounts for our small financial reports. This work has run down considerably on this account, but we are striving with faith and prayer in Him who has never lost a battle to build it up.

Eugene Baptiste, Pastor, Thibodaux, La.—We are in the midst of a glorious revival. Twenty-eight souls have been happily converted.

L. C. Thomas, Pastor, New Roads, La.—My first quarterly conference convened April 9, with Rev. H. Taylor, presiding elder, in the chair. All officers were present with written reports. Paid pastor, \$33.30; trustees reported \$5.20. Sunday school \$8.85; missions, \$5. Rev. E. Williams and presiding elder preached to a great host of people. God poured out his spirit upon

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all. Paid presiding elder in full, \$3. We are planning for a new church New Roads.

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Luna M. Carroll, Monroe, La.—April 22 a grand surprise party was given by the Sun Beam Society to the pastor, Rev. Carroll, and family. The participants filled the table with all kinds of groceries. We have a great set of people. They seem to care for the pastor and family.

A. C. Mitchell, Reporter, Hahnville, La.—Our first quarter was held in James M. E. Church April 12. Dr. F. Marshall, presiding elder, was in the chair. The reports showed an increase over last year. The pastor was loved by members and friends. Dr. Marshall made some very touching remarks on SOUTHWESTERN.

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Z. K. Gowen, Adairsville, Ga.—Adairsville M. E. Church has the best Epworth League in the Atlanta Conference, so far as I have seen. The literary department rendered a unique exercise last Sunday which would have been heard well anywhere. The Rev. S. L. Johnson, the president, is the right man in the right place. Mrs. Flora, of Adairsville, led the league to complete victory in her exercise.

Joseph H. Thompson, Pastor, Haven M. E. Church, New Orleans.—Our revival closed with 12 converts, 5 accessions. We baptized 7 on May 3 at the altar by sprinkling. The oldest members here declared that it was the best baptismal service held at Haven in 20 years. The Lord's Supper was administered to 72 members. The Sunday school, under the efficient management of Mrs. Evelena L. Bolden, is progressing and increasing. The service closed Sunday night with a good spiritual meeting and one subscriber. Our second quarterly love

feast will be held May 12. City pastors, members and friends are invited.

F. J. Talbert, Pastor, Grenada, Miss.—I went forth to my work and found it alive, both spiritually and financially. Owing to bad roads and high water, we were not able to move before April 10. We found the parsonage empty. Our good members and friends have bought a set of furniture and a stove, at the cost of \$30. On the night of the 17th we were awakened by the ringing of the church bell. To our surprise the parsonage yard was crowded with friends, who left many pounds of good things on the table for our comfort. Such visitors are always welcome.

Brother Richard Cole died April 16. He was a faithful member of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church for 26 years. He was always at his post of duty, ready to do whatever was to be done. He leaves a wife, several children and a host of friends to mourn. Funeral service was preached by the pastor.

C. A. Taylor, Pastor, Cotton Plant, Ark.—Sister Mason, born Oct. 25, 1878, in the state of Mississippi, was converted and joined the church August, 1890, through Rev. Roseberry, pastor at Abbot, Miss. In 1891 they moved to Arkansas. She united with Taylor's Chapel, M. E. Church, under the pastorate of Rev. J. C. Sherrill, and continued to live a Christian. I visited her during her illness of more than a month. I read God's word to her and she received it with joy. She leaves a mother, sister and step-father and many relatives.

C. D. C. Bryan, Pastor, Franklinton, La.—We have moved on our new work. Was met by the brethren and a host of young people and citizens, who came with their baskets and hands loaded with good things. Dr. Clanton gave a few remarks which were appreciated. The pastor gave an address thanking the good people of Washington parish for their kindness and inviting them to come again. My work is alive. We had a glorious time last Sunday; five were added to the fold of Christ.



There have been times when the wild beasts have been more merciful than human beings, and spared the woman cast to them in the arena. It is astonishing how little sympathy women have for women. In the home the mistress sees the maid with the signs of suffering she recognizes so well, but she does not lighten the sick girl's load by a touch of her finger. In the store the forewoman sees the pallor and exhaustion which mark womanly weakness, but allows nothing for them. It is work or quit.

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A. J. Smith, Jeanerette, La.—We are well pleased with our new pastor, Rev. H. C. Gair. We owe many thanks to Miss Clara Allison and Miss A. Lenagin, both Sunday school scholars, for the pound meeting for the pastor. We have also purchased a fine heater and have put electric lights in the church. We hope to entertain the district conference this year.

W. H. Burnley, Hartsville, Tenn.—Our second quarterly conference was held March 28-29, with Rev. H. W. Key, D. D., in the chair. The reports showed that the officers had been at work. Dr. Key was at his best, and preached, as he always does, one of his wonderful sermons. Forty-six members paid their quarterly dues, and fifty-two took the Lord's Supper. Rev. R. A. Dowell, our pastor, is looking after each department of the church. The Sunday school, with Prof. R. R. Burnley, superintendent, is playing an important part in raising our benevolent collections. The committees are at work to bring up our assessments. With our pastor in the lead, we mean to put Hartsville in the front rank where it belongs. Paid Elder Key \$11.85.

Jackson Phillips, District Steward, Vicksburg Circuit.—The first quarterly conference was held March 28-29, with Rev. R. P. Threlkeld presiding. Reports showed the work to be in a fair condition and in advance of last year. The presiding elder preached a strong sermon and administered the Sacrament on the Sabbath to a large congregation. Pastor's salary fixed at \$300; benevolence, \$30.

David Harrison, Pastor, Bell Rose, La.—The Lafourche bayou is up bank to bank. The farmers are quite un-

easy. Watchmen are on guard every night. Presiding Elder W. R. Butler held his first quarterly conference here at St. James Chapel M. E. Church, March 12. He came in the rain and went away in the rain. Rev. Butler found that the parsonage had been renovated. Collection was good. The people received me very gladly. On the 21st inst. a party led by Brother Fred Gibbs, Mrs. Idel Powers, Mrs. Pauline Gibbs and Miss Louisa Gibbs, Miss Lucinda Ogeese and Mr. Louis Powell, Mr. Caesar Daniel and a host of friends visited the parsonage with a storm pound party. Miss Lucinda Ogeese and her brother delivered the addresses, Mrs. Harrison prayed. On March 28 a nice stove was put in the parsonage by the steward brothers. I have received two members in the church and the Sunday school is increasing every Sabbath. If the levee holds, the prospect seems to be bright for the future.

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W. H. Moseby, Pastor, Kerrville, Texas.—My first quarterly conference was held March 28-29. Rev. M. S. Jordan presided in place of Elder Swann. Rev. M. S. Jordan is our Epworth League president, and is looking after League work. He did not forget to speak about the great League work. Our conference was well attended. Brother Jordan preached two good sermons. The Lord's supper was administered. I have received Sister Anna Loll, Sister J. A. Thornton, Miss Maggie Thornton, Sister Mamie Butler.

J. W. Turner, Algiers, La.—Through the kindness of Rev. H. O. Williams, B. J. Dimond, Mrs. W. Watson, Mrs. P. Merry, Mrs. C. Ross, Mrs. M. Ducen and others, the parsonage has been furnished with a \$97.50 set of furniture. We have started off in good shape. Pastor and people are happy. Rev. H. O. Williams met with quite a sad accident. His fingers were dislocated. He has been in great pain, but he is a little better at this writing.

H. P. Coulter, Pastor, Fayetteville, Ark.—The Church Aid Society of St. James M. E. Church, Fayetteville, Ark., Little Rock conference, had its annual sermon preached by the writer

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OUR GRATITUDE.

Our conference has just adjourned and we have been changed from Cincinnati to Indianapolis, Ind. As we go to our new field of labor we wish to publicly express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends who have stood by us in our heavy work. Four years ago we were called to Mt. Zion Church. We found the church on a very low ebb. The members having been for a long time in war among themselves, and struggling under a heavy debt. We gathered the members together, increased the membership more than a hundred, paid off a large per cent. of the debt and strengthened the church so that we could entertain our annual conference. We were moved to Ninth Street Church, where the members, few in number, had been struggling for more than seven years and had not had a single conversion. With but the shadow of a Sunday school and Epworth league, and with but little or no congregation, we secured the old St. John M. E. Church, corner of Park street and Carlisle avenue, which was very much out of repair. We brought this congregation from Ninth Street to the St. John Church. We beautified this church building, raised more than \$1,500 for all purposes, added 130 members to the church, raised the Sunday school roll from 12 to 120, built up a good Epworth league. We wish to thank our friends who have stood by us so nobly in our four years' work in Cincinnati. Without some

such support we could not have done one-third of this work. We wish to especially thank the Woman's Home Missionary Society, who fostered our deaconess work, which was carried on in our odds and ends of time. One of our deaconess graduates, Miss Mary E. Poindexter, is doing excellent work in Washington, D. C. And another, Miss Rowena Howard, will leave in a few weeks for Baltimore, Md., where she has been called as a deaconess. The managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society have transferred our Deaconess Training School to Indianapolis, Ind. God bless the loyal Methodists about Cincinnati. I am yours for Christ, W. H. RILEY.

H. J. Robinson, Pastor, Wilson, La.—Wesley Chapel is on the upward grade. Sunday, March 29, was a high day at Wesley. Regardless of the bad roads and rain that had been falling all night, at an early hour Sunday morning the people began to gather on the church ground for the usual service at the Sabbath school. Mr. H. O. Gair, of the New Orleans University, presided at the organ. The Sabbath school and Epworth league are in first-class condition. Prof. John T. Harrell, brother of Rev. Wm. Harrell, gave us an instructive lecture. Sunday school collection, \$5.30. The anniversary sermon of the Knights of Pythias was delivered by the Rev. B. J. Reddix, pastor of St. Mark M. E. Church, Baton Rouge. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. A. Luster, pastor of St. Paul and Vincent M. E. Church. Hon. Jas. A. Gair spoke briefly of the rise and growth of the Knights of Pythians. At the morning service \$36.70

was collected. Total collection for the day, \$42.55. A fine dinner was served on the ground and everybody enjoyed the services. We are going to stand by the grand old paper that is doing so much good for the church and the race. We are planning to help the presiding elder raise those 300 subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN, 1,000 converts, and \$1,200 benevolence. We are looking for the Rev. R. E. Jones soon.

J. W. Terrell, Batesville, Miss.—My first quarterly conference convened April 3-5, Rev. N. H. Williams, D. D., presiding elder, in the chair. His visit is always a source of joy and consolation. He preached at St. Paul to an appreciative congregation. All interests of the church were carefully looked after.

E. Cooper, Kansas City, Mo.—The Negro in the South is far beyond the Negro in the North; I mean in the upbuilding of his race. The large majority of the colored people in the North are servants for the whites at a very poor salary, and as soon as they get their pay, to the saloon they go, and finally their money is in the hands of the bartender, and out for home they put, with money gone and wits going. So you see by this where to go to find the right Negroes. I have done much traveling in the North as well as South, and I know what I am speaking about.

Huntsville, Texas.—The Huntsville District Epworth League Group meeting convened in the St. James M. E. Church, March 30-31, Rev. B. M. Taylor, district president, in the chair.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. A. C. Culbreath, our pastor. The program was rendered with good result. We had a good representative from each point. The league voted to have a special session here after the annual conference. Rev. A. C. Culbreath was elected delegate to the International meeting to be held in Detroit, Mich. We believe Rev. B. M. Taylor is the right man in the right place. The officers are: Rev. B. M. Taylor, president; Mrs. S. V. Culbreath, secretary; Mrs. E. E. Dossey, reporter.

W. M. Roberts, Pastor, Corinth, Miss.—I am doing very well at this writing, though I am yet confined to my bed. I ask the earnest prayers of the brethren in my hours of sadness and darkness. The death angel came in our home March 20 and bore away our youngest child, Maude Lee Roberts. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Jesse Burton, of West Point, Miss. The people of all denominations stood by us in the hours of sorrow. The white people are very kind to us. One white brother of the

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Baptist church, this city, gave \$5 on the burial of our baby. We are doing all we can in church work. The fifth Sunday was a high day in Corinth. The Rev. N. R. Clay, pastor of Holly Springs, Miss., preached two wonderful sermons. His fame as a preacher has filled the town. The people will be glad to have him come over at any time.

Pulaski Circuit.—The Preachers' Institute of the Southwestern Division of the Pulaski District was held at Mat Meadows, Va., March 26-29, 1903. The west bound train being late, Rev. G. H. Pettis preached the introductory sermon. Sister Francis Clark, a member of the A. M. E. Church, made the welcome address. Rev. E. V. Hardy, a pastor of the A. M. E. Church, took an active part in the meeting. Topics were discussed that were an inspiration to the hearers. The people of this place, regardless of denomination, spared no pains in making necessary arrangements to comfort all that came. Rev. J. F. Prigmore, president, and Rev. W. W. Ward preached during the meeting and the word of God had its power upon our hearts. W. E. Mitchell, our presiding elder, was with us and is on the line for the General Conference. Sunday was a high day with us. Rev. J. J. Hamilton and Rev. J. A. Guthrie preached to the delight of the congregation. We remembered and felt the old-time religion. Mrs. Annie L. Cook and Miss Ada Volintine, the two contestants, were much strength to the financial interest. Total collection, \$24.39. Rev. R. F. Prigmore, president; Rev. J. M. Watson, pastor; Rev. J. A. Guthrie, secretary; Rev. W. E. Mitchell, presiding elder.

W. H. H. Gallion, Pastor, West Point, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference of the Caledonia Circuit was held Feb. 28 and March 1, with Rev. C. W. Walton in the chair. All the officers were present with written reports that showed improvement along all lines. Each class leader had his book, and members' names well arranged on them, so that anyone can take the book and see the standing of each member in his class. The stewards' report showed that the pastor had been paid \$28.50, and the presiding elder \$16.25, and \$7.25 over and above the elder's assessments, and one cash subscriber to the SOUTHWESTERN.

We have now ten SOUTHWESTERN coming to this circuit, and I have several names on my book waiting for the parties to give the cash, so the paper can start at once. On March 30 the members at Military Chapel stormed the pastor. This storm was led by the officials of this chapel. Rev. H. Dickerson, A. J. Kidd, S. J. Kidd, F. Dickerson, and a number of other members and friends made the pastor's heart glad with their songs of praise, and the many pounds brought.

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W. J. Smith, Pastor, Roanoke Circuit.—Our first quarterly conference was held here March 14, by the Rev. E. M. James, presiding elder. The reports showed that there had been some improvement along all lines of church work. The bishop made no mistake whatever in placing the Rev. E. M. Jones at the head of the Anniston district as presiding elder; he is the right man in the right place. Raised for all purposes this quarter, \$133.50. We have built our new church this quarter. We will begin our parsonage at this place within the next few days. On Sunday Rev. Jones preached two strong sermons and the people rejoiced. At the sacrament of the Lord's Supper 70 communed. While this is a good people, they are far behind as far as the reading of the church paper is concerned; yet we are trying our best to get them to take the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and a good many of the officers have made strong promises to do so. A great storm came to the parsonage on the night of March 31, bringing with it many groceries.

P. L. Eccles, Principal, Summerfield, N. C.—Commencement of Summerfield Academy for Boys and Girls was held March 27, 28 and 29. It was well attended. Friday, the 27th, examination of primary grade. Primary department had an exhibition that night. It was enjoyed by all. Saturday, the 28th, examination of advanced grades. After which the annual addresses were delivered to a large attendance by J.

H. Lovel and W. H. Blont, professors of Bennett College. Sunday, the 29th, the annual sermon was preached by J. W. Jones. He had for his text "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase." (Dan. 12: 4.)

G. J. Dobson, Shuqualak, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference was held at Asbury M. E. Church April 4-5, with our esteemed presiding elder, C. W. Walton, in the chair. Every official except one was present, with written report. Our accessions are 19. On Sunday morning the elder Walton preached an excellent sermon to the delight of all present, followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper; 78 communed. The elder also preached at 7:30 p. m. to a large audience. We raised the elder's salary in full. Despite the great exodus on this charge the committee apportioned both the elder and pastor's salary the same as last year.

W. J. Hampton, Welchton Charge.—Our first quarter was held April 6. The brethren were present with good reports. The elder preached one of his best sermons. We have had a grand revival; nine have been added to the church. We have built a new church at this place. We have not forgotten the paper.

A. J. McNair, Meridian, Miss.—Mrs. K. B. Jamison, grand lecturer of the Eastern Star chapters of the state of Mississippi, visited and lectured the chapters of Meridian, April 17th. Her sympathetic words and moral talks will live long in the hearts of the ladies of these chapters. After the lecture a grand reception was given Mrs. Jamison, assuring her a warm welcome in our hearts.

M. M. Jones, Greensboro, N. C.—I have begun my third round. The condition of the district, both spiritual and financial, is very good. All the brethren are at their posts of duty, working like Christian heroes. Some have made considerable increase over last year in the Easter missionary collection. So brethren, and friends, do not forget the dates of the Epworth League and Sunday School Convention and District Conference. The editor of the SOUTHWESTERN is invited to be with us at the district conference. The first will be held May 7-10, and the second July 2-5. All who are not taking the SOUTHWESTERN come to the district conference prepared to subscribe for it. We hope to do a great work this year in soul saving. So, brethren, study for, work for and pray for great revivals on your charges.

Sanders Carroll, Monroe, La.—Our first quarterly conference was held on the 17th. It was conducted nicely and grandly by Rev. Shallowhorne. He is awake to every interest of the church. Total amount raised for all causes at first quarter, \$248.85.

St. James M. E. Church.—Sisters of the Willing Workers: J. Kyles, \$2.40; Miss P. Morrell, \$1.05; J. Comb, \$1.25; P. Dorsey, \$1.30; C. Brown, \$1.30; M. Jackson, 60 cents. Too much praise cannot be given these sisters. Each sister made a talk and called for their collection. The work will live as long as we have such workers.

[Neither name nor postoffice given.—Ed.]

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Wm. Harrison, Woodland, La.—On the night of April 18, at a late hour, a storm party visited the parsonage, composed of a band of stewardesses and friends. Sister Elvira Sensley and the Rev. Mrs. Hason were the leaders. They left on the table one hundred pounds of groceries. The welcome address was delivered by Brother Joseph James and responded to by the pastor.

R. J. Duchane, Jeanerette, La.—R. W. Butler and wife were with us on our Easter Sunday. Our noble presiding elder preached us an able sermon. The congregation was much satisfied. May the Lord bless him and wife on his journey in working for the Master.

THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY

IN MEMORY OF G. D. FIELDS, A. B.

Rev. G. D. Fields, A. B., pastor of Alexander Chapel, Mason, Tenn., was born May 20, 1862; died April 13, 1903. He was converted in 1879 and felt that he was called to the work of the ministry. In 1894 he was granted a local preacher's license, and in 1895 he entered the itinerant work and preached three years in Memphis at Centenary M. E. Church. He attended Central Tennessee College, now Walden University, a number of years, graduating from Fisk University with high honors. He also attended Gammon School of



Theology, graduating in May, 1902. Last October he was appointed to Mason, Tenn., his home church. While preaching a funeral, he suddenly took sick and was carried home, never to preach again. Rev. C. L. Fields, who was with him in the stand, closed the meeting.

On the Thursday night, before he took sick, in class-meeting, the song "In the shadow of the rock" was sung, at the conclusion of which he rose and said, "The song you have just sung stirs my very soul, for I feel like in a few days I will be resting in the shadow of the rock." To his father he said, after he was stricken, "I have lived up to my Christian duty. It is so good to be prepared, because you may be called at any moment."

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JOHN A. W. MOORE,
356 Calhoun St., Memphis, Tenn.
[Resolutions will appear later.—Ed.]

CARD OF THANKS.

PLAQUEMINE, LA.
We sincerely thank the participants in the storm party that visited us April 16. They are as follows: Mrs. Lizzie Lewis, as League member of the party; Misses L. Rollins, S. McGee, G. Lewis, A. Williams; Meses. L. Lewis, J. Ervin, M. Wilson, M. McGee, E. Nelson, O. Young, M. Williams, L. Merbry, B. Jackson, V. Sanders, T. Bailey, M. L. Winston, Bolden, M. Woods, L. Barron, A. Landon, E. Foster; Messrs. B. R. Jackson, J. Deans, J. Woods, Bolden, P. Wilson, W. Ervin, M. Chapman, T. E. Lewis, H. Shorty, Thos. Egurs, H. Jackson, J. B. Foster, T. E. Sears, G. J. Simpson, A. Randall, H. Walker and others.

D. J. PRICE,
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Conference Notices

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Indianola, May 9-10; Itta Bena, May 16-17; Bedford, May 20-21; Webb, May 23-24; Tutwiler and Dublin, May 26-27; Stephensville, May 30-31; Ruleville, May 30-31; Baird, May 30-31; Belzonia, June 3-4; Greenville, June 6-7; Dahomy June 9-10; Gunnison and Shelby, June 13-14; Lula and Tunica, June 20-21; Greenville Circuit, June 20-21; Clarksdale and Coahoma, June 27-28; Tribute and Arcola, June 30, July 1.

My dear brethren, notwithstanding the fact that our district work has been greatly hindered by the high water, we have made a fair showing along the lines of church work. Let us double our energy and push every interest of the church. Plan for Children's day; put the young people to work. I am sure they stand ready to take hold of your plans. The fifth Sunday in August is set apart for the Greenville District Missionary Rally. Let pastors, superintendents, teachers and Sunday

school scholars do their best in contributing to the success of the Missionary Rally. Every Sunday school scholar is expected to pay 10 cents. The Sunday school which pays the largest amount on that day will be known as the banner Sunday school of the Greenville district. Any one who pays \$1.00 or more will be placed on our roll of honor. I want twenty ladies on the Greenville district to adopt the plan of Mrs. Fannie Brodnax, of Ruleville, Miss., who after having heard the lecture of Dr. E. B. Caldwell, on China, was inspired to raise \$5.00 for missions. She selected the best hen she had in the yard (which bears the name "Missionary"), which has already raised a fine brood of chickens, which sold for 25 cents each. The money thus realized was put into the treasury for missions, and she will continue same until the \$5.00 is raised. Brethren, stand by the benevolence and the SOUTHWESTERN. District conference will convene in Gunnison. Yours in the work,
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PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Warren and Johnsville, May 9-10; Dermott, May 16-17; Luna, May 23-24; Morrell and Sunshine, May 30-31; Avery, June 6-7; Marvel and Helena, June 13-14; Clarendon, June 20-21; Wabbaseca, June 27-28; Dumas, July 4-5; Altheimer, July 11-12; Hensley, July 18-19; New Edinburg, July 25-26; Pine Bluff Circuit, Aug. 1-2; Pine Bluff, St. James, Aug. 2-3.

Dear brethren, during our first round we had high waters so we could not do very much in pushing the work forward, but thank God the overflow has about gone down now, so that as we start out on the second round let us, so to speak, "put our whip to the horse" and pull on every line. Easter Day was quite a success on several of the charges from which we have heard. Dear brethren, we must make Children's Day the best in the history of the district. So start in time. The programs are ready even now and can be had of the Book Concern, and they will

send them to you free this year, post-paid. Please have each Sunday school superintendent to send in time for them. The District Epworth League and Sunday School convention convenes at Dumas, Ark., this year, from July 2 to July 6. The district conference will be held at Clarendon, August 26-30. The programs for each meeting will be out in time. Dear brethren, we must go ahead of our last year's work on all lines. Let each brother give their revival meetings and pray God for many conversions and accessions. Remember Dr. Logan and let us have one dollar from each member and friend for missions. I don't want you to forget to look after the SOUTHWESTERN. Send in a cash subscriber from every family and friend, and dear brethren, you must remember your promises to Philander Smith College. Let us make a round report May 17th.
W. H. HIGGINS, P. E.

To the District Managers:

Dear Sisters, begin now and work up your auxiliaries. Let each member do her best and help lift the burden. Begin your rally and campmeetings, and send in your reports as soon as you can. Do not wait for a notice. Work, for the night is coming.

Yours in Christ,

DELPHINE M. WALKER,
7448 Ann St. Cor. Secty.

To the Pastors of the Louisiana Conference:

Dear Brethren—Please assist your auxiliaries in raising their full assessment, \$10, or as much as you possibly can and as soon as you can, and forward it to its place. This builds up yourself and presiding elder and helps the cause very much. We are favored with a great industrial plant going up in our conference soon; let us awake, as out of sleep. For the love of Christ and in his name.

Yours truly,

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EPWORTH LEAGUE, INDIANA DISTRICT.

Fellow Epworthians—It is to be hoped that every chapter will enter upon the work with new zeal and greater efforts to save the youth of our land. Get at least one dozen subscribers to the *Epworth Herald*. Every officer should have the year book and as many others as possible. One of the mistakes in this one department is that we do not make a study of the work we are to do. Presidents of the chapters, do not fail to hold your cabinet meetings, two or three times during the month. Have the officers get blanks for reports at the book concern, and let us do our work in a systematic way. Have a monthly business meeting, in which all members of the chapters are present. Oh, for the strength and wisdom that we may get our people to understand the real nature of this great and glorious organization. I find in so many chapters we have members who do not know the Epworth League. The greatest and most helpful agency the dear old church has ever known is none other than the Epworth League. Remember the International Convention, which convenes in Detroit next July. Let us have a good representative crowd from the grand old Hoosier state. Do not forget the anniversary next month. Get the printed programs from the book concern. The one thing essential to us as Meth-

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odists is to know your church. Make the Epworth League a real, lively something that will draw men and women into our church. Be ever ready to fall in line with other churches. Our desire is to be the very best district in our conference. And I know we can. We have the people who are fully able to succeed in all lines which will advance the youth. The world can expect little from the person who is not willing to face all facts. Let us ever be ready to lift up our fallen brother; that is gospel in itself. And you know the gospel is like a great artesian well, driven down to the unfailing sources. A child can drink of it. An army cannot exhaust it; it flows forever to satisfy the thirst of all who come. As this is the twentieth century, greater duties and responsibilities are before us. And if we are to accomplish anything we must begin with renewed vigor and energy, determined to win for Christ. I hope to have the hearty cooperation of all officers and members. Lend me your prayers.

Yours for the cause,

ANNABELLE VEST,
President of Indiana District.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Oneonta, June 26-28; Warrior, July 3-5; Village Springs and Lee Heights,

12; Blount Springs, 18-19; Bangor and Stout's Mt., 21-22; Ave. E. 13th St., 26; Avondale, 28-29; Mt. Pleasant, g. 1-2; Irondale, 4-5; Enon, 8-9; Brownville and Woodlawn, 15-16; Man- a, 19-23; Tusculloosa, 29-30; McCalla ssion, Sept. 1-2; Bessemer, 5-6; St. ul, 12-13; Horse Creek, 19-20; Car- f, 2-23; Springfield, 26-27.

Dear Brothers—Push the revivals at every church. Observe Children's Day June 14. Plan and raise all the benev- ent assessments and be prepared to port same at the District Confer- ence, which will convene at Mantua, g. 19-22. The District Epworth League and S. S. Convention will con- ve at Warrior July 3-5. Each chap- and Sunday school must send a dele- gate. Labor to get the SOUTHWESTERN reach home. B. G. SMITH, P. E.

NAVASOTA DISTRICT. THIRD ROUND.

Sealy and San Felipe, June 5-7; Mil- an Cir., 20-21; Caldwell, Lyons and merville, 27-28; Caldwell Cir., July ; Waller Cir., 11-12; Anderson, 18- Bellville, 25-26; Brenham Cir., g. 1-2; Brenham Sta., 1-2; Navasota , 8-9; Navasota Sta., 8-9; Hockley , 15-16; Yaboro, 22-23; Courtney , Sept. 5-6; Hempstead Sta., 4-6. Our District Conference and Ep- wth League Conventions will meet Caldwell, Tex., Aug. 25-30. Broth- plan well for Children's Day. Or- programmes which, for that occa- , are given free of charge to you. and in your benevolences as soon as lected. The treasurer at District nference will take only cash or chers. We desire this year that ry charge shall raise all of its as- sment. Look in the district's re- of Wiley Reporter, and see wheth- your charge is represented. Do all can for the SOUTHWESTERN and ge every local preacher as well as cer to have his subscription re- ved at District Conference. I hold quarterly on Easter nor on Chil- n's Day. I mean to give every acher a full chance to do his full y. Keep your Sunday schools and wth League chapters alive. See l that somebody is saved on your rge. Yours for success,

J. E. BRYANT.

NOTICE: PRESIDING ELDERS' COUNCIL, M. E. CHURCH. Pursuant to the call for the third siding Elders' Council for 1903, we e fixed the date June 25-28, and the mmittee on arrangements selected eridian, Miss., as the place for the eting of said Council.

Will all presiding elders of our col- d conferences take and give due no- and persist in being present. All tors, editors, general officers, agents, sidents, principals and professors ur institutions of learning are cor- ly invited to be present and will be rded the right to take part in the asion. The Council held in At- a, Ga., last August was interesting, ulful and stimulating to the com- a cause of our great Methodism. We anxious that the coming Council ll overreach the last in attendance nterest.

All who expect to attend will please fy Rev. A. J. McNair in due time,

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CRESCENT CITY NOTES

A number of the Crescent City's business men met at Burbridge & Dejeu's drug store, 1832 Dryades street, on the night of the 6th and organized a local branch of the National Negro Business League, of which Mr. Booker T. Washington is president. The officers of the local branch are: A. Dejeu, Sr., president; E. A. Grigsby, vice president; Joseph Hillaire, treasurer; and H. Thos. Calloway, secretary. Mr. Calloway is in communication with the national officers and hopes soon to have all the necessary information to insure a prosperous life to the local branch. It is to be hoped that every business man of color in New Orleans will interest himself at the next meeting, a notice of which will be given in these columns.

Mallalieu was grieved on Sunday with the presence of Rev. W. Felix Waters, of the Southwestern, and Dr. Mason, of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and Dr. Marshall, of the New Orleans North District. The pastor, Rev. B. M. Hubbard, delivered the annual sermon to the Starlight Benevolent Association.

Mr. Edgar Hatch and wife, Mrs. Martha Hatch, died May 15 and 16, and were buried together from Mt. Zion M. E. Church. Rev. H. James, pastor, preached the funeral.

The Sunday school of the First Street M. E. Church is enjoying a season of great prosperity. Last Sabbath, May 17, was set apart as Decision Day, and sixty-four of the scholars decided to be Christians. The pastor and members were much impressed with the service. Superintendent F. B. Smith and his noble workers are working faithfully to make this a model Sunday school.

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The fifty-fifth anniversary of the pastor of Simpson Chapel, New Orleans, was fittingly celebrated by two grand surprise parties led by the stewards, converts and sons and daughters of the conference. Numerous presents both useful and ornamental were presented. The collection was so great and given by so many of the friends of the pastor that space will not admit the publication of names.

A grand dinner given at the neat home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hollister, 4623 South Franklin street, served by regular courses, was greatly enjoyed by the following guests who graced the occasion: Rev. and Mrs. Chinn, Mrs. E. V. Ruffin, Mrs. Marie Chinn, Miss Maggie Smith and Master Willie Chinn.

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I wish to inquire for my children, that were taken from me by their papa, whose name is John McCutchin. My children's names were: Lula (the oldest), Harry and Pemina McCutchin. The last time I heard from them they were in Little Rock, Ark. We formerly lived in Falls county, out at Big Creek, five miles from Marlin. We lived on A. E. Watson's farm. John and I separated in 1889. I have not seen them in 13 or 14 years. Any information of their whereabouts will be thankfully received.

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M. J. Dyer, Springfield, La.—On Wednesday, April 22, the Sunday school, led by Brother George Johnson, the superintendent, went to the home of Mrs. Cridet, where the pastor is stopping, and surprised him and his family with a lot of groceries and a small purse, for which we are very thankful. God bless the Sunday school and friends. We wish them to call again.

Franklin, La.—On the 9th of April, Mr. Walter Gibson and Miss Katie Wiggins were married in Asbury M. E. Church. On March 9th, Mr. William Guidry and Miss Maria Adams were married, at the bride's residence. On April 4, Mr. Edward Florant and Miss Amelia Meade were united in the bonds of matrimony, at the bride's residence. J. D. Poole officiated.

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Editorial Notes

Let people talk of the hopelessness of the Negro's future all they see fit, but if the Negro will reply by making the most possible of himself his future will take care of itself.

We note that a prominent democratic statesman of Texas says he would vote for a republican rather than Mr. Cleveland for President, while some who have hitherto been among his most bitter opponents are still lauding him for his recent deliverance on the Negro question. Too bad if, after all, he should miss the nomination!

The Confederate Veterans' reunion, which was held here in New Orleans, has come and gone. There were present such distinguished representatives of the "Lost Cause" as Gen. John B. Gordon, Hon. John H. Reagan, the only surviving member of Mr. Davis' Cabinet; Gen. Joseph E. Wheeler, not to mention lesser lights. The attendance of visitors is said to have been larger than any occasion ever brought to this city before. Of Confederate Veterans who registered there were only 2,423. New Orleans did her best to entertain them, surpassing by far her effort of ten or twelve years ago. This may be the outgrowth of the bitterness manifested by at least two of the city papers in recent weeks against anything not directly connected with the South. As far as we were able to judge, the veterans themselves seem to consider the war ended. They were for the most part jolly and good natured. The reunion closed with an immense procession composed of all individuals and organizations that are specially friendly to the cause.

Few things could occur just at this time that would be more encouraging and helpful to the Negroes of this country than some things the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis has been saying in his sermons as pastor of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. He is indeed a worthy successor of the great Beecher. He deserves the thanks of good people everywhere. From a recent sermon we take the following:

"In 1866 Mr. Beecher said here that we must insist on the suffrage for the Negro; that races, like children, are trained by responsibility; that the poorest government of an ignorant man who governs himself is better than the best government that is imposed upon him from without. Mr. Beecher also said that in view of two centuries of injustice and slavery it might take a century before we would see the outcropping of an occasional colored educator. What if Mr. Beecher could return to-day. He would find that the greatest orator, from any point of view, in the country to-day is a black man. And a black man to-day receives from \$150 to \$350 a night, and there is only one other man in the country who receives as much.

"The colored people are needlessly alarmed. The reaction is an eddy from the South itself. All the enemies of liberty, whether they want to or not, have to help the forces of liberty."

The Purpose of the Agitators

There is one thing the Negro voter of the North needs to keep constantly in mind, and that is, that the agitation being carried on these days against the Negro as a voter is more on account of the Negro at the North than at the South. Here, though a few qualify and vote under the laws as framed to disfranchise the black man, their power is broken and their influence gone; but there, they not only vote but hold the balance of power in a number of states. The effort now is to arouse the North to the point of repealing the amendments that bestow and sustain this citizenship, and already a southern congressman has declared his purpose to introduce the measure. This done and the South will at once step into power, elect the President and control all national legislation. And when we consider the element that manipulates affairs in most of the Southern States, such an achievement would inaugurate a sad day for the black man throughout the nation. Ordinarily this would be all right, but now it means to decitizenize the Negro. The leaders in this movement have the dash and the daring to undertake anything; they are determined and aggressive; they conceal their sword while they extend the hand to the North and say smilingly, "Let us compromise; let's have peace! Turn the Negro over to us and all will be well!" And they are constantly making converts. Such disappointed reformers as Parkhurst, of New York; notoriety hunters like Dixon, of Boston, and designing politicians like Cleveland, who evidently desires to patch up a truce with his party in order that he may dictate its policy and name its candidates—these, and many others like them, are already taking up the cry which means death to the Negro and the absolute destruction of his fondest hopes. There are friends at the North, but many of them have never paused to consider the purpose of those who now plead that the enfranchisement of the Negro was a mistake—they accept the overtures of peace in good faith. Others, for the sake of their party, will consent to anything that will remove one of the principal causes of its defeat and chagrin. Now, who is looking out for the Negro? Who is sufficiently interested to take up his cause unsolicited? No matter who does or does not, the black man himself cannot afford to neglect his own interests. What affects one to-day in the far South will sooner or later reach the other in the remotest parts of the North. To read the utterances of many newspapers of our time, North as well as South, but particularly in the South, the uninitiated would think the Negro some hideous monster prowling through the land seeking to destroy all that is best and most sacred in American civilization. Or, to say the least, they would think him like the Indian of the early days, constantly skulking about seeking an opportunity to murder every white man, woman and child and apply

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A New Thing For This Section

Relative to the acquittal, at Monroe, La., of Albert Williams, who had been charged with the murder of a white man, the *Tensas Gazette*, a paper published by whites in Tensas parish, gives utterance to the following:

"The trial of Albert Williams, for the murder of Gus N. Grant, has ended at Monroe in a verdict of not guilty. There was no demonstration and nothing would lead anyone for a moment to know that this is the first case in North Louisiana where a Negro charged with the murder of a white man was acquitted. The facts of the case seemed to be so absolute and clean cut that the jury had no other recourse than acquit the accused. The case went to the jury, and they were not out more than half an hour before they came into court and rendered their verdict."

In spite of all that is said by discouraged Negroes and hot-headed whites the South is actually moving. True it is, that Williams would have been lynched when the homicide was committed had he not been protected by troops, and that there are some places in the South where no Negro who had murdered a white man could be acquitted; nevertheless it is gratifying to think of the fact that there is an element of whites, some of whom may be found in every part of the South, who love justice and fair dealing. This is the one redeeming feature that will come to the surface in the moments of discouragement. There is no doubt in our mind that some day, tho it may be in the distant future, the "silent South" will rise up and assert itself.

Florida's Consistency in Wickedness

Two Florida mobs lynched four men in two days last week, and all of them for murder. That is to say, they were accused of murder. Two of these were whites and the others Negroes. One of the white men, Washington Jarvis, was reported lynched at Madison, for the murder of John Waldrop, his cousin, and the other, Amos Randall at Mulberry for the murder of Mr. Barney Brown, a prominent prohibition advocate who was opposed to the "blind tiger" being run by Randall. The two Negroes were arrested on suspicion of being associated with Randall in the murder, and one of them is said to have confessed that the white man hired them to assist in doing the "job," and the three were lynched. We deplore the mob spirit which now so generally pervades our country, and we wish it might be blotted out forever, but since those who practice it insist on keeping it up, the very least they can do is to be consistent. In the lynchings mentioned the Floridians are consistent in that they have lynched these white men. In most of the Southern States the Negroes are usually lynched and the whites "barely escaped lynching." The officers can almost invariably protect the white man accused of crime, but is overpowered when a black man's life is at stake. Men are lynched because of their color and not for the crime of which they are accused. Florida is wicked but consistent in her wickedness.

Our Contributors

A Bishop of African Descent in the Methodist Episcopal Church

BY J. C. HIBBLER.

This subject is vital to our great Methodism and should be given a Christly and humane consideration by every member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Methodist Episcopal Church may be described as patterned after the church of the first born, which is of all nations, and kindred, and people, and tongues, whose commission is the bold command of the Christ, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature!"

Energized by the spirit and principle of the great command and commander, the church has forged its way into every quarter of the globe, and out of every nation, kindred, people, and tongue, has gathered into its folds over two millions of communicants of which number three hundred thousand are of African descent, with a following of about one million two hundred thousand more who wait upon its ministry. With such a large number of members, backed by so large a following of the race, we present some reasons why a bishop of African descent should be elected at the next General Conference, for the further development of our Methodism.

1. We believe that Episcopal Methodism can prosper and come to its largest fruitage only by the constant social as well as the intellectual and ecclesiastical touch, work and inspiration of its episcopacy.

2. Our present episcopal force needs the addition of a man of African descent among them in order to carry out their high purposes concerning the race and also to reach the race socially and thus lift it religiously.

3. We are struggling to maintain ourselves among three distinctively Negro Methodisms with about twenty-five Negro bishops who are at work incessantly among them and urging all to join their churches.

4. We are at a disadvantage to hold our members and bring our churches to greater efficiency by reason of the taunts and humiliation to which we are subject because of the lack of a Negro bishop.

5. Again, our conscience has been aroused upon the question of self-support, but we recognize that we need a bishop among us who will reside among us and help us by his presence, counsel, social and ecclesiastical leadership.

6. We also recognize that according to these social and unwritten and often tyrannical laws of the section in which we live, our bishops are hindered from doing for us what we know is in their hearts to do. Therefore the election of a bishop of African descent will greatly relieve this unpleasant situation.

7. We further believe that the work of the church will be advanced by such an election as by no act of recent years that bears upon our Southern work.

Conditioned as we are, the necessity for a more effective episcopal supervision to meet these conditions is generally conceded by the church. The present supervision does not and possibly can not reach the conditions and naturally so, nothing more or less than such supervision as could be exercised by a bishop of African descent who can adjust himself to the situation, will meet the demands.

There is no question with the church as to the need of such a bishop, but the question is, with what authority shall he be clothed—limited or unlimited in episcopal function.

The constitutional method in the election of bishops is to elect without any limitations. Will the church do it? Will the social conditions of the church bear it; and the social spirit of the church measure up to the letter of the law? Have we any warrant that the church will at any time elect a black man bishop in the spirit of the present rule with equal ecclesiastical authority? Has the church so learned Christ and the doctrine of the brotherhood of man—that there is no difference, but all one in Christ?

Read Bishop Foster's volcanic explosion on "Organic Union" and hear what other high and conservative officials in the church say. Dr. Leonard, at the last General Conference, in his earnest advocacy of the election of a black man bishop, declared with no less emphasis that if a colored man were elected it would be understood that he was to do work among his own people, and that he wanted it to go down in history with that understanding.

Bishop Merrill said, if my informant correctly quoted him, that it is useless to expect the church to elect a colored man bishop under the present system. He says he knows the church and wants a colored man elected, but he has no confidence in the claims that there is a possibility of the election of a colored bishop under the present rule.

Dr. Berry says: "To my mind it seems clear that if a bishop of African descent is ever elected by our General Conference he will be elected for work among his own people. We are not saying that this is the best plan. We are saying that this seems to be the only plan which the church will adopt."

Who has declared to the contrary? Nay! who believes otherwise? None but the optimist with an overdrawn vision.

We believe as these high church men have expressed their faith. Also we believe that the spirit of concession would be wisdom on our part to have a black man elected with such modifications of episcopal functions as shall not disturb the social preferences of the great majority.

There is a social problem in the church, and we'd just as well confess and face it. The quicker the better for all concerned. To elect a black man with such modifications so that his supervision shall be to look after the work among his own people and not restricted from going where his services be needed would neither humiliate or disturb the social preferences of any. We believe this course would satisfy the majority of our people.

The presiding elders' council, held in Atlanta, Ga., declared itself in favor of such a course after due deliberation, and we believe that its deliverance represents the feelings of the masses of our preachers and people in the church.

To contend for more would be to contend for what is not to be effected in the nature of things.

But; to pursue such a course would we not be drawing the color line? No, no more than what is already in the church, if I rightly interpret facts and sentiment. It would not make us less white nor more black than what we are. What kind of a line was drawn when the first black man was elected bishop with limited episcopal functions? And has not the church been true to the mark from that day to this with respect to this fundamental of episcopal function?

Vicksburg, Miss.

We Must Undecelve Ourselves

BY REV. MACK HENSON.

We have not as yet clearly crossed the threshold of the new century till we find much to do with remaining problems that were not solved in

the old, but remarkable past century. We believe that, with true faith in God, we are now better prepared to find a solution for new and the old than ever before. The Negro race is gaining vantage ground in spite of the studied methods to impede his progress. We must have a true heart and a steady head. We must wait and work and look with unfaltering faith to the living God, whose goodness knows no bounds. Brotherly love and economy in all things must characterize our actions. To contend for the mastery we claim as first duty, remembering that "Godliness with contentment is great gain." Some, it seems, have not found that precious goodness which comes from contentment in the doing of what we find for our hands to do with our might. The people we serve are of our kith and kin; we must make of them what we want them to be; we are their ministers and teachers, and must elevate them without complaining or fault-finding, by pointing out and leading the way to a more excellent life. The other way tends to confusion and vexation. There are many who want what they have never made, "a better place." There is nothing in their past history to rebut this stubborn fact. If that class of men would try as faithfully to make good places as they do to seek them, they would do something worthy of their zeal.

Let our young men, fresh from our colleges, begin at the beginning, and they will prove to be an element of strength. Then places would seek them and the way open before them, which they desire. The colleges may give a well written diploma, but neither they nor the church can give success. Success is an achievement of a very high grade. Our just God will not remove the old men out of the way till they are fit to take their places in His kingdom; hence they'd as well quit winking their eyes and making cat-faces at the old men who, under God, have wrought wonders and have done their work well under sore trials and disadvantages. For they had a mind to work, and by their efforts all, or nearly all of the church property and the schools we own, were purchased; while many of our young people have never offered their services, nor given their assistance, as they should, to purchase said property. Now the said property is going to pieces for the want of help from our young people.

All the old preachers understand that the most liberal and unbegrudging support to the church and its benevolent enterprises comes from the older people, and the help that should come fails even now.

Do our young people earn any money? Yes, some of them do; but a great many of them spend their earnings to gratify their vanity. An aristocratic and pleasure seeking people can't be trusted in the time of need, or in the hot conflict of life. It is known that some few of our graduates from our best colleges and universities never help to lift up the race, they never subscribe for and read our literature. Do they read? Yes, but only the yellow covered novel or what is styled the high classical literature prepared for "scholars only." Mr. Editor, while we pen these lines, the subjects are before the mind's eye. We plead for a halt and an introspective view; a start in the right direction. The cry comes from the homes of our old subscribers that, "I would be glad to take our SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, but my children, since they have grown up and are educated, don't like religious books and papers any more, for they are too dry." While we are otherwise persuaded, we would ask in all candor, what are our schools doing to so affect the taste of our young people? We firmly be-

lieve in building up and perpetuating the schools of higher grade for our people so long deprived of the benefits to be derived therefrom. There are true graduates of the race to be found that come on the stage of action from the schools of Adversity. We therefore expect the best results from good training of the increased facilities of to-day. The unrest among our people, now so apparent to all, in many parts of our country, is like the flowing stream, not to be stopped until it finds its level. But we know that the fittest must survive. I write with high hopes for the future.

Littig, Texas.

Who Is Our Friend?

By REV. VALCOUR CHAPMAN.

The statement is being made that the southern white is the Negro's best friend and all questions pertaining to southern Negroes should be left to southern whites for settlement.

The Negroes are not willing to submit their case to the southern whites for settlement, as they believe they have but very few friends among them. Occasionally you will find some cranky Negro who pretends that he believes that the southern man is his friend, when the basis of such belief is from some selfish motive.

The first load of Negro slaves in the colonies was landed in Virginia in 1619, which is known as southern soil, and slavery was perpetuated throughout the South and remained here for 242 years continuously until the war of the rebellion brought freedom to the four million slaves. They will ever look upon the men who brought them freedom as their friends. Death is preferable to slavery, and there are thousands of Negroes who would rather die than be made slaves. As a rule what is good for the white man is good for the Negro. Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty or give me death."

The question that puzzles the white man of the South is not what shall be done with the greasy, ignorant Negroes, but what shall be done with the educated and aspiring Negro? I will tell them: give him a chance and he will do for himself. So long as the Negroes receive from the southern whites the treatment that they do in many parts they will ever look upon them as their enemies. Take, for instance, the perfectly innocent Negro who was murdered by the police of Shreveport and burned in the streets of that city a few days ago because a white woman was murdered. During the Carnival week the police of this city burned and murdered a half-starved Negro who had committed no crime nor was he accused of crime. A few days ago a Negro woman was shot dead in this city because she quarreled with a white woman who accused her of stealing some silverware, when there was no evidence against her. The next day the man who did the killing was acquitted on the ground that he killed a woman in self-defense who had attacked another woman.

How are our supposed friends treating us in the street car legislation in this state? They enacted a law discriminating against the Negroes in the street cars of this city which is a farce. The whites are privileged characters; they ride in either compartment they mind to, providing it suits their convenience.

The *Picayune* of May 12, 1903, said, "In St. Tammany parish, some Negroes about the place, including the Lorant boys, had made themselves more or less obnoxious for some time. A young man from Mississippi was a clerk in the Hansborough store. One of the Lorant boys became fresh with him and refused to address him in a respectable manner, carelessly calling him by his last name without any sign of courtesy. This

was done two or three times, when the young Mississippian knocked him down with an ax handle." As a result four Negroes were brutally murdered because one refused to call a white man mister, or master.

This is a sample of the treatment we are receiving from those who are said to be our "best friends."

We are being told that the white man is taxing himself to educate the Negroes. We are told by one of the hungry office-seekers of Mississippi if the public school fund of the state is divided proportionately as collected from the races, the Negro will have more cash to his credit in proportion to the educable school children of the Negroes than the whites.

Take the rural sections of this state: the average school session for Negro schools is sixty days or twelve weeks. In many instances the poorest teachers are employed, as a better grade of teachers will not teach for \$15 to \$30 per month. The schools are mostly taught in Negro churches and society halls, without globes, charts, maps or desks. Take the parish of St. Mary; there is not a single building which can be called a public schoolhouse for Negroes, not even in the town of Franklin, where the school has been taught in an old shack belonging to a benevolent society. On the plantations the Negroes are paid from 40 cents to 80 cents per day for nine months in the year, on which they must support their families, and must trade in the plantation stores. How can they ever accumulate property?

In this city, Shreveport, Baton Rouge, and a few of the largest towns in the state, the Negro's chances are a little better.

The Thomy Lafon school building, which was burned down nearly three years ago by the white hoodlums of this city, has not been rebuilt, and the school has been taught in a hall which can accommodate but half of the children. So they have in that school two sessions a day; one-half of the children attend from morning till noon, and the other half from noon to 2:30 p. m. * * *

When we are told that the whites are taxing themselves to educate the Negroes, I want to know who I am taxing myself to educate. I have been paying taxes in this city, both on real estate and poll, since 1875, a space of 28 years. I have five children; the youngest is twelve years of age, and none of them have been enrolled in a public school in this city or state. Furthermore, there are five other Negro taxpayers in my square who have been paying taxes for nearly the same number of years, and their children are being educated in the New Orleans and Leland universities.

You will find similar cases all over this city and state. Who are educating the children in the public schools of this state and city? I answer, those who are paying taxes, whether they be whites or Negroes, and whether they pay taxes directly or indirectly. Those who pay poll tax and on real estate or other property are the direct taxpayers. The indirect taxpayers are those who pay rent for houses or land.

Every intelligent landlord fixes the rental value of his property sufficiently high to pay him a reasonable rate of interest on capital invested and a sufficient amount to pay the taxes, insurance and repairs on said property, and so the tenants pay the reasonable rate of interest, taxes, repairs and insurance. Are the Negroes tenants throughout this country? If so, indirectly they are paying a part of the taxes which go to the maintenance of this commonwealth, whether in cities or rural districts.

Even the President of the United States is be-

ing abused throughout the South because he seeks to accord to the Negro his rights as an American citizen.

When we are treated as American citizens and given a chance in the battle of life, not even will that prove that the southern whites are our friends, as they will be then simply according to us the rights that the Constitution of the United States accords to every American citizen.

New Orleans, La.

Life of Faith

The Memory Guild

FOR LEARNING BEST HYMNS.

BISHOP H. W. WARREN.

WORK.

Life is activity; stagnation is death. My Father worketh up to now, and I work. Hence the word to every disciple, "Go work in my vineyard." Pray for more laborers. Love does not languish into lassitude. It asks where is a world to cleave that I may exalt my beloved.

This hymn is a fitting monument of that diligent worker, Benjamin M. Adams, one of the best pastors and presiding elders the church ever knew. It was written on receipt of a letter from him telling of one day's work resulting in bodily weariness, but abounding in spiritual joy. The weariness is forgotten, and he is ready to serve another day.

One more day's work for Jesus,
One less of life for me!
But heaven is nearer,
And Christ is dearer
Than yesterday, to me;
His love and light
Fill all my soul to-night.
One more day's work for Jesus, etc.

One more day's work for Jesus!
How sweet the work has been,
To tell the story,
To show the glory,
Where Christ's flock enter in!
How it did shine
In this poor heart of mine!

One more day's work for Jesus!
O yes, a weary day;
But heaven shines clearer
And rest comes nearer,
At each step of the way;
And Christ in all,
Before his face I fall.

O blessed work for Jesus!
O rest at Jesus' feet!
There toil seems pleasure,
My wants are treasure,
And pain for him is sweet,
Lord, if I may,
I'll serve another day!

—Anna Warner.

Let the minister be careful always that he does not trifle with the emotions, either to show his power or to gratify his hearers. If he excites emotion let it be to win the heart, to induce decision and to build character. Emotion wrought up with no ulterior object is both an abuse and an injury to the moral nature. For this reason the ignorant preacher is a dangerous quantity. When the attention is thoroughly awakened and steadily held, the hearer is like a well-tuned harp, each chord a distinct emotion, and the skillful speaker may evoke a response from one or more at his will. This lays him under a grand and serious responsibility. He cannot afford, therefore, to have his hearers grow up under periodical excitements which vanish fruitlessly, and in the fewest number of cases lead to intelligent conversions.—*National Baptist Union.*

The Oil of Love

A story is told of a cross old man who, his servants having left him, went to a neighbor to tell his trouble.

"I think it would be well to oil yourself a little," said his friend. "When a door in my house creaks I oil the hinges. Go home, engage a servant, and when he does right, praise him. If he does anything amiss, oil your voice and words with love."

No harsh words were ever heard from the old gentleman after that. How much of the groaning and despair and misery of the world would be cured if the words of every Christian were kept saturated with this wonderful oil.—*Ram's Horn*.

Woman's Dominion

The Well Bred Woman

SHE IS MARKED BY THE POSTURE SHE ASSUMES WHEN SITTING.

Nothing points out the well bred woman more quickly than the position she takes when she sits down. The stamp of vulgarity is marked upon the woman who sits with her knees spread far apart, lack of refinement is shown by knees crossed offensively, lack of ease by stiff and constrained position of the shoulders, a general carelessness and indifference by the very common fault of "sitting in the shoulders"—that is, of doubling the spine so that the upper part rather than the lower part of it rests against the back of the chair, says the *New York Herald*.

The body should be placed well back upon the seat, chair, sofa or whatever it may be. The feet should rest on the floor, one somewhat in front of the other, because it is easier to rise from that position. The head must be kept well up and the chest poised slightly forward.

The lower part of the spine may be pressed against the frame of the chair, but if one, after sitting awhile, should need to rest a little more the shoulders may also touch upon the same support. The hands should remain as they naturally fall from this position, hanging at the side, or they may be placed easily over the arms or back of the chair or allowed to lie reposefully on the lap.

To rise properly from a correct sitting position there should be several preparatory movements.

The chest is first poised far forward, and at the same time, the foot is drawn back under the seat. The foot drawn in should be the one opposite from the direction to be taken in starting up.

As you rise throw the weight firmly upon the foot in the rear. As the body comes to its full height change the weight to the forward foot, so that the other foot merely touches the floor very lightly. This brings you to a standing position, ready to walk easily in the direction you are going.

Ugly sitting position and awkward movements in rising will disappear if these principles are followed.—*Ex.*

Sandwiches

Chop very fine cold cooked ham or tongue; make a little mustard paste with one teaspoonful of mustard, a little salt and moisten with cold water; cream three level tablespoonfuls of butter, add the mustard to it; cut bread in thin slices, spread it with this paste, then spread with the ham; put the slices together and cut in different shapes.

Date Pudding

Beat two eggs light, add one cup of sour milk with three cups full of Graham flour, butter the size of an egg, and half cup of syrup molasses, beat all these together until very light, have one pound of dates stoned, make a stiff batter and steam two hours. Fine, this will serve seven persons, serve hot, with any sauce preferred.

Young Friends

Days of Jeremiah

By MISS INEZ A. GODMAN.

(2 Kings, 24:12-16.) And Jeconiah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers; and the king of Babylon took him and carried him away to Babylon; him, and his mother, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, and all the craftsmen and smiths, even ten thousand captives. And he carried all the treasures of the house of the Lord and all the treasures of the king's house.

Thus did plenty come to Jerusalem. There was to eat and to spare, but the hearts of the people were sore and they could not eat.

"Lord, I thank Thee this day," said Jeremiah, "that I have no sons or daughters to be carried away by these heathens."

"Am I not as your son?" said a tremulous voice, and the prophet turned to behold Ezekiel.

"Have they chosen you?" he asked and the young priest bowed his head.

"Can you not escape?"

Ezekiel pointed to a Babylonian officer nearby. "He waits for me. I am given a moment in which to bid you farewell."

"My boy," said the prophet as he folded him in his arms, "believe me, the sorrow is to us who remain bereft. Be strong and of good courage, Jehovah will keep thee. Bear my good wishes to all in captivity, and when thou seest Daniel give him my heart's love." Here the officer interrupted and Jeremiah was left alone with his sorrow and his God.

CHAPTER X.

Jerusalem was a desolate city in those days. The princes and wealthy people had all been taken captive to Babylon and their houses burned. It was a sad sight to see the handsome buildings burn and fall to ruins, but it was sadder to see the people that were left building more idol altars and worshipping Baal.

Jeremiah was in despair and betook himself to the Temple. It was greatly despoiled; Nebuchadnezzar had torn off the gold trimmings and taken the golden vessels, hundreds of them, but to Jeremiah it was the house of Jehovah still, and he found comfort within its marble walls. He would sit in Ahikams chamber and write his prophecies, and sometimes Baruch would help him. (Jer. 29:1. He wrote letters to his friends in Babylon, and sent them when the king sent messengers.

And who was king now? Why, Mattaniah, to be sure. The nobles from Babylon took him to the Temple and made him swear by his God to serve and obey Nebuchadnezzar; then they placed him on the throne, and he was the happiest man in Jerusalem. He was called Zedekiah now. Nebuchadnezzar gave him a new name, and he seemed to start out well. There had been a very oppressive system of slavery under Jehoia-kim, but Zedekiah began his reign by commanding the people to free their slaves. He told them that there were slaves enough in Babylon, and there must be none in Jerusalem. The people

obeyed and there was much rejoicing among the bondmen. But very soon the people hunted up their slaves and forced them to come back. This brought Jeremiah to the Temple steps once more. "Thus saith the Lord," he cried, "ye had done that which was right in mine eyes in proclaiming every man liberty to his neighbor, but now ye have caused every man his servant—whom ye had let go free at their pleasure—to return. Behold I proclaim unto you a liberty, saith the Lord, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to famine."

Then Zedekiah sent for the prophet. "Now, Jeremiah," he said, "speak gently to the people, and let us encourage them to rebuild and make the city prosperous again."

"Rebuild!" cried Hananiah, springing to his feet; "he is writing to those at Babylon to build there and make their homes there among the heathen."

"That is true," said Jeremiah; "I simply obeyed the direction of the Lord. He bade me write to them to make homes there and live peacefully, and"—throwing back his mantle and showing a wooden yoke upon his neck—"he bade me wear this and tell the people that they should wear the yoke of Babylon seventy years, and then—"

"Seventy years!" exclaimed Zedekiah.

"It is false," said Hananiah, going to Jeremiah's side and breaking the yoke from his neck (Jer. 28:11, 15-17); "thus shall the Lord break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar within two years, and will bring again to this place Jeconiah with all the captives that went to Babylon."

Jeremiah was filled with anger, but he controlled himself. "Amen," he said; "may the Lord do so; to bring again the vessels of the Lord's house, and all them of the captivity to this place. Nevertheless, hear thou now this word that I speak. When the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the Lord hath truly sent him." Then he started to leave the room, but turned and stretched out his arm toward Hananiah:

"Thus saith the Lord: Thou hast broken the bars of wood, but thou shalt make in their stead bars of iron. Hear now, Hananiah; the Lord hath not sent thee, but thou makest this people to trust in a lie. Therefore thus saith the Lord: Behold, I will send thee away from off the face of the earth; this year shalt thou die, because thou hast spoken rebellion against the Lord."

Hananiah did die a few weeks later, and Zedekiah was much impressed and tried to make Jeremiah think that he was doing right. But Jeremiah knew that Zedekiah was not serving the Lord: the land was full of idolatry, and in spite of his promise Zedekiah was working secretly but steadily to rebel against Nebuchadnezzar (Jer. 37:5-7). He formed a secret alliance with Pharaoh, and Pharaoh promised to come to his help when he was ready to throw off the rule of the King of Babylon. Jeremiah warned Zedekiah many times against these proceedings, but there were false prophets who told the king that he was doing right and God was with him.

At last Jeremiah grew desperate, and one morning as he passed a potter's he bought a large clay bottle, and, lifting it to his shoulder, went to the Temple, crying: "Come with me, come with me, and hear the word of the Lord."

Many of the priests and elders followed, and he led them out of the city to the valley of Hinnom. Here were altars to Baal and many other idols, and the terrible place where the people burned their little children before a heathen god. Here Jeremiah stopped.

(Jer. 19:3.) "Thus saith the Lord," he cried,

"I will bring evil upon this place because the people have forsaken me and burned incense unto other gods, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents, and have built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons in the fire for burnt offerings unto Baal. This place shall no more be called the valley of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter. I will cause the people to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters in the place of the seige."

Then Jeremiah dropped the bottle and it broke into tiny fragments.

"Thus saith the Lord: Even so will I break this people and this city as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury in this valley till there be no place to bury."

(Jer. 20: 1-11.) Now Pashur, the priest, who was chief officer in the Temple, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things. Then Pashur smote Jeremiah and put him in the stocks. Now Jeremiah was an old man, and to suffer such shameful treatment nearly broke his heart. The people laughed and made fun of him, and he found it difficult to preserve his peace.

The next day Pashur brought him out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto him: "The Lord hath not called thy name Pashur, but Magor—Missabib. For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold it. And thou, Pashur, and all that dwell in thine house shall go into captivity."

Then Jeremiah went to his own room and fell upon his face. "Oh Lord," he said, "I am become a laughing stock all the day; every one mocketh me. Cursed be the day wherein I was born. Wherefore did I live that my days should be consumed with shame?"

"Jeremiah," said a kindly voice, and, looking up, he saw Gedaliah. "Why do you still prophesy, my friend? Let all this sorrow go by and live as others do. Speak no more in the name of the Lord."

Educational

Rust University Commencement Exercises

Friday, May 8, 7:45 p. m., the anniversary of the literary societies occurred. Rev. Dr. I. B. Scott, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, of New Orleans, was the orator of the occasion. The great chapel was crowded. The school sang "Blessed Savior, Thee I Love." Rev. B. F. Woolfolk led in prayer, and Mr. J. B. Redmond introduced the speaker. Dr. Scott then announced the unique subject, "Humbugs." The speech will live in the minds and hearts of all who heard it for years to come.

Saturday, May 9, was the day for the athletic games and sports.

Sunday, May 10, at 10:30 a. m., a vast number of students and visitors assembled to hear the baccalaureate sermon by President Foster. Dr. N. H. Williams announced the hymn, "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven." The congregation repeated the 23d Psalm, the Apostles' creed and the Lord's prayer. Bishop Cottrell of the C. M. E. Church led in prayer. Dr. Foster preached from the following text: "Be converted." Acts 3: 19. The dean rendered a vocal selection, and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Cottrell. The doctor's sermon was a source of much intellectual and spiritual benefit to all who heard it.

At 3 p. m. Sunday the commencement sermon was preached. The congregation sang, "O Worship the King;" Rev. R. H. B. Gladney led in prayer; the congregation sang "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," and the Rev. R. H. B. Gladney preached from the following text: "For we are

laborers together with God." 1 Cor. 3: 9. Rev. B. F. Woolfolk led in prayer and the benediction was pronounced by Mr. Gladney.

At 7:45 p. m. Sunday an immense throng of people assembled in the Asbury M. E. Church to hear the annual sermon by Rev. C. W. Walton, presiding elder of the Aberdeen District, Upper Mississippi Conference. The choir sang "O God, My Heart Is Fixed." Dr. Foster read the Scripture lesson; Rev. N. R. Clay led in prayer; the choir sang "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." The Rev. C. W. Walton preached from the following text: "But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way." 1 Cor. 12: 31. The sermon was thoughtful, earnest and effective, and will redound to the edification of all who heard it. Rev. Father Adams led in prayer; the choir sang "God So Loved the World," and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. T. W. Davis.

Monday, May 11, the regular chapel exercises were held. Dr. J. M. Shumpert read the 103d Psalm and led in prayer. The president called on some of the ministers present to speak. Rev. Dr. J. M. Shumpert gave some interesting accounts and studies of travel in Europe. Rev. S. H. Nevils made remarks full of hope for the school. Father Adams, perhaps the oldest minister in the conference, gave reminiscences of the early struggles and subsequent growth and progress of the university. Rev. T. W. Davis expressed belief that the Negro problem is the Negro's problem, and that self-help is a good solution to the same. Rev. C. E. Moody urged upon the students the great importance of the work to be done by them. Rev. B. H. S. Ferguson, A. M., said civilization rests on Christianity and education, and these must be promoted. He told the students to show that education really educates.

The remainder of the day was spent in the examination of classes for and by the visitors, and in the exhibition of work in the industrial department.

Monday, at 7:45 o'clock, the annual concert occurred. The parts were well rendered, as was evidenced by the hearty applause of the audience.

Tuesday was class day. The exercises occurred at 10 o'clock a. m. Mr. J. B. Redmond presided. The school sang "I'm Climbing Up Zion's Hill." Rev. Fred. H. Bunton, A. M., led in prayer. The seniors rendered a variety of good literary productions. At this hour also the board of trustees met and transacted the ordinary routine business. At 2 p. m. there was a meeting of the mothers and fathers. At 4 o'clock p. m. Dr. Buckley addressed the ministers to the instruction and delight of all.

The anniversary of the Alumni Association occurred at night. The program was gotten up by local talent under the direction of Mrs. Dr. Logan and Miss Almira Payne. The audience was perfectly delighted.

On Wednesday, May 13, at 10 o'clock a. m., were the graduating exercises of the college class. The students sang "The King of Love My Shepherd Is;" Rev. Dr. G. G. Logan led in a fervent prayer; the students sang "To Thee, O Country," and the president called on Mr. J. B. Redmond to speak. His subject was "Progress Dependent Upon the Family, the Church and the State." Dr. Foster then introduced Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, of New York, who delivered the commencement address. The doctor took for a subject "The Ego." The address was an intellectual treat and was both instructive and entertaining.

The president presented the diploma to Mr. J. B. Redmond, conferring upon him the degree of A. B. Rev. S. A. Cowan pronounced the benediction.

The graduation of the college preparatory and normal classes occurred at 2 o'clock p. m. The names of the graduates from these departments are: College Preparatory, Mary Clay, Mary Franklin, Robert E. Fullilove, Dora Lomax, Samuel D. McCree, Maggie Shaw, E. Oscar Woolfolk; Normal, Florence Cooper, Sarah Elliott, Mary Patterson, Lulu McKissack, Annie Payne, Hetty Williams. The speaking was an oratorical contest. Mr. J. B. Redmond won the first prize for the college class, and Miss Maggie Shaw the first prize for the college preparatory and normal classes. Certificates were given to a class of four in nurse training. Diplomas were conferred and certificates given by the president. The president stated that \$20,000 had been disbursed by the university during the scholastic year; that students are being supported for about \$80 per school year, and that \$1,000 had been received from industrial work.

The commencement thus closed had a larger attendance than any in the history of the school, all the five presiding elders and a great number of ministers being present.

Our students are maintaining a high standard of literary excellence. One of our students, Miss Lizzie B. Shumpert, won the highest prize of all the colleges, given by the Stuart Missionary Foundation for Africa, for writing a hymn.

The next term begins Sept. 30.

J. BEVERLY F. SHAW.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S. C. Conference

The Famine in Finland

In response to a cabled request by Dr. H. K. Carroll, asking for the latest statement as to famine conditions in Finland, the following communication has just been received at the office of the Missionary Society:

"In answer to your telegram of March 22d we beg to relate the following:

"The Finnish people are now passing through an extremely hard crisis, both with respect to their political and economic position.

"The summer of 1902 was a very cold one. Almost every day it rained, and northern winds, very cold here, swept over the country. The hay and corn could not grow and ripen as usual. When the time for the hay harvest came, large fields were flooded, and some farmers therefore got very little hay, and that was of bad quality. Other farmers had to see their hay destroyed by the floods.

"When the time came for the corn harvest the crops were not ripe. Generally the corn was totally green. The snow fell on green fields of oats and barley. And in many places the farmers did not receive any harvest at all on some of their fields.

"Having only bad hay and often very little of it for cattle, and very little grain and this of a poor quality, it was with very anxious hearts the people looked forward to the coming winter. In many places one-third of the cattle had to be butchered. In some places bark was collected to mix in the bread. So it was clear to all that great efforts must be done to relieve from hunger and death those people that live in the most distressed parts of our land. And if no help had been given many people would have had to starve to death this last winter.

"On account of the harvest failing last summer very little grain fit for sowing purposes for this year is to be had in Finland, and must therefore be brought from other lands at a very high price. And not only that, but nearly all provisions for living have to be brought from abroad, and with no money resources with which to buy.

"Knowing all this, our members and friends and other people that are able to give anything, or were able to give, because the most have already emptied their resources, have done so, and others are still doing their best to help the sufferers. Both privately and in our churches money has been collected and sent to the General Relief Committee or to other Relief Committees, who distribute means among the most needy. But at the beginning of this year all our own resources were emptied, and had not help arrived from other lands many persons would already have starved to death.

"We have to live in a land where the Arctic winter endures eight months of the year, and makes the cost for us and our families even in good times very high. And our salaries, moreover, when we get all that the churches have promised, are about half of those of our brethren in other parts of Europe, but now we cannot get even that.

"Having carefully considered the position of our churches and preachers, we beg to present the following:

"1st. Because of heavy debts some churches ought to be helped, or else they may be compelled to sell their properties for practically nothing to their creditors.

"2d. Other churches that have hired halls need also some help for paying their expenses.

"3d. Because of these hard times our preachers have run into debt.

"In order to be helped through the hardships of the nearest months we think the following help ought to be given:

"1. Help on interest accounts or hall rents. Total, \$1,580.

"2. Help for the preachers.

"For six months from the 1st of April we should need \$360 per month in addition to what we now receive from the general missionary appropriation, and that would make \$5 a month per member of the preachers' families.

"When so praying for help we also wish to mention that the Finland and St. Petersburg Mission has been among the foremost of givers. Last conference year the contribution amounted to 43 Finnish marks, more than \$8 per member, and Bishop McCabe was very pleased to know this.

"Very thankful for the opportunity to express our needs and hardships, we remain in hope that you will be able to help us.

"Your brethren in Christ Jesus, N. J. Rosen; Jonas W. Haggman, P. E.; B. A. Carlson, P. E.; G. A. Gustafson, P. E.

"Helsingfors, Finland, April 14, 1903."

Any financial responses to this statement should be sent to Homer Eaton, Treasurer, 150 Fifth avenue, New York City, who will forward them to the treasurer of the Finland and St. Petersburg Mission.

Easter Reports

W. J. King, Jossierand, Tex.—We had our Easter exercises and carried out a very nice program. Raised \$25.96.

S. Jossel, Pelahatchie, Miss.—Easter was observed. Collection, \$5.

Mrs. Hattie L. Jacques, President; Miss Lizzie Richardson, Secretary, Lockesburg, Ark.—We had a splendid Easter program, rendered at Holly Springs Church. Raised \$12 for missions.

Epworth League

June 7. Keep the Vision of Christ Clear
(Acts 7. 55, 56; 27. 25.)

DAILY READINGS.

Monday, June 1. A fulfilled prophecy. Acts 2. 14-26.

Tuesday, June 2. Peter's vision. Acts 10. 9-21.

Wednesday, June 3. The climax of John's vision. Rev. 22.

Thursday, June 4. A vision on the mountain top. Matt. 17. 1-8.

Friday, June 5. Obeying the vision. Acts 9. 1-22.

Saturday, June 6. Stephen's vision. Acts 7. 54-60.

The Word.

"He being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly . . . and saw . . . Jesus standing on the right hand of God" (Acts 7. 55). This noble young man, Stephen, has lately grown on us, and what he did and said has seemed to assume a new place in our thought. "Your young men shall see visions." And so he became a seer, a prophet, leading the way to a new age. How free and brave he was! He stood where he could see his Master. He caught and expressed the idea and mind of his Master. And his Master stood where his care and power on behalf of his servant could be seen.

"Be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it hath been spoken unto me" (Acts 27. 25). Paul, in the new line of New Testament men, Stephen's true successor, is grandly magnifying the power of a free Gospel, and, pursued by Jewish hatred, has appealed to Caesar, and is on his way to Rome. A night vision brings the assurance of safety. If you would cheer men, beaten and disheartened by the storms of life's voyage, do not rehearse to them your doubts, but stand forth and tell them what you believe and know of God and his word.

The Theme: "Keep the Vision of Christ Clear."

1. A vision of the Divine would appear to be the means by which God would inspire man in his true progress and work out the highest purposes. "Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint," says the writer in Prov. 29. 18. The force of this fact can be seen in the topic of a week ago. There is no authoritative standard of what is right and what is wrong unless there can be found some one who has gained a sure vision of God's will.

2. Vision lies at the basis of the great deeds and careers that men are able to offer up to God. It is the explanation of the life of Abraham and Moses. Two brief phrases may give the key to Paul's lifework: "What shall I do, Lord?" "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." John Knox had a vision of a new Scotland religious and ecclesiastical; therefore Mary might well say she feared his prayers more than an army of ten thousand men. John Wesley had a vision of the spreading influence of a Gospel more free and full than his predecessors had faith to formulate; therefore he could declare, "The world is my parish." Wendell Phillips had a vision of a higher Puritanism than had settled the New England shores; therefore he

could exclaim, "I love inexpressibly these streets of Boston over which my mother led my baby feet, and if God grants me the time enough I will make them too pure for the footsteps of a slave." Bishop Hartzell has had a vision of a Dark Continent kindled with light; therefore he is leading the forces which will make good the words of Hugo, "In the twentieth century God will make a new world out of Africa."

3. Vision of Christ, and more and more vision of Christ is what every disciple needs. "They saw no one, save Jesus only" (Matt. 17. 8). "Sir, we would see Jesus" (John 12. 21). This is why a Kempsis's *Imitation of Christ*, James Stalker's *Imago Christi*, Charles M. Sheldon's *What Would Jesus Do?* Charles Cuthbert Hall's *The Christ-filled Life* have been found so attractive to multitudes of Christians. This also may explain why *Life after Life of Christ* has been welcomed. These books all help to give the vision of our Lord. "That I may know him" (Phil. 3. 10) is our aim. The Holy Spirit is the great revealer of Christ's beauty and glory. "He taketh of mine, and shall declare it unto you" (John 16. 15).

4. Having received the vision of Christ, in any measure, it is our part to keep that vision clear. Disobedience will dim the vision. Pride will dim the vision. Self-pleasing will dim the vision. Responsiveness to the dictates of the world will dim the vision. Forgetting the Bible will dim the vision. Grieving the Spirit will dim the vision. Not to hunger for increasing glory of the wisdom will dim the vision.

5. To desire above all things else to do God's will keeps clear the vision. To accept without any reserve Christ's place for us keeps clear the vision. To see Christ in the needs of humanity, and to give ourselves lovingly to those who need us, keeps clear the vision.

The Likenesses and Lessons.

It is said that at a reception at Washington a member of Congress asked Gen. Grant, then President, when he first had an idea of the career that was to come to him. With a far-away look in his eyes he said, "After Vicksburg fell." "But," suggested the other, "you had won important victories before that." "Yes," Grant assented, and continued, "When the war began I saw a lot of ordinary men taking hold, and I thought I could do just as well, and took my place with the rest. But after Vicksburg fell I knew that I was to be the great man of the war, that I should command the armies of the Union and end the war." Who can tell how much a vision of the divine purpose has had to do with the strength of such a leader?

"Now and always as in that morning twilight on the Galilean lake Christ comes to men. Everywhere he is present, everywhere revealing himself. Now, as then, our eyes are holden by our own fault, so that we recognize not the merciful Presence which is all around us. Now, as then, it is they who are nearest to Christ by love who see him first." (Fuller.)

"This it is that gives a majesty so pure and touching to the historic figure of Christ; self-abandonment to God, uttermost surrender, without reserve or stipulation, to the guidance of the Holy Spirit from the Soul of souls; pause in no darkness, hesitation in no perplexity, recoil in no extremity of anguish; but a gentle, unfaltering hold of the invisible Hand, of the Only Holy and All God—these are the features that have made Jesus of Nazareth the dearest and most sacred image to the heart of so many ages." (Martineau.)

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson X.—June 7th, 1903. Title—Paul's Voyage and Shipwreck (Acts 27:33-44. Study 1-44). Golden Text—Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He bring them out of their distress.

From Cesarea to Myra (1-6). Paul appealed unto Cesar, and Festus the Roman governor of Palestine, decided to send him to Rome. His voyage and shipwreck should be studied in this lesson. He and some other prisoners were delivered into the hands of Julius, a centurian of Augustus' band, just as Cornelius was a centurian of the Italian band. Adramyttium was a trading town of some note on the northwestern shore of Asia Minor. They probably sailed from Cesarea in August, A. D. 60. Aristarchus of Thessalonica, and Luke, the writer of this lesson, sailed with Paul. They sailed north 67 miles to Sidon in Phenicia. There through the kindness of Julius, Paul was allowed to visit his friends on shore. A straight course from Sidon to Myra would have left Cyprus to their right, but the winds were contrary, hence they sailed north and left Cyprus to their left. They kept near the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia until they entered the port of Myra, the metropolis of Lycia.

From Myra to Fair Havens (6-12). Alexandria was the metropolis of Egypt. Ships were constantly sailing from that port into Italy. Julius the centurian put Paul and his companions on board of a ship bound for Italy and sent them on. They sailed slowly for many days because the winds were against them. Criedus was a city of great note on the southwestern coast of Asia Minor. It is 127 miles west of Myra. Here their ship turned almost south to the island of Crete. They passed Salmone and sailed along the southern coast until they reached Fair Havens. They were avoiding as far as possible the strong northwest winds. Here they waited some time, probably for the storm to subside. This fast likely refers to the great day of Atonement, which fell this year on the 23rd of September. The autumnal equinox was already past. The Greeks and Romans taught that sailing became dangerous in October and continued so until in March. A council was called to advise whether or not they should winter at Fair Havens or sail on to Phinice. Paul advised them to remain where they were. But they decided not to do so, and again went to sea.

Discouraging surroundings (13-20). The wind blew softly from the south. But they had not sailed many days before a tempestuous wind beat upon them. Euroclydon is a Greek compound not found elsewhere in the Bible. It means "east wind broad wave." It is now called Levanter from the French name of the sea, Levant. It was a northeastern tornado. When the ship could, as they supposed, bear up against the wind no longer they decided to let it drift. With great labor they drew the small boat up into the ship and began to ungird it. This is now called propping, and is done by passing a large cable many times around the hull of a boat to keep the planks from springing from the force of the waves. The quicksands were large banks of living sand, kept in motion by the moving of the water. They were very dangerous to ships. To "strike soil," or "lower the gear," likely means that they removed the top sails, and "set the wind sails." They lightened the ship by casting overboard the cargo and tackling. The clouds were so dense that all the heavenly bodies were hid for many days. The mariner's compass had not at this time been discovered. The vessel was driven

nearly a thousand miles westward through the Adriatic sea. All hope of life was given up.

Encouraging words (21-26). The dangers to which they were exposed had taken away their appetite. It was almost impossible to cook. The storm had continued two weeks. During this time they had eaten almost nothing. 1. One morning Paul stood forth in their midst. Although a prisoner he was God's freeman. 2. He mildly chided them for not hearkening to him at Fair Havens, when he exhorted them to remain there over winter. 3. An angel of the God in whom he believed, and to whom he belonged, had the night before stood by him, and to him revealed certain facts. 4. They would be cast upon an island. Melita or Malta, is about 60 miles south of Sicily. It is about 20 miles long and 12 miles wide, and was celebrated for producing large quantities of honey. 5. The ship would be lost. It had likely been ruined by the storm and could be kept above the waves but little longer. 6. The crew would be saved. God gave them to Paul. They were no doubt spared for his sake. The Lord does not destroy the righteous with the wicked. 7. Paul would be taken before Caesar. He had thus appealed and to Rome he would be sent. Revelation is fragmentary. Paul knew these facts would occur, yet he did not know how God would bring them about.

Drawing near to land (27-32). Fourteen days and nights they had drifted without the sun or stars to guide them. They did not know their whereabouts, but supposed they were in the Adriatic sea between Greece and Sicily. It was midnight, yet they knew, probably by the roar of the waves upon the rocks, that land was near. They sounded and found the depth to be 20 fathoms, or 120 feet. The rapid decrease of depth was alarming. Four anchors, two from each end of the ship, were cast out. They longed for the morning. Some of the crew let down the boats and were endeavoring to escape. Paul detected them, and told the centurian that if they did not abide in the ship they would perish. The ropes were cut and the boat drifted away.

Taking food (33-38). They had fasted fourteen days. This need not be taken literally. It may only mean that during this period they had taken no regular meal. This was not a religious fast, but a result of great fear. Paul had a regular meal prepared and set before them, and insisted strongly upon them eating. The work before them demanded it. He assured them that they would all be saved alive: that not a hair should fall from the head of any one. When the meal was ready he gave thanks to God in the presence of all the people. He then broke bread and began to eat. They were all of good cheer and took some food. Again they lightened the ship by casting some wheat into the sea.

Going to the land (39-44). When day came they knew not the country. They discovered a certain creek, or inlet into the land. After advising one with another they decided if possible to run the ship into this bay. They lifted the anchors, lowered the rudder bands, hoisted the main sail, and started for the shore. They fell into a place where "two seas met," or where the straight which divides Salmonetta from the main land. Here they ran the ship aground. The front stuck fast in the mud while the hinder part was broken off by the waves. The soldiers desired to kill the prisoners lest they should swim ashore and make their escape. But the centurian, anxious to save Paul, prevented them from doing so. He then commanded every one to make their way to the shore the best they could. Some

swam, some were on boards, and some on pieces of the ship, but all—276 souls—got safely to the land. Not one was lost.

Note—The world is a great sea, life is a voyage, the church is the ship in which we sail, the Bible is our chart, Jesus is our pilot, temptations are our storms, the means of grace are the soft winds that waft us homeward, and heaven is our haven of rest.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation

Conference, Place and Time—	Bishop.
Alaska Mission	Cranston
Arizona Mission, Tempe—Sept. 24.....	Cranston
Atlantic Mission, Elizabeth City, N. C.—Oct. 21.....	Joyce
Black Hills Miss., Deadwood, S. D.—Sept. 3.....	Andrews
Blue Ridge, Smith Chapel, P. O., Glass, N. C.—Oct. 7.....	Joyce
California, Pacific Grove—Sept. 9.....	Cranston
California German, San Francisco—Sept. 3.....	Cranston
Central German, Cincinnati—Sept. 9.....	Walden
Central Illinois, Monmouth—Sept. 23.....	McCabe
Central New York, Canandaigua—Sept. 30.....	Goodsell
Central Ohio, Findlay—Sept. 16.....	Goodsell
Central Swedish, Chicago (Elim Ch.)—	

Sept. 10	Goodsell
Central Tennessee, Dickson—Oct. 8.....	Goodsell
Chicago German, Milwaukee—Sept. 16.....	Merrill
Cincinnati, Cincinnati—Sept. 9.....	Fowler
Colorado, Denver—Aug. 26.....	Cranston
Columbia River, Spokane—Sept. 2.....	Hamilton
Dakota, Aberdeen—Oct. 14.....	Fowler
Des Moines, Indianola, Ia.—Sept. 2.....	Mallalieu
Detroit, Flint—Sept. 16.....	Walden
East Ohio, Akron—Sept. 23.....	Mallalieu
East Tennessee, Morristown—Sept. 30.....	Joyce
Erle, Warren, Pa.—Sept. 9.....	McCabe
Genesee, Olean, N. Y.—Sept. 23.....	Goodsell
Holston, Knoxville, Tenn.—Sept. 23.....	Joyce
Idaho, Boise—Aug. 27.....	Hamilton
Illinois, Quincy—Sept. 16.....	Fowler
Indiana, Indianapolis—Sept. 9.....	Joyce
Iowa, Muscatine—Sept. 9.....	Mallalieu
Kallispell Mission, Kallispell, Mont.—July 30.....	McCabe
Kentucky, Covington—Sept. 16.....	Joyce
Michigan, Jackson—Sept. 23.....	Foss
Minnesota, Redwood Falls—Sept. 30.....	Fowler
Montana, Livingston—Aug. 13.....	McCabe
Nebraska, Lincoln—Sept. 16.....	Andrews
Nevada Mission, Loyalton, Cal.—Aug. 20.....	Hamilton
N. Mex. Eng. Mission, Albuquerque—Oct. 9.....	Walden
N. Mex. Span. Mission, Albuquerque—Oct. 8.....	Walden
North Carolina, Greensboro—Oct. 14.....	Joyce
North Dakota, Wahpeton—Sept. 24.....	FitzGerald
N. Montana Mission, Fort Benton—Aug. 6.....	McCabe
North Nebraska, Fremont—Sept. 23.....	Andrews
North Ohio, Norwalk—Sept. 16.....	McCabe
N. Pac. Ger. Mission, Davenport, Wash.—	

Sept. 10	Hamilton
Northern Ger., St. Paul, Minn.—Sept. 17.....	FitzGerald
Northern Minn., Duluth—Oct. 1.....	FitzGerald
N. Swed. Miss. Conf., Marinette, Wis.—Sept. 10.....	Foss
Northwest Ger., Charles City, Ia.—Sept. 16.....	Mallalieu
Northwest Ind., South Bend—Sept. 2.....	Joyce
Northwest Iowa, Sioux City—Oct. 7.....	Fowler
Northwest Nebraska, Valentine—Sept. 10.....	Andrews
Norwegian and Danish, Racine, Wis.—Sept. 3.....	Goodsell
Ohio, Portsmouth—Sept. 30.....	Merrill
Oklahoma, Guthrie—Sept. 30.....	Walden
Oregon, Salem—Sept. 30.....	Hamilton
Pac. Japan Miss., San Francisco—Sept. 4.....	Cranston
Pittsburg, Pittsburg—Oct. 7.....	Mallalieu
Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash.—Sept. 23.....	Hamilton
Rock River, Aurora, Ill.—Oct. 7.....	Andrews
St. Louis German, Pekin, Ill.—Sept. 10.....	Merrill
Southern California, Los Angeles—Sept. 16.....	Cranston
Southern Illinois, Mt. Vernon—Sept. 23.....	Walden
Tennessee, Martin—Oct. 15.....	Goodsell
Upper Iowa, Cedar Rapids—Sept. 23.....	Fowler
Utah Mission, Park City—Aug. 13.....	Cranston
West German, St. Joseph Mo.—Sept. 3.....	Merrill
West Nebraska, Lexington—Sept. 30.....	Andrews
West Virginia, Huntington—Sept. 30.....	Mallalieu
West Wisconsin, Chippewa Falls—Sept. 3.....	Foss
West Nor.-Dan., Tacoma, Wash.—Sept. 17.....	Hamilton
Western Swed., Saronville, Neb.—Aug. 27.....	McCabe
Wisconsin, Green Bay—Sept. 16.....	Foss
Wyoming Mission, Newcastle—Aug. 6.....	Cranston

Alabama, Anniston—Dec. 3.....	Foss
Atlanta, Covington, Ga.—Dec. 10.....	FitzGerald
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex.—Nov. 26.....	Walden
Central Alabama, Birmingham—Dec. 10.....	Foss
Georgia, Ellijay—Dec. 17.....	FitzGerald
Mobile, Union Springs, Ala.—Dec. 17.....	Foss
Savannah, Brunswick, Ga.—Dec. 3.....	FitzGerald
South Carolina, Sumter—Nov. 26.....	FitzGerald
Southern German, Perry, Tex.—Dec. 2.....	Walden
Texas, Houston—Dec. 9.....	Walden
West Texas, San Antonio—Dec. 16.....	Walden

In order that our readers might know the dates fixed for fall conferences of our territory and the Bishops appointed to hold them, at the earliest possible moment, we had them sent us by wire last week immediately on the adjournment of Bishops' meeting. This week we are pleased to present official list in full—except foreign conferences, which will appear later.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

PLEASE NOTE THAT

- 1—All business letters should be addressed to Eaton, La., and all communications intended for publication to the Editor.
- 2—In sending matter for publication, write plainly on one side of the paper, and make your communication as short as the subject will allow.
- 3—When the ADVOCATE does not arrive regularly, notify us promptly.
- 4—Methodist pastors are our authorized agents, to receive subscriptions and collect dues for the ADVOCATE.

The Purpose of the Agitators

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the torch to all their possessions. When the fact is, his labor has developed the resources of the South and increased the value of every foot of land to be found within her borders; his labor has lifted struggling business men to independence and wealth and transformed ordinary laborers into men of influence and power. At the same time he has erected for his own use thousands of homes and churches, reduced his own illiteracy 45 per cent. and accumulated property which represents a valuation of hundreds of millions of dollars. How appropriate that he ask his maligners and persecutors, For which of these works do ye stone me?

Do we go too far when we urge the Negro at the North to stand on guard and use his ballot wisely and well? Indeed, we think not! He must do this or prepare to submit to a serfdom more galling than slavery, and that means to him a positive reversal of the wheels of progress.

One of the principal requisites in bringing an individual into the possession of a noble character is that he shall have high ideals and to a very great extent high ideals are dependent upon good examples. Taking this view of the case one of the sorest needs of the Negro in this country is that he have good examples. He is really suffering for want of ennobling examples in Sabbath observance, upright dealing and Christian living. It is difficult indeed to persuade him to live up to the ten commandments when there are all about him so many who seem to hold them in absolute contempt.

On account of prolonged ill health, the Rev. Dr. O. L. Fisher, has felt constrained to tender his resignation as president of Fort Worth University, Fort Worth, Texas. This action on the part of Dr. Fisher made necessary a meeting of the board of trustees, who received his resignation with expressions of deep sympathy and regret. The local board unanimously recommended to the Board of Managers of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, as his successor, the Rev. George MacAdams, of Rogers Park, Illinois. The nomination has been confirmed, and Dr. MacAdams has accepted. He was pastor of St. Paul's Church, Fort Worth, for four years, and has a great hold upon the city and this section of the South. His executive ability and his pulpit and platform gifts, together with the enthusiastic confidence with which he is received by the University constituency, promise an administration of marked success.

A personal note from Rev. Dr. W. W. Foster, Jr., President of Rust University, informs us that a prominent Methodist of Albany, N. Y., has given the institution \$500. We congratulate Dr. Foster and all the friends of Rust and express the hope that this is the beginning of good things.

Miscellaneous Items

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Winston, of Meridian, Miss., are running a restaurant and lunch counter in that city and doing a most excellent business. They can also accommodate those who have to stop over for the night and desire a clean, comfortable bed. Their place of business is only three squares from the depot, and Mr. Winston meets the trains himself. When you are there give them a call.

One of the most energetic and successful business women in this city is Mrs. Dr. J. W. Thomas, the proprietor of "Thomas' Magic Hair Grower." She pushes her business with a degree of energy that merits the success she is having, and would do credit to one of the opposite sex. The testimonials received from ladies who are using her preparation indicate that it is actually doing what she claims for it. Mrs. Thomas is a credit to her sex and her race.

Without any doubt one of the largest, neatest, finest and best stocked drug stores to be found among those owned and run by our young men any where in the South is the Central Pharmacy of Shreveport, La., Dr. Thos. H. Wright, proprietor. It is provided with a large and attractive soda fountain and the latest machinery for manufacturing all soda needed. The doctor is the son of Rev. H. J. Wright, the polished, gentlemanly pastor of the St. Paul M. E. Church of that city.

Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne is in the city and, as usual, has something to be happy over. The cause for his happiness just at this time is a letter received from the Committee on Apportionments of the Missionary Society, from which we take the following: "We congratulate you again on having for the fourth time the largest missionary collection in the history of the Monroe District and that you also have the largest number of charges in class first in the history of the Louisiana Conference." His work has been greatly retarded this year by the high water.

The Florida State Medical Association of Colored Physicians held its annual meeting in Trinity M. E. Church, St. Augustine, Fla., Rev. Jeffrey Grant, pastor, May 19, 1903. Dr. P. N. Richardson, of Fernandina, was president. The welcome addresses by both white and colored representatives were most cordial and encouraging. Among the physicians present we note the names of Drs. J. Seth Hills, A. W. Smith, A. L. Pierce, L. W. Dukes, C. P. White, W. C. Smalls and D. W. Roberts. Many papers were read on subjects of importance to the profession and the public as well.

A note to the editor from Rev. J. C. Sherrill, D. D., who is enroute home from his work in Africa, gives the gratifying information that he and family will soon make their arrival in America. The note was written at Teneriffe, Grand Canary Islands, April 29. He says: "After a stay of nearly five years in our 'Fatherland,' with health considerably impaired, Mrs. Sherrill and I, with our little Joe, are now enroute to England. Joe is in good health. * * * We will spend several days in England on business with our Bishop, so it will be quite late in May when we reach New York." Those who wish to drop these devoted servants of the church a word of welcome can reach them as soon as they arrive by addressing them at No. 150 Fifth avenue, New York City, care of the Mission Rooms.

Personal and General

Mrs. M. B. Smith, of Sedalia, Mo., is in Hannibal visiting her sick brother.

Mrs. Susan Jenkins, of Crawford, La., is in the city to spend a few days.

Prof. Z. A. Smith, A. B., and wife, of Patterson, La., are the happy recipients of a fine boy.

Bishop Hamilton was recently introduced to a Boston audience as "the Plumed Knight of the Episcopacy."

Bishop E. E. Hoss, of the M. E. Church South, is the fraternal delegate to the British Wesleyan Conference.

Prof. Beaconsfield Landry, A. B., a teacher at Gilbert Academy, passed through the city Monday enroute to Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. A. Butler, of Chunkey, Miss., came to the city last week and dropped in long enough to shake hands and leave a subscriber.

Mr. G. G. Walker, of Centreville, La., was in the city last week attending the Confederate reunion, and gave us a pleasant call.

Rev. Dr. Griffin G. Logan was elected second vice-president of the Itinerants' Club, which recently held its session in Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Ada Washington and Mary Wilson, of Mer Rouge, La., have been on a visit to their sister, Mrs. Priscilla Davis, at Bastrop, La.

Rev. J. I. Garrett, pastor Handsboro, Miss., was in the city this week, an interested visitor at the New Orleans University.

Mr. Solomon Dixon and his granddaughter, Lucile, of Sedalia, Mo., are visiting Mr. Dixon's daughter, Mrs. Carrie B. Cotton, of Chicago.

Prof. Percy W. Howard, A. M., a successful teacher at Alcorn College, is to spend a part of the summer vacation at Meridian, Miss.

Mr. Moses Suler, of Monroe, La., spent several days in the city visiting his daughter, the pleasant wife of Rev. J. H. Thompson, pastor of Haven Chapel.

Rev. A. J. Procter, of Mansfield, La., followed the crowd of strangers who came to the city last week, but got away just as soon as he could.

Mrs. Pierre Landry, matron of Gilbert College, Baldwin, La., came to the city last week for a brief stay, and gives evidence of being much improved in health.

Mrs. Nancy Johnson, mother-in-law of Rev. Wm. Bartley, pastor Galveston, Tex., died at the home of her daughter May 17th, 1903. We greatly sympathize with the bereaved in their loss.

F. B. Smith, Esq., of this city, went to Gilbert Academy last week to deliver an address, and returns enthusiastic over what he saw and what he hopes for the future of the school.

Rev. Samuel Armstead, one of the old veterans of the Louisville Conference, a resident of Shreveport, has been indisposed for several weeks, but is able to be up and out again.

Mrs. J. A. McMillan, the accomplished wife of Dr. J. A. McMillan, has joined her husband at Brownsville, Tenn. Mrs. McMillan taught in Meridian Academy (Miss.) during the past year.

Mrs. Minnie Arletta Gilmer, wife of Lieutenant D. J. Gilmer, now enroute to his post of duty in the Philippine Islands, is still in the city, but expects to join her husband in a few weeks.

Mr. D. R. Farmer, an accomplished and successful tailor of Ellisville, Miss., was in the city last week and mingled business and pleasure to such an extent that he had a pleasant time while there.

Mrs. J. C. Johnson, one of our subscribers of

Fort Worth, Tex., is in the city visiting friends and relatives. She is stopping with her sister at No. 335 Bourbon street. She gave our office a pleasant call.

Rev. S. Green, of Rosedale, La., who made such an excellent record in securing subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN, is in the city and, of course, brought us another new subscriber. He reports his work prosperous.

The Editor of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE will preach the baccalaureate sermon of the Branch Normal College of the Arkansas Industrial University, Pine Bluff, Ark., Sunday, May 31, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The degree of doctor of divinity has just been conferred upon Rev. Joseph C. Sherrill, B. D., the talented and successful pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Monrovia, Liberia, Africa, by Wiley University, Marshall, Tex.

Rev. J. L. Speight, our pastor at Oak Grove, Ala., has recently undergone a successful operation at the home of his brother, Rev. N. H. Speight, president of Marion Institute. Brother Speight is improving, tho slowly.

At the recent meeting of the College of Bishops of the M. E. Church South, Rev. Jno. C. Kilgo, D. D., was appointed fraternal messenger to our General Conference, which meets next May in San Francisco, Cal.

Revs. P. G. Goins and Elijah Frazier, pastors of Warren Street and Wesley Chapel M. E. Churches, respectively, of Mobile, Ala., came to the city to attend the commencement of New Orleans University.

Miss M. L. Hagood, the attractive and cultured daughter of Rev. Dr. L. M. Hagood, of Paris, Ky., passed through the city this week enroute home from her year's work as a teacher at Gilbert Academy.

Mrs. Booker T. Washington represented Tuskegee at the inauguration of the president of Oberlin University, Prof. Henry Churchill King. Mrs. Washington and Miss Caroline Hazard, president of Wellesley College, were the only women invited to speak.

Mr. Andrew Smith, a prominent member of the Simpson M. E. Church, this city, is meeting with most excellent success as an agent for the book known as "The United Negro," which gives an account of the Negro Young People's Congress which assembled in Atlanta, Ga., last August.

Bishop J. C. Hartzell, LL. D., has been detained in this country longer than he intended to stay, on account of important business interests connected with his work in Africa. His plan at present is to sail in June. He will also take out a large number of missionaries.

Prof. T. R. McWilliams, A. B., M. S., who has taught the sciences for two years in New Orleans University, will, according to rumor, soon become a benedict, and then go as a missionary to Africa. He is to teach in the College of West Africa, of which Dr. A. P. Camphor is president.

At the recent commencement of Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon Mr. Emmett J. Scott, private secretary to Dr. Booker T. Washington. Mr. Scott was formerly a student of this school and is highly esteemed for what he has accomplished.

While in the city of St. Louis, Mo., a few days since the editor of the SOUTHWESTERN had the pleasure of officiating at the baptism of the twin babies of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Gillum, of the Exposition city, where the Doctor is pastor of the Union Memorial M. E. Church. Their names are

Spencer Leo Dale and Calvin Eli Leon; they are strong, vigorous-looking youngsters.

Dr. L. G. Adkinson, president of Gammon Theological Seminary, and for fourteen years president of New Orleans University, will preach the commencement sermon at Moores Hill College, Moores Hill, Indiana, June 14. Dr. Adkinson was president of that institution from 1882 to 1887.

Major Taylor, the black bicyclist, is now riding in Australia, where he is constantly winning new laurels. He is said to be a church member and an exemplary young man in every particular. It was he who some months ago refused to ride on Sunday tho offered \$3,000 for the season to do so.

While in Holly Springs, Miss., where Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor *Christian Advocate*, delivered the commencement address at Rust University, he baptized Andrus Miller, the infant son of Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Logan, and Bennie Libby, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. B. H. S. Ferguson. The ceremony was performed in the home of Dr. Logan.

Mrs. Mollie Lemons, the energetic wife of Mr. W. L. Lemons, of Opelousas, La., was in the city this week to witness the commencement exercises of New Orleans University. She, with her daughter, Miss M. S. Washington, who is a student of New Orleans University, and Mr. G. B. Johnson, also a student, made the office a pleasant call.

Miss G. Estelle Jones, of Greensboro, N. C., the charming sister of Rev. Dr. R. E. Jones, who has just graduated from Clark University, completing the higher Normal course, is in the city to spend the summer with her brother's family at No. 5215 Constance street. Miss Jones pursued her course of study with special reference to teaching, which she expects to make her life work.

Rev. J. O. Brown, pastor St. James, Shreveport, is shortly to begin the erection of an eight-room parsonage to take the place of the little cottage now used for the purpose. Brother Brown began his administration by the erection of a new church, which he has been permitted to enjoy for two or three years, and his friends hope, for the sake of the energetic little lady who presides in the parsonage, that he may have a year or two more to settle the foundations of this greatly needed addition.

News Notes

Rome has celebrated her 2,656th birthday.

The legislature of Cuba refused to make Good Friday a legal holiday.

The Cubans celebrated last week the first anniversary of Cuban independence.

The next World's Students' Federation conference will be held in Japan in 1904.

A 16-year-old colored boy of Charlotte, N. C., is to be hanged in that state May 22.

General Estrada, the leader of the forces of President Zelaya, in Nicaragua, was killed in battle.

The missionary edition of the *National Baptist Union* of May 2 was a veritable photograph album.

The first colored undertaker in Chicago, Mr. John Maxwell, died at his home in that city last week.

The doctrine that the whites are the elect race is called "Racial Calvinism" by *The Congregationalist*.

According to the report of the Agricultural Department, the robins and other song birds of the South are almost exterminated.

One million dollars will be spent by foreign capitalists in the development of the copper mines in East Tennessee.

In the Toumotu group of islands in the Pacific Ocean 600 lives were lost and \$500,000 worth of property destroyed.

The largest vessel ever built in this country is the steamer Minnesota, which was launched recently at Croton, Conn.

In the Paris-Madrid automobile race six persons were killed, two supposed to be fatally injured and ten seriously hurt.

The director of public safety of Philadelphia, Pa., had thirteen hundred slot gambling machines, valued at \$125,000, burned publicly.

The Young Colored Men's Club of Los Angeles, Cal., says the *Enterprise*, took part in the reception tendered President Roosevelt.

Many persons were killed and a number injured in a terrific storm in the Northwest. The worst of the tornado was felt in Nebraska.

On April 24 the teachers and students of Haines Institute, Augusta, Ga., celebrated the birthday of Miss Lucy E. Laney, principal and founder of that institution.

Paul Bouet (Max O'Rell), the French litterateur, died last Sunday in Paris, France, of a cancerous formation following an operation for appendicitis.

The subway contractors in New York City have employed about 2,000 colored laborers from Maryland and Virginia to take the places of Italians who went on a strike May 1.

A resolution was adopted by the A. M. E. Conference held in Washington, D. C., against the bill which was introduced in the last Congress by Senator Hanna to pension ex-slaves.

From the *Japan Times* comes the news that a Japanese of Koohi was married to a corpse. The bride-elect on the eve of her marriage committed suicide; but notwithstanding her death her parents requested that the marriage take place.

The evangelical ministers of Atlanta are advocating the discontinuance, for health and other good reasons, of funeral orations and eulogies, except in rare cases, extravagant funeral corteges and caskets, the wearing of mourning and the removal of hats at the grave.

The day President Roosevelt was in Pasadena, Cal., a young colored man, Mr. Williams Strothers, was one of the special officers. As the President was about to leave the city he turned to Mr. Strothers and said: "Young man, I thank you for your services; you have given me good service."

The closing dates for the Colored State College of Delaware are May 24-29. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. M. W. Thornton, of Wilmington, Del., and the address to the class by Rev. Dr. M. C. B. Mason, Corresponding Secretary Freedmen's Aid Society. Rev. W. C. Jason, A. M., is president.

The Prairie View State Normal College commencement takes place May 29 to June 2. The annual sermon will be preached May 31 by Rev. W. H. Marshall, pastor Episcopal Church, Galveston, and the annual address delivered by Prof. M. W. Dogan, Ph. D., president Wiley University.

When the colored people of Colorado Springs, Col., presented President Roosevelt a square silver medal bearing the inscription, "To the President of the People, a Friend to the Friendless," in response the President, among other things, said: "The only thing to do, is to do the square thing."

The American Newspaper Publishers' Association and the International Typographical Union of this country have entered into an arbitration agreement by which all differences that may arise between publishers and their employers must be settled between employers and local union, if possible. If not, then by arbitrators, whose decision is to be final.

From an exchange we clip the following: "Recently a Methodist minister was brought before the magistrate of Helsingfors, Finland, for preaching in the streets. In replying to the charges he read the general rules from the Methodist Discipline. The judge was so impressed that he kept the book until the following day, assuring the preacher that he had his sympathy, adding: 'Go ahead and preach all of this you want to. I wish we had hundreds more like you.'"

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DIFFERENT KINDS OF FRUIT TREES.

By Miss BESSIE BRAGO.

The cultivation of fruit has been a delightful pastime, as well as a substantial means of support, from the earliest history of civilization. There is, indeed, a peculiar fascination about the different kinds of domestic fruit. Their tempting colors, fragrant perfume and delightful flavors are unequalled in combined attractiveness and satisfaction to the human senses by anything else among all the products of nature. Their juices are at once appetizing, nutritious and wholesome. Millions of people have subsisted upon them, to the exclusion of almost all other sustenance. It is therefore, no wonder that the early colonists, when they left their native land to take up their abode in the new world, brought with them seeds, plants and cuttings of the best fruits they had at their old homes. Thus it was that the apple, pear, peach, plum, cherry, grape, olive, date, almond, European walnut and chestnut, together with many other less valuable fruits, were first cultivated in America. Previous to the beginning of the Nineteenth Century there had been considerable development of fruit culture in the colonies. Small apple orchards were quite common in the settlements from New England to the Carolinas. The pear, peach, plum and grape were cultivated in less degree. The Spanish introduced the peach and orange in Florida. The French planted the grape and pear in their sparse settlements in the Mississippi valley and near the Great Lakes. There are yet, in healthy condition, near Detroit, Mich., several immense pear trees, from these first plantings, that are nearly three hundred years old. The Catholic fathers planted the vine and the olive, and, occasionally, the date-palm along the Rio Grande and on the Pacific coast. The Indian, contrary to what we might suppose, helped materially in the distribution of some of the orchards. In 1799, when General Sullivan made his famous raid against the tribes which composed the historic "Six Nations," he found bearing apple orchards in western New York. The tribes living along the Gulf of Mexico had peach trees in their cultivated patches, having obtained the

seed from the Spaniards, and to-day we find the descendants of these Spaniards or Indian peaches commonly grown throughout all the Southern States, and, to some extent, over the peach growing sections of America.

While trees are very valuable for fruit, they are also ornamental to our yards, and are very necessary for shade. Were it not for the shade trees, we would suffer much more from the heat in the summer. And we are to-day planting trees to ornament our grounds, and for shade during the sunny days of September and October.

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DOINGS OF THE
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We regret our inability to publish in time the program of the Shubuta District Group Meetings sent us by President R. N. Jones and Secretary J. B. Brooks. These meetings take place May 29-31.—Ed.

Jno. H. McAllister, Reporter, St. Joseph District, Central Missouri Conference.—Conference met at Armstrong, Mo., April 24, with Rev. J. Will Jackson, D. D., in the chair. The presiding elder's salary was estimated. An inspiring program was rendered. The meetings were largely attended. Following are the resolutions adopted: Whereas, the Methodist Episcopal Church has done and is now doing so much for our people, and whereas, her field for help has been so widely extended in the last five years, which fact has placed such great responsibilities upon the General Church to meet the needs of her enlarged field of usefulness, and whereas, the day has dawned when she is looking to us as never before to help ourselves, therefore be it Resolved, That we, the district stewards of the St. Joseph District, Central Missouri Conference, pledge our hearty and undivided support to all of the great benevolent movements of the church, and we promise, further, to use our personal means and influence to raise every dollar of our apportionment for the present conference year. Whereas, the Geo. R. Smith College at Sedalia, Mo., is accomplishing so much for the Christian education and elevation of our race, and is now a recognized institution of learning of high literary grade, chartered by the state of Missouri, having a legalized local board of trustees, therefore, Resolved further, That we shall do all within our power to increase its usefulness and enlarge its influence throughout our bounds. We hail with great satisfaction the effort now being put forth to establish an industrial plant in connection with this institution for the industrial training of our young men and women, and pledge our united co-operation with the ministers of the Central Missouri Conference to bring this effort to a successful conclusion. Whereas, the Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., editor of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, has so ably and satisfactorily published the proceedings of our conventions and conferences, which publications have quick-

ened and inspired our people for greater usefulness in the church throughout the country, and whereas, the paper is being ably and satisfactorily edited by him, Resolved, That we pledge him our hearty support in giving it a broader circulation. Committee: Jno. H. McAllister, W. L. Lee, R. G. Williams.

E. D. Cameron, Pastor, New Albany, Miss.—With the able assistance of Rev. P. S. Bowie, pastor of Tupelo, we succeeded in raising \$40. Our church was blown down last July; the loss was very great. We would highly appreciate any contribution by brethren in our distress.

J. A. Y. Dickens, Librarian, Sardis, Miss.—The following Sunday school officers were elected: D. W. Talbert, superintendent; E. J. Jones, (a) Bible teacher; Ollans Ballentine, (a) assistant Bible teacher; S. A. Dickens, (b) Bible teacher; assistant, S. M. Harnan; J. P. Lester, intermediate teacher; assistant, J. A. Talbert; Henry S. Dawson, treasurer; J. A. Y. Dickens, librarian. We have started off nicely. We expect to go side by side with the church in working for Christ. Our pastor, Rev. J. A. Slate, is with us twice a month. He is very helpful. The Epworth League elected the following officers: President, J. H. Harnon; secretary, J. A. Y. Dickens; assistant secretary, S. A. Dickens; treasurer, C. A. McCarty, Jr.; superintendent, J. A. Talbert; first vice-president, S. M. Harnon; second vice-president, L. A. Harnon; third vice-president, Ollans Ballentine; fourth vice-president, B. F. Dickens.

R. F. Long, Pastor, Monroe, La.—On April 20-21 our presiding elder, the Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, held our first quarterly conference. Reports showed marked advancement along all lines. Our Sunday school, which now has an enrollment of 179, is progressing nicely, with Mrs. Ford as superintendent. Our congregations continue to increase. I desire to thank Misses Bettie Louis, R. Sanders, Ella Ford, Matilda Ford, Evaline Ford, Mary S. Ford, Ida Louis, Mabel Jones, Annette Jones, Elsie Hanna, Sisters Lydia Bryant, Emily Louise, Mary Johnson, M. Hanna; Brothers D. Johnson, Alex. Ford, Sr., Alex. Ford, Jr., Sister Alice Clay, Messrs. A. Johnson, Robt. Louis, Sam Neighbors, Sister Annette Hawkins, and others, for a grand surprise given my wife and myself on Tuesday night. The concert given by the trustees of the O. C. School on April 24 was a success. Our next rally will be our Great District Missionary Convention, which will be held at St. Johns and St. Paul, this city, June 4-8, by Rev. Griffin G. Logan, D. D. We expect to make this one of the telling events in the history of Methodism in North Louisiana. The Revs. R. E. Jones, D. D., I. G. Penn, A. M., the Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, among other prominent men are invited to be present.

Joseph H. Agustus, Opelousas, La.—St. Mark M. E. Church. We are in the midst of a glorious revival, and many precious souls are being converted to God. Backsliders are also coming back to the fold of Christ, the spirit of the good Lord is on our side. On the 18th, Rev. S. Duncan, presiding elder, was with us. He preached a forceful sermon to a packed church. We paid him in full.

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J. H. Lemon, Mt. Carmel M. E. Church, Woodland, La.—Our first quarterly conference was held April 28, with the Rev. Henry Taylor, presiding elder, in the chair. The Rev. R. E. Jones was with us and presided over the conference. Officers had written reports. Rev. Wm. Harrison, our new pastor, is doing a good work. He is a good preacher. At close of conference Dr. Jones preached a soul-stirring sermon. We are glad to have him call again. He also made an able lecture in the interest of the Sunday school.

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J. H. Pierre, Pastor; Nellie L. Gant, Secretary, St. Martinville, La. — Our first quarterly conference was held at Mallalieu M. E. Church, April 25. Rev. C. H. Monroe, pastor at Boneville, held the quarter, as Presiding Elder S. Duncan was otherwise engaged. We had an enjoyable conference. During the revival we had fourteen backsliders reclaimed and six conversions. Total collections, \$87.75. Rev. M. Baldwin was with us and preached an acceptable sermon.

Rev. C. M. Keeton, P. E., John E. Tice, Secretary, St. Louis, Mo. — The district stewards of the St. Louis District, Central Missouri Conference, convened at St. Charles, Mo., and indeed it was more like a revival than a business meeting. Rev. C. M. Keeton, presiding elder, organized the meeting and the usual committees were appointed, and in a few minutes the work of the meeting was all accomplished. The Rev. Dr. R. E. Gillum of Union Memorial Church, St. Louis, preached to the brethren.

Rev. J. K. Comfort, President, Ellisville, Miss.—The Comfort Colored Orphan Home of this state is moving on nicely on all lines. We have a great many local boards of trustees and sisters of charity in a great many towns and cities in the state preparing to make a grand report July 25, in Jackson, Miss., where all the trustees of the state will meet and hear the address of the governor and other big men. A great many great men have written me long letters saying great things of the

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J. A. Holliday, Pastor, Dadeville, Ala.—A host of members and friends led by Brother L. Bostic, rushed into the parsonage recently with all sorts of good things and a nice purse of money. We have not a large membership here, but they are not allowing us to want for anything. Our members are among the better element. Our Epworth League and the SOUTHWESTERN are doing a wonderful work here for our church and people, both old and young. We have the best league on our district.

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M. M. Harmon, Secretary, Tip Top, Va.—Our third quarterly conference was held April 25-26 at Mudfork M. E. Church. Our beloved presiding elder, Rev. R. A. Swan, presiding. He preached excellent sermons. Paid presiding elder \$11.00; pastor, \$42.82. This

is Rev. G. W. Alexander's (our pastor's) fourth year. He is doing a grand work for the church. We have three Sunday schools and one Epworth League. All are doing well.

How many subscribers are you going to send in this week for SOUTHWESTERN.

L. H. Harry, Pastor, Gillsville, Ga.—The second quarterly conference of the Gillsville charge convened at Pleasant Hill Church, April 25-26, the Rev. Dr. G. W. Arnold, our beloved presiding elder, presiding. The conference was a success. The Gillsville charge is coming to the front as never before. The Rev. E. R. Miller, the energetic pastor of Harmony Grove, was with us. His addresses before the Sunday school and his sermons will long live in the hearts of the people. Three joined the church. The presiding elder preached a glorious sermon and delivered very helpful lectures. Paid presiding elder, \$10.00. Raised for benevolence, \$3.00; pastor, \$25.00.

T. I. English, Pastor, Tosiana, Ala.—My second quarterly conference convened on the 25th and 26th of this month, with the Rev. Dr. W. H. Nelson in the chair. All brethren were present with written reports, which showed the work in a prosperous condition. The elder preached three able sermons. Eighteen have been added to the church this quarter. We paid to the presiding elder \$13.53; pastor, \$50.00; raised for missions, \$7.00. We are getting up a list of subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN.

W. M. Crawford, Sherrill's Ford, N. C.—Just after the quarterly conference was over at Brown's Chapel, and we had gone to Mr. and Mrs. Nickels' to spend the night, a storm party visited us and left many good things. It was led by the talented Miss Anna Young. A few nights ago another storm party visited the parsonage with a nice assortment of groceries. The first Sunday in April, we raised at Brevard's Chapel, \$40.20, for painting the church. Presiding Elder No. 1, L. A. Cornor, raised \$6; No. 2, E. G. Graham, \$15.55; No. 3, Willie Lowery, \$7.20; No. 4, F. C. McCombs, \$4.00; No. 5, William McCorkle, \$3.90. Last conference year this charge led the North Carolina conference in subscriptions to the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, except St. Paul, Winston, N. C., and we are planning to lead again. May God bless the ADVOCATE, for it helps the ministers to succeed in their charges.

Many of the brethren have more than redeemed their pledges and yet they continue to send in subscribers. They are the ones that are increasing the subscription list of the SOUTHWESTERN.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The District Epworth League meeting convened at Paris in the Mt. Zion M. E. Church, on the 20th ult., Dr. F. Parker in the chair. The program was taken up and executed in an excellent spirit and interest. The addresses, papers, and discussions were handled in such a manner that much good will ultimately result. The striking feature of the work was the effort put forth to put the different causes of the church before the League. A committee was appointed to raise \$5 from each appointment for Wiley University and to

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Mrs. W. B.

E. H. Clark, Pastor, Zachary.—Recently the faithful members and sinner friends gave the pastor and family a surprise. Mr. D. Collins, in behalf of the company, made a few remarks, afterwards he presented the pastor with a basket containing sixty pounds. The pastor responded in a very few remarks. Refreshments were served. Mrs. Nancy Fields and Mrs. Belle Ridley were the prime movers.

W. H. Gilliam, Pastor, Sallis, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference held at Mt. Pleasant was a success. Elder B. F. Woolfolk preached a glorious sermon. He is a great man and looks after every interest of the church. Collection, \$21.30. At Barlow Church we

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will have a rally on the fifth Sunday in May, and preach Brother Peter Slingly's funeral. Everybody is invited. Rev. E. C. F. Troupe, M. C. McEwen, and S. D. Troupe will be with us.

Rev. C. H. Hurd, Pastor, Pearisburg, Va.—The third quarterly conference was held at the Piney Grove Church, with the Rev. G. H. Pettis presiding, April 26. Reports from some of the officers were very good. Sunday was a glorious day, while the good Lord sent a good rain. The Rev. G. H. Pettis, D. D., preached two grand sermons, stirring up the hearts of all present. This quarter we have had 20 converts and 28 accessions to the church; have organized one Epworth League chapter and raised for all purposes \$101.73. The church is getting along nicely at present and the members are looking after the interests of the charge.

W. M. Burns, Pastor, New Orleans, La.—I take this method to thank the members and friends of Walden Chapel M. E. Church for the surprise they gave the pastor.

A. B. Venable, Pastor, Clinton, La., Macedonia M. E. Church.—Our first quarterly conference convened at Macedonia April 23-24, with Rev. R. E. Jones in the chair, who presided as a presiding elder. Rev. H. Taylor, presiding elder, was also present. Nearly all the officers were present with well written reports, which showed the work to be in a prosperous condition. Received in the church, 7. Dr. R. E. Jones gave us a grand lecture. The audience was well pleased. He also preached a wonderful sermon. Paid the elder in full and the pastor \$46.60. Raised for all purposes this quarter, \$117.35.

R. Jones, Pastor, Jacoby, La.—We are small in numbers. My people have taken on new life. We had a pound meeting. It was led by Brothers Jack Stevens, Funkling, Gillen, Dickson and many of the good Baptist friends and members of Mason chapel.

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T. O. Carroll, Pastor, Asbury, Frederick City, Md.—I was most cordially received by my people on my return from conference. A large congregation met me on Sunday morning and night. We are moving on nicely in the good work. Death is raging in Frederick and other places. Tuesday, the 21st, Miss Bertha Johnson, my niece, died in great peace in Annapolis, Md. On Friday, the 24th, Sister Lucy Parker, wife of Brother John Parker, passed away in great peace. Her funeral was largely attended from Asbury, on Sunday, the 26th, by the pastor assisted by Rev. C. H. Murray of the A. M. E. Church. She was a member of Ruth Court No. 4, Nazarites and Queen Esther Chapter. Order of the Evening Star attended in full regalia and conducted services at the grave. On the 27th, Brother Thos. Pinkney, the son of Rev. G. D. and Ellen Pinkney, passed away in great peace after a short illness, at the residence of Mrs. Eliza Ogletton in this city.



His funeral took place in Asbury M. E. Church, on Tuesday, the 28th, at 2:30 p. m., conducted by pastor, assisted by Rev. C. H. Murray, pastor of A. M. E. Church. Brother Thomas Pinkney was in his eighteenth year.

S. A. Kelly, Pastor, Madisonville, Tex.—We observed Easter Sunday and raised \$7. While the pastor, Rev. S. A. Kelly, was at the church, March 16, the sisters visited the parsonage and surprised the pastor's wife with a nice lot of groceries.

S. McDonald, Pastor, Fort Smith, Ark.—We have just closed a revival with one convert and a general awakening among Christians. The church is greatly revived. We were assisted by Rev. J. W. Lewis of Ebenezer of Fort Smith, and Rev. G. A. Saxton of Van Buren. We are in the advance of any previous year on benevolence. We have the Epworth League in good work-

ing order. The Junior League is doing a splendid work. The League is organized into bands which visit from house to house to look after the neglected, and they are meeting with good success. We are working and praying for the good of the church.

S. S. Myers, District Steward, Byhalia Charge.—We held our second quarterly conference on the 25th of April. Our presiding elder was not present. Rev. B. T. McEwen, from Waterford Circuit, took his place. We will be glad to have him come again. Nearly all officers were present with written reports. Sunday, Rev. McEwen preached to the delight of all who heard him. We pray God's blessing upon him. Paid presiding elder in full, \$11.25; raised in the quarter, \$17.75; paid pastor this quarter, \$30.55; total, \$48.30. Two united with the church.

W. L. Williford, District Steward, Roberts, S. C.—Our second quarterly conference was held April 25. Rev. M. M. Mouzon, presiding elder, was in the chair. The officers were present with good reports. Our pastor, Rev. W. B. Bowes, in his report showed an increase. Our pastor is a hustler. He has built up the charge wonderfully. Paid presiding elder, \$11.40; pastor, \$29.00; raised for all purposes, \$53.50. We have a nice three-room parsonage, which has been greatly needed for some time. Rev. and Mrs. Bowes on April 19th gave the officers of Ollo charge a reception.

G. W. Williams, Pastor, Bellefontaine Cir.—A storm party visited Dumas Chapel recently. It was led by Henry Hubbard, Mary Hubbard, Tom McKey, A. Wandicks and others.

Charleston District Preachers' Meeting, South Carolina Conference, convened at Georgetown, S. C., April 22-27, Rev. C. R. Brown, Presiding Elder, in the chair. J. W. Doree was elected secretary; Rev. G. W. Williams, assistant secretary, after which the presiding elder read his report of the conditions of the district, which showed us that the brethren are not at ease in their charges but are at work to push forward the Redeemer's kingdom on earth. The following ministers were present: Rev. J. E. Wilson, D. D., presiding elder Florence District; Rev. J. L. Grice, A. B., presiding elder Orangeburg District; Rev. C. C. Jacobs, D. D., Sunday school agent; Rev. W. S. Thompson, pastor Mt. Clilo, Florence District. We had good crowds out at each session, notwithstanding our membership is very small. Strong sermons were preached and the people were benefited. Dr. Robinson of the A. M. E. Church, had Dr. Grice preach for him, then took a collection of \$5 for the M. E. church at this place. Miss Rebecca A. Pearce, district superintendent, was at her post as usual, and presided with ease and grace. Also A. G. Kennedy, district president of Epworth League. Next meeting will take place at old Bethel M. E. church, Charleston, S. C.

J. A. GRAY, Reporter.

S. A. Stripling, Newnan, Ga.—Our second quarterly conference convened April 26-27. The presiding elder, Rev. E. H. Oliver, being ill, Elder S. C. Upshaw, agent for the Tract Society in the Atlanta Conference, was present and preached two able sermons. Elder

Upshaw dispatched the business of the conference rapidly, but taking time to see that the church was doing its work on all lines harmoniously. The amount paid the pastor this quarter was \$124; elder \$26.50; raised in the quarter, \$44.50. Mrs. M. E. Wheat, president of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, reported that department of the church work in growing condition. Another auxiliary has been organized in West Newnan with Mrs. Ellen Neal, president, and Mrs. Estella Pratt, secretary. This auxiliary is also doing excellent work. A sewing circle has also been organized for the girls, with Mrs. Katie Reid, president, and Mrs. Mary R. Johnson, vice-president. The society has raised for all causes this quarter \$29.25. Brother J. H. Long was elected lay delegate to annual conference. T. R. Beach was elected delegate to the Laymen's Association, which meets at Austell, Ga., in July.

Robt. C. Worsham, Pastor, Crawford, La.—Our quarterly conference was held April 18-19. The Rev. W. R. Butler, presiding elder, presiding. The officers had written reports, which showed a great deal of improvement. The tribe meeting was a success. Raised \$78. May 3 the Independent Order of the Courts of Calanthe assembled at Mt. Zion M. E. Church, to celebrate their fourth anniversary. The sermon was preached by the writer. Collection \$37.60. These worthy women deserve great credit for what they are doing.

H. R. S. Erby, Pastor, Paulding Circuit, Miss.—This is my third year on this circuit. The circuit is doing fairly well, yet not as well as we would like owing to the scarcity of money in this section, the people have moved to other portions of the country, where they can engage in public work. Times are a little hard here for the preachers on this account. Yet we are alive on all lines of church work. We observed Easter. The program was carried out nicely. Raised at Spring Hill \$5.46; at Oak Bowery, \$1.96; at Leonia, 65 cents; total \$8.07. We paid our presiding elder, J. C. Hibbler, in full for first quarter. We are preparing to have a Sunday School Convention June 27. Dr. Jones, our Sunday School Agent, is invited to be present and help us. Several of our prominent men will be invited.

Susie Crockett, New River, Va.—We had our first rally on pastor's salary May 3, 1903. We had with us Rev. J. M. Watson from Max Meadows, Va. He preached two soul stirring sermons. Rev. L. W. Holmes of the Baptist Church, also spoke for us. In our rally R. C. Austin raised \$31.35; Jeff Brown, \$21 and Cora Saunders, \$18.76.

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just closed a glorious revival with 41 souls converted. Sunday, May 3, 30 received Christian baptism. The spirit of the Lord was manifested. The Rev. L. C. Carter, of the A. M. E. Church, was with us and also Rev. Smith of the Congregational Church. The sacrament was administered to 103 persons.

P. Bibber, Bonita, La.—The high water hindered us, but with the help of the Lord on Easter we raised for missions \$5.55. We are trying also to raise money to put lights in our church windows.

R. M. Phillips, Carthage, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference was held in April, with Rev. N. D. Hopkins presiding. Reports very good. Rev. Hopkins preached one of his good sermons. Carthage will come up this year with her claims according to her number.

D. Shelly, Leesville, La.—Our first quarter was held April 23, Rev. H. Daniel, presiding elder, in the chair. He was pleased with the work. Paid him in full. We are spiritually alive. Converts 6; reclaimed 3; 2 came from the Baptist Church. We have bought a bell. Raised Easter \$10.

W. H. Golden, Pastor, Brookville, Miss.—Brookville Circuit is alive and pushing to the front. It has four Epworth League Chapters and four Sunday schools that are in good shape and doing efficient missionary work. The chapter at Balden gave the parsonage committee a fine bed for the parsonage and two thousand bricks for pillars for the church at Balden. Brother Will Moore, a fine young man, a lover of his church and a student of Rust is president of this chapter. Brother I. Ike, the superintendent of the school at Balden, is the right man in the right place. Notwithstanding the amount of work this man has on his hands a large farm and quite a number of hands to oversee, he always finds time to attend to his church work. It is well said that in union there is strength, for only a few years ago this man and his brother, Harrold Ike, were poor men, but to-day they stand head and shoulders with the wealthiest men of Noxubee county. Brother H. Ike is steward at Balden. The presiding elder, Rev. C. W. Walton, held our first quarterly conference. He preached with his usual power. We paid him his full apportionment for the quarter. Broth-

er A. Moore, our district steward for 20 years, has been a subscriber to the SOUTHWESTERN for 22 years and says he can't get along without it. The Lord has bountifully blessed him with this world's goods and it is indeed a blessing and not a curse. He contributes freely to the different causes, and does not allow any one to do more for his church than he. He is one of our wealthy farmers. We are now preparing to take care of the district conference at Balden.

Conference Notices

To the Members of the South Carolina Conference, and all Lovers of God and Methodism:

Dear Brethren—We have secured about two acres of land in a very popular locality, to be used for a cemetery and a church building, located about five miles from the city of Darlington. We have a small membership in that community, and have established a preaching place at which services are held every Sunday. We are now planning to build a church, will you help us to take that country for God by sending us a small contribution from your charges. I am building for posterity. Soon I will be asked to take a back seat, but I want to build at least one more church and plant the banner of Christ on virgin soil. Any amount sent to myself or W. H. Smyrl, chairman Board of Trustees, will be thankfully received and promptly acknowledged.

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To the Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools of the West Nashville District:

Dear Leaguers, I wish to call your attention to the Epworth League and Sunday School Convention that is to convene at Lewisburg, Tenn., June 9-12, 1903. We are expecting to make this the greatest Epworth League and Sunday School meeting in the history of the district, and we will succeed if every one will do his best to have his

League and Sunday school well represented. Remember always that the reputation of your league, of your church and of yourself as an individual, are at stake; so work to maintain your good reputation. We hope the pastors will do all in their power to arouse the young and cause them to take hold of the work. See to it that your league and Sunday school have a delegate at the convention. The program will soon be out and sent to every charge. Reduced rates will be secured on the usual plan, one and one-third for round trip, if the required number attend. We are expecting to have quite a number of visitors and the Rev. J. W. Richman and people are preparing for us. Let each come praying for a good time.

S. M. STRAYHORN, Dist. Pres.
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The next meeting of the South N. O. District preachers will be at Thibodaux, La., Thursday, June 11. Let every pastor on the district be present.

E. BAPTISTE, V. Pres.
F. D. BOWERS, Secty.

Gray, La.

Dear brethren, the district conference will convene in Fayette, Miss., at 9 o'clock. We hope all the members of the conference will be present on first day with written reports. Brother Cannon and his good people are making great preparations to entertain the conference.

Committee—W. P. C. Morrison, B. L. Crump, S. H. Cannon
R. P. THRELKELD, P. E.

My dear brethren of the Marion District, Mobile Conference, the date of District Conference has been changed from July 8-12 to July 15-19.

G. W. STAPLES, P. E.
1012 Lapsley St., Selma, Ala.

The Cumberland River District Epworth League of the Tennessee Conference will meet for its annual session in Phillips chapel, Liberty, Tenn., May 27, 1903, at 7:30 p. m., and hold three days. We hope all the pastors and leaguers will be present, as we want to make this one of the grandest conventions of the season. Rev. H. P. Belcher and his people are making great preparations to entertain the convention. The programs will be out in a few days. Please send me the names of your delegates so their names can appear on the program. Yours for the Epworth League.

R. A. DOWELL, Pres.
Bethpage Rural Route No. 1, Tenn.

Brookhaven District Conference is changed to July 9-12. A. DAVIS, P. E.
Crystal Springs, Miss.

Epworth Leaguers and Sunday School Workers, St. Joseph District:

Dear Workers—Our convention is near at hand and I desire to ask you to do your best to have a large delegation at our convention June 17-21. We hope to make this convention the greatest in our history. We expect to have with us Dr. I. G. Penn and Dr. G. G. Logan. Don't fail to raise something for delegates' expenses to the International Convention at Detroit. Let every charge do its very best to send one or more delegates to the coming convention at Independence, Mo.

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Notice to Pastors of Oklahoma District, Lincoln Conference:

All pastors of Oklahoma District will please send me a list of the delegates and all others expecting to attend the district conference and Epworth League convention from your respective charges. This is necessary in order to assist us in arranging for your entertainment. The District Conference will convene in Avenue, Muskogee, I. T., July 22-26, 1903. Please send list at once. Yours in Christ, A. W. TALBERT, Pastor.

TO PASTORS:

We believe that you will be patient with the General Conference Commission in the appeals made through you, to the churches, in the interest of General Conference expenses.

We gratefully report that in most conferences and localities earnest attention is being given to this matter. We express the hope that the collection may be taken and reported before the usual "Summer Vacation." If the collection is not equal to the required amount, it should be known to the Commission before the fall conferences meet.

That the pastors may conveniently furnish this information as soon as the collection is taken, a postal card addressed to the chairman of the commission, has been enclosed in the personal letter. A few pastors have mistaken the object of sending the card, and upon it have reported their purpose to take the collection.

Please retain it until you can report the amount your charge has paid or pledged, and then immediately forward it.

W. F. WHITLOCK,
Sec. of the Commission.

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Brethren, do not fail to observe Children's Day. Yours always,

W. H. NELSON.

GRIFFIN DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Stockbridge, June 20-21; Covington, 28-29; Oak Hill, July 4-6; Oxford, 11-12; Union Grove, 18-19; Hampton, 25-26; Jonesboro, Aug. 1-2; McDonough, 8-9; Locust Grove, 8-9; Brook Station, 15-16; Griffin Station, 21-23; Griffin Circuit, 22-23; Williamson, 29-30; Fayetteville, Sept. 5-6; East Point, 4-6.

Dear brothers, the District Conference will convene at Jonesboro, Ga., July 28th, 1903. Strive to make this the best year of your ministerial life. Let every man be present the first day of the conference with written report in hand.

Yours in Christ,

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NOTICE.

To the District Presidents and Pastors and Presidents of Each Chapter of the Tennessee Annual Conference Epworth League:

Dear Co-Workers—As our annual convention will be some time in the latter part of June, let me urge you at once to write and get blank reports from our book concern at Cincinnati, Ohio, for the district secretaries and secretaries of local chapters. Let every officer get the Epworth League Year Book, and study their works and plan as never before in this great work. Don't fail to observe the anniversary of the Epworth League
JESSE P. PRICE, President.

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Memphis, Tenn.—We, the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, in loving remembrance of Mr. Johnnie Townsend, who died in March, 1903, extend a heart full of sympathy to the bereaved mother, Mrs. Francis Townsend, chaplain of the Women's Relief Corps.

Kosciusko, Miss.—Sister Becka Kindred, a member of Mt. Salem M. E. Church, after suffering for about three weeks, passed from labor to reward, April 17. Sister Etta Hazley was born May 19, 1869, and died April 19. She professed religion when a child and joined the M. E. Church. She suffered long and much, but bore it all patiently, being both willing and ready to go. Rev. Nevils preached her funeral at the Buffalo M. E. Church, April 20, 1903.

Baldwin, La.—April 29, little Augustus Golston, the only son of Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Golston, died. He was in his sixteenth year. He was a student in Gilbert Industrial College and one of the brightest and best. His

was the blessed experience of the saving grace of the Lord precious to his soul, to which fact he testified some days before his death. The body was embalmed and taken by the bereaved father, mother and sister to Natchitoches, La., where it was interred.

Thompson, Texas.—Sister Toby Session, aged 17 years, died April 25. She was a consistent member of St. Matthew M. E. Church. The funeral was conducted by Rev. L. L. Graham.

VAN H. MCKENNY, Pastor.

Sister Sarah Griffin, a faithful member of Booneville Church, died in great peace. She leaves a husband, one son and two daughters and a large number of friends and relatives to mourn.
C. H. MONROE.

Rural Retreat, Va.—Sister Judia Wells died April 30. She was about 50 years old and had been a member of the church for thirty-five years. She was a bright Christian and died in full triumph of a living faith. The funeral was conducted by the writer, H. H. Harris, pastor.

St. Martinville, La.—The death angel invaded our camp a few days ago and took from among us one of the most active members of Mallalieu Chapel M. E. Church, Sister Hattie Butler. She was a faithful and dutiful member of the church. Rev. Mr. Joseph and A. Patterson assisted the pastor in the funeral.
J. H. PIERRE, Pastor.

REV. JOHN WESLEY HALL.

The Rev. John Wesley Hall, a faithful member of the Tennessee conference for 21 years, died April 27, in full triumph of living faith. He foresaw the end and wound up his business with care and joy. While at my home, March 24th, he said: "I shall not meet the brethren next fall at Martin, at the annual conference, and I want to talk with you about my business," and so he did. Rev. Hall had served the following charges very acceptably: Mansfield, Cookville, Sparta, Farmington, Memphis Circuit, and McMinnville Circuit. Thus ended his ministerial career. The conference loses a faithful and dear friend of Methodism. The following elders participated in the funeral eulogy: A. Phillip, P. E., Ben-

son Hamilton, D. D., president Walden University; T. W. Johnson, W. Ellison, W. D. Pettus, C. B. Wilson, E. W. S. Hammond, D. D., Dean of Braden School of Theology of Walden University. Rev. Hall had just made the last payment on a little home for his wife and children. May the peace and love of our blessed Savior keep and console the widow and the children.

W. ELLISON, Reporter.

Nashville, Tenn.

Macon, Miss.—Sister Hattie F. Dunn, class leader No. 1 of St. Paul M. E. Church, died April 25, in full triumph of faith, after an illness of five months. Her funeral was preached to a large crowd.
J. H. EVERETT.

Houston, Texas, Boynton Chapel.—Gladys Banks, aged 13 months, died April 14. She was the little daughter of Shelton and Carrie Banks. Sister Cristener Rice died April 28, aged 14 years. She was a member of Boynton M. E. Church Sunday school and Epworth League. To know her was to love her.

J. F. BARNES, Pastor.

Monroe, La.—On the night of April 15, the northbound "cannon ball" on the Iron Mountain railroad killed Mr. John Ward, near Collinston, La. He was 61 years old. Deceased was not a Christian. He was laid to rest in the New Hope cemetery, April 16, by the writer, R. F. Long.

St. Martinville, La.—Little Edna Charles died April 25, aged 10 years. Miss Lillie Williams, aged 18 years, died April 25 in full triumph of faith.

J. H. PIERRE, Pastor.

St. James Charge, S. C.—On March 19, 1903, the icy hand of death invaded our community and took from our midst a faithful and loyal member of St. James M. E. Church, Daniel Hudson, aged 53 years. He served as a class leader and trustee for quite a number of years and was true to his mission until the day of his death. The writer conducted the funeral services.
W. H. GREER.

Mansfield, La.—Death has taken from the membership of Shady Grove M. E. Church this year two of its young and active members. Brother H. Smith died in March and Sister Savannah Simon died April 25. Both were members of very influential families.

A. J. PROCTOR, Pastor.

Gray, La.—Sister Rose Smith, aged 35 years, wife of Rev. J. W. Smith, once a member of Louisiana M. E. conference, died in full triumph of faith, Sunday, April 26. She was a model Christian mother and wife, also one of the leading members of the Stewardess Board of Mt. Vernon. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. A. Landry of Berwick, Rev. Wm. Rainey, Baptist minister of Beattleville, and Pastor F. D. Bowers.

Duluth, Ga.—W. H. Mitchell of Alpharetta is dead. He was loyal to his church. Altho 79 years of age, he was active and full of life and believed in doing his duty. He was beloved by the white people of his community as well as his own people. He was one of my local preachers and a splendid worker anywhere he was placed in the church. The Rev. W. A. Mitchell of Centerville, Ga., is also the son of our deceased brother.
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Woodlawn M. E. Church.—Sister Laura Casimer, aged 56 years, is dead. She was a member of this church for twenty-seven years and was a faithful Christian. She died in perfect peace. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, assisted by Brother Ben Lees, of the Baptist Church, and others.
E. FIELDS, Pastor.

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At the residence of the bride, April 21st, Miss Nettie Wiggins and Mr. Allen Fernandu were united in marriage by me. The couple received many valuable presents.
D. HARRISON, Pastor.

Paltestine, Ark.—On May 10 at Jackson Chapel, M. E. Church, Mr. John Ward and Miss Ada Presco were united in holy wedlock. W. A. Smith, pastor, officiated.

Boyce, La.—On April 30 Mr. Major Riley and Miss Gertrude Roberson were married at the residence of the bride in the presence of a large com-

pany of friends. J. L. Augustus officiated.

Hattiesburg, Miss.—On April 29 Mr. Q. C. Williams and Miss Joanna A. Toles were united in wedlock at the home of the bride. D. F. Dudley officiated.

Paulding.—Brother George Meyers, who has been a class leader and trustee of Spring Hill M. E. Church for 12 or 14 years, was on the 19th day of April happily wedded to Mrs. Mattie Kelley. On the 26th Prof. W. M. Heard and Miss Sallie Pickens were married. The pastor, H. R. S. Erby, officiated.

Forest, Miss.—At Mr. Alfred Brooks' residence, Mr. Eli Denham and Miss Daisy Carr were married. N. Toole officiated.

Verdunville, La.—At the residence of the bride April 30, Mr. Henry Richardson and Miss Mary Eliza Anderson were married. G. J. ROGERS.

Mrs. Nancy Gamble, of Clow and Mr. T. W. Kelly, of Belton, Ark., were united in holy wedlock April 23 by G. N. Johnson.

Wedowee, Ala.—Mr. L. E. Andrews and Miss L. A. Barking were united in holy wedlock by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Reeves.

New Orleans, La.—Mr. Arthur Arnaud and Wilhelmina Steptre were united in the bonds of matrimony April 29, at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Paul Berrier. Rev. William Davis officiated.

Macon, Miss.—Mr. John Davis and Miss Mary Baskin were married at the residence of the bride's parents April 23, 1903. J. H. EVERETT, Pastor.

Hockley, Texas.—On the 23rd of April, at the residence of the bride, the pastor, Rev. James Jordan, united in the holy bonds of wedlock Mrs. Manda Cartwright and Mr. Anderson King.

Cedar Key, Fla.—On April 27th, Miss Mariah Wiley and Mr. Marimon Williams were united in the holy bonds of matrimony etatoin cmfwyp shrdlu of wedlock, Rev. W. T. Collier officiating.

Married, April 23, in M. E. Church, Mr. Simpson Evans to Miss Magnella Oiven. P. W. Baldwin officiated.

Clinton, La.—On the 4th day of April Mr. William Miles and Miss Alice Layes were united in marriage. E. B. RICHARDS.

Thibodaux, La., Calvary M. E. Church—Wednesday, April 29, I joined in holy wedlock, Mr. Elijah Neville and Miss Bertha Robinson. On April 30, at the residence of the bride, Mr. Peter Davis was married to Miss Mary Jefferson. Eugene Baptiste officiated.

Deer Pond, La.—Mr. Lee Bankston and Miss Pleasure Swilow were married May 3, at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Carter. John Tutson officiated.

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HAVEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Rev. J. H. Thompson, Pastor.

Rev. J. T. Lewis preached an excellent sermon Sunday night at Haven Chapel.

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Rev. G. G. Logan, D. D., our missionary secretary, will lecture Tuesday night, June 2, at Haven Chapel. The pastor extends a cordial invitation to the city pastors, missionary societies and committees to be present.

Two hundred members and friends attended the twenty-third anniversary services of Love and Charity Benevolent Association, which was celebrated at Haven M. E. Church, Sunday at 3 p. m. The annual sermon was delivered by the pastor. The choir under the efficient management of Mrs. M. S. Thompson, rendered several beautiful selections. The society subscribed for the SOUTHWESTERN. Mr. George Williams is president of the association, Mrs. Williams, secretary and Mrs. Laura Burch, vice-president. The property of the organization is valued at \$2500.

D. P. Shaw, Pastor, Duck Hill, Miss. —Our first quarterly conference was held April 24, at Green's Chapel M. E. Church, with Rev. M. H. Wilkins in the chair. Our beloved presiding elder, Dr. W. H. Williams, could not be present, so he sent Rev. M. H. Wilkins, who is one of the coming young men of the Upper Mississippi conference. We can see in him a bright future. He preached two sermons that will be long remembered on the Elliott circuit. Collection, \$21.86.

The election of teachers for the Miss. and La. Normal & Industrial College will occur Friday, June 19th, 1903. Send with your application testimonials of your qualification and standing.

J. W. Crawford, Pres.

J. E. Tice, S. T. B., Baden, St. Louis, Mo.—We came to this field last month and found the work in very bad condition. The work at this point is prospering in our hands and our prayer is ever that God will speed on its work. Sinners are dropping in; lukewarm Christians are approaching the fire; many have expressed their best wishes for the church. We have a fine Sunday school; we had thirty-three last Sabbath. Another feature of our work, and it is very pleasant to speak of, is a timely donation by a white lady, Miss Janie Bagnell, a very wealthy lady, and much loved by my people or church and also by all, white and black. We learn from good source that the whole family had a great big open heart to the needy. This lady recently sent us one sack of 96 pounds of the best flour, one-half bushel of meal, \$1 worth of sugar and \$1 worth of coffee. This good lady gave our Sunday school children a picnic in her own yard last year. She is one among a million. Lord bless her with long life. Brother Wm. Tanking also should be mentioned for he brought us 1 bushel of potatoes. Brother Lankin and wife opened their doors when we arrived on the work with our family. These dear people want to see the church grow. We have a good people here in Baden.

Miss Erie Jackson, Clinton, Mo.—Our Epworth League is growing and we have been doing great work for the church in this city. The Epworth League was just started while Rev. Higg was pastor here, and since then we have been able to help the church and not only that, but we have conducted this meeting so religiously that our church on every Thursday evening

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Editorial Notes

If you wish to be in good company remember your pledge of subscribers. You will in that way help yourself as well as the paper.

Amesville, O., elected a tramp for mayor as a joke, and now wishes it had not done so. Citizens have petitioned the governor to remove the mayor from office, and it is likely this will be done. There is no doubt that a good many people marry about as these people chose their mayor.

A Negro lad by the name of John C. Derry, who won first place in the high school of McKeesport, Penn., has been chosen valedictorian of his class. This last honor he offered to relinquish in favor of one of his classmates, but they insisted that he retain it. His grades are said to be the highest ever obtained by any pupil of the school. We hope Derry may keep up this record throughout life.

"Fighting Joe," as Gen. Joe Wheeler is familiarly called by his admirers, is said to have been "snubbed" during the recent Confederate reunion in this city and left in anger. At any rate he took no part in the procession, and we find in the *Atlanta Constitution* the following explanation: "The truth of the matter is," said a well-known Atlanta veteran, "that Gen. Wheeler came to New Orleans in the uniform of a United States officer, a uniform he wears as a retired brigadier. I saw him wearing this uniform, and I also heard several of his friends speak to him on the subject. It was regarded as quite improper and out of place, and that is the reason why no carriage was sent for him and he did not ride in the parade. The veterans generally feel much hurt that he should have seen fit to attend the reunion wearing the uniform, instead of the Confederate grey, with which, in their minds, he has been so intimately associated."

It is now strikingly evident that those who prophesied the failure of the Cuban government a few months after the establishment of the independence of that island will have to try again. It appeared at the first anniversary, May 20, that the government not only still exists but prospers. Congratulatory messages were exchanged by this country and Cuba. There is \$2,699,000 in the national treasury and peace and order prevail. The sanitary regulations established by the Americans have been maintained, and, as a consequence, the island now has the lowest death-rate in its history. Educational interests have been fostered by a progressive policy. Railway facilities are being rapidly extended to every part of the island. Abandoned plantations are being restored, and new land is being brought under cultivation. Financial conditions are rapidly improving, and the government commands the confidence and respect of all classes.

Doing Duty in the Face of Discouragements

How are you constituted; do you belong to that class of persons who will perform no duty, however obligatory, if they meet with the least opposition or criticism? They are to be found in every church or other movement inaugurated for good. Even a committee composed of three persons is more than apt to have at least one of this class in it. Should anyone misinterpret their motives, honestly or otherwise, they are discouraged at once. Should another dare intimate that someone else could perform the task more acceptably, the individual of this class will give it up at once. Do you belong to this large family? If so we are really sorry for you. Most of the best things that are done in this life are done under disadvantages—in the face of criticism. The critic always knows better how to do a thing than the person who does it. That is to say, he thinks he knows. But when one stops to think that such a person has never done anything else but find fault with what others accomplish, he is not surprised that he does it with so much ease and so gracefully. A little boy stood on the bank of a river one day and said, "You old river you, why didn't you flow on the other side of the hill instead of on this, where you are right in the way and spoil this beautiful pasture!" But the river flowed right on. Then he said other unkind things of it and threw sticks into it and told it his papa did not want it there and he wished it would move. But the river flowed right on. Meanwhile his papa's cattle and horses were constantly going down to drink and steamboats were going up and down, bearing scores of passengers and tons of freight, and the river was flowing right on. The very next day that little boy's auntie came up on a boat and brought him many nice things; still he could see no need for the river; it was in the way. There are numberless grown persons like this boy, but you cannot stop for what they may say or do.

There are duties to be performed every day that no amount of criticism and no discouraging occurrences should prevent your doing. In the midst of these duties is concealed the opportunity of life which, if faithfully accepted, leads to honor, to influence, to success. This makes each one important and no one more so than the other. And since you do not know just which duty contains it, no one of them must be neglected, but each performed faithfully and well.

Some persons make the mistake of counting the duty in hand the least important of all and neglect that while they look forward to the one expected which they seem to think contains the opportunity of life. But they not infrequently live to learn that the very one neglected meant more than all to them. "Do with thy might what thy hands find to do" means as much to the world to-day as ever it did, and sometimes when we consider the sharp competition of our time we think it means more now than ever. Let others find fault but, like the river, "flow on."

Peonage in the State of Alabama

That form of slavery known as peonage has been brought to light in Alabama, near Montgomery. Information in the hands of Chief Wilkie, of the United States Secret Service, tends to show that a regular system has been practiced for a long time between certain magistrates and persons who want Negro laborers. It is said that the plan is to bring a poor Negro before a magistrate on a flimsy charge. He is convicted, and, having no money to pay a fine, the white man offers to advance him the money, provided the Negro will make a labor contract with him for a length of time sufficient to reimburse him for the money and trouble he has taken to keep the Negro out of jail. He is thereupon taken away and begins what is frequently a long term of cruel servitude, being frequently whipped for failure to perform work to the satisfaction of his employer.

The punishment provided by the statute for this crime is a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000, or imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than five. John W. Pace and Fletcher Turner, prominent farmers of Tallapoosa county, have been arrested, charged with this offense, and placed under bond. And so have R. N. Franklin and F. M. Pruitt, constables of Coosa county. It is said that similar conditions exist in Louisiana and the Delta of Mississippi, and that secret service agents are soon to investigate affairs there. It will be recalled that this system was some months ago found to prevail in South Carolina.

As cheap as labor is in the South, there would seem to be no excuse for such outrageous practices, and it is to be hoped that those concerned may be properly punished for their offense.

It would seem that our educational work in Liberia, Africa, continues to prosper under Dr. Camphor and his associates. He writes Bishop Hartzell under a recent date as follows: "Our school is crowded to overflowing. We will have this year the largest enrollment we have ever had. Already our register shows 150 day students and 50 boarding students. We have scholars from Sinoe, Bassa, Cape Palmas, Cape Mount, and the River Settlement. I am thoroughly resolved to make our college the best school in point of character and efficiency in this country. The conviction grows upon me that we ought to make out of our college an industrial institution. Not that we will do away with the classics, but that we should give a certain line of industries large place; for example, tailoring, tinsmithing, shoemaking. These three are in great demand here, and we could get 100 or more boys interested in these; and, best of all, they could be busily engaged while pursuing their studies."

It has been stated by the Commissioner of Pensions that the survivors of the civil war are dying out at the rate of about 40,000 a year, or 100 a day.

Our Contributors

Do Something to Save the World

I have just looked over the general minutes of the spring and fall conference of 1902, and herewith submit the results of my examination with reference to our colored membership, as a whole and by conferences.

These minutes are official and are supposed to be correct.

The Lincoln Conference was a part of the Central Missouri Conference at the time for which the membership and missionary collections are given, hence we simply name it in the list allowing it the same average per member as the Central Missouri Conference.

By these figures, admitting them to be approximately correct, we can see the numerical strength of the several annual conferences, the amount they paid to the missionary cause, and what each paid per member.

The figures are as follows:

A study of these figures must convince every loyal member that we have not burdened ourselves in contributing to that society, the specific duty of which is to see that the gospel is preached to every creature.

Only two of our conferences, the Delaware and Washington have reached the point of helping others as well as themselves. These conferences have for several years put very much more into the missionary treasury than they have drawn out. It seems that others of our strong conferences ought to make special effort to enter the company of these two magnificent bodies. A single district in one of these conferences gave more than one thousand dollars, or putting it in another form a single district gave more than fourteen of our annual conferences severally. The success along this line which has attended these conferences is due not so much to numerical and financial strength but rather to the method pursued, namely, the diffusion of missionary intelligence, development and sustenance of missionary enthusiasm, systematic presentation of this great cause, and keeping constantly at work the missionary machinery of the whole Church, League and Sunday school.

The Lexington Conference adopted a plan at its recent session, looking to an increase in its missionary collection this conference year. It was provided that the name of each person giving fifty cents or more be published in the annual conference minutes.

The indications are, taking into account the determined effort, the presiding elder and pastors will make to scatter missionary literature broadcast over the conference, that it will come up to the "Dollar per Member" line. Thus outstripping all our colored conferences and many white ones. Another presiding elder who is meeting with very great success this year has adopted the following plan: He meets the pastor, Sunday school officers, League officers, and the committee on missions. They select such missionary leaflets and tracts as they think best. They order sufficiently large numbers of these, put them into the hands of the congregation, read certain of them in concert, talk and pray over them. The missionary collection envelopes are put into the hands of some few real good collectors. Each person is urged to try to give as much as a dollar. They are reminded that *World Wide Missions* will be given for one year to every one who subscribes a dollar or more. Those pay at once who can, those who cannot, subscribe then, and pay

up on the day set aside for regular missionary collection.

There are several of our conferences, if numbers and valuation of Church property and ministerial support count, ought at least imitate the remarkable example of the Delaware and Washington Conferences. I refrain from naming any of these, but you can glance over the list and determine for yourself.

Now this year for open door emergency purposes as the cry is for at least one dollar per member—I shall divide all of our districts into five classes. First class, those that average one dollar per member, second class, those that average seventy-five cents per member, third class, those that average fifty cents per member, fourth class, those that average twenty-five cents, fifth class, those that average fifty cents per member. Now the request is for at least one dollar per member.

I make the fifteen cent per member the fifth class, as this is the least cent we can average for entire colored membership and reach the line of helping others. I am glad to state that three districts of the Tennessee Conference have already pledged themselves to one dollar per member. Now as the districts come into either of these classes, which I have suggested, and the presiding elder notifies me I shall notify the office in New York and ask that the same be published in the *World Wide Missions* and in the *SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*.

With reference to individual charges and circuits we shall pursue the same policy.

I believe that a mighty increase will be found in our missionary collection this conference year. I believe that there will be a greater diffusion of missionary intelligence among our people than ever before.

The letters and reports that I am daily receiving from presiding elders, pastors and Sunday school superintendents assure me that a large majority of our membership have caught the missionary spirit, and are determined that we shall do more than ever before.

I trust that every presiding elder will organize his district for missionary purposes into groups, and that these groups be subdivided so that neighboring pastors can exchange pulpits for missionary sermons, addresses and rallies.

Let the presiding elder urge upon all our members the necessity of paying at least \$1 each; let the League, the Sunday school, and local missionary committee join hands, in prayers and plans and giving for the mission cause.

I shall be glad to submit a list of subjects for missionary prayer meetings and anniversaries. In this connection I take the opportunity to publicly thank the presiding elders and pastors who have in person and by letter spoken so kindly and hopefully concerning the work. My especial thanks are due the editor of the *SOUTHWESTERN* for uniform kindness and courtesy in allowing space for any announcements or communications that I have had occasion to make.

Remember that sample copies of missionary literature can be had by addressing me at Holly Springs, Miss., or the Open Door Emergency Commission, 150 Fifth avenue, New York.

GRIFFIN G. LOGAN,

Field Secretary Missionary Society, Holly Springs, Miss.

The Right Thing to Do

BY REV. W. R. R. UDNCAN, D. D.

We have read proposition after proposition on how to elect a bishop of African descent. Bishop Foster's proposition, "Autonomy," which means

self rule; Bishop Merrill's proposition, "to change the *third restrictive rule*" so as to elect bishops for other races, hence one or more for the colored membership of the church. We have before us also the Missionary Bishop theory. After carefully considering the above propositions I am inclined to favor *autonomy*, for the reasons that have always stood prominent in Methodist history, namely: The law of *expediency*. It is as clear as daylight, and the easiest thing to do in conferences, or in the general conference. Have we not twenty bishops now in the church? Are they not all in the forefront intellectually? Do they not know all the fields of our great Methodism? Did we, not assist in their election because of these suitable traits as found in them? If so, then why mistrust them? For more than one hundred years the conferences have been admitting to their membership both white and colored ministers. For nearly that length of time the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church have been appointing white and colored ministers over districts, to preside and care for the districts in their absence. I challenge the whole of Methodism to give one single instance where these Godly men, the bishops, have ever made the mistake of sending these ministers to serve as pastors or presiding elders over any district or church where either was refused or could not do the work of the church on account of color or racial distinction. There is no law in Methodism to prevent me from being appointed to serve any white charge or district in the church saving the law of expediency. Hence *the right thing to do* is to let the next general conference elect a bishop of African descent and leave his future with the bishops to say in their semi-annual meetings, over which conferences he is to preside. In this way no changes in constitutional laws need be made.

Why legislate and enact special laws or rules by which a Negro may be elected to the general superintendency of our church when it is not necessary in the election and ordaining Negro ministers to serve the church. I am persuaded to say that as I see it, there is not a single colored preacher in our church looking forward to serve one white church as its pastor, or to preside over a like district. Let me ask, do we need a bishop of African descent? Answer: Yes. And I would further say, that we need one just as we need colored pastors to serve colored congregations. But make no special laws by which it is to be done, for it is not needed. Let us have a full-fledged bishop and the board of bishops will take care of him, just as they do all colored and white pastors and elders, sending them to the people whom they may help. This is the only Christlike way to do it, and the next general conference should do it, for it is the right thing to do. The colored membership need it and they most heartily desire it. If the church ever consents to legislate into its fold a bishop of African descent or any other descent, it will be a blot upon her record which I do not wish to see. When the southern and border states enacted separate car laws everybody was pleased to style them as "Jim Crow cars." Would not such a law obtain in the church? I think so if anything special or out of the ordinary way is allowed. I for one do not desire a "Jim Crow" church nor a "Jim Crow" bishop. This he will be if the above construction be a true one.

A full-fledged bishop who can, if needed, serve any part of our world wide Methodism, is the right one to have.

Little Rock, Ark.

Bishop Merrill's Amendment

BY REV. A. BROWN.

I read with interest an article in the *SOUTHWESTERN* from the pen of Rev. Dr. D. W. Hays, under the above title. The letter is a good one. However, it is only a reproduction of the many kinds we have had relative to the Negro bishop question. Bishop Merrill's proposed amendment has not been often printed in the papers but it has been filed away among the relics of warfare against the day of controversy for a colored bishop. I read it several years ago and kept it. There is nothing wrong with his proposed amendment provided we cease asking for what we cannot get. We'd as well be frank for the time to be is at hand. Bro. Hays does not want a bishop under Bishop Merrill's proposed amendment. He says, "A vital principle is involved, or else we have been misled by our friends who have assured us that it was just and right for us to insist upon having our candidates for the episcopacy elevated to office without in any way lowering the standard." I wish to say that the word *insist* was what created Bishop Merrill's proposed amendment; for I do not believe there will ever be a general superintendent of African descent elected, I mean for the entire church. To give us a bishop otherwise, Bro. Hays says, would be an "official degradation as pertaining to episcopal rights and privileges." I will admit that the amendment is only to make provision for a colored bishop to preside in colored conferences; for the Germans, the Scandinavians, and the Italians are not asking for bishops of their race, but they are *liable* to do so. I am one of those who do not believe that the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church *in toto* really opposes the election of a colored general superintendent for the entire church simply on the grounds of color or previous condition; but on the other hand the general conference, I think will fail to elect a colored general superintendent on the grounds of "color or previous condition" being a bar to our rights and privileges over which the church has no control. Suppose for the sake of argument there was a general superintendent of our race elected. He received his appointments with the rest of the bishops. He is sent to Georgia, Florida and other southern states where colorphobia will never die—what then? I care not how much grace a person may have, he never loses his social or race distinctions. Really, could we consistently give him a conference to hold in Germany or South America without any of the cogs slipping out of place? I for one doubt it. Bishop Merrill, God bless him, has not said so, but his proposed amendment points that way. There are two classes who agitate the election of a colored bishop: one class is satisfied with a bishop elected to do work specially among their own race (this is Bishop Merrill's proposition), and the other class *insists* on the election of general superintendent for the entire church. Hence we are divided among ourselves. I am no prophet, but I will say that if there is a colored bishop elected it will be under Bishop Merrill's proposed amendment; for the white conferences North and South (there may be exceptions) will prefer a bishop of their race to preside over them. They have as much right to that as we; especially if we stop a moment and reason a little that the black man did not beget the Methodist Episcopal Church but the reverse. There are at least a score of different races and mixed races within the pales of our church, all having their peculiar style or manner of thinking

and doing. Let us admit (judge things as they are and not as you would like for them to be) that a white man can get in touch with a white man, be he an Englishman or a Dutchman, more so than a black man. Even our editor, the champion leader of great ability, will help me out on this assertion. Several years ago he was discussing the Negro bishop question and said: "We now touch an undisputed principle based upon a universal law of humanity. You ask us why we think one Negro can get nearer to another than any one else. We answer after the fashion of the Yankee, why is it you think one white man can get nearer another than any one else?" If the black man is only a small proportion of this great body, then we should do the most good to the greatest number. We have no need for despair. The church has and is doing well by her colored members. I think sometimes we get a little discouraged viewing our standpoint from that of other colored Methodist bodies. We say other churches have colored bishops. Yes, this is true, but other colored Methodists have only one kind of children and they are black; while our church has all races, shades and colors and hence not simply a colored church. Let me say this before I close, it is useless for the black man to argue continually his constitutional rights. Constitutional rights do not amount to much so far as the written law is concerned. Every great movement must have power behind it. We must take our places as a *race* in both church and state by acquiring rights achieved by brain and brawn and not as a *class*. The black man as a race has many worthy men, but we need more. Come up to the requirements as a race. Do not get in a hurry! Only been free a few days. Let's quit asking for so much but get ready to *demand*. But it takes time to do this. Do wait!

Waco, Texas.

Best Thing For the South Carolina Conference as I See It

REV. R. L. HICKSON.

Three years ago we asked the General Conference to grant us an enabling act to divide the conference, which request they saw fit to refuse. As loyal Methodists, we bow in humble submission to that august body's views; still it would have only put the conference in a position to act if ever they saw fit and deemed it advisable. Others who had not grown to such large proportions as we as a conference, were successful in being accorded such a privilege. Our opinion now is identically the same as three years ago; that to divide our conference would be to *strengthen Methodism in South Carolina*.

It is true, the same end could be reached were the conference redistricted, the advisability of which we advocated several years ago. There was a time when the A. M. E. Church had only one conference in this state; now they have three and each one is doing a good work. At that time the A. M. E. Zion Church had only one. Now they have two, and both are doing good work. We are still one body and the districts are large and strong so that were we thrown altogether and redistricted so that we would have, say, ten districts in the state instead of six, in a few years because of such an arrangement there would not be a town nor busy community of a thousand inhabitants, I believe, where the old Methodist Episcopal Church would not have a foothold.

The time has come when we ought to be more aggressive and not allow ourselves to be outstripped by our sister churches in spreading into the destitute fields. There is no reason why we

should wait longer to establish in the many county seats and other important towns and communities of our state. We believe that a union of thought and concert of action will bring it to pass. Our church will spread in only one of the two ways as rapidly as she ought.

First, by dividing the conference, or secondly, by redistricting the state so as to cover the entire territory and be put in an almost compulsory position to expand its waste places.

In conclusion, I repeat: An enabling act, a division of the conference, or an increase of presiding elders' districts from six to ten.

Columbia, S. C.

Life of Faith**Plod, Plod, Plod!**

When your hands and head are weary,
And your soul has lost its song;
When the road is hot and dreary,
And the way seems very long;
When you have no heart for action,
When you need the spur and rod,—
There's a world of satisfaction
In a plod, plod, plod!

Just to see the task before you,
And forget the distant goal;
Just to bid renown ignore you,
And to bear a humble soul;
Just to trudge along contented
Where the many feet have trod,—
There's no better rest invented
Than a plod, plod, plod!

Let the genius leap to glory—
Winged feet that spurn the soil;
Though I think the truer story
Is that talents always toll.
We will make a reputation
From a broom, a hoe, a hod;
There are fame and fascination
In a plod, plod, plod!

For in this way and no other
Do the seasons come and go,
And the great world is a brother
To the toiler with his hoe;
Near to nature working slowly,
We are close to nature's God
When we give our spirits wholly
To a plod, plod, plod!

Amos R. Well, in *Ram's Horn*.**Convention of Christian Workers**

A convention of Christian workers is to be held June 23-30 at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. Various phases of aggressive Christian work will be discussed by experts. The leading workers of America have been invited to attend, and make addresses. The aim will be to make the convention practical and helpful to those who are in harness. Rev. R. A. Torrey and Charles Alexander will return to America in order to be present. The Chicago Auditorium has been engaged for the evening of June 23, when the story of their world-wide revival tour, which has occupied eighteen months and touched over fifty points in eleven foreign lands, will be told. Further particulars may be obtained by writing to A. P. Fitt, 80 Institute Place, Chicago.

A Striking Coincidence

The following is reported of the recent Torrey-Alexander evangelistic campaign in Glasgow, Scotland:

On the second Sabbath of the mission, in the men's mass meeting held at night, one young man among others came out to the front seat. He was personally dealt with by Mr. W. M. Oatts, who discovered that the young man attended the same church as himself. When, after some conversation, he had professed to trust the Savior, Mr. Oatts said, "Will you confess Christ at home?" "That will not be hard to do," he said, "my father is here." Both of them rose and went back to where the father was sitting, and he received the tidings of his son's faith with great

joy. Then opening his Bible, the father showed to Mr. Oatts the date of his own conversion written on the flyleaf of it. Singularly enough it was Sabbath, March 8, 1874, he being one of the converts of the Moody and Sankey mission of that time; and now on Sabbath, March 8, 1903, twenty-nine years later, his son is converted in the Torrey-Alexander Mission, the coincidence in the matter of date being a very pleasing and striking one.

Bring One Person to Prayer Meeting

Who knows what may result from the quickening of some luke-warm Christian. Some great religious movement may spring into being; a mission to the outcast may be organized; a revival may be inaugurated. At least, through attendance at the prayer meeting might come a desire for better things, for deeper spiritual life, for a life of service, and this desire must precede any actual devotion to Christian work. Seek out some luke-warm Christian and get him or her to attend the place of prayer; seek out some non-Christian for the same purpose—conversion may result. A long-forgotten and unsung hymn; the recollection of a long-time ago activity in the Master's service, the zeal of some earnest soul as expressed in prayer or testimony may bring that man or woman to a sense of the need in the heart, and lead to usefulness of life. Do your part, and don't delay!—O. W. Booth.

How to Be Useful in Your Church

Attend services regularly and punctually.
Join heartily in all the congregational worship.
Get acquainted, and help others to find friends.
Sign a pledge to make a regular weekly payment for the support of the Church.
Find out what you can do in the Sunday school and Endeavor Society, the Woman's Association, or the mission, and do it faithfully.
Bring your friends to Church with you, and enlist them in the work.
Put the midweek meeting on your regular list of engagements.
Speak well of "our" work to your neighbors.
Let your life be a credit to the gospel you profess.—*The Lookout*.

The Heart Makes the Wish

Two little Indian boys, to whom the missionary, going back and forth across the plains on his errands of love, was a familiar figure, were talking the other day as to what they would like to be and to do when they were men.

One exclaimed, "I wish I could be a preacher. Then I'd go and tell everybody all the good things I know."

The other hesitated for a while. It seemed to him the very best wish had been made. But suddenly his face brightened, and his shrill little voice rang out with a note of triumph.

"I wish I could be a horse and buggy; I'd carry the preacher to tell the good things."

Those who heard it didn't laugh. They knew the earnestness of the heart from which it had come—a heart willing to be anything so that the "good things" might "go" to others. Willing to be even the preacher's horse and buggy if he couldn't be the preacher!

The heart will make the wish. Whatever is in it will come to the lips, and make itself felt and seen in deeds of love and usefulness or to the contrary. And I have noticed that whenever the heart is running over with earnest desire, the one to whom the heart belongs is not only wishing all

the time to show the love, but is willing, like the little Indian boy, to do anything, to be anything, however humble, to prove its sincerity.—*Ex.*

Woman's Dominion

A Window Seat

An acceptable window seat which most girls crave for their rooms starts with one of the low rattan seats without backs that may be bought at any shop offering an assortment of this ware. They come in different lengths, so that a little care in selection secures one to fit almost any window space. They may be left the natural color, or, preferably, stained to match the finish of the woodwork of the room. A loose cushion adds to their comfort, and a valance may be used if liked.

The Hair at Night

Combing removes dust from the hair and gives free ventilation. The brush is next used, each strand is brushed up, down, right, left and in semicircles from the forehead to the center of the head; then from the nape of the neck upward to the same point. By this time the head should be in a glow. The circulation has been stimulated, and if the manipulation of the scalp has been thorough each blood vessel is aroused to renewed action. The hair is fed only when there is a flow of blood to the hair follicles. Not until the hair shines like satin is it properly groomed. It is then braided a la Marguerite, for if the hair hangs loose all night it is very apt to get broken and tangled.

Practical Remodeling

It is not necessary for the little folks to be humiliated by having to wear faded and homely garments, when a little vigilance and industry will often make them as good as new, and the child will be all the happier and better for being neatly and prettily dressed. The best dressed little girl I know never seems to have a new garment in her wardrobe. When making a new dress, an easy way to make allowances is to make the waist, skirt and sleeves two or three inches longer than necessary then take a wide tuck in the hem of the skirt before it is turned down; a tuck underneath the trimming on the sleeves and set the belt far enough up on the waist to make it the right length. While it is more trouble at the time to make a dress in this way it certainly pays when you come to alter them, for it only takes a few moments to set the belt down and to let out enough of the tucks in the sleeves and skirt to make them the desired length. A nice way to lengthen a full skirt is to cut it apart six inches from the bottom and insert a bias strip of some material to match the goods, or if the skirt is white a band of insertion can be used. Vests may be set in waists when these are too narrow, and if the waist is too short a belt may be set in and the sleeves may be pieced down and the piecing concealed by a row of braid or other trimming. There is a wonderful saving in making the young girls' headwear at home and dainty and becoming hats need not be expensive ones, for there is many an old hat that could be freshened by brushing and sponging. A high crown can be lowered by removing several rows of braid and a low one can be made higher by adding several rows, and narrow brims are easily made wider by adding an edge of fancy straw. Boys' waists and girls' shirtwaists and dresses are often found too faded to be presentable while

they are too good to discard, and they may be colored any shade wanted by dipping them in diamond dye for cotton, and faded hats may be renewed by dissolving some of the dye for wool in a little alcohol and applying to the hat with a soft brush, then it must be given a coat of thin varnish, and if the work is well done the hat will be as nice as a new one. A. M. H.

Young Friends

Days of Jeremiah

BY MISS INEZ A. GODMAN.

CHAPTER XI.

The prophet stood upon his feet. "If I were not to make mention of Him, nor speak any more in His name, then there is in mine heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with foreboding and I cannot contain. My friends have turned against me and watch to trip me if I stumble; but the Lord is with me as a Mighty One and a terrible; therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail."

(Jer. 38:4-6.) "My Lord, the king and the captain bowed low before Zedekiah."

"I beseech thee let Jeremiah be put to death. He weakeneth the hands of the soldiers, telling them that only those shall live who surrender to Nebuchadnezzar. We cannot win with faint-hearted soldiers."

Zedekiah looked troubled. "Is there no other way?"

One of the princes spoke:

"My king, it is useless to dally any longer. We put Jeremiah in prison and you took him out. We have warned him many times but he gives no heed."

The king was silent and the captain spoke again:

"Jerusalem is in dire straits, my king. Hundreds are sick and thousands are weak from hunger. The few men left must not be weakened by foolish words; our case is desperate."

Zedekiah sighed.

"The king can do nothing against you," he said, "Jeremiah is in your hand."

Ah, but those were dark days for our prophet. He was old and feeble and his days were very sorrowful.

For two years Nebuchadnezzar had besieged the city. There had been a few weeks of relief when Pharaoh came as he had promised, but Nebuchadnezzar had beaten Pharaoh and driven him home; and now the siege was on again and there was naught to eat in the city. (Jer. 37:15-17.) Jeremiah had been imprisoned as the princes had said, but had been released by Zedekiah.

Now the king had consented to his death and was grieved therefore. Zedekiah respected Jeremiah and believed in his prophecies, but dared not stand up against the captains and princes. So he sighed and walked restlessly about the palace wondering if God would punish him for the prophet's death.

(Jer. 38:7-13.) Then Ebed-melech came to him. Now Ebed was a Negro and a slave, but he had shown much wisdom and held a high position in the palace.

"My Lord, the king," he said. "These men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah, the prophet, whom they have cast into a dungeon where there is no water, but mire; and Jeremiah is sunk in the mire and is likely to die there."

Could a more horrible death be imagined? No

wonder Zedekiah turned pale and gave orders to have Jeremiah taken out in spite of the princes and captains. But he was afraid of the soldiers nevertheless, and told Ebed to take thirty men with him for protection.

Very gentle was the Negro with the aged prophet. He dropped soft cloths down to him to put under his arms, before he put them through the ropes; then he drew him carefully up and gave him a lodging in the court. Here he was fairly comfortable excepting the lack of food; the whole city was upon the verge of starvation and the prophet's share of food was small.

(Jer. 38:14-28.) Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah unto him into the third entry and said:

"I will ask thee a thing; hide nothing from me."

"If I declare it unto thee," said Jeremiah, "wilt thou not surely put me to death?"

"As the Lord liveth," replied the king, "I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hands of those men that seek thy life."

Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah: "Thus saith the Lord, if thou wilt go forth unto the princes of the king of Babylon, thou shalt live and this city shall not be burned with fire; but if thou wilt not go forth, then shall they burn this city with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand."

But Zedekiah shook his head at this.

"I am afraid," he said, "lest the Jews that have deserted to the Chaldeans deliver me into their hand, and they mock me."

"They shall not deliver thee," said Jeremiah. Then he went close to the king and laid his fingers gently upon his arm. They were not the strong, warm, fingers that swung Josiah up to the wall, but thin and tremulous with age.

"Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the Lord, which I speak unto thee, and thy soul shall live."

Zedekiah made no reply to this appeal, but after a moment's silence said, "Let no man know of these words. If the princes hear that I have talked with thee and say unto thee. Declare what thou hast said unto the king, thou shalt say unto them, I presented my supplication before the king that he would not cause me to return to the dungeon to die there."

The king laid his hand on Jeremiah's hand and then went away.

Before long the princes came to Jeremiah and asked him, and he told them according to the words that the king had said and the matter was not perceived.

So Jeremiah abode in the court of the prison, and one day the word of the Lord came to him saying:

(Jer. 39:15.) "Go and speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian. Thus saith the Lord. Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, but I will deliver thee in that day, and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou art afraid. For I will surely deliver thee and thou shalt not fall by the sword, because thou hast put thy trust in me," saith the Lord.

So Jeremiah abode in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken.

(To be continued.)

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

Easter Reports

Jas. Perry, Superintendent, Wildville, La.—Easter day was a very high day for the Sunday school of Gum Ridge M. E. Church. Collection \$2.75.

J. S. Ferguson, Pastor, San Augustine, Tex.—In the celebration of Easter, sixteen carried forward for prayer and two were added to the Church. Collection \$9.

The Garden District Kindergarten Board held their meeting Friday, April 24, 1903.

The following is a report submitted by the teacher of said kindergarten:

"To the Officers and Members of the Garden District Kindergarten Board: Ophelia Lewis, teacher of said kindergarten, does hereby submit the following report for the month of March: March:

"The work and attendance for the month was very satisfactory. Each child showed an interest in the work and tried to do the task assigned. Number of children on roll, 60; daily attendance, 45. Remarks—To impress on their minds the real object of Easter, many songs were sung and stories told suitable to the occasion, and the climax was reached by the story of the resurrection of Christ, after which each child was given a little flower pot which contained a plant to take home and note the result from watering it."

Mothers' Meeting—The mothers' meeting of the kindergarten was nicely attended. A brief synopsis of the work that the children are doing for this month (April) was explained to the mothers. They in return expressed themselves, stating what improvement their child has made in its manners and habits since it entered the kindergarten. A few of the kindergarten songs were sung by the mothers, after which the meeting adjourned.

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Educational

Helping Christian Workers Without Cost

It will greatly serve the interests of the hundreds of teachers in the employ of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, if all pastors who have taken collections for this cause will promptly forward them to the office. The year in forty schools is closing. The secretaries have strictly followed the rule of prompt payments, the first of every month. No teachers are doing more self-sacrificing and devoted service. If pastors will send by check, money order or draft, collections now in hand or that may be promptly taken for this cause, they will, without cost to them, help this society to close the year with every teacher paid in full, and without an embarrassing overdraft.

As the great blizzard that swept the country on February 15th interfered with the collections in thousands of charges, it is hoped that every pastor will seek to meet the apportionment of his Church in full, even if it means extra effort. The demands of the work were such that in the judgment of the general committee, largely advanced appropriations were imperative. The problems faced by this society were never more serious. We trust the Church for a generous response to the needs of our work.

The fourteenth anniversary exercises of the New York Deaconess Home and Training School occurred May 15-18.

"Class Day" exercises were held at the Home Friday evening, and Saturday the Training School enjoyed a picnic at Bronx Park.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached Sunday morning at St. Paul's Church by the pastor, Dr. George P. Eckman, who took for his text the class motto "Thy Kingdom Come."

Conference for Young People's Leaders

The speakers for the conference for Young People's Leaders, which is to be held at Silver Bay, on Lake George, N. Y., July 22-31, 1903, are announced, including the following: Mr. Robert E. Speer, Chancellor Wm. F. McDowell, D. D., Messrs. John Willis Baer, S. H. Hadley, Harlan P. Beach, Luther D. Wishard, S. Earl Taylor, Harry Wade Hicks, Rev. R. P. Mackay, D. D., Rev. A. W. Halsey, D. D., President John F. Goucher, D. D., Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., Prof. T. H. P. Sailer, Rev. A. DeW. Mason, Rev. Wm. M. Bell, D. D.

These conferences aim to combine exceptional vacation facilities with practical training for more effective missionary work in Young People's Societies and Sunday schools.

In addition to the Young People's secretaries and other official representatives of Mission Boards who are expected to be present, an invitation is extended to leaders in local Sunday school and Young People's organizations.

The forenoons of the conference are devoted to devotional Bible study, and to consideration of methods of deepening missionary consecration among young people. The afternoons are given entirely to recreation. Vesper services are held in the evening, addressed by prominent speakers on spiritual themes.

Reduced railroad and steamer rates and a combination of other favorable conditions make it possible to offer the benefits of this conference to representatives of Sunday schools and Young People's Societies for but little more than half of what would ordinarily be the expense of such a trip.

Further information concerning the conference may be secured of Mr. S. Earl Taylor, 150 Fifth avenue, New York.

Children's Day

Only those who are familiar with the work of the educational institutions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and especially with those under the care of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, can fully appreciate the far reaching and timely work of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

It is well known that a large proportion of the colored young men and women in the South, who are now struggling to obtain an education, are greatly needing assistance to enable them to complete their respective courses of study. Wages are low and it is often difficult to obtain remunerative employment.

From personal experience I can testify concerning the great value of the aid granted to the students in Meharry Medical College, Walden University, during the past twenty-seven years.

If every congregation of our Church would carefully prepare and hold appropriate exercises on Children's Day, and remit the collections taken on that day to the corresponding secretary, Dr. W. F. McDowell, 150 Fifth avenue, New York, it would enable the Board of Education to extend its field of usefulness in aiding a greater number of needy and deserving students during the coming year.

G. W. HUBBARD, M. S., Dean,
Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.

Wiley University Commencement

Monday evening May 4 the closing exercises of the Primary department ushered in that series of public entertainments known as Commencement. Mrs. Drake and her corps of practice teachers had the little folks to perform in motion songs, recitations, pantomimes, and drills to the satisfaction of the large audience of parents and friends.

Tuesday evening the English department presented a class of 29 young people to receive certificates. Their program of the usual class song, essay and oration, and prophecy was very enjoyable.

Wednesday evening the Preparatory department held its graduating exercises. Eight young men and one young lady were presented certificates by Pres. Dogan.

Thursday evening the Scott Literary Society rendered its annual program the principle feature of which was a debate: Resolved, that the United States should keep the Philippine Islands.

At the graduating exercises of the class in dress making, Mrs. H. L. Billups read an essay, "Woman's Sphere." President Dogan gave the class address which was filled with practical ideas on domestic economy.

After the annual love feast Sunday morning the great student body augmented by the pastor and congregation of our city Church reassembled in the large chapel to listen to the baccalaureate sermon preached by Rev. Dr. C. W. Blodget of Cincinnati. Taking his text from the eighth chapter of Romans, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, the eminent divine preached such a sermon as it has seldom been our lot to hear.

The great audience was charmed into rapt attention. Now in tears at the vivid description of the tragedy of sin and misery, now in transportation of joy over the beautifully told tale of man's redemption. That sermon will be long remembered at Wiley.

Prof. H. B. Pemberton, A. M., of the city schools, delivered a helpful and inspiring address to the Epworth League in the afternoon. Sunday evening Rev. O. I. Jones, presiding elder of the Marshall district, preached at Ebenezer, the annual sermon. The call of Isaiah and his ready response, "Here am I, Lord, send me," was eloquently applied with beautiful illustrations.

Monday evening the annual address to the Alumni Association was delivered by Prof. H. L. Billups, B. S., of George R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo., after which the Alumni and their friends held a reception in the college dining hall where were served the refreshments of the season.

Tuesday morning after the reports from the teachers, all the presiding elders of the Texas Conference being present gave helpful addresses. There were also present many of the celebrated preachers of the conference. Revs. W. H. Logan of Houston, Frank Gary of Galveston, Gilmore of Clarksville, W. A. Curtis of Palestine, Fountain of Tyler, Taylor of Jefferson, Jackson of Navasota, Minagin of Houston, Johnson and Fuller of Marshall, Ewing of Greenville, Cole of Paris, and others. Many of the brethren spoke inspiring words to both teachers and pupils.

The annual musicale has become a fixed feature in Wiley commencements. The one rendered Tuesday evening was fully up to the eager expectancy of the audience of more than four hundred who paid 25 cents each for the privilege of a seat. Miss A. G. Schwein and her able corps of assistants had prepared a program of instrumental and vocal music that kept the large audience in an appreciative mood during the hour and a half. The final number an aesthetic drill by nine young ladies with floral hoops under the mellow tinted calcium lights was a fitting close to the musical treat.

Wednesday was commencement proper. Three speakers represented the normal class of eight on the program. The four classical graduates

dressed in the regulation college gown and mortar board delivered their orations with the becoming dignity of college seniors. They were Mr. Will L. Davis, Calvert; Mr. Melvin E. Howard, Victoria; Miss Maggie L. Johnson, Galveston; Mr. Tullie B. Mitchell, Kendelton.

Dr. Blodget in his inimitable happy manner delivered the address to the class. Those who received diplomas besides the normal and college graduates were Mr. Emmet J. Scott of Tuskegee, former pupil of this university, the degree of A. M., Rev. J. C. Sherrill, Monrovia, Africa, the degree of D. D., Prof. H. B. Pemberton received the degree of Ph. B. for post work. The diplomas were presented by President Dogan with appropriate remarks.

The central building collection being called the conference responded by districts and together with the student and Alumni donations \$201 was collected.

Dr. I. B. Scott read resolutions from the Board of Trustees, highly commending the work of President Dogan in his tireless efforts in behalf of the central building and the institution in general. The work of the teachers was endorsed and appreciative mention was also made of the splendid equipment of the new library by Miss Clara I. King and her family in remembrance of the deceased nephew of Miss King, Master Clifford King Williams.

The choir sang "Qui tollis" and with the benediction by Dr. I. B. Scott the 30th commencement of Wiley University passed into history.

The choir under the faithful leadership of Prof. J. B. Randolph rendered excellent music at each exercise. A novel feature was their flowing gowns which were donned for the first time for this commencement.

Prof. R. E. Brown had the Wiley band well trained for the occasion, and it rendered good service every morning and evening.

J. R. REYNOLDS.

Epworth League

June 14. Use Every Opportunity

(2 Tim. 4. 2.)

DAILY READINGS.

Monday, June 8. Follow the Spirit's guidance. Acts 8. 26-35.

Tuesday, June 9. Utilize the casual encounters of daily life. John 4. 7-26.

Wednesday, June 10. Seize the opportunity of great occasions. John 7. 37-46.

Thursday, June 11. Proclaim Christ to all who will hear. Acts 17. 18-31.

Friday, June 12. Pass no man by. Luke 19. 1-10.

Saturday, June 13. "Let your light so shine." Acts 8. 8-21.

The Word.

"Preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and teaching." (2 Tim. 4. 2). The great apostle of the Gentiles is at Rome. The end has come; death is just before him. Paul, the best of men, is to close up the round of his wonderful life at the word of Nero, the worst of men. But he is not defeated. Such men cannot be. "Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown." How will such a man at such an hour speak to the young man whom he loved as he loved no other of all those connected with him on earth? The first words written above give the answer. They are filled with the intense eagerness of one who knows the time is short, and who

would say to his beloved son in the faith, "Use every opportunity to the full."

The Theme: "Use Every Opportunity."

1. To use many of the opportunities that are presented, the Christian disciple must recognize the value of the work for individuals. By far the larger number of opportunities are of this kind. There are some, and notably Dr. Clay Trumbull, editor of the *Sunday School Times*, who believe that this is the most valuable channel of effort in soul-winning. Says Dr. Trumbull, in his book, *Individual Work for Individuals*:

For ten years I addressed gatherings of persons in numbers from ten or fifteen to five or six thousands each. In this work I went from Maine to California, and from Minnesota to Florida. Later, I have been for more than twenty-five years an editor of a religious periodical that has had a circulation of more than one hundred thousand a week during that time. Meanwhile I have published more than thirty different volumes. Yet, looking back upon my work in all these years, I can see more direct results of good through my individual work with individuals than I can through all my spoken words to thousands of persons in religious assemblies, or all my written words on the pages of periodicals or of books.

Dr. J. O. Peck, one of the most successful revival pastors in the history of the Methodist Episcopal Church, states that of the thousands of converts, very many were led to decision one by one in his personal interviews with them before they came to the public service. Mr. Moody's great career as a soul-winner began in his early years in Chicago, when he cherished a fixed purpose and habit to converse with at least one soul every day in the interests of that soul's salvation.

Who can measure the results if all Christ's followers, young and old, men and women, were using the countless opportunities offered in the home, in school, in business, in professional life, in social life, in travel, on the street, to win others to our Master?

2. Much more use should be made, by lay members of the Church, of opportunities to arrange and hold religious services, or to seek out and take part in those already held. Church brotherhoods are showing how such work is possible. The Christian traveling men, the "Gideons," furnish many an inspiring example. The train carrying some of their delegates to the national convention at Cedar Rapids, Ia., was detained at a junction. An open air meeting was held on the depot platform, and the conductor was converted. Besides their full conduct of the services in one or more churches of a principal city Sunday by Sunday the Gideons undertook last winter revival work in a small church and the first week had fifteen conversions. Even the student pastor could be present only a part of the time, but the work went on by the presence of these active volunteers. Again, a few of their number at a hotel in an interior city invited the other traveling men and the clerk to go with them to the Sunday evening preaching service. Their numbers were augmented at two other hotels on the way, so that seventy men in a body were ushered into the church. The pastor laid aside his sermon and addressed them, and then called out some from their own ranks, and a remarkable meeting resulted. Why should not hundreds of other men of the churches seize the abundant opportunities ever at hand for similar enterprise for Christ?

3. The use of every opportunity means a symmetrical life that touches the manifold interests

in which a child of God ought to have a part. To the voter it is using the opportunity to be at the primary and at the polls, and to make his vote tell for right men and right issues. To all it is the opportunity to encourage and lend a hand to every good cause, to cheer the struggling, the lonely, the aged, to notice and try to be a benefactor to little children.

The Likenesses and Lessons.

How keenly men buy up or seize the opportunities in the business and commercial world. A fortune is made by an opportune purchase or investment. The children of the kingdom should be equally alert and wise.

A chief lesson to be learned is that of tact and persistence. The blunder of the barber must be avoided, who came from stropping his razor and opened religious conversation by asking his customer whether he was ready to die; but the inquiry was so unusual that the man thought the barber had suddenly become crazy, and leaping from the chair, seized his belongings, bolted out of the door and was gone. A master in persevering tact was H. B. Gibbud, who has gone up triumphantly to be with Christ, after his years as a night mission worker in New York, his splendid open-air services in cities, expositions, fairs and hopfields, and his inspiring addresses in great conventions and training classes. Those who at slight cost wish the best help in getting in touch with all kinds of people everywhere should secure from his beloved wife, Springfield, Mass., a supply of the attractive little cards called "Arrows for Wayside Workers."

Another lesson is confidence in the help of the Holy Spirit, in the spiritual hunger of souls, and that God can use whatsoever gift or talent is brought to him. It is said that a tract given by a lady to George C. Lorimer, who was then an actor, led to God the man who is now the famous Baptist pastor of New York city, and that Dr. Lorimer's ministry won Russell H. Conwell, with his wonderful record of work in Philadelphia. Mr. Gibbud, during his night mission work, saw an Italian passing the door. He smiled, used the one word of Italian he knew, "Buonasera," which means "Good evening," and motioned the man within. He came for a month, then went forward as a seeker for a month, was converted, and later established a mission and became a worker among his own people, an example of a life saved by a word.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand; for thou knowest not which shall prosper, whether this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good" (Eccles. 11. 6).

"Whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God; or whether we be sober, it is for your cause. For the love of Christ constraineth us" (2 Cor. 5. 13, 14).

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson XI.—June 14th, 1903. Title—Paul at Rome (Acts 28:16-31). Golden Text—"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ" (Rom. 1:16). Time—Spring, A. D. 61. Place—Rome.

Malta, the island on which Paul was shipwrecked, was settled by the Phenicians, conquered by the Greeks, and afterwards subdued by the Romans. The inhabitants were in a high state of civilization. They were kind to this crew. Paul began to gather sticks and lay them on the fire. A viper came out of the heat and fastened on his hand. The islanders said he was a murderer, and this was a judgment sent on him. They

watched him closely, and when his hand did not inflame, neither did he drop dead, they changed their mind and said: "He is a god." He is very bad or exceedingly good. Publius, the chief man of the island, received Paul and his friends kindly. The father of Publius lay sick of a fever, and of a bloody flux. This disease prevails in Malta unto this day. Luke was a learned physician. Paul laid his hands on the sick man and healed him. Many others came and were healed. Paul and his friends were highly honored while they dwelt among the islanders. They likely departed from Malta in February sixty-one. They sailed north about 200 miles to the Bay of Naples, the harbor of the imperial city. After one week they set out over the Appian Way, the "queen of thoroughfares," towards Rome. At Rome the prisoners were delivered to the "captain of the guard," but Paul was suffered to dwell apart from the others with a soldier to guard him. After three days Paul sent for those whom he supposed would prosecute him.

I. *Paul defending himself (17-22).* 1. *The court.* The apostle was not on trial, yet he desired to state some facts to those who would likely appear against him. "The chief of the Jews" refers probably to those who were greatest in wisdom, wealth, and influence: the leaders in that sect. Claudius Caesar had demanded that all Jews should depart from Rome. This remained in force while he lived, but in the six years between his death and this lesson many had returned. If we desire justice we should have wise and good men to sit in judgment in our case. If we wish to escape the force of the law we should get the baser sort to judge us.

2. *The defense.* Paul addressed the assembly with due respect, and told them "he had committed nothing against the people, or the customs of their fathers." He had not imposed the customs of the Jews on the Gentiles, neither had he opposed them among the Jews. Circumcision, observance of days, keeping of feasts, and abstaining from meats, were all right among the Jews if they wished to have them, but all wrong among the Gentiles if they did not desire them. They were non-essentials. Paul usually observed them when among the Jews and neglected them when among the Gentiles. The Jews at Jerusalem had arrested Paul and were about to put him to death when they were prevented by Roman officers. He had been impartially tried before Lysias, Felix, and Festus, and had in each case been acquitted. The Jews spoke against setting him free, therefore he had appealed unto Caesar. He had not done this in order to accuse the Jews, but to vindicate himself. It was for the hope of Israel that he was bound, because he preached Christ as the promised Messiah, and through him the resurrection of the body, that he wore chains. The Jews believed in the immortality of the soul, and in the resurrection of the body, but they did not base this faith in Jesus.

3. *The decision.* The court said they had not received any letter out of Judea concerning Paul, neither had any of the brothers appeared against him, or spoken harm of him. The Jews lost their case in every court in Palestine, and likely considered it useless to send persons or letter to secure his condemnation at Rome. They had a poor case, they knew it, and had abandoned it. But the Jews at Rome desired to hear Paul "concerning the faith in Christ." They had learned enough about Christianity to "know that everywhere if it was spoken against." Nero based his persecution, which began a few years after this,

on the following charges: They are a sect of the Jews; they abhor the gods of the Romans; they stand aloof from unholy amusements; they refuse to swear by the name of the emperor, and sacrifice to his image; they are looking for a conflagration of the world; and they assembled at night to partake of the mystical body of Christ. (Whe-don.)

II. *Paul defending Jesus (23-31).* 1. *The sermon.* (1) *Time:* "They appointed a day." This was likely but a short while after the apostle had made the above defence of himself. The Sabbath should be our day of rest and devotion. (2) *Congregation:* "There came many to him." Jews, Christians and Gentiles. No doubt the controlling element were Jews. The minister should preach to those who come to hear him, and have something of great interest to each class. (3) *The place* was Paul's lodging. It was likely a private boarding-house, or probably a house he had hired for his own use. We should have houses of worship, built for that purpose, and dedicated to the service of God. (4) *Discourse.* *First:* The kingdom of God refers to the Spiritual reign of Christ. He likely showed that it did not in any way conflict with the civil government of the emperor. It includes the reign of Jesus in the church and in the heart of man. It is not meat and drink, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. *Second:* Christ the king. Paul proved out of the law, and from the prophets, that Jesus was the promised Messiah. This is not hard to do by any one familiar with those writings, and also with the life of Jesus. This sermon lasted from morning till evening. It was likely eight or ten hours in length. We read of Paul on another occasion preaching all night (Acts 20: 7-12). The average sermon of to-day should not exceed forty minutes.

2. *Some results of the sermon.* (1) *Some believed.* We are not told who they were. But they were convinced that what Paul said was true, and likely dedicated their lives to God in baptism. (2) *Others doubted.* They reasoned among themselves, and finally became satisfied that his assertions were incorrect. Paul likely saw that those who believed not were many more than those who believed, and urged them to stay and hear one word more. (3) *He then quoted the words* of the Holy Spirit as spoken by Isaiah the prophet. The people heard, but did not understand; they saw, but did not perceive; their heart was gross, their ears dull, and their eyes closed. These things they had done (and not the Lord) to keep from being converted and healed. "The salvation of God" includes all the blessings of the Gospel. It was designed for the Gentiles same as the Jews, and would no doubt have been preached to them, even if the Jews had not rejected it. But when they turned from it then Paul felt free to turn to the heathen. The congregation broke up rather abruptly, and talked among themselves as they went away.

3. *Paul's life after this event.* He hired a house, fitted it up for public worship, and for two years preached to all who came to hear him. His subject was the kingdom of God, or the things concerning Christ. He spoke with great confidence, and was molested by no one. During this period he wrote his epistle to the Colossians, his fraternal note to Philemon, his letter to the Ephesians, and also his epistle to the Philippians. At the end of two years he was likely set at liberty; traveled, wrote other letters, and after about five years was again imprisoned and finally be-headed at Rome by Nero.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

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- 2—In sending matter for publication, write plainly on one side of the paper, and make your communication as short as the subject will allow.
- 3—When the ADVOCATE does not arrive regularly, notify us promptly.
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Changes in the Epworth League

According to the report of the recent session of Board of Control of the Epworth League, as published in the *Epworth Herald*, the machinery of that organization has been largely remodeled. What has been so long and familiarly known as the wheel disappears entirely, and tho a new department was created, the whole number was so blended and consolidated that there are now four departments instead of seven, as heretofore. The well-known badge of the League takes the place of the wheel. The new department is that of "World Evangelism" and is numbered two. It will be in charge of Mr. Willis W. Cooper, second vice-president, who is now well known throughout the church because of his work in guiding the efforts of the church to secure the conversion of two million souls as a thank offering. This places that work in safe hands. The other vice-presidents are W. H. Jordan, first vice-president; F. W. Tunnell, third, and R. J. Cooke, fourth. The departments, with the work expected of each, are as follows:

I. DEPARTMENT OF SPIRITUAL WORK.

First Vice-President.

1. The Weekly Devotional Meeting.
2. Spiritual Welfare of Members.
3. Personal Evangelism.
4. Bible Study.
5. The Morning Watch.
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7. Open-Air Meetings.
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Second Vice-President.

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2. Christian Stewardship.
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5. Temperance Literature.
6. Temperance Study Classes.
7. Social Purity.
8. Good Citizenship.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF LITERARY AND SOCIAL WORK.

Fourth Vice-President.

1. General Literary Culture.
2. Lecture Courses.
3. Committee on *The Epworth Herald*.
4. Reading Courses and Libraries.
5. Promotion of Social Life in the Church.
6. Seeking New Members.
7. Music for All Meetings.
8. Social Entertainments.

Let our Leaguers study the sub-heads of the departments and they will understand the features to which the League expects to give special emphasis. The spiritual life of the Leaguers is to be carefully looked after, and the salvation of the world as well. The religion of our Christ and temperance must go hand in hand. This car-

ries with it the idea of war on strong drink. While giving attention to missions the Leaguer is also called upon to study the entire benevolent scheme of the church. Instead of the reading course one book per quarter will be issued and each chapter encouraged to build a library.

A committee was appointed to memorialize the next General Conference to separate the offices of General Secretary and Editor of the *Epworth Herald*. Resolutions commendatory of the work of Prof. I. Garland Penn, A. M., were offered by Mr. L. J. Price and on the death of Prof. T. A. Fortson, who was a member of the Board, by Dr. R. J. Cooke. These were adopted. Local chapters are ordered to conduct their business as heretofore until their next election, when the new organization will go into effect.



REV. HILLERY W. KEY, D. D.,
The Veteran Presiding Elder of the Tennessee Conference.

Brother Key, whose picture we are pleased to present, is presiding elder of the Cumberland River District and one of the oldest members of the Tennessee Conference. He is a trustee of Walden University, member of three General Conferences, president of the Walden University Itinerant Club and a man of considerable means and a liberal contributor to the support of churches and schools. He is greatly interested in missions, has his district organized into groups, and is holding a series of missionary conventions. His aim is to raise a dollar a member for missions. As a mark of his appreciation of Dr. Logan's appointment as Field Secretary of the Missionary Society he has just given personally to Dr. Logan \$20 for the missionary cause, which, under the constitution, entitles him to life membership in the Missionary Society.

The publishers of the *New York Christian Advocate* are making a determined and successful effort to increase the circulation of that paper. They announce that 8,485 subscribers have been secured during an active canvass of 35 weeks, and are desirous of securing a sufficient number by June 30 to make up 10,000. This is a splendid showing and we extend congratulations to its brilliant editor, Dr. J. M. Buckley. Those who are canvassing for the *SOUTHWESTERN* are doing well, and we trust the success of the mother *Advocate* may stimulate them.

Cookman Institute, Jacksonville, Fla., closed May 24-29. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. J. P. Patterson; address to literary society was delivered by J. H. Benedee, Ph. G., and the annual address by Rev. Dr. W. P. Thirkield.

Personal and General

The commencement of Straight University, this city, occurs on the 11th inst.

Rev. N. McNeal, our pastor at Dulac, La., and Mrs. Mary Leonard were recently married by Rev. A. B. Smith.

Miss Effie A. Simpkins and Mr. Samuel M. Nelson were united in holy wedlock to-day, June 4, 1903, at Mansfield, La.

Prof. H. T. Kealing, editor of the *A. M. E. Review*, will deliver addresses at the commencement exercises of Kittrell and Brown colleges.

Rev. Dr. H. H. Proctor, of Atlanta, Ga., lectures at the chapel of Straight University Monday night, June 8, at 8 p. m. See mention in Crescent City Notes.

Mrs. Jackson, wife of Rev. Dr. A. S. Jackson, formerly of this city, now pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., is in the city visiting her mother.

Dr. A. E. P. Albert has moved from St. Charles avenue, this city, to 1000 Burdette street, and desires to have his correspondents address him accordingly.

Rev. B. J. Reddix, pastor St. Mark's, Baton Rouge, La., was in the city last week and gave us a pleasant call. He was accompanied by Mr. Daniel Allen, of Wilson, La.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Price, of Brookhaven, Miss., are having telling success. The condition of the charge is in every way much improved since their appointment.

Rev. J. O. Richards, pastor, Whitehall, La., was in the city last week and was well pleased with the success of his work. His protracted meeting resulted in the conversion of 43 souls.

May 19 was Dr. S. F. Upham's birthday, and the students of Drew Theological Seminary, where he is a professor, celebrated it in a manner that must have been gratifying to the Doctor.

Mrs. Caroline M. Speare, of Newton Center, Mass., widow of the late Hon. Alden Speare, a prominent Methodist layman, proposes to erect a hospital at Iongbing, China, in memory of her husband.

Rev. P. H. Rembert, of the Bowerton charge, had a very successful meeting on the 24th. He has served the charge several years and is loved and honored by his people more now than when he began work with them.

We are pleased to note the fact that Mr. Hilliard Carter's printing business, 221 S. Liberty street, is on the increase. The brethren seem to appreciate the excellent job he made of the Louisiana Conference minutes, and they ought to.

Profs. Shelton French and W. G. Smith, of Sedalia, Mo., attended the closing exercises of the High School at Higginsville, Mo. Prof. French delivered the graduating address and Prof. Smith had charge of the music on that occasion.

Rev. D. S. Sloan, pastor at Hubertsville, La., has been taking a brief vacation in this city and Mobile, Ala., and returns to his field of labor much refreshed. Brother Sloan has just closed a revival in his church which resulted in the conversion of 17 souls.

For the information of the pupils and others interested in King Home, Marshall, Tex., we call attention to the fact that the address of Miss E. O. Elliott for the summer is Kelloggsville, O., and that of Miss Clara I. King is No. 3534 Alcott street, Denver, Col.

Mrs. Millie Wells, who died recently in St. Augustine, Fla., was 80 years old and had been

a member of the church for fifty years. Sister Wells was the mother of Mr. Lewis Whaley, who is a prominent layman of our church in that city. He has our sympathy in his affliction.

The SOUTHWESTERN acknowledges an invitation to witness the graduation of Miss Bessie Noblesse Mason, eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. C. B. Mason, from the Walnut Hills High School, Cincinnati, Ohio, June 5, 1903. A reception will be tendered her by her parents June 6th at the family residence, 2231 St. James avenue, from 8 to 11 p. m.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Brooks, pastor St. Mark's, New York, has received several evidences from his congregation which indicate their appreciation of his return for the seventh year. Among others may be mentioned a purse of \$212 and an increase in his salary of \$200. We are thankful for such a man and such a people; they are thoroughly deserving of each other.

The Rev. Dr. G. G. Logan, Field Secretary of the Missionary Society, is in the city and making a successful canvass for his cause. Each church thus far visited has increased its collection, and the people seem delighted to listen to the burning message he brings them. The Doctor reports an increase of contributions and constantly rising enthusiasm wherever he has gone.

Rev. W. R. Chase, presiding elder of the Gulf Mission Conference, was orator of the day on Decoration Day in this city, and made a most excellent impression under serious disadvantage. His subject was "The Lessons Learned from the War." An immense throng turned out in honor of the occasion and much enthusiasm was manifested by all who seemed to understand the significance of the day.

Rev. Daniel W. Shaw, D. D., pastor of our church at Pittsburg, Pa., is zealously endeavoring to regain the ground that our church lost there a few years ago. He has organized a new church, established regular preaching services, has a flourishing Sunday school, a fine women's social club, and the prospects for the new church, located at Sharpsburg, are bright. Dr. Shaw intends to plan Methodist missions and Sunday schools in other points about Pittsburg. Such work has long been needed thereabouts.

One of the most important transfers which has occurred recently between our conferences is that of Rev. Warren McDonald from the Upper Mississippi to the Lincoln Conference. Brother McDonald was serving, at Aberdeen, one of the largest churches of his conference. He is now pastor at Ardmore, I. T., where he has been most cordially received. Rev. W. H. Whitlock, of the Upper Mississippi Conference, writes in most complimentary terms of Brother McDonald, and he has scores of other friends who will be pleased to know he is doing well.

News Notes

The Chinese laundrymen of Chicago are on a strike.

It is reported that the cotton acreage has been increased about 225 acres.

The Methodist Episcopal Church South gained in membership last year 18,506.

In a recent battle in the Philippines sixty-eight insurgents were killed by the American soldiers.

One of the axes used by Abraham Lincoln to split rails is in the possession of Dr. M. D. Emery, of St. Louis, Mo.

Two thousand persons were killed by a terrible earthquake April 29 in Melazghard, Turkey. The town was entirely destroyed.

The Wilgera Oil and Gas Company has been incorporated at Columbus, Ohio, with a capital of

\$50,000. The company is composed of colored men.

The Presbyterian General Assembly in session at Los Angeles, Cal., want Reed Smoot, the Mormon apostle, expelled from the United States Senate.

In the convention of the American Federation of Musicians held in Indianapolis the other week, St. Louis, Chicago, Savannah, Ga., and New Orleans were represented by colored men.

Four coaches of the Southern Pacific south-bound overland limited passenger train fell down a forty-foot embankment into the Pacific Ocean May 30, near Rincon, Cal. Thirty persons were injured.

The announcement has been made by Postmaster General Payne that irregularities exist in nearly all of the large postoffices. Many officials are drawing larger salaries than the law allows.

June 1 a terrific tornado swept with fearful force about the outskirts of Gainesville, Ga., killing and wounding more than one hundred persons and destroying something like \$300,000 worth of property.

The storms, high water and fires in Missouri, Kansas and Iowa last week wrought fearful destruction. Millions of dollars of property were destroyed, many lives lost and thousands of persons left homeless.

The agent sent to Kisheneff by the German Jewish Relief Society reports that 700 houses were destroyed, 600 shops sacked and about 10,000 persons, or 2,000 families made homeless as the result of the Jewish massacre.

A returned missionary, Dr. William M. Morrison, from the Congo Free State, Africa, says that the native men of that country are compelled to work for the government without pay and the women are sold into slavery for ten pieces of cotton ducking, worth about \$5.

A girl in Denmark can be insured against spinsterhood. On the birth of a girl baby in that country if \$225 is deposited with an insurance company the girl, when 30, if unmarried, can receive an annuity of \$25, which is increased every ten years. Should she marry before she is 30 the \$225 is returned to her.

Commencement Week at New Orleans University

The thirtieth commencement week of the New Orleans University was observed May 20-26. Wednesday night, May 20, was the president's reception to the senior class and special guests. Friday night, the 22d, was the joint anniversary of the Athenian and Mallalieu literary societies. Saturday, at 8 p. m., public musical recital by Miss Lottie Grooms. The exercises of the eighth grade took place on Monday night, the 25th.

On Sabbath the baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. F. H. Knight, Ph. D., president of the University. His text was "The Call Upward," Deut. 1:6. The sermon was a spiritual uplift to all present. The exercises were conducted by Presiding Elder J. F. Marshall, the first half hour being devoted to a love feast in which many testified.

Tuesday, the 26th, was commencement day. The exercises took place in the annex, which, when completed, will be one of the most beautiful and spacious auditoriums of the schools of this city. The crowd and friends from various parts of the state were present. The occasion was very inspiring. Prayer was offered.

A symphony in B minor was rendered by Miss Lottie Grooms and Prof. Harry Weber. Miss Grooms is the graduate in music for this year, and the certificate she received was worthily bestowed. She is an active Sunday school worker and Epworth Leaguer of Mt. Zion M. E. Church, this city.

The Normal Department was represented by

Miss Laura Lefroy. Her subject was "Life's Deepest Meaning." Her interpretation of life and its realities showed great care in gathering material and its arrangement. She is also a resident of this city.

THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS.

The first number was a vocal duet, "Vieni Meco," Miss Mary Sims and A. G. Jenkins. This selection was nicely rendered. Oration, "The Cause of Race Riots, and Remedies," R. M. Davis. Among others he laid the responsibility heavily at the door of race prejudice and the bitterness of the press. Mr. Davis comes from Mobile, Ala. Oration, "The Force of Ideas," A. G. Jenkins, of Centerville, La. Many striking examples were given of men with an idea. Mr. Jenkins is a local preacher and hopes to begin his theological course at once, that he may have better preparation still for his life work. A piano solo, "Love's Awakening," Miss Lottie Grooms, was listened to with much pleasure. Oration, "Evidences of the Unseen," J. D. Nelson, of Wilson, La. The speaker said that, because of the preponderance of evidence, men in all ages have believed in God; only calling Him by such a name as would suit their conception. "The Minister Choir" was sung next by Miss Ora J. Wilson. She has a sweet voice and sang this solo exceptionally well. "The Necessity



R. M. Davis.

J. D. Nelson.


A. G. Jenkins. Mary O. Sims. Thaddeus Taylor.

for the Higher Education of Woman" was the subject of an oration by Miss Mary O. Sims, of Central, La. Woman's right to higher education was very effectively put by the speaker. She said that if such an education was good for men, why not for women also; that it was a great lesson in economy which woman especially should know; that in higher education could be found the cure for the gossiping woman. Thaddeus Taylor concluded the effort on the part of the seniors; subject, "The Battle of the Giants." Among the many struggles for supremacy he mentioned the contest championed by Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis, and concluded with the fact that the victory was won on the side of right. He is the son of Rev. Henry Taylor, presiding elder of the Baton Rouge district, Louisiana Conference. He is a local preacher and has in him the making of a minister.

The certificate and diplomas were presented by the president of the institution. His words were timely, and were listened to with much interest by all.

There have gone forth from the literary department of this institution about 178 graduates, representing the higher courses of study. Every one of them has sustained the dignity of his alma mater. They are especially noted for their zeal in Christian work. They go forth from year to year to bless their race and to make the world better because of the advantages they have received.

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FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. C. Marshall Editor

June brings to us ripe berries, singing birds and beautiful flowers.

Oklahoma and the Indian Territory offer excellent openings to colored people to acquire rich lands at low prices. We hope those who are already in possession of lands will hold on to every foot of it, buy more when they can, and improve it.

We have no doubt that many colored people in the Territory who have choice lands, will be fooled out of them, just as the shrewd white men are deceiving the Indians and trading them out of theirs. An Indian last week shot and killed himself because two men were tormenting him for his land, and he did not know how to tell them he wanted the land for himself. Do not let any one talk to you of giving you a good price for your tract. Keep it, and we assure you, you will never regret the owning of it.

This is the season for cultivating the crops. Cultivation means more than killing weeds and grass. It means the keeping of the earth loose to allow the showers that fall to sink into the earth, and also to prevent rapid evaporation. Stir the lands even when there is no surplus vegetation to kill. Stirring through drouths will greatly aid the plants, if the plowing is frequent, and the intervals not longer than about two weeks.

We hope our readers have not forgotten that they began the year with the determination to make big yields; reduce expenses; depend on home supplies; make no debts; keep an account of the farm transactions; avoid wastes; attend farmers' institutes; read farm papers, and to improve their methods. At the end of the year you are to tell us of your work and of your success. Half of the year is almost gone. If your efforts have not been satisfactory, do not become discouraged. Make up the deficiency during the last half.

ANTIQUES IN NEGRO CABINS.

It is said by experts that the finest antique colonial furniture in this country comes from the South. Much of it has been discovered in the cabins of aged Negroes who were formerly slaves. When these rare, carved old pieces of mahogany were discovered by their masters they were often given to the Negroes, not understanding the valuation of them that would come later. A richly carved mahogany sideboard was found recently in a chicken roost in one of the southern states.

The chickens roosted on it every night and it was worn and battered. This was bought by a dealer for a small sum and after it was restored sold to a customer for \$250.

The mortgage, as the Ringwood (Okla.) *Leader* pictures it, is a self-supporting institution. It always holds its own. It calls for just as many dollars when grain is cheap as when grain is dear. It is not affected by the drought. It is not drowned out by the heavy rains. It never winter kills. Late springs and early frosts never trouble it. Potato bugs do not disturb it. Moths and rust do not destroy it. It grows nights, Sundays, rainy days, and even holidays. It brings a sure crop every year, and sometimes twice a year. It produces cash every time. It does not have to wait for the market to advance. It is not subject to speculations of the bulls and bears on the board of trade. It is a load that galls and frets and chafes. It is a burden that the farmer cannot shake off. It is with him morning, noon and night. It eats with him at the table. It gets under his pillow when he sleeps. It rides upon his shoulders during the day. It consumes his grain crop. It devours his cattle. It selects the finest horses and the fattest steers. It lives upon the first fruit of the season. It stalks into the dairy where the busy housewife toils day after day and month after month and takes the nicest cheese and the choicest butter. It shares the children's bread and robs them of their clothes. It stoops the toiler's back with its remorseless burden of care. It hardens his hands, benumbs his intellect, prematurely whitens his locks and oftentimes sends him and his aged wife over the hills to the poor house. It is the inexorable and exacting taskmaster. Its whip is a merciless and cruel as the lash of the slave driver. It is a menace to liberty, a hindrance to progress, a curse to the world.

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DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

S. N. Taylor, Weir, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference was held last Saturday and Sunday by the pastor. Elder Davis could not attend because of his sick mother. The members were nearly all present with good reports. The pastor preached three good sermons. The Lord's supper was administered to ninety-three. Collection, \$125.10. Organized one new Sunday school on the circuit, with forty-one scholars. Four thousand feet of lumber on the ground to rebuild a large church at Nebo.

Geo. W. Edwards, District Steward, Bellville Circuit.—The second quarterly conference was held April 25-26, Rev. W. Hartley Jackson of Navasota, acting presiding elder. Rev. Alfred Britton, our heroic pastor, and his officers were on hand with good reports; the best for a number of years. Elder Jackson lectured, the Sunday school and preached a sermon that stirred the hearts of over 300 hearers. Rev. Bowie Lilly of the Baptist church preached a noble sermon. One hundred and ten

communed. The Baptist elder, every deacon and member partook of the Lord's supper. Baptized five children. Mrs. C. Edwards, president W. H. M. Society, made a good report. Collection, \$22.45. Paid the elder in full to date. Rev. Alfred Britton, our worthy pastor, has this circuit spiritually and financially alive. Rev. G. H. E. Fields, that old Methodist hero of Bellville, was with us. The elder stirred them about the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. The result will be several new subscribers when you hear from the pastor.

Earlie Josey, Hearne, Tex.—My son, William Josey, Jr., while in Diball, Tex., April 23, playing with a friend who had a loaded pistol, was accidentally shot. The ball entered the upper lip and came out above the right ear. He is now under the treatment of the doctor at Hearne, Tex., where his father is pastor.

S. Jossel, Pelahatchie, Miss.—On Wednesday night, April 8, Mrs. S. C. High and Mr. Tobe Turner and others of the young people gave a concert for the benefit of the church, to build a belfry for Pelahatchie church, for which we are grateful to them. Their efforts were greatly appreciated.

E. D. Petty, Pastor; W. H. Harper, Secretary, Carrollton, Ga.—Rev. C. K. Brown, of Gammon Theological Seminary, preached the resurrection sermon Easter morning with power. At 7:30 p. m. the Easter program was successfully rendered. The collection was taken for the missionary cause and for the erection of a new church at Carrollton. All who raised from five dollars upward were to be placed on the roll of honor. The following names are entitled: Mrs. Maggie Henderson, \$15.00; Mrs. Rowena Avery, \$13.00; the pastor, Rev. E. D. Petty, \$12.00; Mr. Rufus Loylse, \$10.75; Mrs. Mattie Hinds, \$10.00; Mrs. Charlotte Gorden, \$8.77; Mr. Floyd Dickerson, \$8.25; Mr. Robert Hinds, \$7.15; Mr. John Rodgers, \$6.00; Miss Sallie Kempt, \$5.25; Mr. Wyley Ransom, \$5.21; Mrs. Laura Stearling, \$5.00; Mrs. Fanny Turner, \$5.00; little Bride Rodgers, the smallest member of our Sunday school, raised \$2.13. Total collection, \$159.05. There can not be too much said of the good people at Carrollton, who exercised their best efforts in this rally, and especially Mrs. Maggie Henderson and Mrs. Rowena Avery, who led the rally.

D. S. Smith, Pastor, New Orleans Mission.—Our first quarterly conference was held April 13, with Dr. J. F. Marshall, presiding elder, in the chair. The elder preached an able sermon. Two persons came to the altar for prayer. I earnestly desire each pastor and friend of the Louisiana conference to aid us in raising \$500 to build a church at this place. I ask each pastor to please send me \$1 to help in this great work. We all know the Bible says the strong must bear the infirmities of the weak. A grand surprise party by the members and friends, led by S. E. Smith, C. Pulum, H. Moore, F. Lee and A. Green, D. Cloten, D. Steward and others came to see us recently.

O. J. Harvey, Pastor, Godman M. E. Church, Charenton, La. — Our first quarterly conference was held April 4-5, with Rev. W. R. Butler, presiding elder, in the chair. Notwithstanding this being my fifth year at this point, every indication points to success. Rev.

Butler preached one of his best sermons to a crowded house. His much beloved daughter, Miss Ibra Butler, W. E. Jefferson and Prof. J. E. L. Hoskins accompanied him. Prof. Hoskins spoke in the highest terms of our good people of this place.

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A. B. Harris, Darrowville, La.—This charge is still in the bounds of Methodism. Easter was a high day. The Resurrection sermon was preached to a crowded house by the pastor. The good people have surprised us nicely since conference, three times. First a pound party from Class No. 4, Ashland, 75 pounds of groceries; second, Classes Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Darrow, 80 pounds of groceries; third, from the sinner friends of Ashland, through Messrs. George Kenner and Richard Lucius, 70 pounds of groceries. We are planning for a good year's work. Our big day is Sunday, May 24. Everything points favorably for a great year's work. Our quarterly was held Sunday; one of the greatest in the history of the church.

quarterly conference for this charge convened in St. Mark's M. E. Church at DeKalb April 18, with J. C. Hibbler in the chair. A large number of the leaders were present with full reports. Raised for pastor \$44.35; for missions, \$2.01. Paid the presiding elder in full his quarterage, \$14. He was highly pleased with the outlook for a good year's work.

Mrs. Frances Gray, Washington, La.—The presiding elder was with us on the 18th and 19th and preached some of his ablest sermons. Miss Hattie Bowles made the welcome address to the elder. The young people gave him a grand surprise party. We have a loyal people at this place.

C. W. Walton, Pastor, Marion, N. C.—Our second quarter convened in Bynum Chapel M. E. Church March 7th and 8th, with Rev. M. M. Jones, P. E., in the chair. Owing to the rainfall only a few of the officers were present with reports. The

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Mr. A. S. Hitchcock, East Hampton, Conn. (The Clothier), says if any sufferer from Kidney and Bladder Disease will write him he will direct them to the perfect home cure he used. He makes no charge whatever for the favor.

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few leaders who were present showed improvement. The elder seemed well pleased with the work done. Money raised this quarter for all purposes \$52.30; \$39.80 for pastor; \$12.50 for presiding elder. The SOUTHWESTERN and Epworth Herald were not forgotten, but were brought before the members of the conference; also the Epworth League and Sunday School Convention was fixed to meet in Marion May 7-10. We have insured the church at Marion and also at Oldport and are preparing to build at Luackittown.

B. J. Brooks, South Anniston, Ala.—St. John Mission is looking up. Mr. K. D. Muller, an unconverted man, a friend to the church, got for us the remainder of the windows for the church. They cost us \$14 and he paid 50 cents a week on these windows. Mr. Albert Carlise, another unconverted man, who is a friend to the church, made the church a present of a fine \$7 lamp, and the best of all, these two good men are earnestly seeking re-

demption. Easter was a grand day with us. Rev. McArthur preached for me. Dr. Davis preached us a wonderful sermon. He said there is no church like the M. E. Church. Our collection for missions on Easter was \$5.79.

E. H. Hall, Bayou Goula, La.—With all our surroundings, on last Sunday, April 19, we raised \$12.50 in our rally meeting at St. Luke M. E. Church for the purpose of lifting some of our indebtedness. We are still on the up hill.

R. W. Robinson, Hardie, Miss.—We are glad to say, on the arrival of my wife, Mrs. M. V. Robinson, to my new field of labor, the sisters and brothers, both Baptists and Methodists rallied their forces and furnished the parsonage. On the night of April 7 a storm party came to the parsonage, led by H. H. May, J. M. Hunter, Sister Cora Jackson, Susan Brown, Sarah Clark, Lizzie Jones, Mary Blackwell and Andrew White and many others. They filled the storeroom with many good things for our comfort. Our first quarterly conference of the Handle circuit met April 15, with Elder J. C. Hibbler in the chair. The officers presented written reports showing the work to be spiritually alive. This is the first quarter ever held on this new work. We paid the presiding elder in full \$10 and to pastor \$30. Raised for missions \$2; total raised for all purposes this quarter \$55.

N. R. Clay, Holly Springs, Miss.—Asbury M. E. Sunday school on last Sunday presented the organist, Miss Mary L. Clay, with \$5. The presentation speech was made by Prof. J. B. F. Shaw, who knows just how to say things to impress. At the same time and place the pastor, Rev. N. R. Clay, was presented with \$100 on salary by the Sunday school. The presentation speech was made by the assistant Sunday School superintendent.

M. H. Wilkins, Pastor, Water Valley, Miss.—On my arrival at Water Valley I was met with a warm reception by



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the good people of this town, black and white, who have thus far made our stay pleasant, not only by words but deeds. By the help of these people our parsonage has been made comfortable with stack chimney and grate; nicely ceiled, four rooms to house, and all paid for and the people of this town certainly know how to treat a preacher and his family. Presiding Elder Rev. N. H. Williams held my first quarterly conference March 19. After a careful survey of the work, as he always does, he expressed himself as well pleased at the work done. We have purchased an organ for our splendid Sunday school. Easter was duly celebrated. A splendid program which all enjoyed. The choir service was highly spoken of. Collection for the day \$45. We are getting ready to build a tower on and paint our church. The SOUTHWESTERN is not forgotten.

R. B. Anderson, Fort Stephen, Miss.—Rev. J. C. Hibbler, presiding elder, held our first quarterly conference on April 9. All officers were present with good reports. Our congregation grows larger each month. The elder preached a good sermon. Five souls came to Christ this quarter. Paid the Rev. J. C. Hibbler \$11.50; pastor \$38.95; raised on Easter \$2.25. Look for three subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN in a few days. Pray for us.

J. Burton, West Point, Miss.—On the 16th inst., while we were busily engaged in our service a great storm came. Fortunately for us we were inside the house and the storm did not subside till the people had filled the table with many good things. Bro. Floyd Seals led the crowd and we feel the effects of the storm till now. Such storms are always in order.

Mrs. L. V. Boyd, Marion, Va.—Our rally April 19 was for our parsonage, which is up and covered. We raised \$70.80. Mrs. L. V. Boyd, \$20.80; Miss Susie Madison, \$13; Mrs. Ellen Montgomery \$12; Mrs. M. E. Howard, \$6; Rev. I. R. Hill and Marcellus Adams, \$19. I think we did splendidly. Our excellent pastor is doing fine work. Our district conference convenes here July 8.

John Smith, Bastrop, La.—Brother A. Smith, a local preacher of the M. E. Church, had his hand badly cut. One finger was entirely severed. On April 22 a band of his friends, led by Mrs. Jennie Symms and Mr. Genie Pew, surprised him with 150 pounds of groceries. May the Lord bless the many friends.

S. H. Cannon, Fayette, Miss.—Our revival closed last night, after having fought the hosts of Satan for three weeks. The old settlers say they have never witnessed anything like it in the history of the town. The church was crowded every night and most of the time standing room could not be found. There were 58 converted; reclaimed 8; total 66. All joined our church.

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It is the mission of the New Orleans SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE to benefit its readers at every opportunity and therefore we advise all who have any symptoms of kidney or bladder trouble to write to-day to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a free sample bottle of Swamp-Root, the celebrated specific which is having such a great demand and remarkable success in the cure of the most distressing kidney and bladder troubles. With the sample bottle of Swamp-Root will also be sent free a pamphlet and treatise of valuable information.

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Graham, Va.—Though silent, we have not been idle. On Easter Sunday we rendered our program, and collected for benevolent purposes \$43. On the 18th inst. Rev. W. E. Mitchell, P. E., held his third quarterly conference, and his exhortations were many, owing to reports made by all concerned. That of the stewards was \$78.19; trustees, \$3.45; Sunday school, \$2.40; committees, \$43; quarterly collection, \$18.52; total this quarter, \$145.56. It is useless to say Brother Mitchell preached a good sermon. Our people as a whole are not much given to reading good literature. They will sometimes subscribe for a paper if an agent will explain that it is very cheap, whether it is fit to read or not, and they will buy the *Cincinnati Post and Times Star*, just because they cost but one cent, but don't seem to realize that it costs them \$3.13 to read one of these papers twelve months. And they won't find one article in the defense of their church or race. Then some of them will buy a Bible Looking Glass or some other fine binding. If the book is so large they or their friends can't read it without having a special table on which to rest it, or if some agent will sell them a book on installments and don't charge them less than nine or over eighteen dollars for it, they will buy it. A good many of them are even satisfied with a Brussels carpet or a silk dress, whether they have a floor of their own or a coal field shanty on which to put it, if they can buy either on the installment plan. We poor creatures can get everything we want from the white man on the club rate or on the instalment plan, except our constitutional and legal rights.

Wm. H. Hebrew, Pastor, Nashville Circuit.—On Good Friday some friends visited the parsonage at Ebenezer and left such tangible evidence of their good wishes as groceries. The visitors were Brothers H. Wesson, James Scoggins, W. H. Holt, Charner Wesson, G. W. Wesson, Lawyer Scoggins, Isaac Scoggins, T. Wesson, J. A. Willis, B. Walton; Sisters Larity Scoggins, Emma Scoggins, Emma Wesson, Ann Wesson, Eliza Scoggins, Bro. Chas. Scoggins. This visit was appreciated by the pastor and wife, not only because of the provisions, but also as an indication of interest on their part.

Lizzie V. Mitchell, Kaylor, Ala.—We have a splendid Sunday school at Bethenia M. E. Church, which continued during the winter regardless of the inclement weather. Our young and middle aged people are studying the Bible and learning the scriptures rapidly. They seem to be more inspired with the desire for righteous living each Sunday I meet them in class. We feel great good will be done in this community. We are expecting a grand time on Children's Day and think we will be able to raise our benevolent assessments.

Jesse D. Poole, Pastor, Franklin, La.—Rev. W. R. Butler held his first quarter here March 27. He found us all busy at work. Presiding Elder Butler thought the reports were splendid. Sunday night he preached a powerful sermon and our souls were made glad. On Monday morning he and the writer called on Mr. and Mrs. Prof. Porter, who were busy in their school work. Rev. W. R. Butler treated the school with a splendid lecture.

LITERARY NOTES

The June *Cosmopolitan* is remarkable for the great variety of topics that are discussed. Edward Everett Hale writes on "Old-Age Pensions;" Dr. Albert Shaw, editor of the "Review of Reviews," discusses "Journalism" as a profession; H. G. Wells advances some more of his ideas on "Love and the Cultivation of the Imagination;" and Mary E. Thornton gives some practical advice on "How to Care for the Sick in the Home."

The I. C. Railroad issues a neat booklet describing their "Daylight Special," day train, and "Diamond Special," night train, between Chicago and St. Louis. They are handsome, wide vestibule trains with exterior of "brown, gold and green." The day train consists of a buffet library car, parlor car, complete dining car, free reclining chair car and day coach, constructed especially for that service, having every appliance for convenience and comfort embodied in the make-up. At St. Louis these trains run over the Merchants' bridge and avoid the tunnels.

General Charles King's name makes a thrill in the hearts of those who love a good love-story. This under his signature in the June *Lippincott's* is entitled "Pepita," so called after a pretty little native Manila girl. "Mahala's Plan" is contributed by "Josiah Allen's Wife." Mahala is a woman with social ambitions for her daughters, and when she sees a "Count" on the matrimo-

nial horizon she leaves no bait untried to get him on the hook. This is told by Josiah's helpmeet in the homely, humorous way that is all her own. A lively skit called "A Scientific Tangle" will amuse the non-scientist, the scientist, the Christian Scientist, and everybody who likes a laugh. Ella Middleton Tybout's second "parable in black" is entitled "The Ass that Vanquished Balaam," and is supremely amusing. The poems are attuned to the month.

The *New England Magazine* for June is full as usual of articles of great interest, not alone for New Englanders but our people as well. That Negro slavery is not the only kind that this country has had to contend against is surprisingly shown in Miss Bourne's "White Slavery in Colonial Times." Ex-Governor Boutwell has the final word about the "Constitutional Convention of 1787." At this time of Emerson celebrations a most timely article by George Willis Cooke gives the history and accomplishments of the "Free Religious Association," while those more modern organizations, Women's Clubs in New England have their very creditable successes described and illustrated by Mrs. M. E. D. White. Among the illustrations that crowd the number are some remarkable photographs showing the home life of the Chinese in their Boston settlement. (America Company, Boston, 25 cents.)

Arthur Schneider, the American artist who spent fourteen months trying to teach the Sultan of Morocco to draw, and who described his experiences in the *May Century*, will have an article in the June number of the same magazine telling of the journey of the Sultan between his two capitals. A great number of illustrations contributed by the artist-author will include several pictures in color.

NOTICE.

Greenwood, Miss., May 9, 1903.—To the Epworth Leaguers of Mississippi: The International Epworth League convention which will take place in Detroit, Michigan, July 16th and 19th will be a great occasion. You cannot afford to miss it. Even the trip of itself will be a fine one. When we went to Indianapolis we went in a special coach all the way. This trip can be made in a nice reclining chair car with all necessary arrangements for comfort and you go through Chicago over the Illinois Central and around the Lake to Detroit. The fare will be about \$22.00 or less and you get the benefit of one of the best trips out. The coach will pass down from Aberdeen to Durant and thence up the I. C. R. R. meeting connection with those in the lower part of the state at Durant and the western part at Winona. Will you go? If so write me now so I can make ample arrangements to save being crowded. I will appoint a committee to decorate later on.

We want to do our best to make the league work show up and count in the state of Mississippi and what you do, it matters not how little, will be so much toward advancing the cause. Let the pastors plan and at least one or more from each charge come and go to the extreme Northern borders of our country and breathe a good atmosphere and enjoy it on the border line among the great lakes. Let us hold a cabinet meeting

on the cars and a League Conference and a spiritual meeting all on board the cars and make a record for our Epworth League of this state. The two cabinets can hold joint meetings and plan for a broader work in the future. Write me, brethren of both conferences, let us get together on this matter, now is the time.

Yours for the uplifting of the race,
B. H. S. Ferguson, Pres.

NOTICE.

South New Orleans District Preachers' Meeting will convene in Thibodaux, Thursday, June 11, at noon, 1903. The preachers are requested to be present without fail as we have business of importance. Brethren, I shall be present with you.

W. R. BUTLER, P. E.

South New Orleans District Epworth League Convention will meet in New Iberia June 26 and 28, 1903. We hope all leagues will be on hand. Rev. T. J. Johnson and his noble people will make it pleasant for all who come.

M. S. ALEXANDER, President.

D. D. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Conference Notices

NASHVILLE DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Sparta Ct., July 18-19; McMinnville, Ct., 25-26; McMinnville Sta., 25-26; Sparta Station, Aug. 1-2; Manchester, 8-9; Hillsboro, 8-9; Tullahoma, 10-11; Shelbyville, 15-16; Christiana, 22-23; Murfreesboro Sta., 29-30; Murfreesboro Mission, 29-30; Murfreesboro Ct., Sept. 5-6; Cainsville, 12-13; Smyrna, 19-20; Nolensville, 26-27; Clark Memorial, 26-27; Thompson Chapel, Oct. 10-11.

Our next district conference will be held in Sparta July 28-31, 1903. There will be held in connection with the district conference a Sunday school and Epworth League anniversary and a district missionary convention. We expect Dr. Logan, our field secretary, to be with us. I hope our local preachers and exhorters will be taking some one of our church papers when they come to the district conference; especially the SOUTHWESTERN, which is in our patronizing territory. Let us not stop shorter than all of our apportionments for the benevolences of our church.

M. WILLIAMS, P. E.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Marietta, June 26-28; Cartersville, 27-28; Duluth (S), July 4-5; Decatur, 3-5; Decatur Ct., 4-5; Harmony Grove, 10-12; Nicholson, 11-12; Gillsville (M), 18-19; East Atlanta, 24-26; Lawrenceville, 25-26; Gainesville, 17-19; Flowery Branch, 18-19; Elberton, July 31-Aug. 2; Elberton Ct., Aug. 1-2; Pearl Mills, Aug. 5; Lavonia, 8-9; North Atlanta, 16-17; Edwardsville, 15-16; Fort St., 19-23; Suwanee (B), 22-23; Hoschton, 22-23; Centerside, Sept. 5-6.

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Dear brethren—Bear in mind the S. S. and Epworth League Convention and District Conference, which will be held in Cartersville, Aug. 11-16. Reduced railroad rates will be secured. Have all of your benevolent money in hand at this meeting. During this quarter let every pastor hold special revival services in every church on the District. We pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit in all your work.

G. W. ARNOLD, P. E.

NOTICE.

For legal reasons the District Conference, Sunday School and Epworth League Conventions of the Navasota District are changed to September 1-6. The quarterly conferences for the Hempstead Station and Courtney circuit will be the fifth Sunday in August instead of the first Sunday in September, as announced.

J. E. BRYANT, P. E.

The Montgomery District Conference will convene in Shilo M. E. Church, Brewton, Ala., July 22, 1903 at 8:30 a. m. All pastors are requested to select delegates as early as possible and send me their names; also local preachers who expect to attend. Brethren, your hearty compliance with this request will aid me in looking after the welfare of the conference.

Very respectfully,

J. C. CHUMAN, Pastor.

Dear brethren of the San Antonio District, West Texas Conference—The District Conference, Sunday School and Epworth League Convention will convene in Seguin, Texas, Aug. 25-31, 1903. The committee on literary program will send a supply to each pastor in a few days. We extend a cordial invitation to the brethren who represent the different interests of the church, who may see fit to visit us. Your yoke fellow,

HARRY SWANN, P. E.

The District Conference of the Sedalia District will convene in Sweet Springs, Aug. 19-23. Dear brethren, let us be interested in the work of the church to the extent that each pastor will be present and make a report of his work since the annual conference. Encourage each of your charges to send its number of delegates belonging to the district conference. And brethren, be diligent in raising your full apportionment of the

benevolent collections. Yours in the work and for success.

WM. H. SMITH, P. E.

OPELIKA DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Lomax, July 4-5; Wetumpka, 4-5; Eclectic, 11-12; Alexander City, 18-19; Alexander City circuit, 25-26; Kellyton, Aug. 1-2; Shiloh, 8-9; Dadeville, 15-16; Camp Hill, Aug. 15-16; Lafayette, Aug. 22-23; Lafayette circuit, 22-23; Lanett, 29-30; Opelika, Sept. 5-6; West Opelika, 5-6. The District Conference, the Epworth League and Woman's Home Missionary Society will be held in Alexander City July 15-20. We hope to be able to report all the missionary apportionment raised and sent in. I hope each pastor will have his vouchers and not the cash. Send the money in as fast as you raise it and don't hold it. The following pastors have promised to enter first class: Revs. H. N. Brown, C. L. Dunn, G. W. Seawell, J. H. Parker, J. A. Holliday, W. H. Jordan, S. J. Jordan, N. H. Reddick. All can do so if they will try. Let those who are behind do a little more pastoral work. Some have not taken their missionary collection at all. The pastors of said charges will be held responsible for it. The time has come that each pastor will have to do his work. As presiding elder I cannot let the work suffer for want of a man who can and will do his work. The church is making demands and they are both reasonable and just and must be obeyed. Dr. Griffin G. Logan promised to be with us. The first day will be given entirely to missionary work. Each charge will be called upon. So prepare your collections before leaving for the seat of the conference. Let each class leader through the class leader representing the charge report 10 cents in cash per member, and that must be in the hands of said leaders or the pastor so as it may be handed in when the charges are called. Each member and delegate, also each officer of the church, is expected to bring or send in its apportionment on missions. This will be credited to the charges as reported. Let each pastor see that this plan is carried out and the reports carried in the first day. Please remember that this collection is by no means a part of your regular apportionment. We are to raise an additional amount of at least \$50 from the Opelika District. Explain the matter fully to your

members. Let each pastor, member and delegate be present Wednesday morning for a mighty missionary rally. Let the small charges bring not less than \$3, the larger charges not less than \$5 for missions Wednesday.

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LEXINGTON DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Mansfield, at New Hope, July 18-19; Wilderville, at Mt. Pleasant, July 25-26; Selmer, Aug. 1-2; Adamsville, at Nebo, 8-9; Union City and Sharon, 15-16; District Conference at Parsons, 18-23; Perryville, at Parsons, 23-24; Waynesboro, 29-30; Clifton Station, Sept. 5-6; New Zeal, 7-8; Martin Station, 12-13; Oak Grove, 1920; Dover Station, 26-27; Springville, Oct. 3-4.

Dear Brethren—The District Conference convenes on the morning of the 18th of August at 9:30 o'clock, at Parsons, Tenn. Let every pastor and delegate be present at roll call. Let each pastor make arrangements to stay at seat of conference until Monday morning, Aug. 24. Let each pastor and delegate bring to the conference 25 cents for District Conference expenses. Let each pastor be prepared to make a round report of benevolent collections at District Conference.

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Marion, Marion, Ala.....July 15-19
Opelika, Alexander City..July 15-20
Meridian, Enterprise, Miss..July 22-26
Montgomery, Brewton, Ala..July 22
Oklahoma, Muskogee, I. T..July 22-26
Greensboro, Leakville.....July 22-29
Griffin, Jonesboro, Ga.....July 28
Nashville, Sparta, Tenn...July 28-29
Palestine, Palestine, Tex...Aug. 4-9
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Huntsville, Huntsville, Tex..Aug. 11
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CONVENTIONS.

Waco, Groesbeck, Tex.....June 3-6
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Birmingham, Warrior, Ala..July 3-5
Fort Smith, Morilton, Ark..July 16-19

THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY

Anderson, Tex.—The kind angel of death came quietly Monday, May 4, and took the only babe, the jewel, out of the family of Rev. J. H. Kelley and Mrs. Mittie H. Kelley. Little Coral was a very sweet baby and loved by all who knew him. Be of good cheer, parents, what God does is for the best. God lends to us some jewels, Only for a short time, And when the time is out on earth He takes them home again.

SALLIE J. HENSON.

Sister Mahala Adkins, a member of St. Paul M. E. Church for over 30 years, is dead. She was born in Virginia, in 1816. She was a faithful woman. At prayer meeting, class and all the church services she would be found. She was buried from her church by Rev. H. J. Wright, her pastor, assisted by two of her ex-pastors, Rev. Samuel Armstead and Samuel Davage, superannuates of the Louisiana Conference. Beautiful flowers were placed on her casket. She has no relatives to anyone known here. She rests in the sweet city of the dead and her soul with God. For she lived for Him.

H. J. W.

Brooksville, Miss.—Bro. Edmond Baldwin, one of the oldest members of the church, and an exhorter, died April 15, in full triumph of faith and was buried with Masonic honors. His age was 82 years. Sister Polly Clay, an active member of this work died May 6. She had served a number of years as class leader and died as she had lived. She was 66 years of age. The Baldwin Epworth League bore the burying expense and followed the remains to the graveyard. Both of these leave a host of friends to mourn their loss. Funerals conducted by the writer.

W. H. GOLDEN.

Natchitoches, La.—On April 7 Nellie Wesley, aged 24 years, died. Sister Wesley was a member of our church at Compt. She died in the faith.

On April 16 Samuel Cage, member of our church here, died in great peace, aged 31 years.

On May 1 Hannah Stanton died, aged 26 years.

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On May 6 Rosana Stephens departed this life in triumph of faith. Sister Stephens had been sick for many months.
W. J. M. PRICE.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Sister Lucy Jones is dead. She was converted in Jefferson, Tex., in 1877. She lived a Christian for 26 years. Her funeral was conducted by Revs. F. L. Kirkpatrick and R. N. Thompson. Many a heart was filled with sorrow.

Why should our tears in sorrow flow,
When God recalls his own,
And bids her leave a world of woe
For an immortal home?
J. H. HOLDEN.

Sister Cisley Carruthers died April 9 and John Carruthers April 10, being the son and daughter of Mr. John and Mrs. Jane Carruthers. Sister Cisley Carruthers was a faithful member of the church for three years and John was an earnest Sunday school scholar.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Sister Cisley Carruthers of Wesley Chapel church, through the Providence of Almighty God, has been called from labor to reward; and

Whereas, Her life has been such as to reflect credit upon her church and school,

Resolved, That we regret the loss of her presence among us as a worthy sister and a Sunday school scholar.

Resolved, further, That we tender our greatest sympathy to the bereaved family for their dear son and daughter.
M. J. PORTER,
L. R. RICHIE.

Starkville Ct., Miss.—Sister Eliza Thompson, the wife of Brother David E. Thompson, is dead. She had been sick about three months. She was a consistent Christian and lived a quiet and peaceful life, and was loved by everybody who knew her. She was 52 years old; had been a member of the M. E. Church 31 years. Sister Eliza was always kind to little children. The funeral was conducted by the pastor and Rev. John Spencer of the Baptist church. The church will miss her, as it realizes more and more the place she filled, and the sweet influence that she shed upon all about her. Her memory is blessed, her light shone steadily and never mislaid; her exam-

ple and her precepts were all for good. We will miss her.

Servant of God, well done!

Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.

MISS E. E. BAKER.

Union Church, Miss.—Brother N. Jacob died April 13, aged 75 years. Brother Jacob was a member of the church 35 years. He was a classleader for a number of years. He leaves a good record as a Christian. He was always found at his post. His funeral was conducted by the writer and Brother Grafton, the Presbyterian preacher of a white congregation. Sister Anna Jacob, wife of Brother N. Jacob, died April 9. Both took sick at the same time. Sister Jacob served the church a number of years.

R. H. PATTON, Pastor.

New Orleans.—Sister Victoria Frye, a faithful member of First St. M. E. Church, this city, died May 6.

J. A. THURTELL, Pastor.

Washington, La.—Brother Jack Nisby, a faithful member of the M. E. Church, fell asleep in Christ May 5, aged 64 years. He has been in the church 38 years. He was kind and true and loved by all who knew him. He was one of the trustees. The pastor, A. Gray, conducted the funeral.

Brookhaven, Miss.—Brother Pinkney Johnson, a member of the M. E. Church, died April 14. His funeral was conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. J. Jones.

K. ROBERTS, Pastor.

Lexington, Miss.—On April 26 Brother Nelson Smith, who for 65 years lived a faithful member of the M. E. Church, died in full triumph of faith, aged 93 years. He joined the church when 28 years old.

W. S. LEAKE, Pastor.

Biloxi, Miss.—Sister Agnes Taylor, a faithful member of Israelite M. E. Church, died May 6, aged 27 years. Her place cannot be filled. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. Ford, assisted by Rev. J. B. Brooks, of Pass Christian.

Baton Rouge, La.—Miss Beulah Salome, the eldest daughter of Mrs. Rhoda and James Salome, died May 4. She was a scholar of Wesley Chapel Sunday school and a scholar of Hamilton Academy. She was loved by all who knew her. The funeral was conducted by Rev. H. A. McClellan, assisted by Rev. B. J. Reddix.

Ere sun could harm or sorrow fade

Death came with friendly care;

The opening bud to heaven conveyed
And bade it blossom there.

NANCY DUNN.

Long Street, La.—Sister Eugenia Ogilvie, the wife of P. H. Ogilvie, died May 9. Sister Ogilvie was a faithful member of Pleasant Grove M. E. Church, and died in full triumph of faith.
J. D. BRIGHTON, Pastor.

Cave Spring, Ga.—Brother Wesley Hughs died April 28. He was a faithful member of the M. E. Church 13 years.

Brother Webb Glenn died May 7, in the full triumph of the Christian faith. He has been a member of the M. E. Church for 30 years.

J. Q. SMITH, Pastor.

Greenville, Miss.—On April 28 Sister Bettie Wright died in this city, at the home of her mother. She was a member of the M. E. Church in Yazoo City, Miss. She was born in Clinton county, Missouri, May 28, 1858. She was converted early in life and joined the church and made a faithful member. Her funeral was conducted by the pastor of the Revels Memorial M. E. Church, this city. Her remains were interred in the Greenville cemetery.
J. M. WALTER, Pastor.

Brother Harrison H. Butt, a member of James Street M. E. Church, Norfolk, Va., and a faithful local preacher for many years, as well as a trustee and steward, died April 13. He was a member of the church 50 years. He owned considerable property.

A. CLARK, Pastor.

Vicksburg, Miss.—Sister Elizabeth Ody, one of the oldest members of Wesley Chapel, and among the most faithful members, after six years of illness, which was caused by a paralytic stroke, died May 6, aged 55 years. She had been a member of the church for 23 years.
M. WHITE, Pastor.

New Orleans, La., Haven M. E. Church.—On March 3, Master John Delour, aged 39 years, died praying. He was the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Deldo, a stewardess. On April 26 Miss Sophia Fortune died suddenly at her residence. On April 28 Miss Francis Davis, one of our converts, died in full triumph of faith. She was a blessed young woman. On April 29 little Percy James Brooks, infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks, of 1920 Fern street, died. It was baptized by the writer. They have our heartfelt sympathy. On April 25 the sister of our own Brother Peter M. Burke, died at Morgan City. The bereaved family and friends have our sympathy and prayer. They all are resting in Jesus. Our family chains are broken now, but will be united in the resurrection.
J. H. THOMPSON, Pastor.

Lobdell, La.—Brother Prince Croford died May 6, aged 68 years. The funeral was conducted by F. C. Hamilton and the Rev. R. Hinkston.

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Bonace, Miss.—Sister Nollie Collins died April 27. She was a faithful member of Mt. Zion M. E. Church. The funeral was conducted by the writer, E. H. Langston, pastor.

Gonzales, Tex., Mason Chapel.—Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to take out of our midst our sister, Annie Stone, formerly Annie Henry. She was converted in 1883, lived a consistent Christian and died in the living faith May 3, 1903. Prof. Henry is now teaching in Lampasas. Our loss is heaven's gain.
R. SODIA, Pastor.

UNITED FOR LIFE

New Iberia, La.—On May 7, at the home of Mr. Johnson, Mr. James Moore and Mrs. Harriet Johnson were united in marriage. T. J. Johnson officiated.

Baird, Miss.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. H. R. Williams and Miss Fannie Kelley were married March 25.

On the night of the 26th Mr. Jake Powell and Miss Francis Evans were married.

On April 8 Mr. D. A. Morgan and Mrs. Mollie Wysinger were married. C. A. Jordan officiated.

Lobdell, La.—At the home of Mr. Joe Ash, Mr. L. C. Berry was married to Miss Julia Williams. Mr. General Colman was married to Miss Ida Price. F. C. Hamilton officiated.

Wildsville, La.—On the 16th of April Miss Abantha Perry and Mr. H. N. Bradford were married at the home of the bride's father. Rev. R. S. White officiated.

St. Martinsville, La.—On Wednesday, May 20, at the residence of the bride, Mr. Edward Hypolite and Miss Sarah Times were married. J. H. Pierre officiated.

Davow, La.—At the Ashland branch, Ashland, La., on May 19, Mr. Simon Haynes and Miss Ella Young were married, in the presence of a large concourse of friends. Rev. A. B. Harris, pastor, officiated.

Clinton, Tenn.—At the beautiful suburban home of the bride's mother, Miss G. A. Scruggs and Mr. William Moore were married. Rev. E. H. Forrest officiated.

Algiers, La.—Robert Lee and Miss Mamie Dyer were married at the bride's home. J. W. Turner.

St. Mark, Baton Rouge, La.—Mr. John Williams and Miss Emily Williams were married May 21. B. J. Reddix.

Brookston, Tex.—Mr. Samuel Alexander and Miss Rosa Epperson were married at the bride's home. L. L. Neal officiated.

Cotton Plant, Ark.—Mr. R. H. Woods and Miss Mace Lee were married at the residence of the bride's mother. C. A. Taylor, pastor, officiated.

Moss Point, Miss.—On May 4, at the M. E. parsonage, Mr. Almos Clayton and Miss Florence Bardwell were married. R. N. Jones officiated.

Mason, Tenn.—May 10 Mr. Sam Collis, of Memphis, and Miss Mary Fields were married. J. M. Moody.

Jeanerette, La.—On April 8 Mr. Hypolite Beasley was married to Miss Clara Marshall; on same date Mr. John Buttery was married to Miss Helen Nix; May 14 Mr. Josh Scott and Miss Rose Tillman were married.

Colfax, La.—Feb. 2nd Mr. Frank Arthur and Miss Frances Smith were married at Alexandria, La., by Rev. G. Rossin of the C. M. E. Church. Simon Mitchell.

Vicksburg, Miss.—Mr. W. M. Moore and Miss Hiram Caples were married May 14, 1903, at the bride's residence. M. White officiated.

South Atlanta, Ga.—A very pretty wedding was celebrated in Gammon Theological Seminary May 14, 1903, at 8 o'clock p. m. Miss Nellie B., daughter of Mrs. Della Adams, was joined in marriage to Mr. E. W. Lee, South Atlanta, Ga., mail agent on the Sea Board Air Line. The ceremony was performed by President L. G. Adkinson in the presence of a few friends. The couple went at once to their own beautiful home to begin life with every prospect of happiness and success.

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St. James A. M. E. Church, this city, is enjoying a season of unusual prosperity. The rally the last Sunday in April brought in \$1,146. And now the old structure is being torn to pieces preparatory to remodeling at a cost of \$7,000.

"The Black Man's Burden" is the subject of a lecture to be given at Straight University Monday night, June, at 8 o'clock, by Rev. Dr. H. H. Procter of Atlanta, Ga. He is highly commended as a speaker. Admission 15 cents.

Rev. Hubbard, the pastor of Mallalieu M. E. Church, thanks the members and friends of Mallalieu for the esteem in which he and his family are held.

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ing on Sunday, June 7. All are invited to be present. Church is located on Burgundy street near Saint Ann street. On Monday night, May 25, a reception was tendered the pastor and family, at which they received many nice and valuable presents and a purse of money. Rev. H. James, the honored pastor of Mt. Zion, responded to the presentation speech on behalf of Rev. Hubbard. Refreshments were served. Indications point to a successful year.

CARD OF THANKS.

J. H. Rylander, Pastor, Fordoche, La.—To the members of Willey Chapel M. E. Church, led by Mrs. Mary Smith and Steward sisters, and to the friends and lovers of our church: Allow us to tender to you the expression of our most earnest and heartfelt thanks for the highly appreciated and generous gifts of 100 pounds of delicious and fine groceries presented us on the evening of May 13, and also for the grand banquet given us as a token of respect and for the kind interest you have taken to promote our welfare. Dear friends, come again; be not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not, for the bread you have "cast upon the waters thou shalt find after many days."

Lost Friends

Shelby.—I desire to inquire for my brothers Frank and Moses Lobe. My mother used to go by the name of Cornelia Love and lived at Huntsville, Ala. She belonged to old Tom Love whose home was in Huntsville. Her husband's name at that time was Kalop Auston. Any information will be gladly received and highly appreciated. Mother now goes by the name of Cornelia Hall.

J. G. Hall,
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Field

W. T. Brantley, Pastor, Seney, Ga.—We have a home society which is called the Home Benevolent Society. It attends the sick, buries the dead. This is the way to help one another. This organization is an indispensable necessity among us. Sisters Mary Smith is the president. A storm party visited the parsonage with a box well packed with groceries for W. T. Brantley and family.

A. F. Wells, Writer, J. L. Owens, Pastor Mt. Sinai M. E. Church, Hinckley Circuit.—Our second quarterly conference convened on the 3d and 5th of April with Rev. F. Parker, presiding elder, in the chair. Reports showed that everything was moving along nicely. Collected for presiding elder \$5.31; pastor \$18.25. On Sunday the elder preached and administered the sacrament to a goodly number. Mt. Sinai and Ebenezer celebrated Lincoln's birthday. The collection for Freedman's Aid and Education Society was \$5. Easter was observed. Amount raised by the League and school, \$5. Easter was a high day at St. Luke. Raised \$2.78. Rev. B. Owens of Greenville, was with us and preached a soul-stirring sermon. The League at Mt.

Sinai is moving along nicely. The young people seem to be interested.

H. J. Johnson, Pastor, China Grove Charge.—We had seven conversions on Easter. Miss Cabey Bardon and Mr. N. W. James were married. At night we had with us Rev. A. Jackson, who preached a delightful sermon. The altar was crowded with mourners.

The New Year at Warrensburg, Mo., opens with pleasing prospects. When the pastor and family arrived they found the parsonage cleaned and repapered. On the evening of April 21 about 25 or 30 members and friends called at the parsonage and left many tokens of appreciation.

B. J. Goff, Gonzales, Tex.—We are yet alive. The League held its district meeting here April 15-16, with Rev. H. Swan and Rev. Jordan of Cuero. We had a good session. At our contest on Sunday April 19, we had the following result: Miss D. N. Walker, \$13.61; Mrs. M. J. Huston, \$15.60; Purcell Russel, \$3; H. N. Harris, \$3.60; Estella Smith, \$2; Ella Mays, \$2; total collection, \$42. Our meeting closed with 14 additions.

B. J. Reddix, St. Mark, Baton Rouge.—I desire to thank the stewards and King's Daughters for many good things brought to our home during the hours of night. May the Lord bless them.

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E. D. Coleman, Reporter, Aberdeen, Miss.—We had a lovely quarterly conference. Paid our presiding elder, C. W. Walton, and he preached an able sermon Sunday and administered the

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Lord's-Supper to 127 and added four members to the church. Brother Samuel Blevins is acting as pastor and is doing much good. He needs to be commended. We raised on Easter Sunday \$34.21.

Wm. Bell, West Point, Miss.—A storm prevailed on this circuit at Tibbee M. E. Church and at Osborn M. E. Church also, to the surprise of the pastor. There were presented to me at the two churches about 75 pounds of groceries, that were gladly received. These good people have shown their love for God, the church and pastor. The storms were led by Brother Wm. Bolden, Miss Graves and Miss Annie Bolden, at Tibbee Church, and Miss E. L. L. Wesley, Mrs. A. L. Wesley and others at Osborn Church. Easter was observed.

J. A. C. Wade, Ft. Scott, Kan.—This is our third year in this charge and upon our return from the first session of the Lincoln conference we were greeted with a hearty welcome by a large crowd of young people and a few of the older members of the church. Our first quarterly conference was held April 11-12. Rev. H. South, presiding elder, was with us and preached two soul stirring sermons. His claims were met in full.

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John Wesley, the Founder of Methodism

Perhaps there is no more just standard by which to measure men's greatness than by the good he accomplishes for others. When he does that which simply benefits himself he is considered "lucky," "shrewd" or "smart," but when what he accomplishes reaches the masses either in his own day or in the years to come men rise up and call him "great." On this principle he may be a general and lead an army to victory, thus throwing off oppressors and ushering in freedom, peace and prosperity; he may be a statesman and frame such laws as constitute the foundation for a great government under which the rights of all men are held sacred and the best and most ennobling traits of civilization become the common practice of all; he may be an inventor and bless mankind by some production which carries with it comfort, convenience and happiness wherever used; or he may be a leader in religious thought and practice whose teachings uplift the individual, purify the home and influence the most vital currents in human affairs. All such are great; they erect their own monument in the hearts of men. There is no question, there can be none, that John Wesley, the founder of our Methodism, can easily be classed among the greatest men of the world. In fact there are few indeed who equal him in what he has accomplished for mankind. He was as truly called of God to the work he did as was any man the world has ever seen. The influences set in motion by him have constantly spread and have increased in effectiveness and power. Not only have those who accepted the Gospel in accordance with his teachings grown in numbers from year to year, but they have accumulated church property, built great institutions of learning, erected asylums for the unfortunate, inaugurated great movements of moral reform and sent the Gospel of Christ Jesus to the ends of the earth. "Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth!"

Mr. Wesley belonged to the fourth generation of preachers on his father's side and was born of a mother who was called of God to prepare a man to do the work he did. Two hundred years ago this very month, he was ushered into the light of earth. He was carefully trained and thoroughly educated, and was evidently divinely moved to begin his special preparation while yet a school boy. In fact, as has been often said, Methodism

was born in a College; but we may add it did not remain there, save as long as was necessary to prepare its leaders for their work. It went forth to begin its work, to contend with opponents and to face mobs. Had it not been raised up to do the work it has done, it must have failed. But the work was of God and this the world now is glad to acknowledge.

Wesley tho small of stature was the leader, a born leader. He was the embodiment of courage, and diligence personified. He was so devoted to the great cause in hand and so zealous withal that

the outgrowth of Wesley's work: *Western Section*—1, Methodist Episcopal Church; 2, Methodist Episcopal Church, South; 3, Methodist Episcopal Church, Canada; 4, African Methodist Episcopal Church; 5, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; 6, Colored Methodist Episcopal Church; 7, Methodist Protestant Church; 8, Free Methodist Church; 9, Wesleyan Methodist Church; 10, Primitive Methodist Church; 11, Union American Methodist Episcopal Church; 12, African Union Methodist Protestant Church; 13, Congregational Methodist Church; 14, New Congregational Methodist Church; 15, Colored Congregational Methodist Church; 16, Zion Union Apostolic Church; 17, Independent Methodist Church.

Eastern Section—18, British Wesleyan Methodist Church; 19, Irish Methodist Church; 20, Wesleyan Foreign Missions; 21, French Methodist Conference; 22, South African Conference; 23, West Indian Conference; 24, Methodist New Connexion; 25, Primitive Methodist Church; 26, Bible Christian Church; 27, United Methodist Free Church; 28, Independent Methodist Church; 29, Wesleyan Reform Union; 30, Australasian Methodist Church.

These various organizations reported in 1901: Ministers, 48,359; local preachers, 104,836; members, 7,659,285; churches, 89,198; Sunday schools, 83,159; Sunday school officers and teachers, 856,340; Sunday school scholars, 7,267,511; church property, \$300,179,750; adherents, 28,018,770.

Two Prosperous Institutions

The Editor had the pleasure a few days ago of visiting Rust University, Holly Springs, Miss., where he addressed the Literary Societies of that excellent institution. The attendance had been larger during the session than ever before in the history of the school. The young people seemed unusually contented and thoroughly interested in their work. They gave evidence of having been touched by a refining influence that shines forth in their demeanor and their countenance as well. The music to which it was our pleasure to listen was inspiring and helpful. It showed both in time and harmony how carefully the students are trained for their work. Mrs. Foster, the dean, devotes her time and strength to the uplift and development of the young people of the institution. Mr. E. H. McKissack is professor of science and has his department thoroughly equipped. After go-

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JOHN WESLEY, M. A. From a painting by J. JACKSON, R. A.

persecutions seemed only to increase his determination to carry forward the work in spite of men or devils. And he did. The fire he and his coadjutors kindled could not be restrained by the boundaries of England, but it leaped the oceans and continues to burn on land and sea wherever man is found.

Organized Methodist Bodies

The following organized Methodist bodies were entitled to representation in the Ecumenical Conference held in City Road Chapel, London, in 1901. These show

Early Life of John and Charles Wesley

Perhaps no more full and interesting account of the Wesleys is to be found than that of *The Methodist Magazine and Review* of Toronto, from which we take the following:

Two members of this remarkable family have won world-wide fame as the chief founders of Methodism. John Wesley, the elder of the two, born in 1703, is described as having a boyish turn for wit and humour. His brother Charles, five years younger, was exceedingly sprightly and active, and remarkable for courage and skill in juvenile encounters with his schoolfellows.

When only thirteen years old "Jacky," as he is named in his mother's letters, left the sheltering roof-tree of the Epworth rectory for the cloisters of Charterhouse School, London. * * * In Wesley's day the food for the brain was better than that for the body, and Jacky was nearly starved. He obeyed the wise counsel of his father, that he should run around the large garden three times a day. He thus got up an excellent appetite, even if he did not get very much to gratify it.

In three years he entered Christ Church College, Oxford, where he continued his classical studies. He became Greek lecturer at the university when a little more than twenty-three years old. In Hebrew, too, he was one of the best scholars of the age. About this time he was joined by his younger brother Charles. When John was twenty-eight and Charles was twenty-three the famous "Holy Club" was formed. It consisted of a little group of students who met together for the study of the Greek Testament, for self-examination and prayer. Their methodical lives led to their receiving the epithet of "Methodists," a name of contempt which was destined to become one of highest honor.

While Epworth Rectory may be called the cradle of Methodism, it was at Oxford that it received its strong impress of intellectual culture. It must never be forgotten that it was in the first university of Europe that this child of Providence was fostered and trained. They were no illiterates, those Fellows of Oxford, who met for the study of the oracles of God in their original tongue. With the instinct of true learning, having kindled their torches at the altar fire of eternal truth, they went forth to diffuse the light, to illumine the darkness, and as heralds to proclaim the dawn of a new day. * * *

Amid the stately surroundings of Oxford, that city of colleges which has trained so many of the English scholars and statesmen, the Wesleys, Whitfield, Coke, and other early Methodist leaders received that broad culture, that sound classical learning, that strict logical training, which so efficiently equipped them for the great life-work they were to do. * * *

In due course John Wesley was ordained a minister of the Established Church, and for a time aided his father, then sinking under the weight of years, at Epworth.

On his father's death John Wesley was invited to succeed him as rector at Epworth. He was also requested to go with his brother as a missionary to Georgia. The decision rested upon the consent of his venerable mother. "I can be," he said, "the staff of her age, her chief support

and comfort." But the heroic soul, notwithstanding her lonely widowhood, replied: "Had I twenty sons I should rejoice that they were all so employed, though I should never see them again."

On board the ship by which the brothers sailed to the New World were a number of German Moravians with their bishop. The vessel became at once "Bethel church and a seminary." Daily prayer and preaching, the study of the Scriptures and Christian divinity, and instructing the children filled up the hours. During a terrific storm, which greatly alarmed the English passengers, the pious Moravians, even the women and children, sang calmly on, unafraid to die—a lesson which the Oxford Fellows had not yet learned.

In Georgia the Wesleys devoted themselves with ascetic zeal to missionary toil. "They slept on the ground rather than on beds, they refused

strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ and Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death." Thus not until his thirty-fifth year did he obtain that full assurance of faith which he so long had sought, and which he was to preach, a flaming herald of the Cross, throughout the land. "It is scarcely an exaggeration to say," writes Lecky in his "History of England in the Eighteenth Century," "that the scene which took place in that humble meeting forms an epoch in English history. The conviction of the most powerful and active intellects in England is the true source of English Methodism."

Wesley's Closing Days

In 1790, for the last time, John Wesley presided at his Conference at Bristol, being then in his eighty-eighth year. His response to the salutations of the multitudes who gathered around him as he passed was that of St. John the Divine, "Little children, love one another."

He now ceased recording his receipts and expenditures in his account-book. His last entry is a remarkable one: "For upward of eighty years I have kept my accounts exactly; I will not attempt it any longer, being satisfied with the continual conviction that I save all I can, and give all I can—that is, all I have."

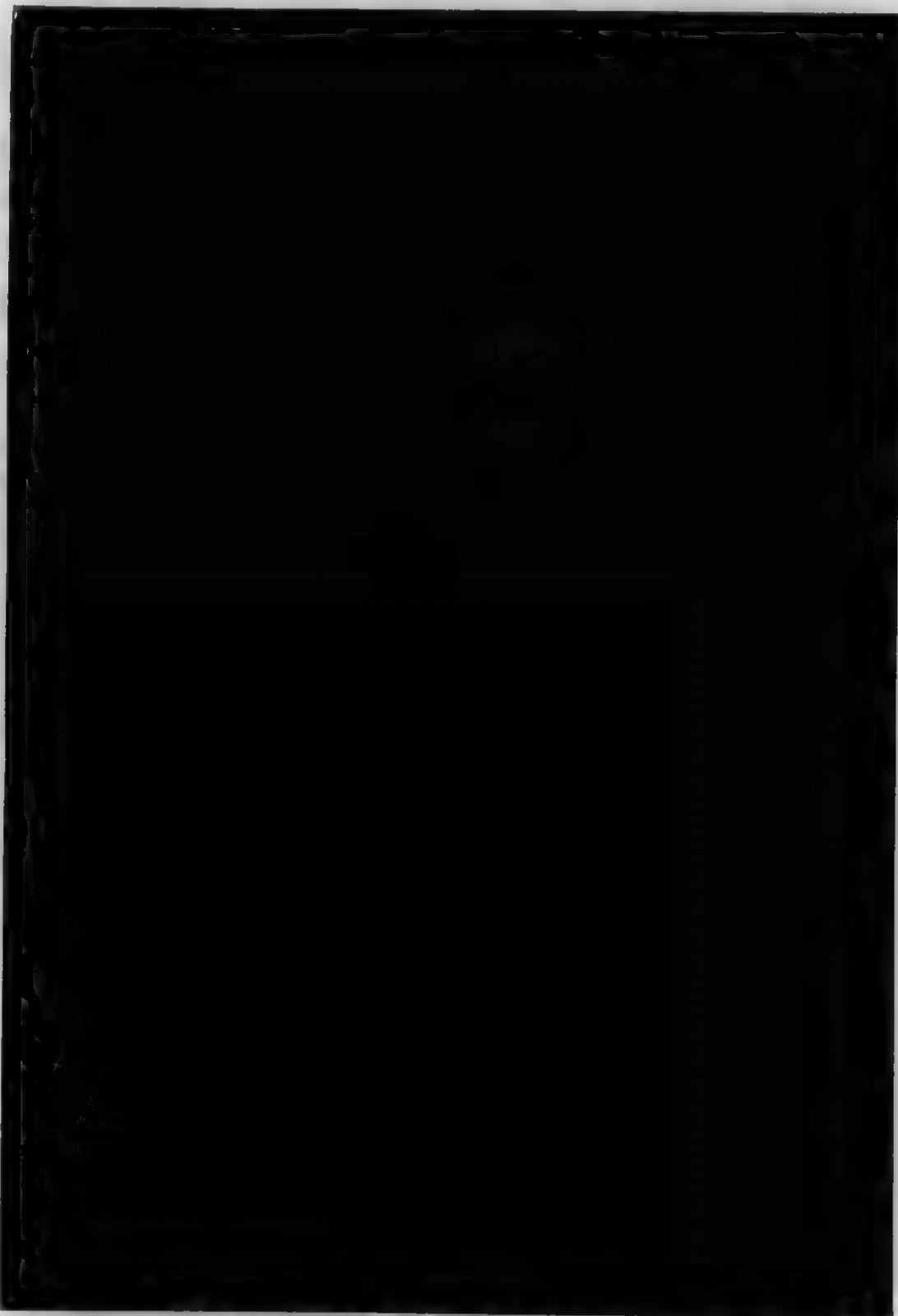
When his income was but thirty pounds a year he confined his expenses to twenty-eight pounds and gave away two. When it reached one hundred and twenty, which seems to have been its largest amount, he still lived on his old allowance and gave away ninety-two pounds. Besides this he earned a large amount by his numerous writings. This was generously employed in carrying on his great work. It is estimated that he gave away over thirty thousand pounds which he had earned with his pen.

His was a serene and sunny old age which mellowed as the years passed by. His early asceticism had long disappeared. One of his pious helpers complained that by Wesley's witty proverbs he was tempted to levity. To a blustering fellow who attempted to throw him down, saying, "Sir, I never make way for a fool," Wesley replied, "I always do," and politely stepped aside.

But for the most part he endured persecution and buffeting with the meekness of his Master, and when smitten on one cheek he literally turned the other also.

Notwithstanding his extreme age, there seemed no limit to his energy. After performing a long service of three hours, praying, preaching, and administering the Sacrament, he preached again in the open air. The next day he preached twice in the different towns, and in the evening to a crowd in the chapel and to a multitude with out, who could hear through the open windows. And so on, day after day, preaching twice or thrice daily, beginning at 5 o'clock in the morning.

In his last letter to America, he writes, with a sense of the essential unity of Methodism the wide world over, "Lose no opportunity of declaring to all men, that the Methodists are one people in all the world, and that it is their full determination so to continue."



SAMUEL WESLEY, FATHER OF JOHN WESLEY.

all food but bread and water, and John went barefooted that he might encourage the boys of his school—a condescension better in its motive than in its example." The matter-of-fact colonists did not appreciate such ascetic piety, and the Wesleys soon found it expedient to return to England.

"I went to America," wrote John Wesley in his journal, "to convert the Indians, but, oh! who shall convert me? I have a fair summer religion; I can talk well, nay, and believe myself, while no danger is near; but let Death look me in the face and my spirit is troubled, nor can I say to die is gain."

Yet he continued to preach and pray, though suffering great disquietude of soul. He renewed his acquaintance with the Moravians by attending their services in London. One evening a layman was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. Wesley writes: "I felt my heart

On the 22d of February, 1791, he preached his last sermon in City Road Chapel, and the following day his last sermon on earth. "On that day," says Dr. Abel Stevens, "fell from his dying grasp a trumpet of the truth, which had sounded the everlasting Gospel oftener, and more effectually, than that of any other man for 1,700 years. Whitefield preached 18,000 sermons, more than ten a week for his thirty-four years of ministerial life. Wesley preached 42,400, after his return from Georgia, more than fifteen a week."

The following Sunday he quoted with cheerfulness his brother's hymn:

"Till glad I lay this body down,
Thy servant, Lord, attend;
And O, my life of mercy crown
With a triumphant end!"

And repeated over and over again the lines:

"I the chief of sinners am,
But Jesus died for me."

Two days later he sang with fervor:

"I'll praise my Maker while I've breath
And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers;
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
While life, and thought, and being last,
Or immortality endures."

Twice he repeated the words, "The best of all is, God is with us;" and with the words, "Farewell! farewell!" upon his lips, his spirit passed into the skies. In accordance with his will, six poor men bore him to his grave in the rear of City Road Chapel. "He directed that there should be no hearse, no coach, no escutcheon, no pomp, except the tears of those who loved him and were following him to heaven." So great was the multitude that thronged to pay a last tribute of love that it was deemed best to bury him before six in the morning. Nevertheless, a great multitude were present, and their tears and sobs attested the depth of their affection.

No hearse and no escutcheon honored him;
Six poor men, only, bore him to the grave
With heavy steps, and slow, while every eye grew dim
With tears, for tears were all that he would have.
Six poor men bore his coffin to the tomb,
Who the awful thunderbolts of truth had hurled,
Catching that light serene, still shining in the gloom;
Ten thousand shout his warning to the world.

It has been well said "that few men could have endured to travel so much as he did, without either preaching, writing or reading; that few could have endured to preach as often as he did, supposing they had neither traveled nor written books; and that very few men could have written and published so many books as he did, though they had always avoided both preaching and traveling."—*Methodist Magazine and Review*.

Bits of Biography.

John Wesley was born in Epworth, Lincolnshire, England, June 17, 1703.

His father's name was Samuel Wesley and his mother, Susanna. His father was a minister of the Church of England and here a nonconformist minister.—Rev. Samuel Annesley.

REBUKING A PROFANE OFFICER.

Samuel Wesley's moral courage made him fearless in rebuking those whom he thought

guilty of wickedness, regardless of their position. While sitting in a London coffee-house one day he overheard a colonel of the guards swearing loudly in his conversation with his companions.

Mr. Wesley, calling the waiter, said: "Waiter, bring me a glass of water!" The water was brought in. In a loud, clear voice, he said: "Carry it to that gentleman in the red coat and request him to wash his mouth after his oaths!"

The officer heard him. He became furious and made a wild attempt to assault his reprover. But his companions restrained him, one of them saying: "Nay, Colonel; you gave the first offense. You see the gentleman is a clergyman." Upon this the soldier pocketed the affront, as he deemed it. Years after he met his reprover in St. James' park and, after recalling the above scene to his memory, said:

"Since that time, sir, I thank God, I have feared an oath and everything that is offensive to the Divine Majesty. I could not refrain from expressing my gratitude to God and to you."

Isaac Taylor says: "The mother of the Wesleys was the mother of Methodism."



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Bishop Merrill's Proposed Amendment

REV. S. H. NORWOOD.

We are favorable to the spirit of the proposed amendment because it fits the condition of things. It is in harmony with the times, the practical life of the country, Church and the Bible. It is not in harmony with the theory of the country, Church and Bible. We have never yet reached, possibly in anything, the theory taught by them; we can't tell when we will. We now face a condition rather than a theory. We have two alternatives—have a colored bishop just right, or have him not at all—have him as nearly right as we can get him, and then, if possible, improve upon him. The old adage, "half-a-loaf is better than no loaf," is a world-wide truth in practice, and applies here. Do we mean to say we will have no colored bishop because the white membership will not have him to preside over them? Did we in '65 say we will have no colored pastors and presiding elders because they can not serve white churches? Is it not now best for us and the Church that we took them as we did take them? Or do you think it would be better for us now that we refuse having them unless they could serve both white and black congregations? Our fathers then had no book learning, had nobody's sense but their own; time and results have proven that they used it well, as we know so much more than they did, hope we will do well in proportion. Can't we reach the top of the ladder in the same way that we started from the bottom, and have successfully climbed nearly to the top, or shall we when standing upon the round next to the topmost one, stop and refuse to go further because we can't travel the rest of the journey in a new way. It seems that we should praise the bridge

that has carried us so far, and stay on it till we see a better one.

We have never needed any special law to do the work this way, therefore we don't need it now. The spirit of the proposed amendment has been carried out without the letter of it which will blacken Methodist history. Let us carry out our "Jimcrowsism" without law. Let it exist by sufferance, and not by legislation, if exist it must. The necessity of a colored bishop is questionable, but if the General Conference sees the need of him, let him come. Put him in the charge of the Episcopal cabinet. Their discretion will use him in the spirit of the proposed amendment, and make him in great demand everywhere just as the same discretion has made the secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society in demand everywhere. We don't need the proposed amendment in letter, because the spirit of it is sufficiently strong to direct the work.

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Life of Faith

Memory Quill

Companionship With Jesus

I have not called you servants, but I have called you friends. How the Savior longed for human companionship in the hour of his agony. And he painstakingly prepares a place and a mansion, that his followers may be with him where he is in glory.

Let our answer be, "As the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul after the living God." Use hymn 255 as an introduction to this. We have eight hymns in our Hymnal by the author of this, all of a very high order. Everybody knows, or should know, No. 762 already.

Ray Palmer was a Congregational minister in Bath, Maine, Albany, N. Y., and Newark, N. J.

Jesus, these eyes have never seen
That radiant form of thine;
The veil of sense hangs dark between
Thy blessed face and mine.

I see thee not, I hear thee not,
Yet art thou oft with me;
And earth hath ne'er so dear a spot
As where I meet with thee.

Like some bright dream that comes unsought
When slumbers o'er me roll,
Thine image ever fills my thought
And charms my ravished soul.

Yet though I have not seen, and still
Must rest in faith alone,
I love thee, dearest Lord, and will,
Unseen, but not unknown.

When death these mortal eyes shall seal,
And still this throbbing heart,
The rending veil shall thee reveal,
All-glorious as thou art.

Ray Palmer (b. 1808, d. 1887.)

What Is Faith

JOHN WESLEY.

What is faith? Not an opinion, no more than it is a form of words; not any number of opinions put together, be they ever so true. A string of opinions is no more Christian faith than a string of beads is Christian holiness. It is not an assent to any opinion, or any number of opinions. A man may assent to three, or three-and-twenty, creeds; he may assent to all the Old and New Testament (at least as far as he understands them), and yet have no Christian faith at all. The faith by which the promise is attained is * * its more particular notion; it is a divine evidence or conviction wrought in the heart; that God is reconciled to me through his Son; inseparable



WESLEY PREACHING FROM HIS FATHER'S TOMB.

ably joined with a confidence in him as a gracious, reconciled Father, as for all things, so especially for all those good things which are invisible and eternal.—“*Genuine Christianity.*”

Unholy Tempers

JOHN WESLEY.

Hear ye this, all you that are called Methodists! You, of all men living, are most concerned herein. You constantly speak of salvation by faith; and you are in the right for so doing. You maintain (one and all) that a man is justified by faith; without the works of the law. And you cannot do otherwise, without giving up the Bible, and betraying your own souls. You insist upon it that we are saved by faith; and undoubtedly, so we are. But consider, meantime, that let us have ever so much faith, and be our faith ever so strong, it will never save us from hell, unless it now save us from all unholy tempers; from pride, passion, impatience; from all arrogance of spirit, all haughtiness and overbearing; from wrath, anger, bitterness; from discontent, murmuring, fretfulness, peevishness. We are of all men most inexcusable, if, having been so frequently guarded against that strong delusion, we still, while we indulge any of these tempers, bless ourselves and dream we are in the way to heaven!

Woman's Dominion

Her Children's Teacher

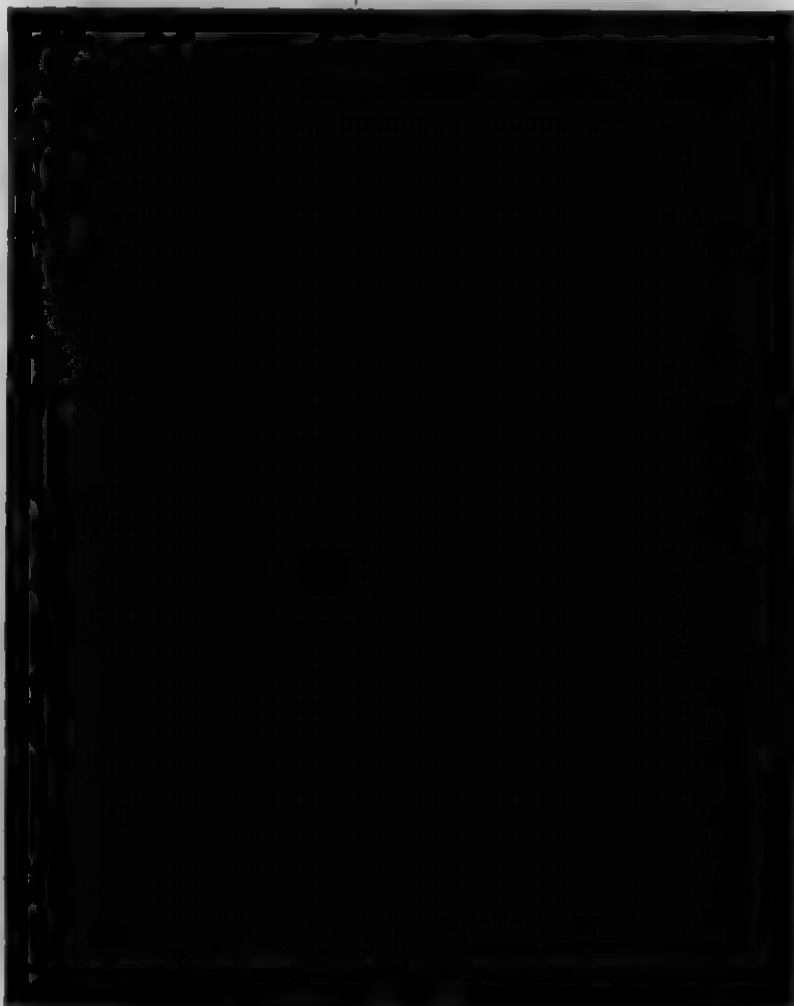
Mrs. Wesley had little respect for the educational methods of the day and, therefore, taught her own children. She not only taught them together, but separately. On Monday she talked with Mollie; on Tuesday with Hetty; on Wednesday with Nancy; on Thursday with Jackey; on Friday with Patty; on Saturday with Charles, and with Emilia and Sukey together on Sunday. One day Mrs. Wesley was giving a lesson to Sammy, her first born, who did not begin to talk until he was about five years of age. He was very slow in learning the lesson. So she drilled him over and over again until he perfectly understood it. While she was thus engaged, her husband said to her: “Why, my dear, do you sit there teaching that dull child that lesson over for the twentieth time?” Mrs. Wesley calmly replied: “Because the nineteenth is not enough.” One of the rules adopted by Mrs. Wesley in the education of her children was to subdue the will of the child early. “This is the only strong and rational foundation of a religious education,” she declared, “without which, precept and example will be ineffectual. But where this is thoroughly done, then the child is capable of being governed by the reason of its parents till its own understanding comes to maturity and the principles of religion have taken root in the mind.”

CHILDREN TAUGHT TO CRY SOFTLY.

The principles upon which Mrs. Wesley acted were, as Tyerman says, unique. When her child was one year old he was taught to fear the rod and, if he cried at all, to cry in softened tones. The child was never given a thing for which he cried. Eating and drinking between meals were strictly forbidden. Six hours a day were spent in school and loud-talking, playing and running into the yard, garden or street without permission were forbidden. Confession of a fault always averted punishment. They were not allowed to call each other by their proper names without the prefix of brother or sister, as Brother John or Sister Kezzy. They were taught to read when five years old and were expected to learn the alphabet in one day.

MRS. WESLEY'S KITCHEN MEETINGS.

In 1711, during the absence of her husband, Mrs. Wesley began to hold Sunday-evening services in her kitchen for the benefit of her children and servants. This grew out of the character of the curate's sermons, which consisted mainly of appeals to his hearers to pay their debts. While Mrs. Wesley believed the payment of debts to be a sacred duty, she thought instruction in other duties and doctrines also necessary. So she gathered her household together, read to them the best and most awakening sermons she could find, and instructed them as best she could. The ser-



MRS. SUSANNA WESLEY.

vants told their friends of the kitchen-meetings and great interest was manifested in them. Neighbors asked permission to attend, and in a short time more than 200 were present and many could not secure admission for want of room.

Inman, the curate, became jealous because Mrs.

Wesley's audience was larger than his and he wrote to Mr. Wesley, complaining that his wife, in his absence, had turned the parsonage into a conventicle; that the church was likely to be scandalized by such irregular proceedings, and that they ought to be tolerated no longer. Mr. Wesley wrote to his wife that she should get someone else to read the sermons. She replied that there was not a man there who could read a sermon without spoiling it. The curate still complained and the rector wrote to Mrs. Wesley that the meetings should be discontinued. Mrs. Wesley answered him by showing what good the meetings had done and that none were opposed to them but Mr. Inman and one other. She then concludes with these words: “If, after all this, you think fit to dissolve this assembly, do not tell me you *desire* me to do it, for that will not satisfy my conscience; but send your *positive command* in such full and express terms as may absolve me from all guilt and punishment for neglecting this opportunity for doing good when you and I shall appear before the great and awful tribunal of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

COULD NOT GOVERN GRANDCHILDREN.

Although Mrs. Wesley was remarkably successful in the government of her own children, she seems to have had less success with other children; perhaps because she had no control over them in infancy. Her son John said of her at one time: “My mother had ten children (nine others died in infancy); each of them had spirit enough, yet not one of them was ever heard to cry after it was a year old.” Later in his sermon on “Training children,” he said: “In fourscore years I have never met with one woman who knew how to manage grandchildren. My own mother, who governed children so well, could never govern one grandchild.”

Young Friends

Birth of Wesley

John Wesley was born in the rectory at Epworth, England, June 17, 1703. Owing to the setting aside of the old English calendar and the adoption of the Gregorian calendar in 1751, the anniversary of Wesley's birth since 1752 has been observed June 28. He was the fifteenth child of his parents and was christened John Benjamin, being so named after his two brothers who had died in infancy. The second name was never used by Wesley. The Epworth parsonage, at the time of Wesley's birth, was a three-story building of timber and plaster, thatched with straw, and had seven principal rooms—a kitchen, hall, parlor, buttery—with three large upper rooms and some others for common use. A small garden, a thatched barn, a dovecot and other outside premises were attached. The whole covered about three acres.

ESCAPE FROM FIRE.

February 9, 1709, when John Wesley was about five and a half years old, a fire broke out in the rectory, near midnight. The alarm was given by Hettie Wesley, who was awakened by burning pieces of wood falling on her bed. She called her father, who roused his family, and all escaped in their night clothes except little John. He, with three sisters and his brother Charles, was sleeping in the nursery. The nurse snatched up Charles, the baby, and called to the others to follow. The sisters did so, but John remained fast asleep. When he awoke, shortly afterward, he called the maid. There was no answer. The room was filled with light, and putting his head out of the



RESCUE OF JOHN WESLEY FROM FIRE.

curtains he saw the ceiling afire. He jumped out of bed and rushed to the door. He dared not pass it, for all beyond was in a blaze. He climbed on a chest near the window. In the meantime his father had made two efforts to rush through the flames to rescue his boy, but could not succeed. At last the boy was seen at the window. Someone suggested that a light man be set on his shoulders and lift the boy out of the window. On the first attempt the man fell, but the second was successful. Just as little John was rescued the whole roof fell in. When his boy was brought to him the father (who had taken his family into the garden and, kneeling, commended his imperiled child to his heavenly father) said: "Come, neighbors, let us kneel down; let us give thanks to God. He has given me all my eight children; let the house go; I am rich enough." The rectory, with all its contents, was totally destroyed.

PREACHING ON HIS FATHER'S TOMB.

Sunday, June 6, 1742, Wesley, being at Epworth, his childhood home, offered to assist Mr. Romley, the curate of the Established church, either by preaching or reading prayers. Mr. Romley not only declined Wesley's offer, but preached an offensive sermon against enthusiasts. As the people were leaving at the close of the service, John Taylor gave notice that Mr. Wesley, not being permitted to preach in the church, would preach in the churchyard at 6 o'clock. At the appointed hour the largest congregation ever known in Epworth assembled and Wesley preached to the people, standing on his father's tombstone. His text was: "The kingdom of heaven is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." He preached twice afterward from the same pulpit.

Great power attended Wesley's preaching on his father's tomb and many were converted in the old churchyard.

"I am well assured," wrote Wesley, "That I did far more good to my Lincolnshire parishioners by preaching three days on my father's tomb than I did by preaching three years in his pulpit."

John Witelamb, Wesley's brother-in-law, clergyman at Wroote, heard him preach at Epworth and wrote him, saying: "Your presence creates an awe, as if you were an inhabitant of another world. I cannot think as you do; but I retain the highest veneration and affection

for you. The sight of you moves me strangely. My heart overflows with gratitude. I cannot refrain from tears when I reflect, this is the man who at Oxford was more than a father to me; this is he whom I have there heard expound or dispute publicly or preach at St. Mary's with such applause. I am quite forgotten. None of the family ever honor me with a line! Have I been ungrateful? I have been passionate, fickle, a fool; but I hope I shall never be ungrateful." Wesley was touched by this letter and hastened to visit his old friend.

On his way at night Wesley again preached on his father's tomb to an immense multitude, the service lasting for about three hours. He writes: "We scarce know how to part. Oh, let none think his labor of love is lost because the fruit does not immediately appear! Near forty years did my father labor here, but he saw little fruit of labor. I took some pains among this people too and my strength also seemed spent in vain; but now the fruit appeared. There were scarce any in the town on whom either my father or I had taken any pains formerly, but the seed, sown so long since, now sprung up, bringing forth repentance and remission of sins."

Wesley's preaching upon his father's tomb is one of the most interesting incidents in his career. Upon the walls of thousands of Methodist homes throughout the world are to be found pictures portraying the scene.

Over six hundred of Charles Wesley's hymns have been collected in the Wesleyan hymn-book. About 4,600 in all have been printed, but about 2,000 still remain in manuscript. Many of these, by their spiritual exaltation and poetic merit, have won their way into the hymnaries of nearly all the Christian churches. They have inspired the faith and voiced the feelings of unnumbered millions, and have been lisped by the pallid lips of the dying, and shouting their triumphant songs thousands have "swept through the gates" of the celestial city.—*Methodist Magazine and Review*.

Our attention has been called to the fact that John Wesley was born June 17, 1703, 'old style,' and that June 28 is the date according to our calendar.

All right. John Wesley was big enough to have both June 17 and June 28 observed in honor of his birth if anybody wants to so observe it.—*Ex.*

Educational

Commencement--Philander Smith College.

The twenty-sixth session of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., closed on May 21, 1903. The exercises began on Friday night, May 15, with the annual musical recital by the musical department, under the direction of Miss Gussie Taggart. Sunday, May 17, marked a high standard in the spiritual life of the college. The college love feast was conducted at 9:30 a. m. by Prof. H. P. Strong. This service proved a great benediction to all present. The baccalaureate sermon was preached at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. T. McFarland, D. D., of Topeka, Kansas. The sermon was one of comprehensive scope on the life and work of Jesus Christ. The annual sermon was preached at 3 p. m. by Rev. J. W. E. Bowen, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Bowen is too well known to need any comment. He is always master of the situation. At 8 p. m. the annual lecture was delivered by Rev. Dr. McFarland. Monday night, May 18, the exercises of the Philomathian Literary Society were held in College Chapel. These exercises were indeed of a high order. On Tuesday night, the 18th, the first exercise of the Adeline M. Smith Industrial Home was held. On Wednesday night, the 20th, the Class Day exercises were of an exceptionally high order. The Alumni Association held its Annual Meeting during the day and the address was delivered by Rev. G. T. Saxton, of Van Buren. Thursday morning, 9.30, was Commencement proper. A class of 13 constituted the graduating class of 1903. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen delivered the Commencement Address, to the delight of the thronging multitude. A happy surprise on Commencement Day was the sudden and unexpected arrival of Dr. M. C. B. Mason during the exercises. He presented diplomas to the class in an appropriate and characteristic address. Miss Elizabeth O. Elliott, Supt. King, Industrial Home, Marshall, Texas, was introduced to the audience by President Cox. The President made appropriate closing remarks and announcements for the fall term. Thus closed one of the most prosperous years in the history of Philander Smith College. The enrollment for the year was 521, an increase of more than 50 over the preceding year. The Industrial Home, under the superintendency of Mrs. H. M. Nasmith, has had a most phenomenal growth. Every room, during the year, has been overcrowded. Dr. Cox has wrought well and the Little Rock Conference stands loyally by him. Great things are being planned for the future growth of this worthy institution.

J. H. REED.

"No single man for centuries has moved the world as Wesley has moved it; since Luther, no man. No Protestant church at this day counts so many adherents as the Methodist family of churches; no church has operated so powerfully as a ferment of life among all the churches."—James H. Rigg, D. D.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.-C. Conference

"Fifty Cent Boys"

Every once in a while some one quotes the old statement that "It is not worth while to put a \$2,000 education on a fifty cent boy." It is

usually stated as though it covered the whole case.

Over against that quotation I would like to put this from President Jordan, of the Leland Stanford University: "But what shall we say of a man who puts a fifty cent education on a \$10,000 or a \$1,000,000 boy and cramps and narrows him throughout his after life? And just this is what thousands of parents in the United States are doing to-day for their sons and daughters. Twenty years hence thousands of men and women will blame these parents for their shortness of sight and narrowness of judgment in weighing a few paltry dollars—soon earned, soon lost—against the power which comes from mental training."

"For a man to have died who might have been wise and not," this, says Carlisle, "I call a tragedy."

It has been the exalted privilege of the Church, through the fund collected on Children's Day, to help more than twelve thousand boys and girls to avoid this tragedy.

WILLIAM F. McDOWELL.

ed. 'I will wait for him,' that is, I will wait what he will do. 'Nevertheless I will maintain my ways before him.'"

"When Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house, . . . and prayed . . . as he did aforetime" (Dan. 6. 10). When Daniel knew that the instrument was complete that insured the forfeiture of his life if he took a certain course, then—he took that course. Why? to be defiant and obstinate? No. Because he was loyal to his God and the true religion.

The Theme: "Be Loyal to the King and Kingdom."

1. Loyalty is a noble and greatly honored virtue, though it may be carried to excess, as in the maxim, "My country right or wrong," and in the requirement of unqualified loyalty to imperfect and sometimes shallow and despicable parties, creeds, and organizations. But with Christ our King and his kingdom, there is no need of reserve or qualification. If other kings are selfish and base he is magnanimous and of fleckless

his disciples watched and prayed in agony." (Trumbull.)

"He planted his cross in the midst of the mad and roaring current of selfishness. From that moment a current deeper and broader and mightier began to set heavenward." (Mark Hopkins.)

3. Then what do men say about his kingdom:

"Christendom, as an effect, must be accounted for. It is too large for a mortal cause." (Huntington.)

"Christianity alone inspires and guides progress. (Hopkins.)

"Christian faith is a grand cathedral. Standing within, every ray of light reveals an army of unspeakable splendors." (Ruskin.)

"Christianity is, above all other religions ever known, a religion of sacrifice." (Stanley.)

"The distinction between Christianity and all other systems of religion consists largely in this, that in these others, men are found seeking after God, while Christianity is God seeking after man." (Thomas Arnold.)

"The substance of all realities is in this religion of Jesus Christ; but it can be real only to those who will do his will." (Gladden.)

"The whole of Christianity is comprised in three things—to believe, to love, and to obey Jesus." (Scriver.)

4. Loyalty to the King and the kingdom is something more than loyalty to the Church. The Church is a more specialized embodiment of God's redemptive agencies, and just because chosen out of the mass sometimes tends to become too much centered in itself. If it is "an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of God's own possession," it is that it may "show forth the excellencies" of him who calleth it out of darkness unto his marvelous light (2 Pet. 2. 9); and if it fails to do this men must sometimes be loyal to Christ's larger ideal in the kingdom, till they can bring the Church to become more inclusive of all that Christ is seeking to do for men and more devoted to the needs of humanity.

The Likenesses and Lessons.

The highest loyalty may sometimes lead one out in advance of his generation, as it is said a color-bearer in the civil war once pressed on beyond the lines, and when shouted at to bring the flag back to the lines, shouted in response to bring the lines up to the colors. So it may be found that, as Wesley and his coworkers bore the flag to a position in advance of the lines in the eighteenth century, William Booth and his helpers bore it in the nineteenth. Is there some point at which you or I should carry it a step onward?

The main question is to know truly that Christ leads, and then to follow, to have the spirit of the man of Christ's time, into whose lips Gilder puts "The Song of a Heathen."

Resolutions of the General Board of Control of the Epworth League, Commending Secretary Penn's Work.

After the reading of the report of Assistant Secretary I. Garland Penn, at the meeting of the Board of Control of the Epworth League, held recently in Philadelphia, Brother L. J. Price, the representative from the Sixth General Conference District, introduced the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by the Board:

WHEREAS, The remarkable report of Assistant Secretary I. Garland Penn, of the Epworth League among our colored people, shows that he has given himself faithfully toward the upbuild-



WESLEY TRAVELING.

Epworth League

June 21. Be Loyal to the King and the Kingdom

(Job 13. 15; Dan. 6. 4-10.)

DAILY READINGS.

Monday, June 15. Who is the King. Psalms 24.

Tuesday, June 16. What is the kingdom? Luke 17. 20, 21.

Wednesday, June 17. Who are members of the kingdom? Matthew 7. 21-23.

Thursday, June 18. The story of the kingdom. Isaiah 32. 1-20.

Friday, June 19. Persecuted for loyalty to the King. Acts 17. 5-10.

Saturday, June 20. Daniel—a loyal servant of the King. Daniel 6. 4-10.

The Word.

"Though he slay me, yet will I wait for him" (Job 13. 15, R. V. margin). The verse is an exceedingly difficult one to render satisfactorily. Gibson, in the new *Oxford Commentaries*, says: "There is much more to be said in favor of the margin, which, on the whole, appears to be the most probable of the various renderings suggest-

integrity; if other kingdoms are weak or wicked his kingdom is of adamant firmness and inexhaustible beneficence.

2. Let us listen to the anthem rising to our King from the hearts of modern men:

"We believe that the history of the world is but the history of his influence." (Maclaren.)

"His character so lives that he inspires millions of men with impassioned love." (Reynolds.)

"Holiest among the mighty, and mightiest among the holy." (Richter.)

"Time has no power over the name and deeds and words of Jesus Christ." (Channing.)

"From first to last Jesus is the same." (Napoleon.)

"The world cannot bury Christ. The earth is not deep enough for his tomb, the clouds are not wide enough for his winding sheet." (Edward Thomson.)

"He is not affected by our mutability; our changes do not alter him." (Robertson.)

"Jesus has never slept for an hour while one of

ing of the League and the church in the South; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Control hereby expresses its faith in the work which Brother Penn is doing, and commend him to the brethren in the South as an able, safe, consecrated and earnest brother, an energetic leader of the young people, and also expresses the wish that our presiding elders, pastors, official members and Leaguers will continue to give him their loyal support, until every church has a chartered working Epworth and Junior League.

Resolved, That we are highly gratified at the successful outcome of the Congress of Christian Young People of the Negro Race, of all denominations, which was so wisely directed by Brother Penn, and likewise record our deep interest and satisfaction at the growth of the League in organization and work and the large effort our brother is making to enlighten our Methodism of the present and future in the Churches of the South, by the spread of wholesome literature of the League and the Church among them.

Dr. Berry's Commendation of Assistant Secretary Penn's Work.

The Rev. Jos. F. Berry, D. D., the General Secretary of the Epworth League and Editor of the Epworth Herald, in his report to the Board of Control, at Philadelphia, referred to the work of our Assistant Secretary, in the following complimentary terms:

"The League among our colored people in the South has prospered under the leadership of Assistant Secretary Irvine Garland Penn. Our brother has traveled widely, has given informal addresses at conventions, has built up the circulation of *The Epworth Herald*, has circulated our literature, and has been made a blessing to thousands in the Southland who need Christian leadership so much. From the first I have held the opinion that Bro. Penn is an ideal man for his place, and that opinion is more strongly confirmed as the years pass by."

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson XII.—June 21st, 1903. Title—Paul's Charge to Timothy (2 Tim. 3:14-4:8). Golden Text—There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness (2 Tim. 4:8). Time of Writing—A. D. 67. Place—Rome.

"This is likely the last epistle that Paul wrote, and has been called by Mr. Wesley 'The swan's dying song.' It has less of the office of an evangelist, and more of personal character in it than his former letter to Timothy. It is designed to encourage him to endure persecution, and to warn him against false teachers. Paul was at this time in prison, deserted by his friends, at the mercy of a tyrannical ruler, with the sentence of death upon him, and the hour of execution drawing near. Yet we see no regret of a life spent in the service of God, no consciousness of guilt, no suspicion of the weakness of his cause, no expression of fear, no discomposure of mind, and no doubt of the truthfulness of every doctrine he taught.

Timothy was the son of a Greek. His mother was a Jewess. His father likely died while he was young. His early training devolved upon his mother and grandmother. He was early taught the Holy Scriptures. He grew up in Derbe or Lystra, and was led to a saving knowledge of the truth by the preaching of Paul. For seven years he remained at Lystra, and mani-

fested much wisdom, zeal, and piety. Paul on his second missionary journey chose him as a traveling companion. He was Paul's only assistant during his long ministry at Ephesus, and also helped him plant the church at Corinth. He stood by Paul during his first imprisonment at Rome. He was ordained by Paul as presbyter of the church at Ephesus. Two of Paul's letters were addressed to him, and the epistle of John dedicated to "the angel of the church of Ephesus" was likely sent to him. We know but little of him after the death of Paul. He likely spent the remainder of his life at Ephesus. He seems to have felt his need of a leader. During Paul's life he occupied the place of a subordinate. He was a "first rate, second rate man." From the letters addressed to him we learn that he was weakly, timid, sensitive, and severe in self-government. He likely suffered martyrdom during the reign of Domitian.

1. *The Scriptures*. (14-17) The sacred writings of the Jews contained only the Old Testament. But when this letter was penned nearly all of the New Testament was written. For us the Scriptures include the sixty-six books of the Bible. All Scripture given by inspiration of God is profitable. The word inspired means to "breathe into." God so filled the minds of those who wrote the Bible with His Spirit, that they wrote nothing but truth, or fact. This freed the Scriptures from all error, or mistake. God inspired the thoughts of His written word, and constrained its writers to make choice of suitable language to express them. This is clear from the majesty of their style; the harmony of their parts; the power they wield over those who converse with them; the fulfillment of many of their prophecies; and the force of their miracles. The Bible should be taught. Its thoughts had been instilled into the mind of Timothy from his very infancy. A correct knowledge of the Bible will through faith make one "wise unto salvation." The Word of God is profitable. (1) *Positively*, for doctrine or teaching. (2) *Negatively*, for reproof or refutation of error. (3) *Disciplinary*, for correction of conduct. (4) *And formatively*, for instruction in righteousness, or rectitude of character. (5) *That the "man of God,"* a minister of the Gospel, may be completely armed for the conflict. (6) *And thoroughly furnished* with all needed weapons for every good work.

2. *The solemn charge* (1-5). 1. *The preface*. The word "charge" here takes the form of an oath. It indicates a solemn contract between two parties. "Therefore" means for reasons already given. It refers to the "perilous time" spoken of in the former chapter. When Jesus comes to judge the world He will be accompanied by God the Father, and by the holy angels. The "quick and the dead," or those who are living when He returns, and those who have departed this life before His return, will appear before Him. The stupendous results of this judgment should constrain Timothy, and all others, to do all in their power to stand acquitted in that day. (2) *The charge*. To "preach" is to proclaim, or declare aloud. The "word" includes the entire Gospel: The prophecies concerning Christ, His birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, intercession, return to earth, last judgment, and rewards and punishments. These and their kindred thoughts, Timothy was to "be instant in season" or at convenient times, and "out of season" or at inconvenient times, to present to the people. They were engaged in fallacious arguments, therefore he was to reprove or convince them. They persisted in wickedness, therefore he was to rebuke them.

They were slow to receive the truth, therefore he was to entreat them. (3) *The evil time coming*. For two generations after the death of the apostle there was not a great man in all the church. During this period it was riven into sects, and marked by heresies. The sound doctrines of the Bible were its true teachings. These have often been repulsive to the unsaved. They "turn away their ears from" them, walk in their own lust, heap to themselves false teachers and follow after fables. (4) *The exhortation to faithfulness*. The word here rendered "watch" means to be wide awake, prudent, and foreseeing. Satan is sly, cunning and artful. He is out of sight, yet he may be seen. To "endure affliction" is to bear with patience any trials through which we are called to pass. To "do the work of an evangelist" is to proclaim the Gospel from the heart in a spirit that will reach the hearts of those who hear. To "make full proof of his ministry" was to measure up to the standard God had raised for him: to do all He requires at his hands.

3. *Departing this life* (6-8). 1. *Time*: "The time of my departure is at hand." Paul had passed down the stream of life to the gate of death. He was now more than sixty years of age. For more than thirty years he had been a preacher of the Gospel. His life had been checkered. His trials can hardly be exaggerated. His bodily presence was weak, and his afflictions great. *Note*—Death is abroad in the land. Disease, accidents, enemies and old age are taking the people off very rapidly. The time of our departure is at hand. We may die any day. (2) *Preparation*: "I am now ready to be offered." I am being poured out as a drink offering. No one is ready to depart this life until his sins have been forgiven. Paul had been born of the Spirit. His conviction was pungent, his repentance bitter, and his conversion clear. (3) *Warfare*: "I have fought a good fight." He had put on the whole armor of God, and battled against the principalities, the powers, the world rulers of this darkness, and the spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places. The saloons, the brothel, the gambling den, and Sabbath desecration, should all be overcome, not by force of arms, but by the power of the Gospel. (4) *Race*: "I have finished my course." Here the figure is changed from that of a warrior to that of a racer. He had held out to the end of life. This implies a way, a number of runners, a cloud of witnesses, and a crown of victory. All these we have in Christ. (5) *Custodian*: "I have kept the faith." He had been true to Jesus in spite of every temptation. He had kept all the teachings of the Bible Jesus had committed to him. No affliction had been able to separate him from the love of God. Never was silent night, or soft bed, more welcome to way-worn traveler than was death to Paul at this time. (6) *Reward*: "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." Paul knew death would not end all: that he would live in the beyond. By our conduct on earth we make the crown we wear in heaven. The Lord, the righteous judge, will give the crown. The time for giving it will not be the day of death, but the day of judgment. The receivers will be Paul, and all others, who love the Lord Jesus and look for His appearing. *Note*—Death closes our earthly existence, but does not end life. A day of judgment has been appointed, and Christ, the righteous Judge, will render a decision in every case. Every one will be judged according to his life on earth. A crown of righteousness, a robe of brightness, a palm of victory, and a harp of gold, will be given to every one.

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Two Prosperous Institutions

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ing through the same and listening to his explanations we felt convinced that no pupil who enjoys the advantages of such instruction as the professor is prepared to give needs leave the school without an excellent knowledge of the subject. We had the pleasure of addressing a large and intelligent audience, Mr. J. B. Redmond presiding, and have reason to believe they appreciated the effort.

The success of the business houses among Negroes in the city is still as encouraging as ever. Holly Springs is a bright spot.

We always make it a point to attend the commencement at Wiley University, and the present year was no exception to this rule. There was a large attendance of ministers and other visitors. Indeed an unusually large attendance of ministers, including the six presiding elders of the Texas Conference. We reached there Tuesday in time for the meeting of the Board of Trustees, and in common with the other members of that body were much gratified with the report made by the president. True, the school had suffered somewhat in consequence of the appearance of three cases of smallpox during the year, but they were immediately separated from students, and the city authorities dealt so generously with the institution that the affair was not nearly as serious as it might otherwise have been. More than five hundred pupils had been enrolled for the session, and it was evident that excellent work had been done by the faithful teachers.

The commencement proper was in some measure greater than usual. There were twelve graduates, four from the College classical and eight from the Normal course. The commencement address was delivered by Dr. C. W. Blodgett, of Cincinnati, O., and a magnificent address it was. The music was excellent, even that of the Wiley Band under Prof. R. E. Brown. The Board of Trustees passed resolutions expressing their gratification over the year's work. All who took occasion to visit Prof. J. R. Reynolds' department were surprised and delighted with what they saw. He seems at home with electricity and in handling electrical appliances. While the building is lighted by electricity from the city plant, this department supplies its own lights.

At the close of the commencement exercises a collection was taken, to be used in completing the building, and something over two hundred dollars in cash was realized. This was given largely by the visitors, much being brought by the ministers present from their charges, but it was gratifying to note that a large proportion of it came from the students, in many cases given outright and in others contributed by their friends. President Dogan is doing his utmost to complete the building by next fall, and it is hoped he may, tho two or three thousand dollars are needed in order to do so properly. The school closed with great rejoicing over the prosperous year, and the students and friends crowded the special cars secured by

the president from the railroads over which they traveled, and with the Wiley yell resounding in the air they went forth to prepare for the opening of the session of 1903-4.

If I Were You, I Would

Stop and think.
Read my paper.
Take time to pray.
Try to help others.
Read some good book.
Talk less and do more.
Not complain so much.
Often ask myself, am I right?
Try my best to do what I promise.
Be faithful to every interest of my church.
Always write the names of subscribers plainly.
Write and then rewrite matter for publication.
Make it a rule to speak a good word for others.
Not conclude that no one knows anything but myself.
Not write such long reports of my work for publication.
Get some subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN in spite of all hindrances. Others might do more, but none should be more faithful than I.

The Nineteenth in Houston.

The Van and *The Independent*, two of our Houston (Tex.) exchanges, do not take kindly to the Nineteenth of June Emancipation Celebration as conducted in that city. Houston makes more of a display than any other place of which we know, lasting two or three days; but the papers mentioned hold that the celebration is conducted almost entirely at the expense of the white merchants of the city. They furnish money, horses, wagons and everything else for the trades display, even the black man who drives the team. Surely this is a mistake. We know most of the men at the head of this movement and can't understand how they or a community which has in it as many successful business and professional men as Houston can consent, nay, can afford, to allow such conditions. As limited as is our knowledge of that community at this time we can enumerate a sufficient number of business men, professional men, mechanics, real estate dealers, etc., etc., to make up a procession of floats, wagons, buggies and transparencies that would be a credit to the race. Not only so, but such a display would be an inspiration, would develop business, and the next year would bring forth a larger display. It would advertise business and advertise the race.

Greenville, Miss., poor old Greenville! As we read of the lynching of a Negro accused of assault and the shooting of another said to have struck a white woman, we could but recall some of the many complimentary things our friends told us of the place during a visit there some months ago. Sometimes we are made to fear that wherever we are we stand upon a sleeping volcano. But why was it the accused was permitted to make no statement? He must have been giving some very unwelcome news, or it must have been feared he would. Again we say, poor old Greenville! One wrong cannot right another; when the second is perpetrated we simply have two, and thoughtful people must decide which is the greater.

The State of Illinois furnished a lynching last week which was an exceedingly ugly affair. It was so ugly that we do not believe it could have taken place in any other part of the State than that in which it did occur. A Negro teacher is said to have shot and mortally wounded the coun-

ty superintendent, and a mob of whites from the superintendent's home lynched him. This unfortunate affair occurred at Belleville, Ill., in the southern part of the State and ten or fifteen miles from the Missouri line. The first mob, composed of Belleville citizens, was repulsed, but the second, which came from the superintendent's home, a few miles farther south, broke into the jail, secured the prisoner, hung him to a telegraph pole and then burned his body. While the body was burning they cut it with knives and beat it with clubs in regular savage style. And this in Illinois.

As strange as it may seem to our readers to know it, the Supreme Court of Tennessee has actually knocked out the Memphis "Jim Crow" street car law on a technicality. That is to say, it decides the law unconstitutional because of a defect in its title. Neither in the title or body of the act does it "recite the title or substance of the law intended to be amended, but only referred to it as 'chapter 52 of the act of 1891.'" This is not considered sufficiently definite, hence the decision. So, after all, it depends upon what the court wants to do. In our judgment that court hadn't nearly as good grounds to go upon for its decision as had the Supreme Court of this State, but it didn't want to, and hence didn't.

President Roosevelt has returned to Washington "safe and sound" after a trip through the West which lasted sixty-six days. During the time he traveled 14,000 miles by rail, several hundred miles by stage coach and carriage, more than 300 miles on horseback, and as much as 100 miles on foot. He made 265 speeches. He met with a most enthusiastic reception wherever he went, and is evidently held in high esteem by his Western fellow-citizens. Meanwhile his administration has been indorsed by the State conventions of Pennsylvania and Ohio and his nomination for the Presidency asked.

We are able to state that the published interviews in the *New York Sun* by Dr. Parkhurst have been repudiated both by that gentleman and by his closest friends. Dr. Parkhurst sincerely regrets that any question as to his loyalty to the colored people should have been aroused in any quarter. He has no views that are defamatory of the Negro or that would cross the opinions held by the high-minded members of both races. It would appear that those who are seeking to injure the standing of the black man before the country are really much put to it.

The Afro-American Council

The Sixth Annual Session of the Afro-American Council will convene at Louisville, Ky., July 1-3, 1903. Questions which concern the well-being of the Negro will be discussed by the ablest representatives of the race. Reduced rates may be secured by getting certificate when ticket is purchased. The formal official call will appear later.

The Board of Managers of the Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its regular monthly meeting in May, recorded its emphatic and unanimous protest against the proposition of the commission on the consolidation of the Benevolent Societies of the Church to destroy the existence of the Sunday School Union as a distinct and independent organization.

While striving to keep others down there is danger of preventing your own getting up.

Personal and General

Mrs. Mary Thompson, of Alabama, is in the city, visiting relatives.

Rev. Eugene Baptiste reports that his revival resulted in 42 conversions.

Rev. A. G. Glenn, our pastor at Huntsville, Ala., is rejoicing over the result of his rally, in which he raised \$96.23.

We are pleased to know that our much esteemed friend, Dr. W. F. Howard, is a practicing physician at Hattiesburg, Miss., and doing well.

The Treasurer of the city of New Orleans, Hon. G. B. Penrose, died Saturday night, June 6th. His successor will be named by the Mayor.

Miss Susie Cook left the city this week for her home in Austin, Tex. Miss Cook has been studying music during the past winter in New Orleans University.

Miss Effie P. McGann, A. B., one of the teachers of New Orleans University, left the city for Maysville, Ky., immediately after the close of the University.

Prof. M. S. Davage, A. B., one of the teachers of New Orleans University, left this week for Chicago, where he will spend the summer in Chicago University.

We are pleased to have copies of the minutes of the Lincoln and the Atlanta conferences. The work in each case of both the secretaries and the printers is well done.

Rev. A. L. DeMond, pastor of the Central Congregational Church, this city, preached the baccalaureate sermon at the Alabama Normal School in Montgomery on May 31.

We are under obligations to Prof. E. H. McKissack, of Rust University, for a catalogue of that excellent institution, and to President M. W. Dogan for that of Wiley University.

Rev. Dr. J. Will Jackson, of Sedalia, Mo., addressed and presented the certificates to a class of twenty undergraduates of the Lincoln High School of Kansas City, Mo., May 29.

So Chicago Negroes have a really first-class cafe just opened! We usually take your word, Brother Wilkins, but this is too good to be true. Look for us; we are coming to see for ourself!

For most of the engravings and much of the matter which appear in this number relative to Mr. Wesley we are indebted to the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, Mr. D. D. Thompson, editor.

Prof. J. Beverly F. Shaw, A. M., of Rust University, has gone to Chicago to do special post graduate work in Chicago University. His address is Room 33, Divinity Hall, Chicago University.

Rev. T. S. McMorris, San Antonio, Tex., has received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the Guadalupe College, Seguin, Tex., of which Dr. David Abner is president. Bro. McMorris belongs to the West Texas Conference.

The entrance to the new St. Stephen Church, Yazoo City, Miss., was May 17, 1903. Rev. Dr. G. W. Smith had his forces thoroughly organized and raised \$1,761.65. The church is a \$12,000 brick structure. A full account of the rally will appear later.

The annual meeting of the Lone Star Medical Association will be held in Marlin, Tex., June 15 to 17, 1903. This is the oldest and largest organization of Negro physicians in the world. Dr. T. E. Speed, of Jefferson, Tex., who is president, anticipates a full attendance and a profitable session.

A communication from the Rev. A. B. Britton, pastor Shubuta (Miss.) Circuit, informs us that the Little Zion Church of his circuit was burned

May 29. His small membership is doing its best, but will need some assistance, for which he appeals to the brethren of his Conference and to others as well.

We are gratified to learn from Dr. G. W. Hubbard, dean of the Meharry Medical College, whom we wired for information, that Dr. R. F. Boyd, a member of the faculty, who has been seriously ill, is much better and now able to be in his office. A week or two ago one of our Texas exchanges announced his death.

Rev. B. M. Taylor, the Texas Conference Epworth League president, is working hard to build up the Epworth League. He has just closed, he writes, a successful group meeting at Jefferson. In March he held similar meetings in Hempstead and Huntsville. His next meetings will be held in Houston and Galveston.

Miss V. Willene Jackson, daughter of Rev. Dr. J. Will Jackson, charmed the large audience of the Western University Chautauqua Assembly, at Quindaro, Kas., on the 27th of May, with her sweet singing. Miss Jackson has a soprano voice of unusual range and melody. She is highly commended by the public press wherever she appears.

Lewinston College, Salisbury, N. C., has conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on the Rev. J. D. Diggs, pastor St. Paul M. E. Church, Winston, N. C. Dr. Diggs is a graduate of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., is a diligent reader and thus constantly in search of knowledge. St. Paul Church is the leading charge of his Conference, and the Doctor is serving his fifth year.

Rev. W. Hartley Jackson, who has been pastor of Lee Tabernacle Church, Navasota, Texas, so long that some of his brethren are wondering if it has been deeded to him, has just closed a successful revival. There were 65 conversions, 59 of whom joined his church. Those who joined by letter and otherwise brought the total number received up to 72. We do not wonder that Brother Jackson is happy.

Rev. Dr. Griffin G. Logan, Field Secretary of the Missionary Society, met with a most cordial reception in this city from both the laity and the pastors. The preachers' meeting passed resolutions of appreciation for his appointment and excellent audiences have greeted him at most of his week night meetings. He spent the Sabbath at Alexandria, La., and has since left for Baton Rouge and other points farther north.

Rev. E. L. Gilliam, who is serving his first year at Columbus, O., is meeting with excellent success. The beautiful new brick church erected there during the pastorate of Rev. H. W. Tate, tho in debt, together with a comfortable parsonage, furnish an inspiration to the new pastor and his people to work. They have already raised \$591 since Conference, and are now working a plan to raise \$500 more by the close of the month of July. The congregations are constantly increasing and the new pastor is hopeful.

We are sure the entire church will be pleased to learn of the safe arrival on American soil of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Sherrill, accompanied by their little Joe. All are well. The Doctor will spend his year's leave of absence from his African work as Secretary of the Stewart Missionary Foundation, in which position he succeeds the Rev. Dr. W. W. Lucas. He goes at once to South Atlanta, Ga., his headquarters while in America. His appointment to this position is a great surprise to Dr. Sherrill, as he had not even an inkling of it till he reached New York.

The University sermon at the University of Denver will be preached June 14 by Dr. Joseph F. Berry, editor of the *Epworth Herald*.

News Notes

There are only 110 towns in Russia where Jews can own real estate.

A cloudburst in South Carolina caused the death of 58 persons and the loss of millions of dollars of property.

June 3 was the anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis, four years President of the Confederate States of America.

In Brookshire, Tex., June 4, fifty men claiming to be Prohibitionists wrecked two saloons and spilt most of the whiskey.

Rev. Edward S. Ninde, son of the late Bishop Ninde, was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Garrett Biblical Institute.

The Republican convention of Ohio nominated Hon. Myron Herrick for governor and indorsed President Roosevelt for a second term.

It is claimed that almost every Jew, man or woman, in Russia, now carries a revolver, thousands of which have been imported since the Kishinef massacre.

Dr. Henry Wade Rogers has been elected dean of the faculty of the Law School of Yale University. Dr. Rogers was at one time president of Northwestern University.

The Federal grand jury at Washington has indicted Augustus W. Machen, former superintendent of the Free Delivery Division of the Postoffice Department, on a charge of receiving bribes.

During the recent slaughter of the inhabitants of Somerdash by the Bashi-Bazouks 200 persons were killed and 300 houses burned. Women and girls were murdered as they fought to save their honor.

We are sure our readers will be pleased to know that Dr. D. W. Shaw, of the Washington Conference, who so long prepared the Epworth League lessons for the *SOUTHWESTERN*, is soon to begin again.

In the upper Mississippi Valley many levees were washed away by the recent floods and thousands of acres of rich farm land were completely covered by water. The lowlands near St. Louis, Mo., were submerged. Twenty-five thousand persons are said to be homeless.

As the result of the killing of a white man from ambush in the northern part of Smith county, Miss., one colored woman and four colored men were murdered and eight or ten badly beaten by a mob of white men. The other colored people were ordered to leave the community.

In the small village of Ascona, which is on the borders of Italy and Switzerland, there has existed for three years a Utopian Society, composed of 36 persons, 16 of whom are women. They eat no meat, live principally on fruits and herbs, wear one garment only and obey no laws except those of nature.

A report is going the rounds that a man who committed suicide at Enid, O. T., the 14th of last January, was fully identified as John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln. Persons who are acquainted with the case are positive that the man killed for Booth years ago was really he, and that his body now lies buried in the Booth lot in Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore, Md.

Bishop Hartzell will sail from New York on the Germanic June 17. The Bishop's first conference in Africa is the East Africa, at Umtali, in July. The episcopal tour will include a visitation of all work of the Methodist Episcopal Church on the continent of Africa, and will require a journey of about 30,000 miles. The Bishop will return to America in time to be present at the opening of the General Conference. Bishop Hartzell will be accompanied by the Rev. William S. Naylor, of Wisconsin Conference, who, through the generosity of an admirer of the Bishop, is to be his traveling companion throughout the tour. Mr. Naylor has been connected with the work of the Open Door Emergency Commission of the Missionary Society in New York. He has had experience in the care of the sick, has traveled extensively abroad, has fine literary abilities, and is thoroughly absorbed in missionary work, especially in Africa.

FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. O. Marshall Editor

Spring chickens are selling in northern cities at forty to fifty cents a pound alive.

Kansas and Nebraska have suffered severe losses of crops and lives during the past few weeks from tornadoes and swollen streams.

The injustice practiced upon colored people in many parts of the South by pretending to convict them of crimes and allowing white men who want their labor to hire them out of jail to work them, has been reported to the department of justice at Washington. An investigation has begun by sending some secret service detectives down to Alabama to examine into the system of peonage said to exist near Montgomery. We are glad to know of this action. Peonage in its most flagrant form does exist in parts of every Southern state. Occasionally a Negro hand attempts to free himself by running away. Invariably he is caught, returned, whipped or killed. Involuntary servitude continues in opposition to our Constitution.

The hay crop claims our attention at this season. The Southern farms can grow the best and cheapest of hay. Many acres on which we are fighting the grass in our effort to make cotton and some other crops, would pay us handsomely if we were to encourage the grass and make hay. Hay can be made from the native grasses, or the land can be sown in pea, velvet beans, Spanish pinders, beggar weed or Bermuda grass. There is very little expense connected with hay-making. The cities are clamoring for hay. But there is still great profit for the farmer to feed it to animals and convert it into flesh. Do not neglect the hay crop.

Anelizer Tayler, Marshall, Tex.—When corn was a dollar per bushel the following named men came together and ordered a carload at 60 cents per bushel: Henry Tayler, Frank Edward, P. W. Warren, Blocker Jacobs, Willie Shaw, Tayler Shaw, Cager Tucker, Sam Murrell, Perry Porchman, Albert Givens, Alex Richardson, Willie Harge, Webster Lister, Ben Davis, and Andrew Blair.

GRADUATES.

The end of another scholastic year has come. The high schools, colleges and universities throughout the land have, during the past few weeks, graduated hundreds of young men and women who are now to enter the larger fields of human action. Their diplomas represent a certain preparation they have made to fit themselves for usefulness. Beyond these representations and the credit persons may choose to give to them, there is no value to these certificates. As these young persons spread out over the country to take their places among men, they will be compelled to prove by severe contests the worth they really possess. They will find on every inch of ground at every step, a challenge. The world needs their lives and their work, but they will meet discouragements before the world appreciates them. As these young people go out to meet the responsibilities of life, we trust they will keep duty ever uppermost in their minds. To know our duty and to per-

form it, is nobler than to clamor for rights and privileges.

Quenches Thirst—

Horsford's Acid Phosphate

It makes a refreshing, cooling beverage and strengthening Tonic—superior to lemonade.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

W. L. Jefferson, Balltown, La.—Our first quarterly conference was held April 25 and 26, with Rev. J. F. Marshall, presiding elder, in the chair. Most of the brethren were present with good reports. The elder preached a wonderful sermon to a crowded house. Brother Jim Young of Lees Creek, was with us and preached a spiritual sermon. We raised during the quarter \$20.30; paid to elder \$12; to pastor, \$8.30. At the house of W. L. Jefferson, where the presiding elder was stopping, we gave him a surprise reception. The welcome address was made by S. L. Brown and the pastor, after which refreshments were served.

S. M. McLeod, West Point, Miss.—Strong Circuit.—Our second quarterly conference was held at Payne's chapel, May 2 and 3, Rev. H. A. Roberson in the chair. The presiding elder, Rev. C. W. Walton, could not be with us. We had a full conference. All the officers had well written reports. We paid the elder in full; paid pastor this quarter \$59; raised \$25 during the sitting of this quarter; total, \$84. Rev. H. A. Roberson preached one of his best sermons, to the delight of all that heard him. Forty or fifty communed at the Lord's table; 7 accessions. The officers and pastor are planning to raise all benevolence by the seat of the first district conference.

J. W. Stone, Pastor, Luling, Tex.—Our second quarterly conference convened May 2 and 3. Our worthy and much esteemed presiding elder, N. J. Johnson, presided. Nearly all the officers were present with written reports, which the elder said showed marked improvement. The business session was grand. The brethren were cheerful and hopeful. On Sunday the elder held a children's service and preached especially to the children and some lasting impressions were made. He also preached acceptably to a packed house. Elder Johnson is indeed an excellent preacher and the people delight in hearing him. Notwithstanding the hard times and nearly one hundred of our members having moved to other climes, our church is alive spiritually and financially. We paid the presiding elder in full, \$30; pastor \$34.55; raised for benevolence \$15; paid on old indebtedness \$22.65; total \$152.20; 173 partook of the Lord's Supper.

Jacksonville, Tex.—My second quarterly conference was held April 25-26, by Rev. L. S. Blakeney, presiding elder. Brethren were present with written reports. Our work is on the way to prosperity, spiritually and financially. Six additions to the church; 7 children baptized; raised for benevolence \$12; paid the presiding elder his full assessment; total collection for this quarter \$85.

W. H. Hathorn, Reporter, Louisville Ct.—Rev. J. W. Byrd, Pastor—Our second quarterly conference was held May

3 at Maple Spring, Presiding Elder T. W. Davis in the chair. In spite of his illness the conference was a success. Paid the elder \$20; pastor \$50; other collections \$10; total raised for this quarter \$80. Elder Davis is the right man in the right place and has made no mistake in his appointment to Louisville. We are alive spiritually and financially.

R. S. Stacy, Pastor, Waresboro, Ga.—Our second quarterly conference was held on the Waresboro and Nicholls charge May 2 by Rev. A. B. Allen, presiding elder. His instruction on all of the departments of the church was grand, especially on the benevolences and the SOUTHWESTERN. The reports showed a rapid improvement on the charge. On Sunday morning the Spirit of the Lord met with us in love feast and continued throughout the day. The elder preached two glorious sermons. The altar was thronged at each service with anxious seekers. Six probationers and one full member were added to the church. Paid the presiding elder assessment; total for the quarter, \$40.11.

W. McNeil, Pastor, Waynesboro, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference convened at St. Luke May 2. Owing to the absence of the presiding elder, Rev. S. A. Cowan, Rev. C. H. Brown, of Enterprise, Miss., presided. A goodly number of conference members were present with written reports which showed the work to be in a prosperous condition. Paid the pastor \$53.53; presiding elder, \$22.20; benevolent collection \$14.21. Rev. Brown preached an able sermon at St. Luke Sunday morning and at Mt. Levy Sunday night.

Joseph S. Skilling, New Orleans, La.—Pleasant Plain M. E. Church.—Rev. G. A. Payne, our dear pastor, had a grand revival and we had a grand time. The revival continued several weeks. During the revival 11 souls were added to our church, 5 of whom were converted in the revival. The whole church is growing wonderfully. Every Sunday night we have nearly a crowded house. Our attendance is better now than for years. Our Sunday school is increasing 50 per cent. Mrs. M. J. Nickerson is the superintendent. The Sunday school gave a grand and successful concert April 27 for benevolent causes. The Sunday school and the church in general are both growing and we, the members and officers, like our dear pastor and are trying to do all that we can for him and his family. We will give a grand union rally meeting May 22, for the benefit of the church.

Rev. J. J. Keller, Pastor, Pleasant Grove.—Our beloved presiding elder, S. A. Huguen, held our first quarterly conference April 28-29. A goodly number of officers from each church on the circuit were present. The elder showed marked ability in handling the work of the church. A quarterly love-feast was conducted. The presiding elder preached two able sermons full of spiritual power. The church was greatly moved and helped. Total collection for presiding elder \$19.13; pastor \$6.52. We are hoping to build a new church at Lawtey, which is greatly needed. We had our Easter services. Collection \$5.

C. W. Kershaw, Pastor, Schriever, La.—A large storm party loaded the

table at the church with choice groceries for pastor and family. Prayer and address by Brother B. J. Jackson showed the good feeling existing between pastor and members. Then pastor gave thanks to the members and friends, after which refreshments were served. Two hundred and ten pounds were left for us. The leaders of this grand movement were Brother B. J. Jackson, Mrs. Virginia Jackson, Mrs. Alice Owens, Mrs. Priscilla Smith, Mrs. Elvy Pugh, Mrs. Sarah Washington, Mr. Aaron Jones and many others. God bless the people of Schriever. Our Easter rally was grand. The church and Sunday school are alive.

S. D. Troupe, Goodman, Miss.—This work is moving on nicely on all lines. The young people are wide awake and making the wheel go in the Epworth League. All the departments are at work. My second quarterly conference was held May 9-10. The elder could not be with us on account of the commencement at Rust University, so Rev. J. W. Parks held the quarter. He was at his best. Two souls joined the church; 137 communed. Paid the elder in full; collection during the quarter \$115.50.

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S. K. Ballard, Recording Steward, W. D. Riggans, Pastor, Olivier, La.—Mount Zion M. E. Church.—Our first quarterly conference was held April 9-10, Rev. W. R. Butler presiding. We were in the midst of a revival. Rev. Thomas McCary, the conference evangelist, was with us. Officers were present with written reports. Conference collection \$6. Our beloved presiding elder preached a powerful sermon, which left a wonderful impression. Our revival is now closing with 9 souls converted.

Miss E. Montague, Humboldt, Tenn.—Dr. J. A. W. Moore, presiding elder West Tennessee District, held our quarterly conference at Humboldt, Sunday, May 16, and we had a grand and glorious time. Brother Moore preached an able sermon. We enjoyed a love feast. Many souls were stirred and made to feel new. At night Rev. Brown of Renton Charge and other preachers of the city were present and assisted in the good cause. A collection of \$9.10 was raised for presiding

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elder. Brother A. D. Butler, our worthy and competent young pastor, deserves much praise for the excellent work he has done here for the cause of Christ and the connection.

Jas. R. Barber, M. D., Springfield, Tenn.—The M. E. Church at this place, Rev. J. B. Booth, pastor, is peculiarly constituted. The membership is not large, but consists of the most intelligent and influential people in town. The influence exerted by these people over the life of the community has a marked effect for good. During the recent campaign here against the saloons Rev. Booth was the only colored minister in town to come out and take a decided stand against them. It was a time when it required manhood to stand alone and we think Rev. Booth deserves much commendation for his manly efforts against this evil. Sunday, May 10, was the day set apart as "rally day" for the purpose of raising money for the building of a new house of worship. This was feast day. At 11 o'clock a. m. Rev. Booth delivered a most thoughtful sermon. At 3 o'clock a large audience greeted Rev. Mr. Henderson, of the Christian Church, who delivered a philosophical sermon. At 8 p. m. the largest audience of the day greeted Rev. Mr. Booth, who made a most decisive argument. The public made donations at the close of each of these services. Following the sermon at night those who had been canvassing for the "rally" reported. The collection of the day amounted to \$36. We consider this a good beginning and will encourage Rev. Booth and his good people to make another attempt. The choir, under the direction of Miss L. Mal Bransford, furnished superb music throughout the day. Miss Bransford is not only organist but she is an officer in the church; also assistant teacher in the city school and an exemplary young woman in every respect.

E. H. Howell, Pastor, Ft. Myers, Fla.—On Easter we raised \$19.25; \$10 to presiding elder; \$4.20 to missions; \$3.60 for pastor. Our program was carried out grandly.

S. H. Cannon, Pastor, Fayette, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference was held on the 9th and 10th, with the Rev. R. P. Threlkeld, presiding elder, in the chair. Most of the leaders and other

officials were present with full reports. The leaders raised in the quarter the full apportionment and \$2 over for pastor. The elder preached a glorious sermon, after which 22 persons were received in full membership and the Lord's Supper was administered. We had a glorious quarter. Harmony prevails. We have added 71 members this quarter; raised \$59 on benevolences; raised in the quarter \$33.60; total amount for quarter, \$197.80. Enclosed find money order for four annual subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mrs. H. V. Canody, Rose Hill and Longview Charges, Tex.—Our second quarterly conference was held at Rose Hill May 9-10. Rev. O. I. Jones, presiding elder, had his quarter held by Rev. R. Hilliary. The various reports showed a wonderful improvement. Paid presiding elder \$10; pastor \$33.50; benevolence \$16; building purposes, \$10.95; total this quarter \$60.45. The pastor, Rev. W. D. Lewis, has his work at heart and is a zealous worker for the uplift of the young and the strength of the old. The services on Sunday were enthusiastic and helpful to us. Rev. Hilliary preached on the promises of God at 11 o'clock. Rev. Lewis chose for his subject on Sunday night, "The stone in the wall."

A. L. Greene, Recording Steward, Crawfordville, Ark.—Our second quarterly conference convened at Newman's Chapel M. E. Church, with Rev. B. J. Griffin in the chair. The reports showed an upward march. The presiding elder addressed the Sunday school and preached a soul-stirring sermon to a crowded house; 35 partook of the Lord's Supper. The high water cut down our collections, which were as follows: Presiding elder, \$11.65; pastor, \$18.06; Sunday school, \$1.75; for the poor, 35 cents. Also the Epworth League presented the church with a pulpit bible, \$3.55; for sexton, one month 80 cents; for missions, \$3.30; total for all purposes, \$39.46. Rev. A. M. Brooks, our pastor, is just from the theological school at Gammon. He is doing us good service, that will not be forgotten. Sister Bessie M. Brooks, his wife, is working right along with him. She has organized an Epworth League, which is moving along nicely. May the Lord's blessing be with these bright young Christians.

S. E. Peppers, Goodman, Miss.—The Bishop did not make any mistake in sending Rev. Troupe back to us, for he is a strong and sober leader. The Epworth League and Sunday school gave, a concert which was conducted by Miss Lizzie Sanders. It was a success; collection \$5.65. Miss M. Elacy had charge of the music. The opening address was delivered by Mr. J. W. Wright. The league is going on nicely. On Sunday we visit the sick and sing and pray with them.

W. R. Smith, Paris, Tenn.—I am a lover and a constant reader of the SOUTHWESTERN, and think that it ought to find its way into the home of every Methodist and especially every colored family of our great Zion. It seems to me that the 300,000 colored members of our church ought to make the paper self-supporting and have a nice little sum to turn over yearly to the general treasury of the Church, to be given to the widows, worn-out preachers and orphans of deceased preachers. There are some of the presiding elders and pastors who are do-



Many a hard working young woman spends her noon hour in an endeavor to get a little rest to carry her through the remaining hours of the day. She is weak and weary, but she cannot give up the occupation which supports her. She must go back to the office and the typewriter, to the store and its duties, with tiresome customers to wait on and exacting employers to please.

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I am glad to say the above is entirely voluntary on my part, as I have not, as you know, heard from you for fully twelve months. With my best wishes I am sincerely and gratefully yours,

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ing everything in their power to put the paper in every home in their districts and charges, while, on the other hand, there are some who are doing absolutely nothing for the paper, thereby depriving quite a number of our members of a deal of valuable information, that they cannot otherwise come in possession of. The pastor who fails to distribute religious literature among those of his flock does very little or nothing for his people, religiously, morally or otherwise. I am constantly reading of one here and there sending in a long list of cash subscribers and again I am constantly reading of many who are sending in promises of long lists of cash subscribers—promises that are never fulfilled. I often read letters in the SOUTHWESTERN of brethren tellings of how well they are succeeding in their charges and at the bottom of their letters these words are found, "Look for a long list of cash subscribers soon." It seems that the writer wishes to have his letter published and in order to secure its publication he closes it up with a big promise. Now, brethren, there is nothing in such promises. Old promise may be a good fellow, but he is very uncertain; old do is a better man, for he secures every person.

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and have all of the lumber on the ground to build a church. I have organized two schools with 55 in attendance and raised in money and lumber and other material, \$30. I have three preaching places on this mission and I am getting along nicely.

H. Bright, Pastor, Center Point, Ark.—My first quarter was held 2nd and 3rd, Rev. T. R. Wamble, presiding elder, in the chair. Good reports were read by the officers, and only 3 were absent. The presiding elder preached acceptably on Sunday at 11 o'clock and administered the Supper of our Lord to many souls. He impressed all who heard him on Sunday night. Paid him in full and had some left for the pastor.

J. H. Pierre, Pastor, St. Martinsville, La.—Brother Willie Drake, a class-leader and a trustee of Mallalieu Chapel M. E. Church, St. Martinsville, La., was elected delegate to the convention to nominate a lay delegate to the General Conference in 1904.

Rev. G. A. Hall, Pastor, White Cliff, Ark.—The second quarter was held May 17-18. The officers were present with good reports. Paid pastor \$62; for the presiding elder \$11.75; benevolences \$14; trustees \$10; and all causes \$103. The SOUTHWESTERN was remembered with nine cash subscribers. They have taken on new life. We have a great deal of work before us to be done. Our district is doing its work on a different order this year. I hope to keep every interest before the people and the SOUTHWESTERN is coming to more homes this year than ever before. Dr. Scott and the paper are helping us on all lines.

E. Frazier, Pastor, Mobile, Ala.—Our second quarterly conference was held April 12-13 with our beloved pre-

siding elder, Rev. A. N. McKinney, in the chair. Officers had good reports. The presiding elder preached five good sermons. All enjoyed themselves. On the 21st of April Wesley Chapel was badly damaged by fire. We are hard at work to repair it and we ask aid from all who will give it? It will be gladly received. We appeal to all the brothers of the Mobile Annual Conference. The church was not insured. Anything you have to give may be sent to David Rowe, No. 254 Selma St., Mobile, Ala., or to writer, E. Frazier, pastor, 552 S. Hamilton St., Mobile, Ala.

Conference Notices

DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS.

Greensboro, Newport News....July 2-4
Bristol, Marion, Va.....July 8-12
BrookhavenJuly 9-12
New Orleans North, New

Orleans, La.....July 15
Marion, Marion, Ala.....July 15-19
Opelika, Alexander City....July 15-20
Meridian, Enterprise, Miss..July 22-26
Montgomery, Brewton, Ala....July 22
Oklahoma, Muskogee, I. T...July 22-26
Greensboro, Leakville.....July 22-29
Griffin, Jonesboro, Ga.....July 28
Nashville, Sparta, Tenn....July 28-29
Palestine, Palestine, Tex....Aug. 4-9
Monroe, Mt. Nebo, La.....Aug. 5
Huntsville, Huntsville, Tex...Aug. 11
St. Louis, Farmington, Mo...Aug. 11-15
Gainesville, Cartersville, Ga.Aug. 11-16
Lexington, Parsons, Tenn...Aug. 18-23
Baton Rouge, Donaldsonville,

La.Aug. 19
Birmingham, Mantua, Ala...Aug. 19-22
Sedalia, Sweet Springs, Mo...Aug. 19-23
San Antonio, Seguin, Tex...Aug. 25-31
Pine Bluff, Clarendon, Ark...Aug. 26-30
Navasota, Caldwell, Tex....Sept. 1-6
Ocala, Fla.....Sept. 9
Houston, Kendleton, Tex...Sept. 17-30
Greenville, Gunnison, Miss.....—
Vicksburg, Fayette, Miss.....Aug. 5
Jackson, Yazoo City, Miss.Jul. 29-Aug. 2
Clow, New Lewisville, Ark...Aug. 12-16
Paris, Clarksville, Tex.....Aug. 26-31
Holly Springs, Grenada, Miss July 22-26
Marshall, Mineola, Tex....Aug. 18-24
Rome, Cave Spring, Ga.....Aug. 6
Louisville, Cloverport, Ky...Aug. 13-16
Waynesboro, Statesboro, Ga...Aug. 6-9

CONVENTIONS.

Waco, Groesbeck, Tex.....June 3-6
West Nashville, Lewisburg,
Tenn.June —
Presiding Elders' Council,
Meridian, Miss.....June 25-28
Pine Bluff, Dumas, Ark.....July 2-6
Birmingham, Warrior, Ala....July 3-5
Fort Smith, Morrilton, Ark.July 16-19
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Murfreesboro, Tenn.....June 23-25
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Rome, Carrollton, Ga.....June 25

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WAYNESBORO DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Augusta Sta., June 19-21; Augusta Ct., 20-21; Waynesboro Sta., 26-28; Waynesboro Ct., 27-28; Asbury, July 4-5; Millen, 11-12; Sylvania and Girard, 11-12; Rocky Ford, 18-19; Charlestown, 25-26; Excelsior, Aug. 1-2; Statesboro, 8-9; Bellville, 15-16; Bascom, 15-16; Summit, 22-23; Wadley, 29-30.

Dear Brethren—The Waynesboro District Conference will convene in Brannen Chapel, M. E. Church, Statesboro, Ga., Aug. 6-9, 1903. Program of same will be out in time. Local preachers and exhorters are requested to subscribe for the SOUTHWESTERN or their license will not be renewed. Each pastor will please come prepared to report the number of conversions and accessions. Also the amount of missions and total benevolent collections; if possible, have the whole claims raised by that time. The second Sunday in June is Children's day. Get your programs at once and make it a grand success.

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LOUISVILLE DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Smithland, June 20-21; Morgantown, 20-22; Princeton, 24-25; Dulaney, 26-28; Eddyville, 28-29; Greenville, 30; Hartford, July 1-3; Beaver Dam, 4-6; Leitchfield, 10-12; Vine Grove, 12; Bowling Green, 18-20; Auburn, 21-22; Sonora, 23; New Haven, 24-26; Coke Chapel, Aug. 1-3; Fordsville, 5-6; Hardinsburg, 7-9; Cloverport, 15-16; Lloyd Street, 15-16; Owensboro, 22-25; Hawesville, 26-30; Thirty-fifth Street, Sept. 1; Parkland, 2; Wakefield, 8; Mt. Washington, 4; West Point, 5-6; Jackson Street, 12-13.

Dear Brother—You must develop all departments of your church. District Conference meets at Cloverport, Ky., Aug. 13-16, 1903. The Sunday school and Epworth League Institutes meet at the same place and on the same date. District stewards meet Friday at 3 p. m. All must come with full reports and ready for business. Yours for success,

JOSEPH COURTNEY, P. E.

No. 522 Jackson St., Louisville, Ky.

Memphis, Tenn.—The conference Epworth League Convention will convene in its annual session at Murfreesboro, Tenn., June 23, 1903, and the committee on control will please meet me at the M. E. Church Tuesday 3 p. m., for special business. I am, yours in Christ,

JESSE P. PRICE.

ROME DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Rivertown, June 20-21; Bowden, 20-21; Enon Grove, 20-21; Carrollton, 24-28; Douglassville, July 4-5; Tallapoosa, 11-12; Temple, 18-19; Austell, 22-26; Villa Rica, Aug. 1-2; Cave Spring 8-9; Seney, 16-17; Broad Street, 23-24; Summerville, 20-30; Adairsville, Sept. 5-6; Cedartown, 12-13; South Rome, 11-13; Floyd, 12-13.

Dear Brother—Epworth League and Sunday School Convention at Carrollton, Ga., June 25; annual sermon by Rev. J. K. Gowen. The Atlanta Conference Laymen's Convention meets at Austell, Ga., July 23, 8 p. m. District Conference meets at Cave Spring, Ga., Aug. 6; annual sermon by Rev. E. D. Petty. Children's Day is June 14. Get the last dollar of your benevolent assessment on that day. Yours for Christ and the Church,

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coming and present the same to the secretary of the railroad at Meridian. If these certificates are not presented to the railroad secretary, who will be in the Council, they will be worthless at the depot in Meridian. On going, if possible, buy a ticket to Meridian from home. If this cannot be done, get one from each selling agent and hand them all in for signature of the Council secretary. Please do not travel on permits. Very truly,

W. H. NELSON,

Corresponding Secretary Council.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Mineola, June 20-21; Terrell, 21-22; Queen City, 27-28; Texarkana, 28-29; Daingerfield, July 4-5; Lasater, 11-12; Tyler, 18-19; Harleton, 18-19; Ebenezer, 25-26; Mallalieu, 26-27; Kildan, 25-26; Lodi, Aug. 2-3; Marshall Ct., 2-3; Long View, 8-9; Jefferson, 22-23; Woodlawn, 23-24; Hawkins, 15-16; Pittsburg, 29-30; Sulphur Springs, 30-31.

The District Conference will convene at Mineola Aug. 18-24. Let us try, dear brethren, to make full reports at the District Conference and the blessings of our Great Leader be upon you. Yours in the work,

O. I. JONES.

EPWORTH LEAGUE NOTICE.

To the Pastors and Epworth League Presidents of Starkville District: I am beginning my visits to your many chapters and churches where you have not any leagues, to lecture and organize. Dear pastors, may I have your assistance in this great work, in order that we may push this work to the front. We want to make this the glorious year in the district's history. I will try and visit every chapter. Your fellow-worker,

G. P. CHILDRESS.

HOLLY SPRINGS DISTRICT.

Dear Pastors—Our first district conference will not be held on the Hickory Flat circuit as was ordered by a popular vote of the fall conference. Our membership there is small and cannot make the necessary preparation in time to care for the same. In view of these conditions, the pastor and best friends of the circuit think it expedient to change the place of meeting, therefore, it will convene in Grenada, July 22-26, the same week the Epworth League and Sunday School Convention will assemble, using the first two days. Let me urge you to push your work to the

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PULASKI DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Pearisburg, July 11-12; Princeton, 18-19; Freeman, 25-26; Pocahontas, 26-27; Graham, Aug. 1-2; Bluefield, 2-3; Radford, 8-9; Christiansburg, 15-16; Childress, 22-23; Draper, 29-30; Independence, Sept. 5-6; Pulaski Ct., 12-13; Pulaski, 13-14; Dublin, 19-20.

Brethren, remember class first is our motto, along all lines, so push to the front. W. E. MITCHELL, P. E.

To the Members of the Tennessee Conference: The Tennessee Annual Conference Epworth League Convention will convene at Murfreesboro, Tenn., Tuesday to Thursday, June 23-25, 1903, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. The following is a partial programme:

Introductory address, Rev. J. P. Price, president; Department of Spiritual Work, Rev. E. W. S. Hammond, D. D.; Department of Mercy and Help, Rev. J. M. Lyte; Department of Literary Work, Rev. W. Ellison; Department of Social Work, Rev. Frank Smith; Department of Correspondence, Rev. E. J. Guthrie; Department of Finance, Rev. L. M. Moores, D. D.; Junior Superintendent, Rev. J. M. Lyte; The object of the Epworth League, Rev. M. Williams, P. E. Nashville District, Rev. A. Phillips, P. E., West Nashville District; The District League, Rev. H. W. Key, D. D., P. E., Cumberland River District, and Rev. W. R. Smith, P. E. Lexington District; The Junior League and its object, Rev. J. A. W. Moore, P. E. West Tennessee District. Each pas-

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Committee on Programme—Rev. J. P. Price, chairman; Rev. J. M. Lyte, Rev. E. J. Guthrie, corresponding secretary.

PARIS DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Wolfe City and Ladonia, June 6-7; Brookston Work, 20-21; Paris Ct., 27-28; Blossom and Morgan Chapel, 26-28; Honey Grove and Dodd City, July 4-5; Paris, 12-13; Hinckley Cir., 11-12; Cooper and Commerce, 17-19; Greenville, 19-20; Celeste and Farmersville, 18-19; Thompson Town, 25-26; Red River Mission, Aug. 1-2; Free Hope Work, 1-2; DeKalk and New Boston, 7-9; Clarksville Ct., 8-9; Medill Ct., 15-16; Chicota Ct., 22-23; Bonham Work, 22-23; Clarksville, 30-31.

Dear Pastors—The District Conference, Epworth League and Woman's Home Mission Society will meet jointly with the St. Paul M. E. Church of Clarksville, Aug. 26-31, 1903. Full reports from each appointment are expected. I am greatly encouraged over your spiritual and financial results on Easter Sabbath. Plan well and observe Children's Day, which falls on Sunday, June 14, this year. Send all monies

away as fast as you may be able to collect them. Mrs. H. Parker will be along in the interest of the Junior League. Don't let up on cash subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. Let us make the paper self-supporting. Yours for a good year,

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CLOW DISTRICT.

The District Conference will meet at New Lewisville, Ark., Aug. 12-16, McDonald Chapel M. E. Church. All of the pastors will make full reports the first day. Local preachers must come with full reports and take the examination, and must be a reader of the SOUTHWESTERN; also must get some one to take it. District stewards, class leaders, Sunday school superintendents, Epworth League presidents and all district officers must come with work in hand. The full report on benevolences can be made with every dollar paid. The Sunday school and Epworth League Convention will meet Sept. 3-6, 1903, at Holly Springs, Ark. All of the work of the district will be carefully looked after. The programs of each of these district meetings will appear in time for the full preparation for the work. Please let each pastor take notice and govern himself accordingly.

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Dear Brethren—Let us not be unmindful of our duty and responsibility which belong to us as Christian ministers. Keep your minds and hearts full of interest in the work of the church in all of its departments. See to it that you will have revivals of religion and raise all of the benevolent collections. Wm. H. SMITH, P. E.

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LITERARY NOTES

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This Wesley Souvenir number, enlarged by sixteen pages, is offered at reduced price as a memorial of the great man the bi-centenary of whose birth the world this year celebrates. It contains over a score of articles, with over sixty illustrations, of John Wesley and his work. Among the contributors are Drs. Carman, Burwash, Reynar, and Allison; H. H. Fudger, J. W. L. Forster, Miss S. E. Springer, and the editor. Dr. Bryce and John Charlton, M. P., representing the Presbyterian Church; Dr. Thomas, of the Baptist Church; John Cameron, of London, a representative Congregationalist, and Augustine Birrell, of the Anglican Church, discuss varied aspects of Wesley's character. Some of the engravings are from quaint contemporary documents. There are many admirable portraits, and almost every phase of the life of one of the greatest leaders of the last century is presented. Every Methodist, and many who are not, should have a copy.

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Algiers, La.—Sister Mary Robertson died in full faith. She was converted and baptized on her deathbed. The funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. G. A. Paynes.

J. W. TURNER, Pastor.

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faith May 17, aged 80 years. She belonged to Class No. 5. The funeral was preached by Rev. S. S. Rideout.

Bennettsville, La.—Charles Washington, son of Mr. Jackson and Mrs. S. Washington, died Sunday, May 17. He was converted and died in great peace. C. H. M.

Bennettsville, La.—Little J. P. Jones, of Alexandria, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Jones, is no more. He died in peace Friday morning, May 15, aged 11 years. He was a great sufferer but he bore it patiently and cheerfully. His remains were carried to Newman Memorial M. E. Church, followed by a large concourse of relatives and friends. J. P. Jones was a bright boy and a favorite with every one. He was a member of our Sunday school. After a short service his remains were laid to rest in the Rapides cemetery. Dr. and Mrs. Jones are prominent members of Newman Chapel. May the Lord be their comforter in this, their hour of need. C. H. MONROE.

Sterlington, La., Mt. Sinai M. E. Church.—On May 10, Brother Henry Robert was called from labor to his reward. He was about 75 years of age.

May 8, 1903, Brother General Mayo, a faithful member of the Baptist Church, fell asleep in death. Brother Mayo died in great peace. Funeral conducted by Rev. J. W. White and E. A. POWELL, Pastor.

Stevenson, Ala.—Mrs. Fanny Crutcher, wife of Rev. W. C. Crutcher and daughter of Sister Margaret and Brother Jack Jordan, after several weeks' illness was translated from labor to reward Tuesday, May 5, aged 26 years. From her early childhood Sister Fanny had been a faithful and loyal member in the St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church, and in her death the church, Sunday school and Epworth League have lost one of their most worthy members, a kind husband and two precious little children a most devoted wife and mother, and the father and mother an obedient daughter. As secretary-treasurer and teacher in the Sunday school, she was faithful. A day or two before she died she called her relatives to her bedside and asked them to care for her two little children and said: "God's will be done," she would not get well. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. R. R. Powers, pastor M. E. Church, and Rev. W. A. Mayfield, a Baptist minister.

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Deigns to guide thee hour by hour,
Will not with his power divine
Leave thee in this trying time.

A. FRIEND.

St. Augustine, Fla.—Sister Miley Wells fell asleep in Jesus April 28th. Sister Wells was one of the most consistent members of the church and the last of the list of 20 who were received into this church at its organization in 1866. She was at least 80 years old and had been a faithful Christian for about 50 years. Servant of God, well done. J. GRANT, Pastor.

San Augustine Circuit, Texas.—Sister Mary Haskin died May 9. She was 72 years old and had lived in the M. E. Church for 29 years. She died exclaiming "Glory! Glory!! Behold how sweet it is to enter heaven." The funeral services were conducted by the writer, James S. Ferguson, pastor.

Goodman, Miss.—On May 7 Elvira Cooper died; also Sister Amanda Crawford died in full triumph of faith.

S. D. TROUPE, Pastor.

Jeanerette, La.—Mrs. Mary Campbell died May 13. H. C. GAIN, Pastor.

State Line Circuit.—Brother Vince Taylor, a member of Mt. Zion M. E. Church for a number of years, died May 11, in full triumph of faith. Bro. Taylor was about 60 years old. His funeral was largely attended.

R. L. CARPENTER, Pastor.

Dallas, Tex.—Sister Christina White, formerly of Navasota and late of Dallas, died May 10 in the city of Corsicana. Sister White professed religion and joined Lee's Tabernacle, Navasota, Tex., when but a girl of 10 years. She died in full triumph of faith. Her funeral was conducted in the A. M. E. Church, Corsicana, Tex., by her pastor, M. C. CAVINES. We will never say good bye in heaven.

M. C. CAVINES, Pastor.

Stockbridge, Ga.—Sister Alice Usher, aged 70 years, for 25 years a member of Richards' Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, Oak Hill Circuit, the mother of Rev. J. A. W. Usher, pastor of our church at Hogansville, Ga., died April 6, in full triumph of the faith. She lived a faithful and consistent Christian life; was loved by all who knew her; was loyal to her church and faithful in the discharge of every Christian duty. Her funeral services were conducted by the writer and Rev. David Gray, the present pastor.

J. W. QUEEN.

New Bloomfield, Mo.—Sister Mattie Logan, a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died May 16, at the age of 42 years. She was converted twelve or thirteen years ago and lived a faithful Christian till her death. The writer conducted the funerals of the mother and two daughters.

J. W. THOMAS.

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Church, died suddenly May 10. She was a faithful and true Christian and member of the church. Her funeral was largely attended by both black and white. It was conducted by Revs. E. Guthrie of Franklin, Tenn.; Prof. Stephens of Cumberland University, Lebanon; Rev. D. W. Bloodworth of the Missionary Baptist Church of the place, and the writer, B. F. Anderson, pastor.

Sarillo, Miss.—Sister Julie A. Frazer a member of Cooper's Chapel, died May 12. She joined the church in 1896 and lived a consistent Christian till death. She was stricken last November. Her funeral was preached by her pastor, Rev. J. A. Slate, assisted by Rev. Aford Jones of Bluff Spring Baptist Church, S. M. Jackson of the A. M. E. Zion Church, Elder Harris of the A. M. E. Zion Church. Sister Frazer was the faithful teacher of the Bible class and third vice-president of the Epworth League. J. ANDREW Y. DICKENS.

Pecan Point, La.—Brother Charles Archey, aged 90 years, fell asleep in Jesus May 18th. He was a father and fell in Israel. A. H. BANKS, Pastor.

Jewett, Texas.—Mrs. Matilda Shelton, wife of Mr. Sam Shelton, died at her home in Jewett, Tex., April 29. She was 41 years old and joined the M. E.

Church 12 years ago, and lived a consistent Christian life until her death. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." L. S. BLAKENEY, P. E.

AUGUSTUS GOLSTON.

After fifteen days of intense suffering, Augustus Golston, the only son of Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Golston, departed this life at 9 o'clock Wednesday night, April 29th. At his death he was in his sixteenth year. He was a student of Gilbert, one of the brightest and the best. He was gentle and obedient to his superiors, kind to his associates, and loved by all. He said to Sister Dwight: "Mrs. Dwight, do you know that I have given myself to the Lord, soul and body, but the soul is the principal part that God wants." Just before his death he said to his father, "I give all my five senses to the Lord;" and he found pleasure in singing, "My Jesus, I love thee," and "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." When the end came, looking up as though into the blessed beyond, he said, "Lord take me into your Kingdom," and as having heard a response, said "Yes, Lord." The body was embalmed, and, followed by the students, teachers and friends, was carried to the depot. Accompanied by the bereaved mother, father and sister, the body was taken to Natchitoches La., where it was interred.

Houston, Tex.—Mrs. Nancy Johnson, aged 55 years, mother-in-law of Rev. Wm. Bartley, died May 17, at the home of her daughter, Mary Bartley, Houston, Tex. She died as she had lived, in the faith of Christ. The funeral was attended by Dr. Hamilton, pastor of Sloan Street Church, assisted by Rev. H. R. Smith, pastor of St. James Church. WM. BARTLEY.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Des Moines, Iowa.—At the home of the bride's parents, May 6, Miss Maud Mitchell and Mr. Charles Brewton were married. Some very fine presents were given to them. An excellent dinner was served at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Burris, 808 Eighth St.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Curtleys, Mr. Charles D. Harris and Miss Ella Washington were married, in the presence of a host of friends.

Miss Sarah Wilcox and Mr. Fred McCanne were married at the parsonage May 10. The above named couples were married by O. A. Johnson, Pastor.

Mr. Joseph Moses and Miss Ophelia Blunt, of this city, were married May 21.

Mr. Henry Thomas and Miss Lizzie Preer, of New Orleans, were married May 28, at the residence of the bride's uncle. J. A. Tircuit performed both ceremonies.

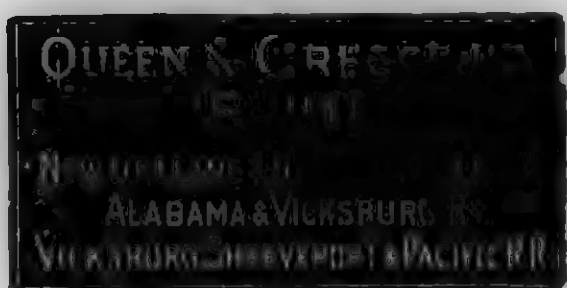
Dr. W. A. Woodson and Miss Elvira Hinton, of Coffeerville, were married May 24. Dr. Woodson is now practicing medicine at Cedar Grove settlement. M. Q. A. Fuller officiated.

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Miss Maggie Turpeau will leave in a few days for Jennings, La.

Miss Angela Turpeau has gone to Jennings, La., to spend the summer with her parents.

Dr. B. M. Hubbard writes that Brother J. T. Jordan has been elected to represent Mallalieu in the Lay Electoral Conference.

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CARD OF THANKS.

Alexandria, La.—After spending 26 days in the Sarah Goodridge Nurse Training School and Hospital in New Orleans, La., I am now back home at my work in Alexandria, thanks to a kind and merciful heavenly Father. To His name be all the praise. We desire to thank with all our hearts the following persons for kindly sympathy and aid during my affliction: Revs. Dr. J. F. Marshall, Dr. R. B. Jones, William Church and pastor, Rev. W. M. Burns, Union Chapel and pastor, Rev. J. J. Obee, Rev. J. D. Wilson, Rev. F. T. Chinn, J. H. Thompson, Rev. J. S. Jones, Rev. W. R. Butler, Rev. H. Taylor, Mrs. I. B. Scott, Miss O. J. Wilson, St. James Church, Monroe, and the pastor, members and friends of Newman's Memorial M. E. Church, Alexandria, Rev. Dr. B. M. Hubbard and wife, our dear friend Rev. V. Chapman, wife and children. We tender our ministers of the city thanks. Together with their people they were not ashamed of me in my ward. The Lord grant unto them that they may find mercy of the Lord in that day, for they did minister unto me. Our prayers will follow them while we live.

P. W. CLARK AND WIFE.

CARD OF THANKS.

Baldwin, La.—We desire to express our appreciation and gratitude to our many friends who so nobly stood by us in the affliction of our son, trying day and night to relieve him of his pains. We can not find words suitable enough to express the sentiments of our heart. However, we are especially indebted to the following persons for their helpful services: Mr. Louis Johnson, Jr., and wife, Mother Augustus, Mrs. Mary Prescott, Rev. A. Jackson, Prof. J. E. L. Hoskins, Mr. W. E. Jefferson, Mrs. Dwight, Rev. O. J. Harvey, Rev. John Wise, Rev. G. W. Norwood of Robeline, the Bakers, Mr. A. J. Overton and wife Prof. H. W. McDonald, Prof. A. D. Augustine, Rev. J. T. B. Labau, pastor of

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G. G. GOLSTON AND WIFE.

A CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to thank the Daughters of Conference of the St. James M. E. Church, Monroe, La., and their pastor for a purse of \$5 presented April 23, 1903.

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Editorial Notes

As easy a matter as it is to find fault, the strange thing is that you never find fault with yourself.

Let those who subscribe understand that to pay for a year now will give them the paper during the General Conference of 1904.

The leader of the mob that lynched a colored man in Joplin, Mo., and assaulted a number of inoffensive colored citizens, in some cases destroying their property, has been tried and convicted to serve a term of ten years in the State penitentiary. Every once in a while one sees evidence that the world is moving.

The sixth ward of the city of Jacksonville, Fla., which is now represented in the city council by two colored men is, according to the daily *Metropolis*, likely to be represented by white men for the next two years. Of about 300 voters only 50 are white, but certain of the colored voters are supporting a white man to succeed one of the colored men, and it is hoped to get rid of the other on a technicality.

In their effort to guard their rights as American citizens and voters the colored citizens of Greater New York and adjacent territory held a meeting recently in Brooklyn. We are pleased to note the conservative spirit manifested and the evident purpose to do what is best for the cause in every part of the land. They passed resolutions of importance and elected delegates to the National Convention to meet in Louisville, Ky., July 1-3, 1903.

It is extremely unfortunate for the black man of this country that it is thought best to make him the leading issue in the presidential campaign now on. He is not responsible for his presence in this country and not entirely responsible for the place he occupies in the public eye, and as it seems to us should not be made to suffer for either. Nevertheless it looks as tho our friends feel that since the money issue has failed them twice they had better fall back on the old standby, the Negro.

So the Georgia statesman, Mr. Hardwick, who is so wedded to the idea of disfranchising the Negro of the United States by the repeal of the fifteenth amendment, announces that he feels sure of his game. Well, our friends must not think hard of this gentleman; he has just been elected to Congress, never having been there before, and he feels just as many an over-zealous statesman has felt before; he feels that his advent into the National legislature will mark a change of an epoch in National history. We'll see, but our thought is that Mr. Hardwick will not feel his importance as greatly after he has been there three months as he will on taking his seat.

The Number Decreases but the Spirit Grows Worse

Anent the question of lynching, which it is gratifying to note is growing less and less popular in some sections of the South, the most distressing feature about it at present is that there are parts of the country in which the Negro who strikes or kills a white man for any cause whatever, had as well be guilty of the nameless crime against woman, for he is lynched just as promptly and with as much cruelty. We do not complain because this checks the spirit of resentment in the Negro, for it certainly does not. Neither does it reduce the number of cases that seem to demand this kind of punishment. But to the contrary, our judgment is that it makes matters worse on both sides. In the first place it influences a class of whites to feel that they can treat a Negro, any Negro, as they please, and that he has no rights which they need respect. It fosters the spirit and protects the practice of the days of slavery. This is seen in many ways. Not infrequently even in a city as large as this white men of a certain grade will step on a Negro's foot or perpetrate other such accidental discourtesies and turn and look at him without the least sign of embarrassment or regret. Seeing the swarthy face is sufficient, no apology is needed. This was done in the case of a friend of ours only a few days since; he was so incensed with the man who after stepping on his foot looked at him and then turned away with an air of indifference, that he said: "Now, sir, you step on my foot again and then act that way about it and I'll teach you some manners." As it happened the man made no reply and there it ended.

Again: one of the most refined young ladies of the city told us this very week that her aged mother was walking along the street, returning from the market, when two white boys came along behind her trundling a push cart. They pushed it right against her and when she chided them they said: "You hush, it doesn't cost anything to kill a nigger;" and then they reminded her of the colored woman who was shot down by a young white fellow a few days ago. Of course, these were only boys, but where did they get the idea expressed? It is unfortunate for both races to have the children of either grow up with the thought that the rights of the other need not be respected.

In the second place this barbarous and unjust practice tends to make the Negro more resentful and distrustful. If continued it will not only make but widen the breach between the races. This statement on our part will prompt those who represent the strong to say, "What difference does that make? What matter if the Negro is not pleased with what we do to him? We are able to look out for ourselves." This may be true and in some sense doubtless is. But since the two races are to live here together and must do so, it would be helpful to each that they be on the best terms possible. There is nothing to be gained on either

side in having conditions otherwise. The white man has the advantage in many ways and can afford to be just. When a Negro is accused of any offense whatever, he falls into the hands of the white man for punishment, and this is as true of one part of the country as of the other. Then too, perhaps, there is no one in this land who needs more to be impressed with the sacredness and the importance of the law than the Negro. At any rate, there is neither excuse nor necessity for violence in his case. When he violates law or the rights of others let him suffer the consequences legally, and no less should be asked for a white man. But to have it understood that no Negro is to resent a violation of his rights by a white man on penalty of death, is certainly demoralizing to both and destructive of the splendid civilization of our day. Take the most common offense of the southern white man, that of destroying every Negro woman or girl he possibly can. Investigation shows that the vast majority of the difficulties which arise in small towns and country districts between Negro men and whites, have their origination in the encroachments of the white man along this line upon the rights of the former. It is too much to expect every black man to submit tamely under such circumstances and unjust for any community to issue a decree of death, and a violent death at that, for not doing so. This is all the more true in face of the example set by white men when their own are concerned. There is something radically wrong when any community has more than one standard for the protection of virtue and womanhood.

To lynch a Negro for a nameless crime is no loss to his race; it is simply a loss to the community, in that law is disregarded and society weakened; but to lynch one for protecting his family—for being a man, is a wrong against the individual, the race and community, and it does not lessen the wrong to declare him a "bad Negro." Hence there is greater reason for concern about lynching now than when understood to be for the protection of women.

The Presiding Elders' Council

In a few days the convention to be composed of the presiding elders and other prominent men of the Methodist Episcopal Church will convene in St. Paul M. E. Church, Meridian, Miss. In view of the near approach of this meeting we have thought it wise to publish a few of the articles that have been sent us on what is supposed to be one of the questions that will be considered by that body—namely, what is known as the "Merrill Proposition." Some of the articles that have appeared have favored, and others have been against it; nevertheless they serve the purpose in view, they indicate at least to some extent the mind of the church. We learn too that other subjects of importance will be considered, subjects that relate to the future of the colored member-

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Our Contributors

The Electoral Conferences

R. T. MILLER.

By the provisions of the new constitution, responsibility for the character of the lay element of the General conference is lifted from the quarterly conferences and placed immediately upon the membership of the church. Heretofore, the lay electoral conference has been made up of delegates elected by each quarterly conference, whose duty, when convened and legally organized, was to elect lay delegates to the General conference, two from each annual conference jurisdiction. Hereafter this will be done by the members of the church under the supervision of three inspectors of the election appointed by the quarterly conferences.

This change in our methods marks the introduction of an element of congregationalism into our economy and divests the quarterly conferences of a right and duty to which many have objected on the ground that the quarterly conference was not democratic in its origin, because not itself elected by membership. Whether this objection has practical force and the change will result beneficially, is now for the objector to demonstrate. It might be safely assumed, perhaps, that the quarterly conferences would be as fully informed as to the ability and qualifications of those selected for the duties of delegates to the electoral conferences as the members of the church in the same charges, and that the selections would be as wisely and impartially made. But there can be no objection to the new method if equal care and discrimination on the part of the members of the church are observed in the choice of the representatives to the electoral conference with that heretofore usually displayed in the quarterly conference selections.

It is no light responsibility to represent the church in the General conference, and a responsibility no less grave to select delegates to that body, whose duty it is to elect representatives to the supreme legislature of the church. And this is true whether it be the delegates first chosen or the "alternates."

For who will foretell the events of a day? The interval between the election of delegates and their assembling at the General conference may record the disability or death of many of them, and thereby call the "alternate" to a seat in that body and to duties not contemplated at the time of his election. It is manifest, therefore, that the "alternate" should be, so far as possible, equally as well qualified for the duties of a representative as the delegate first chosen. Too little consideration is given to the selection of the "alternate," and many times serious embarrassments follow.

The lay electoral conference is too frequently looked upon as an occasion whose duty and privilege is merely that of selecting lay representatives to the General conference. As a matter of law, this may be true, but as a matter of opportunity and dignified administration it is too narrow a view and should never be allowed to prevail. Such an occasion may be made the means also of gaining a general acquaintance with the work, not only within the jurisdiction of the annual conference but of the church broadly, and nothing is more sadly needed than just this sort of information. Legislation on the various forms of Christian work now being carried on by our church necessarily depends

for its wisdom, usefulness and permanency on the familiarity of the legislator with the nature and requirements of that work already found useful. This is too apparent to need elaboration or discussion.

The electoral conference should be organized and conducted as a religious work and duty. A reverential and proper form of worship should be prepared for these occasions; an hour for devotional services be observed, during which there might be profitable interchanges of experiences, comparison of needs and purposes, much after the manner of the old-fashioned class meeting; ample provision for the presentation of matters of special interest or special conditions of the church work at given points, and plans for pushing them in uniformity might also be considered and arranged.

The matter and method of General conference business necessarily take character from the members who compose that body and conduct its transactions. Ministerial delegates are usually picked men, taken from among those having most experience, most ability and most intelligence as to the interests of the church—not omitting due regard of their devotion to those interests and to their spirituality as Christian men as well as ministers of the gospel.

That ministerial and lay delegates be "unequally yoked" therefore, as much care, sound discretion and good conscience should be used in the election of delegates from the electoral as from the annual conferences.

As questions of much moment not infrequently depend on the fidelity of the records of the electoral conference and the regularity of its proceedings, much sober discretion should prevail in organizing this conference. No question of personal popularity or ambition should have place for a moment. The best man for the official position to be filled—based on his fitness for that position—should be the only rule, whether in the selection of the electoral conference or in the selection of delegates to the General conference.

For in no better or more effective way can the electoral conference secure the respect and confidence of the General conference or of an observing and discerning public than by a wise choice of those whom they select to represent the laity of the church in that great body. If this reflection is true and the thought is worth anything, it is obvious that the selection of a delegate to either the electoral or the General conference should in no case have reference merely to his known preferences or advocacy of the pretensions of any aspirant before either of these bodies for official honor or preferment.

After an hour of such services, it would hardly be possible for a body of intelligent Christian men to enter inconsiderately upon the special duties for which they were called together. Reflection would naturally follow, not only as to who might be selected as representatives of those engaged, but quite as naturally as to who would best represent and best administer the interests of the whole church in its chief legislative body.

The General conference whose members—lay and ministerial—are selected on the basis of these reflections is so eminently fitting and so distinctly compatible with the dignity and moral level of a Christian body engaged in the performance of Christian work, rather than one engaged in promoting interests projected on the lower levels of personal ambitions and partisan politics, as to need no lustre of comment.—*Northwestern Advocate.*

Do Something to Save the World

By some unaccountable means the following figures were omitted from the article titled, "Do something to save the world," written by Field Secretary, Rev. Dr. G. G. Logan, which appeared in these columns June 4th. Reference to that article will indicate just what his purpose was. The average per cent. given by each member in the different conferences is as follows:

Conference.	No. full members and probationers.	Missions.	Per member Cents.
Central, Mo.	7,968	\$593	7
Delaware	21,980	4,153	18
Florida	5,013	723	14
Lexington	10,904	617	5 7-10
Little Rock	5,538	516	9 1-3
Louisiana	15,999	1,638	9 3-5
Mississippi	19,874	541	2 7-9
Lincoln	x	x	x
Upper Mississippi ..	21,907	881	4
Washington	29,411	3,129	10 2-3
Atlanta	14,432	878	6
Central Alabama ...	5,829	333	5 4-5
East Tennessee	4,770	373	7 3-4
Mobile	5,804	363	6 1-4
North Carolina	11,055	666	6
Savannah	8,167	395	4 3-4
Tennessee	10,124	692	6 4-5
Texas	15,779	1,555	9 13-15
West Texas	12,949	1,391	10 3-4
South Carolina	51,188	3,622	7
....	278,691	22,959	8 1-5

The fraction is only approximate. When very small it is omitted entirely. Shall furnish an exhibit of the districts in the near future.

An Important Report from Central Missouri Conference

The committee appointed at the last session of the Central Missouri Conference, held in Sedalia, Mo., to look into the condition of our church work in St. Joseph, Mo., Hannibal, Mo., and Springfield, Ill., began its work of investigation at St. Joseph, May 19th.

We find that while the present location of our church in St. Joseph may be a barrier to its progress, it has other disadvantages equally as great.

1st. The condition of the church building is in no wise inviting, it being in the same condition which the flames, that ended the life of Rev. Lenard in December, 1900, left it, except that a new roof has been put on it.

2nd. We are also in possession of convincing information from this charge that the management of this work for three or four pastoral administrations has been deplorable—sufficient to wreck any charge in the Central Missouri Conference. The administration of Rev. B. D. Dixon, our present pastor at this place, is in no wise connected with the bad administrations that have helped to hinder the work.

We also find that the unsettled condition of our people in this city, because of the fact that they do not own their homes, renders it very difficult to say where the best location of a church would be.

We arrived in Hannibal, May 20th, and after a thorough investigation of the work here, find that our opportunities have been shamefully abused by the bad administration of men who were unfit for the ministry. Nevertheless we believe that by careful, faithful and persistent work Hannibal will yield the quickest results of any mission charge.

May 21st, we visited Springfield, Ill. and found our people in control of property, well located and worth, at least, two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars, with an indebtedness of one thousand five hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars.

Springfield has a colored population of about seven thousand (7,000), the majority of which

do not attend any church. Some of the white brethren of this city are taking a great interest in our work here, but unfortunately the present pastor has no following nor influence among the people whom we hope to gather into the church, and from present indications there is nothing upon which to base a hope that anything will be done during his administration in the way of building up a congregation, but on the contrary we may lose what we have gained. The abuse of this promising field is another exhibition of the non wisdom of our present policy in managing our mission work in the cities. No competent general in conducting an aggressive campaign would invite defeat by putting his weakest forces at the point where the greatest proficiency and gallantry are needed to insure success. This is a point of great possibilities for our church but needs management.

We express it as our deliberate judgment that the Central Missouri Conference can and ought to succeed in these and other cities; for it is an indisputed fact that our people from the smallest towns and rural districts are congregating in the large cities, and if we do our full share in Christianizing and uplifting the race, we must plan wisely for the saving of these thousands who are crowding into the cities.

To succeed, our past policy must be abandoned and there must be a fixed plan inaugurated to appropriate the missionary money of the conference so as to give at least a living support to the men selected to build up this work. Then instead of appointing men to these city mission fields who could not be appointed to other important charges, or otherwise could not be provided for, these strategic points must be manned with men of tact and ability who spurn the very thought of failure.

We are aware of the fact that if this method should be adopted the objection will be raised that it will rob the small towns and rural circuits of some of the missionary money now used for their support, but this objection is more than met in the argument that a preacher with push and industry in these smaller towns and circuits where he may raise a garden and have chickens and pigs, will be within the possibility of a more comfortable support than his brother in these cities. This brings us to the conclusion, viz.: to either continue our "sugar tit" method of wasting our missionary money and in the end lose everything, or to adopt this wise plan and thus make our work strong and permanent in these centers of population.

Which course shall we pursue?

Fraternally your most humble servants,

R. E. GILLUM, Chr. of Com.

B. F. ABBOTT, Secy. of Com.

Call for Meeting of National Afro-American Council, at Louisville, Ky., July 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 1903

To the members of the National Afro-American Council, Delegates from Local Councils and Affiliated Organizations, such as Newspapers and other Race Organizations,

GREETINGS:

The Sixth Annual Session of the National Afro-American Council will be held at Louisville, Ky., July 1st, 2d, and 3d, 1903.

THE NECESSITY FOR THE MEETING.

The unceasing energy of those bent upon the creation of a public sentiment adverse to the Afro-American; the open advocacy of the repeal of our constitutional right to the elective fran-

chise by prominent men and leading gazettes, formerly classed among our friends and advocates; the timid and tremulous stand of those that essay to befriend us and the bold and defiant assaults of those satisfied with nothing short of our absolute undoing, certainly necessitate the meeting in this advisory way of our strong men and women to devise a line of conduct in defense of our rights as freemen.

It is our earnest desire that every Church, College, Benevolent Society and other Race Organization send representative accompanied by an annual tax of \$5, to this great National gathering. We have every reason to believe that the Louisville meeting will be the largest ever held in the history of the organization.

BASIS OF MEMBERSHIP.

(Article III of Constitution.)

Section 1. The Afro-American Council shall be composed of members as follows: (1) All persons who hold life membership. (2) Council Delegates, representing duly accredited Local Councils. (3) Affiliated Delegates, representing organizations of similar plans and purposes co-operating with Afro-American Council.

Sec. 2 Every Local Afro-American Council shall be entitled to representation in the National Council by delegates elected on a basis of one delegate to every fifty (50) members, said delegates to qualify upon presentation of credentials and payment of ten cents for each member so represented. Provided, however, that any Local Council having less than fifty (50) members shall be entitled to one vote, upon presentation of credentials and payment of the annual tax of \$5.00.

Sec. 3. Religious and secular organizations which have for their aim and work the mental and moral elevation of the race, and which desire to co-operate with the National Council, may be represented by affiliated delegates, not more than two delegates to each organization. Said delegates shall have the right to vote upon payment of the annual tax of \$5.00 for each delegate.

Sec. 4. Editors of Afro-American newspapers and Principals of Academic Schools and Colleges, may be admitted to membership in the National Council and be entitled to vote upon presentation of credentials and payment of the annual tax of \$5.00.

DISFRANCHISEMENT PARAMOUNT QUESTION.

While many other questions relative to the rights of the race will be considered the Executive Committee has decided that Disfranchisement is to be the paramount topic for discussion. This question, which is of such great importance at this time, will be considered from every viewpoint by some of the greatest thinkers of the race.

REDUCED RATES ON RAILROADS.

At a rate of one fare and one-third for the round trip, on the certificate plan, has been secured for those attending the meeting of the National Afro-American Council, Louisville, Ky., July 1-3, 1903.

1. Tickets at full fare for the going journey may be secured within 3 days (exclusive of Sundays) prior to and during the first two days of the meeting. The advertised dates of the meeting are July 1, 2, 3, consequently you can obtain your ticket not earlier than June 27, nor later than July 2. Be sure that when purchasing your ticket, you request a certificate.

2. Certificates are not kept at all stations. If you inquire at your station you will find out whether certificates and through tickets can be obtained to place of meeting. If not, agent will inform you at what station they can be obtained. You can purchase a local ticket thence, and there take up a certificate and through ticket.

The citizens of Louisville are preparing to entertain the Council in first-class style and the trip promises to be a delightful one.

(Signed)

WILLIAM A. PLEDGER, Act. Pres.

ALEXANDER WALTERS, Ch. Ex. Com.

CYRUS FIELD ADAMS, Gen. Secy.

Washington, D. C., May, 1903.

Virginia Collegiate and Industrial Institute

The Commencement Exercises of the Virginia Collegiate and Industrial Institute began Sunday, 24th inst., at 11 a. m., at Jackson Street M. E. Church, by the delivery of a very practical and eloquent sermon by the pastor, Rev. W. A. C. Hughes, to the graduating class. A large and intelligent audience was present.

On Tuesday, 26th, 3 p. m., in the Chapel of the Institution, the Benjamin Banneker Literary Society presented to a cultivated and appreciative audience a varied and excellent program, which elicited many compliments. Rev. W. J. Tyler, of Bedford Springs, delivered an interesting address to the Society.

On Thursday, the 28th, 8 p. m., at Jackson Street Church, before a large and brilliant audience, the graduating class rendered a program that held the undivided attention of the very appreciative audience for two hours. All the performances were pronounced, by intelligent listeners, to be above the average, and while all deserve to receive special mention, it is generally conceded that the salutorian, Miss Cora Cox, rendered her subject, "Lifting as we climb," in an unusually effective and graceful manner.

The valedictorian, Miss I. Louise B. Anderson, in her subject, "Philanthropy," held her audience spellbound, and delivered, according to the opinion of competent and experienced judges, the most elegant, beautiful and touching valedictory ever heard here. Rev. W. C. Thompson, B. D., of Lexington, Va., delivered a very thoughtful and impressive address to the graduates. It was inspiring and encouraging.

The Principal, Geo. E. Stephens, presented, in a few brief and appropriate remarks, the prizes on the Stewart Foundation for Africa, to Miss Emma Etta Williams, Bedford Springs, Va., and Mr. Harvey M. Newsome, Covington, Va. The former takes the first prize for hymn, and the latter the first for oration among academics. Dr. A. N. Lushington, Lynchburg, Va., awarded the diplomas to the graduates, Misses I. Louise B. Anderson, Cora Cox, and Mamie M. Johnson. The address impressed upon the class the duty of making a good record for their alma mater. The address, though short, abounded in striking and pithy sentences, and closed with kind sentiments for the future of the class.

These exercises closed the most successful year of the school, and the outlook is exceedingly promising and bright.

Children's Day is observed in the South Carolina Conference, and the collection for the cause of education ranks only third in size in the list. About forty students are aided by this fund annually at Claflin University, who could not otherwise remain in school.

L. M. DUNTON, President,
Claflin University.

Orangeburg, S. C., May 26, 1903.

Life of Faith

Bicentenary Hymn

One song of praise, one song of prayer,
Around, above, below;
Ye winds and waves the burthen bear:
"Two hundred years ago."

"Two hundred years ago!" What then?
There rose the world to bless,
A little band of faithful men,
A cloud of witnesses.

It looked but like a human hand;
Few welcomed it, none feared;
Yet as it opened o'er the land,
The hand of God appeared.

The Lord made bare His holy arm,
In sight of earth and hell,
Fiends fled before it with alarm,
And alien armies fell.

God gave the Word, and great hath been
The preacher's company;
What wonders have our fathers seen!
What signs their children see!

One song of praise for mercies past,
Through all our courts resound;
One voice of prayer that to the last,
Grace may much more abound.

All hail "two hundred years ago!"
And when our lips are dumb,
Be millions heard rejoicing so,
Two hundred years to come.
—*Methodist Magazine and Review.*

"The four men who have made the deepest impression upon the religious history of the world have been Moses, St. Paul, Martin Luther and John Wesley; and of these, as a social reformer, Wesley was excelled only by Moses and St. Paul."
—D. D. Thompson.

Henry Ward Beecher said: "I would rather have written that hymn of Wesley's, 'Jesus, Lover of My Soul,' than have the fame of all the kings that ever sat on the earth. It is more glorious. It has more power. I would rather be the author of that hymn than hold the wealth of the richest man in New York. He will die. He will pass after a little while out of men's thoughts. But that hymn will go on singing until the last trump brings forth the angel band; and then, I think, it will mount up on some lip to the throne of God."

John Wesley's Reasons for His Long Life

In a new abridged edition of "John Wesley's Journal," by Percy L. Parker, the following interesting and valuable reasons are given by him for his long and healthy life:

Saturday, June 28—I this day enter my eighty-fifth year: and what cause have I to praise God, as for a thousand spiritual blessings, so for bodily blessings also! How little have I suffered yet by "the rush of numerous years!" It is true, I am not so agile as I was in times past. I do not run or walk so fast as I did; my sight is a little decayed; my left eye is grown dim, and hardly serves me to read; I have daily some pain in the ball of my left eye, as also in my temple (occasioned by a blow received some months since), and in my right shoulder and arm, which I impute partly to a sprain, and partly to the rheumatism.

I find likewise some decay in my memory, with regard to names and things lately past; but I am not conscious of any decay in writing sermons; which I do as readily, and I believe as correctly, as ever.

To what cause can I impute this, that I am as I am? First, doubtless, to the power of God, fitting me for the work to which I am called, as long as He pleases to continue me therein; and, next, subordinately to this, to the prayers of His

children. May we not impute it as inferior means.

1. To my constant exercise and change of air?
2. To my never having lost a night's sleep, at land or at sea, since I was born?

3. To my having sleep at command; so that whenever I feel myself almost worn out, I call it, and it comes, day or night?

4. To my having constantly, for above sixty years, risen at four in the morning?

5. To my constant preaching at five in the morning, for above fifty years?

6. To my having had so little pain in my life; and so little sorrow, or anxious care?

Even now, though I find pain daily in my eye, or temple, or arm; yet it is never violent, and seldom lasts many minutes at a time.

Whether or not this is sent to give me warning that I am shortly to quit this tabernacle, I do not know; but be it one way or the other, I have only to say:

My remnant of days

I spend to His praise,

Who died the whole world to redeem;

Be they many or few,

My days are His due,

And they all are devoted to Him!

I preached in the morning on Psalm 90: 12; in the evening on Acts 13: 40, 41; and endeavored to improve the hours between to the best advantage.

Your Highest Moments

It seems to me there is no maxim for a noble life like this: Count always your highest moments your truest moments. Believe that in the time when you were the greatest and most spiritual man or woman, then you were your truest self. Think of the noblest moment that you ever passed, of the time when, lifted up to the heights of glory, or bowed down to the depths of sorrow, every power that was in you was called forth to meet the exigency, or to do the work. And then believe that the highest you ever have been you may be all the time; and vastly higher still, if only the power of the Christ can occupy you and fill your life all the time.—*John Wesley.*

Death is natural to a man, but slavery unnatural; and the moment you strip a man of his liberty you strip him of all his virtues; you convert his heart into a dark hole, in which all the vices conspire against you.—*Edmund Burke.*

Woman's Dominion

About Children's Feet

It seems almost absurd to advise mothers not to pinch babies' feet, and yet physicians say that much of the fretfulness and irritation of babyhood is due to tight shoes and stockings.

Not tight, perhaps, from a grown-up standpoint, but sufficiently snug to hurt the tender, soft flesh of baby feet. The shoes that are gotten for the very little baby are often actual instruments of torture because of some slight roughness or pressure.

If the shoe fits snugly, no matter how soft it is, the sole is sure to press into the sensitive flesh and irritate the temper, if not actually injure the nerves.

Baby flesh is so soft that mothers or nurses often do not notice how badly the little foot is being crowded until impeded circulation tells the story of suffering.

And small stockings are as frequently a means

of injury as are small shoes. Always buy both shoes and stockings at least one size larger than the so-called "easy fit." This rule should hold good until the foot has ceased to grow.

The result would be a generation of healthier, better-tempered and more graceful men and women.

Some Beauty Don'ts

Don't bathe the face while it is very warm or very cold.

Don't be afraid of sunshine and fresh air. They offer you bloom and color.

Don't bathe in hard water. Soften it with a little powdered borax or a handful of oatmeal.

Don't wash the face when traveling unless it is with a little alcohol and water or a little cold cream.

Don't rub the face with too coarse a towel. Treat it as you would the finest porcelain, tenderly and delicately.

Don't forget that hearty laughter is a source of relaxation. So are all high thoughts, as those of hope, beauty, trust and love.

Don't attempt to remove dust with cold water. Give the face a hot bath with soap and then rinse thoroughly with clear tepid or cold water.

Don't neglect to sleep. You can sleep yourself into good looks. A long nap and a hot bath will make any woman more attractive and lift years from her shoulders.

Don't forget that beauty is power. There is nothing more potent. It is to a woman what capital is to a merchant. Its absence is a misfortune, its culture wise and proper.—*Ex.*

Proceedings of the Second Annual Meeting of "Fathers and Mothers" held at Rust University, May 12, 1903

At three o'clock p. m. the meeting was called to order by Dr. W. W. Foster, Jr. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. N. R. Clay. Dr. Foster then called the roll. Rev. J. W. Winbush was elected chairman and Mrs. P. O. Jamison secretary. The chairman in a very appropriate manner introduced the Dean who read the minutes of the last meeting and gave an elevating, impressive and inspiring talk on the "Discipline of the School." Her address convinced us that she was keenly alive to the importance of having the best discipline for the students. The Dean's talk was the best we have heard on the subject and was enjoyed. She permitted questions to be asked which she answered.

The following named persons spoke and endorsed the discipline of the school also the industrial training: Revs. Woolfolk, Jamison, N. H. Williams and C. E. Moody.

Those present highly appreciated what was said and realized in Dr. Foster and the Dean true instructors for our girls and boys. The fathers and mothers expressed themselves as having great confidence in the action and heartily approved their actions also pledged themselves to stand by the rulings and to support and further every interest of the school. Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the *New York Christian Advocate*, was introduced and filled us with sound and true doctrine, which will ever be remembered. By request the Dean sang a choice selection titled: "The Women of Sandria," from the Oratorio of the Redemption. She was greatly applauded. New names were then added to the roll. Thus ended the second great meeting of the Fathers and Mothers of Rust University.

J. W. WINBUSH, Chairman.
Mrs. P. O. JAMISON, Secy.

Young Friends

Days of Jeremiah.

BY MISS INEZ A. GODMAN.

(Concluded.)

An old man walked the streets of Jerusalem, his beard was white, his step was slow. He walked by the wall of the king's garden. It could hardly be called a wall now, just an immense irregular pile of stone and brick. In one place a tree held out its bare, charred limbs in piteous pleading for cover. There was no place beyond the wall, no garden, all was broken down and burned. Tears run down the old man's beard and he moved on murmuring "des-o-late, des-o-late."

It was difficult walking. The streets were piled with ruins of buildings, and the prophet had often to stop and rest. He finally reached a pile of immense pillars and marble blocks—all that remained of his beloved Temple. He sat on a broken pillar and burst into a wail:

Sam 1:1. "How doth the city sit solitary that was full of people. Jerusalem hath grievously sinned, therefore she is removed. All of her beauty is departed and her children are gone into captivity."

There were no Temple steps to speak from now, all of Jerusalem was a heap of ruins. What the enemy could not burn they had broken down, and the whole city was a hill of ashes and broken stone.

Jer. 52. The Bible tells the sad story so beautifully, that it is useless to repeat how Zedekiah refused to surrender as Jeremiah advised; how food became so scarce in the city that some of the starving people killed their babies and ate them, how the princess of Babylon finally succeeded in breaking down the wall and entered the city; how Zedekiah and his soldiers fled by night and were overtaken near Jericho; how Nebuchadnezzar had Zedekiah's children slain before their father's face; then had Zedekiah's eyes put out, and led him blind and bound to Babylon and cast him into prison.

Jer. 39: 11-14. And Jeremiah? He was chained and taken with the others to go to Babylon, but Nebuchadnezzar heard how wisely he had prophesied and sent word to give him his freedom. So his chains were taken off and he went back to Jerusalem, and found no Jerusalem except a pile of stones.

Nebuchadnezzar had made Gedaliah ruler and he lived at Mizpah. Here Jeremiah went and made his lodging, but he could not stay away from Jerusalem, and would go every day to sit on the ruin of his beloved temple and mourn; a poor, sorrowful, old man.

There were many people left, but they were of the poorest, and were permitted to remain only that they might till the land. Strange to say they seemed to feel no sorrow at the ruin of their beautiful city, but went laughing and chatting through the deserted streets, searching for any valuables that might be left.

Sam. 1:12; 2:15. "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?" cried the prophet stretching out his tremulous hands. "Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow. Mine eyes do fail with tears. All that pass by hiss and wag their heads at Jerusalem saying—Is this the city that men call the perfection of beauty, the joy of the whole earth?"

But the people cared not for Jeremiah's mourning. They were occupied with their own affairs. Gedaliah told them to plant seed and make themselves homes, and they were busy about it.

Jer. 41: 1-4. But peace was not yet. A prince by the name of Ishmael began plotting to kill Gedaliah. Some of the ruler's friends warned him, but he made light of it and took no steps for safety. He even rebuked the men who cautioned

him against Ishmael saying that they spoke falsely concerning him. Then to show the confidence in which he held him, he invited Ishmael and ten other princes to dinner. While they were eating Ishmael and the other princes sprang upon Gedaliah and killed him, and then killed all of his friends and servants whom they could find.

Jer. 41: 17, 18. And now the people were afraid. What would Nebuchadnezzar do to them when he found that the man whom he had made governor was murdered? With one accord they began to move toward Egypt. Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had been their friend and would welcome them. Great companies gathered near Jerusalem—men, women and children, with all their possessions, and prepared to go south.

Jer. 42: 1-14. Then some one suggested that they ask the advice of Jeremiah. So they went to the prophet and requested that he pray to God and ascertain His wishes in the matter. It was a good move if their hearts had been in it, but Jeremiah doubted their sincerity and replied that it was useless for them to ask. Then said they to Jeremiah:

"The Lord be a true and faithful witness between us if we do not even according to all the things for which the Lord thy God shall send thee to us. Whether it seem good, or whether it seem evil, we will obey the voice of the Lord our God, to whom we send thee." And Jeremiah answered: "I will pray unto the Lord your God according to your words, and whatsoever thing the Lord shall answer, I will declare it unto you; I will keep nothing back from you."

So Jeremiah talked with God ten days about it, and then calling the people told them what God said—

Not to go to Egypt, but to remain in their own land and serve Nebuchadnezzar. In this case God promised to bless them and make Nebuchadnezzar's heart soft toward them.

Jer. 43: 2-6. And did they obey? Not one bit. They told Jeremiah that he lied, and went right along on the journey to Egypt, and what was even worse, they forced Jeremiah to go with them. This was indeed a grief to our prophet. He was old and his heart clung to his own land. If he had gone anywhere, he would have chosen Babylon where Daniel and Ezekiel and all the princes of his acquaintance had gone. Instead he was forced to go with these people, who disliked him and would not listen to his words.

Nevertheless he was true to his God and his calling. In a strange land among countless heathen gods he yet spoke to his people, and urged them to worship Jehovah. But they bade him keep silence saying that they were better off to worship heathen gods, and they intended to do so.

This saddened Jeremiah but he did not flinch. When he walked among the people he spoke bravely and told them what God said—

"You have come here to escape war and famine, but by war and famine shall you die even in this place."

And was our prophet miserable these days—old, in a strange country, among unfriendly people? No, great peace of soul was his. He lived upon the border land of heaven and talked with his Maker face to face.

God told him how after seventy years Nebuchadnezzar should be conquered and another king take his place, a king who would be friendly to the captive people and help them to build Jerusalem again. These people in Egypt would not live to return to Jerusalem, but many from Babylon should come and build again the beautiful city, and cultivate the land flowing with milk and honey.

So Jeremiah was comforted. Though he lived among the heathen he served Jehovah in peace of heart, and held gently by God's right hand walked happily to his heavenly home.

THE END.

Educational

Samuel Huston College

Sam Huston college, for the education of colored youths, in Austin, Texas, has just closed its third annual commencement.

This school has had a great prosperity in the three years since its opening. The report of President R. S. Lovinggood to the trustees for the past year shows that the enrollment has reached nearly 300. More than 150 are non-residents, ninety-five are boarders in the building, and more than thirty boys from out of town work in white families of the city to be enabled to attend school.

The volume of business through the school office for the past year exceeded \$8,000, which does not include the trading done by teachers and students in the local stores of the city.

A dormitory for boys is to be built in the near future. It is proposed to build a \$15,000 hall and \$7,000 has already been subscribed. It is announced that Mr. E. T. Burrowes of Portland, Me., has just subscribed for this purpose \$5,000. This makes \$10,000 from this gentleman for this school. More than \$16,000 has been raised from all sources in three years.

The report emphasizes the teaching of Christianity, and accounts for the success of the school in this way. The celebrated mayor of Toledo, Ohio, Hon. Samuel Jones, makes the golden rule his motto. This school's motto is something similar, namely: "Strive always to treat others better than they treat you." In this way the school proposes to solve the race problem, and it is said to have worked like a charm up to the present. A white business man of Austin is quoted as being astonished at the quietness, good behavior and industry of the Sam Huston college students. It is claimed that the reason of this is that every student of the school is taught to treat in every instance everybody else better than he may be treated, however good or however bad that may be.

Many distinguished visitors have been in attendance at the closing exercises. Among them were Revs. H. Swann, Mack Henson, J. W. Weakly, T. S. McMorris, J. C. Whitley, J. S. Medlock, D. C. Lacy, Dr. W. J. Laws, Dr. J. B. Pius, M. C. Givens, Dr. J. H. Stevens, L. N. Mitchell, L. D. Lyons, J. W. Madison, Messrs. Thompson, Martin, of Wharton, Morrow, of Littig, Walker, Tucker, Terrell and Professor R. A. Atkinson and many others.

The following exercises were rendered during commencement week: Cantata, "Fairy Queen," by primary department, under charge of Mrs. Laura Frazier; drama, "Defending the Flag," by literary society, under Professor C. L. Eason; dressmaking department exercises in charge of Miss M. E. Webb; exercises of the English course in charge of Professors Roberts and Brown; musical concert in charge of Miss Clara L. Jackson; Epworth League under Miss M. E. Starnes, and the graduates under Professor J. W. Frazier. All the exercises were of a high order and the crowds immense.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. J. P. Wragg, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga. His sermon was able, practical, fervent, and made a splendid impression.

Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., senior secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education society, delivered the commencement oration to a large audience on the subject, "Education for Service." He greatly delighted the audience and received an ovation.

Rev. D. C. Lacy delivered an able and practical address to the graduates of dressmaking. Rev. Moses Smith delivered the annual sermon to a large audience in an acceptable manner. He has been a constant laborer for the school. ***

The following were the graduates: Normal

course: Miss Amanda, L. Anderson, Mexia; Mr. C. M. Blanks, Gonzales; Mr. R. T. Brown, La Grange; Miss Katie P. Craig, Austin; Miss Clara L. Madison, Manor. Dressmaking: Misses Lemuel I. Morrow, Littig; Jessie Smith, Waco; Esther Thompson, Georgetown. From English course: Mr. Chas. L. Anderson, Mexia; Miss Sallie Crawford, Belton; Miss Sarah Fisher, Georgetown; Mr. Everette Givens, Alamogorda, N. M.; Miss Lola Harbert, Wharton; Miss Sallie Harris, Mission Valley; Miss Anita Martin, Wharton; Miss Jakie Jackson, Austin; Miss Georgia Epworth Morrow, Littig; Mr. Fred. Pryor; Mr. Oscar Ross, Pelham; Miss Gertrude Taylor, Nopal; Mr. Clinton Whitledge, Elgin; Miss Emma R. White, Victoria; Mr. Oscar G. Williams, Victoria.

A collection was taken up for the boys' building after the speech of Dr. Mason which amounted to \$157 in cash and subscriptions.

The plan of the institution contemplates that the literary department and the girls' industrial department be conducted at the present location. As soon as the boys' dormitory is completed, it is proposed to purchase near the city, land upon which to establish an industrial and agricultural department. The Woman's Home Mission society of the Methodist Episcopal church plans to build and conduct a girl's industrial school in connection with Samuel Huston college.

When the progress of the school during the last three years and the devotion and enthusiasm of the colored people for the school are considered, it is easy to believe that President Lovinggood will be able to realize his ambitious plans for this school. * * *—From Austin (Texas) Daily Statesman.

Central Alabama Academy

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The closing exercises of the Central Alabama Academy were held May 10-12, and were the best in the history of the school. This year has been a very prosperous year from point of attendance and financially. The baccalaureate sermon was preached in the Opera House by the Rev. R. J. Buckner, pastor of St. Paul M. E. Church, of Birmingham, Ala.. More than 1,000 listeners went away delighted. The Rev. L. H. Hunley, of Attalla, Ala., and Rev. J. W. Tate, of Chattanooga, Tenn., preached two eloquent sermons. The exercises of the week were a great success and were more largely attended than in any previous year. The school closed without debt. Let the brethren remember that the 5th Sunday in May is Central Alabama Academy Day.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.-C. Conference

Woman's Home Missionary Society

Some time since the people of Middlesborough, Ky., sent a representative to our Society to say that they had a three story school building costing \$18,000, which would be given to the Woman's Home Missionary Society if it would start a school there for mountain girls. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Williams, visited the town to investigate the location and property. A small hospital has been started in the town by our Society and the girls in attendance upon our school would have access to this for nurse training. The necessary improvements would involve the expenditure of \$2,000. An inspiration to enter this door of opportunity for the mountain girls was a pledge of \$1,000 from our ever helpful friend, Mrs. P. D. Perchment, and authority

given by the Board of Trustees at its meetings May 5th, 6th and 7th, in Cincinnati, to solicit additional funds in aid of this new enterprise.

The conflict with Mormonism is imminent in all the Eastern cities. In Syracuse it is being waged most vigorously. The Mormons are canvassing the city in house to house visitation, and the Christian people have districted the city and are going from house to house with anti-mormon literature. In some cities they have rented churches and other buildings in which to hold their meetings. This is a formidable foe and the church will find that it is not an evil confined to Utah but is a type of the civilization of the entire United States. The Gospel of Christ is equal to its annihilation.

The Elizabeth E. Marcy Home, Chicago, Ill., was formally transferred to the Woman's Home Missionary Society by the Rock River Conference.

The resignation of Mrs. M. T. MacGuffin, Sheridan, Ill., as a member of the Board of Trustees was accepted with regret and deep appreciation of her services rendered. Mrs. Samuel Pye, of Chicago, was elected to succeed Mrs. MacGuffin. The resignation of Mrs. MacGuffin as chairman of Marcey Home was also accepted and Mrs. W. H. Emerson, of Chicago, was confirmed Chairman. Mrs. M. T. MacGuffin was recommended to the Board of Managers for confirmation as Honorary Vice-President.

The Bureau for Supplies names Rock River as the banner Conference in filling 44 appeals and Cincinnati as the second with 35 filled.

The Mother's Jewels Home is making strenuous effort to secure the balance necessary of the \$7,000 to build an addition to the Home, and accommodate 50 pleading applicants. Since the Home was opened, twelve years ago, 353 children, from 22 states, have been cared for. Thirty-five were children of ministers and missionaries. The Immigrant Homes in Boston and New York and Philadelphia are doing a grand work. In April alone over 100,000 immigrants passed through Ellis Island. During the quarter 16,329 meals were served in New York and 1,744 in the Boston Home.

Seventy-three girls have boarded in King Home, Marshall, Texas, during the year and over two hundred day pupils have attended this well conducted school. Permission to build an extension of two rooms to accommodate the classes in dress making was granted.

Eighty-nine girls in the Adeline Smith Home, Little Rock, Ark., shared in the showers of blessings that fell upon the college during the recent revival among its students.

Mrs. E. L. Albright, Delaware, O., whose familiarity with the work and ability as a speaker alike commend her to fittingly represent the Society was chosen to deliver the Anniversary Address at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers to be held October 28th, in Chattanooga.

MRS. F. A. AIKEN, Rec. Secy.

A Little Gift: A Great Reward

It is said that a poor girl having given \$25 to the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A. was classed among the wealthy givers; upon being asked for an additional gift the following year, she forwarded \$10 as all she had.

Perhaps it would be nearer the truth to call this a great gift instead of a small one; as Christ spoke out of the woman's two mites compared with the gifts of the wealthy at the temple. But

the great result that came as a side dividend of this investment of \$10; for a London lady heard the story and was immediately impelled to make an annual offering of \$1,200 for the missionary cause, and crowned it all with giving \$15,000 for a building in China.

A similar incident is that of a poor Scotch woman who laid aside a penny a day for missions. A visitor gave her sixpence to buy meat which she had been without for several days, and the old woman responded, "I have long done very well on my porridge, so I will give the sixpence also to God." A missionary secretary took occasion to tell the incident at breakfast table of a wealthy friend who responded, "I have never denied myself so much as a chop for God." He immediately gave \$2,500, and friends at the table, catching up the enthusiasm, made up the sum of \$11,000.

Such stories seem to be fairy tales; but they show how near God lets every humble follower live to the marvelous influences of his Spirit, and how ready he is to reward, more than a hundred fold, those who with little or with much devote themselves and their all to him.

Epworth League

June 28--Missionary Meeting--Heathen Doctors and Medical Missionaries

(Matt. 10, 7, 8; 1 Cor. 12, 9, 11.)

DAILY READINGS.

The Daily Readings are references in the Missionary Campaign Libraries.

Monday, June 22. Medical missions in China. John Kenneth McKenzie, chap. vi.

Tuesday, June 23. The necessity of medical missionary work. Toronto Convention Report, page 509.

Wednesday, June 24. The value of medical missions. *Healing of the Nations*, chap. iii.

Thursday, June 25. The results of medical work and its promise for the future. Toronto Convention Report, page 517.

Friday, June 26. Influence of medical missions. *Healing of the Nations*, chap. iv.

Saturday, June 27. The work of the medical missionary. *Within the Purdah*, chaps. i and ii. *The Word*.

"As ye go, preach, . . . heal the sick" (Matt. 10, 7, 8). It would seem that in Christ's commission of the twelve apostles, as well as in his own example, preaching and ministering to the bodies of men) were united.

"Faith, in the same Spirit; . . . healings, in the one spirit; . . . all these worketh the one and the same Spirit" (1 Cor. 12, 9, 11). The inspired word makes it clear that the Holy Spirit has multiform means and methods by which the saving work of Christ may truly enter into the world of humanity. Some one has called man a house of many stories. If so, Christ stands at the door of each and knocks. Let us now try to see, when heathen doctors fail, how Christ, the Great Physician, comes to the door of the distressed in many a far-off land and knocks to-day through the work of medical missionaries.

The Theme: "Heathen Doctors and Medical Missionaries."

1. In Africa in the case of disease there appears to be but one solution—the patient has been bewitched. The witch doctor is called in. He comes with his skin painted in grotesque figures, about his shoulders the skins of wild beasts, rattles in his hands, and perhaps a skull or two dang-

ling from his waist. He then dances till he discovers the culprit. If the accused can put his hand in a bowl of boiling water and not be harmed he is innocent; if not, he is guilty, and, should the sick person die, is put to death with lingering and horrible tortures. This idea that sickness and ill luck are caused by witchcraft, demons, the evil eye, prevails widely throughout the East.

2. In India verses from the Koran are pasted upon the body by the Mohammedans, and charms are used universally to ward off and cure disease. A medical missionary in Burma found that red-hot earthen cups had been placed upon the head of a sick woman, supposing the treatment would drive back the blood which it was held had all suddenly rushed from the body into the head.

3. In China, with its one-fourth of the world's population, the native doctors have vague and ridiculous ideas of anatomy, their views forbidding dissection. Even the blood circulation is practically unknown. The stomach is regarded as the seat of the breath and learning. Health depends on the just proportions being preserved between the five elements—fire, earth, wood, metal, and water—evil spirits not interfering. There are no laws regulating the practice of medicine. Surgery is unknown. Their most potent remedies are made up of such things as spiders, and any peculiarly disgusting product of the insect or animal world. A man came to a medical mission station suffering with dyspepsia, having a remedy that looked like sand, which he was accustomed to eat. It was made by pounding up the stone rollers used in drilling in grain, which had been prescribed for him by a Chinese doctor. He had eaten up several of these, estimated at a total weight of sixty pounds, in a year. He also had taken an amount of cinnamon supposed to be forty pounds. Could anyone blame him for having dyspepsia!

4. Medical mission work and missionaries are as old as the Church, the latest scholarly study fully confirming the view that Luke's very language shows that he had received the medical education of his time. In the modern era a measure of this work has run parallel with general mission effort without being separately recognized. As early as 1785 an East India Company's ship surgeon, Dr. John Thomas, gave up his position and became a missionary. He returned to England and again went out with Carey in 1792. As he set the broken arm of Krishna Pal he told him of the Great Physician, and thus won the first Christian Hindu baptized by Carey, and the first fruits of modern medical missions. Livingstone went to Africa with a medical diploma in one hand and the Bible in the other.

5. It is to China that the largest number of medical missionaries have gone; about one hundred and twenty-five. Dr. Peter Parker, who went in 1834, is said "to have opened up China at the point of his lancet." Hudson Taylor, the founder of the China Inland Mission, is one of the most successful medical missionaries that ever lived. The great Chinese statesman and diplomat, Li Hung Chang, was won to a favorable attitude toward missions as a whole because he owed the life of Lady Li, his wife, to two medical missionaries, Dr. Lenora H. King and Dr. McKenzie.

6. In India the influence of medical mission work has gone so far that the missionary physician is admitted behind the "purdah," the curtain that shuts off the zenana. This privilege, as far as information goes, is not yet extended to

the English surgeons. It is the physician who represents the Gospel of Jesus Christ who is asked by the Hindu or Mussulman to go with him behind the "purdah," back of which no man has passed save husband or son. A medical missionary thus relates his experience in going to treat one of the first purdah women he ever saw. The husband was a government contractor and a wealthy man. The woman had been sick for months; and had swallowed the most nauseous and revolting concoctions prescribed by the older women, but without relief. When the husband came to the missionary physician and begged him to come and prescribe for his wife he went. As they entered the apartment the woman gave one frightened look, and then darted headfirst under the bed, where she lay trembling with fear, with face buried in her hands. It required the utmost persuasion and tact of both men to persuade her to come out and be examined, but her recovery to health was speedy. The physician was the first white man she had ever seen, although she had been born and lived all her life under the British government. This missionary has been able to attend Hindu, Mohammedan, Sikh, and Punjabi highborn women, whose sisters have for ages been kept in such seclusion. Thus these barriers are gradually falling before the silent force of the help which healing brought in the name of Christ can give.

7. This beautiful phase of the spreading power of Him who, when on earth, healed and saved can be summarized in the figures compiled by one who has himself had wide experience in medical mission work:

Turning first to the darkest and least-known continent, we find that there have been given by medical missionaries in Africa about 261,346 treatments annually in mission hospitals and dispensaries. Think for just a moment what this means. It means, on the basis of four treatment to every patient, that 65,336 sick and suffering ones have been relieved by scientific treatment, and, not only that, but thousands of innocent men, women and children on the false charge of witchcraft in having caused these diseases have escaped the awful tortures suffered by the people of the Dark Continent. Can anyone even begin to gauge the influence such work has among them?

In Asia Minor and the Mohammedan countries which bound it we find that there are about nineteen hospitals, with 309,896 treatments given annually. In studying this part of the subject one very interesting fact was brought out, that in the city which cast out the Great Physician and crucified him without her gates his followers have erected hospitals dedicated to the glory of the Great Martyr and for the purpose of aiding the suffering within her walls, and in these hospitals in the city of Jerusalem, for the year 1896, 33,723 treatments were given.

Mission hospitals or dispensaries are found in thirty-four stations in China, and no less than 1,026,109 treatments have been bestowed yearly, or, upon the basis mentioned above, 256,527 Chinese men and women have been taught, in the most practical manner, that the religion of Jesus Christ is one of love and not of loot, one of compassion and not of retaliation; that the red cross upon the arm of the surgeon or the breast of the nurse is the symbol of Christianity, not a bayonet or a rapid-fire gun. Will any man or woman say that even from a common commercial standpoint, not to place it any higher than that, these figures do not cry aloud and will not have an influence too great to measure?

Next look at the great Indian empire, second in numbers only to the Chinese, if it does not in reality even rival it. Within its bounds are forty-nine stations equipped with hospitals, in some stations more than one, and in them 1,379,393 treatments are given every year.

It will be noticed that many countries have not been mentioned. Space forbids, but, in a nutshell, the grand total compiled for the last year shows that throughout the heathen and Mohammedan world 2,579,651 patients received 6,647,840 treatments. And at the beginning of the last century one medical missionary pleaded, and for a time in vain, with the Church to send him back to India and support him there. Truly, truly the world does move.

Sunday School Helps

A Wesley Day Program.

BY T. B. NEELY, D. D.

Every Sunday school in Methodism should celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Rev. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. The anniversary day will be Sunday, the twenty-eighth of June. * * *

It is not absolutely necessary to have an elaborate program for the Wesley Bi-Centennial in the Sunday school, and even if up to the present time no arrangement has been made for such a service, there is ample time to make a respectable preparation for celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of Wesley's birth.

The bi-centennial should be observed, if in no other way, by a simple service in which reference shall be made to Wesley and his work, but it is possible for those who begin at the present date to have a fairly elaborate program.

Any pastor or Sunday school superintendent may in a few minutes block out an interesting order of exercises. For example, a home-made program may be constructed out of the material furnished in the June number of the *Sunday School Journal and Bible Student's Magazine*. Thus persons may be selected to deliver short addresses on: 1. Bi-centennial of Wesley's Birth; 2. Wesley's Parents; 3. His Birthplace; 4. His Childhood; 5. His School and College Days; 6. His Early Ministry; 7. The Condition of England when Wesley began His Public Career; 8. What Wesley Accomplished; 9. Great Men's Estimate of Wesley and His Work; 10. The Growth of Methodism, and, 11. The Future of Methodism.

The articles on Wesley in the above magazine may be made the basis of the addresses, but if the individual to whom the topic is assigned feels that he cannot make a speech in which this material may be worked up, let him read the article before his audience.

Then by interspersing the program with hymns of the Wesleys taken from the Church Hymnal there will be constructed a pleasing and profitable program.

In addition it would be exceedingly appropriate to take an offering to aid the Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church in its great work of starting new Sunday schools and saving those in danger of extinction. There is no compulsion about this but the money will be useful in extending the influence of the denomination and in broadening and strengthening the foundations of the Church, for where a new Sunday school is planted a new church is likely to grow.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

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The Presiding Elders' Council

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ship of the Methodist Episcopal Church. We call attention to the meeting because we think all who feel an interest in these matters should make it a point to be present. As we said some weeks ago, it is better for those who desire to assist in shaping the final action of the council to be present and do so rather than attempt it after the meeting is over. We believe that those who participated in the Atlanta gathering were perfectly sincere and were desirous of pointing out the proper course to be pursued; we are equally confident that those who shall compose the meeting at Meridian will be there for what they consider the best good of the church. The most sincere and thoughtful men of the church should be present and go in to do their very best for the cause. Meanwhile let all pray that the spirit of the Master may pervade the whole and that his leading may be conscientiously and faithfully followed.

Advice to Negroes Who Own Land

The *Independent*, published in Pittsburg, Pa., sends out under the head of "Good Advice" information to Southern Negro landowners, from which we take the following:

"We call the attention of the colored people of the South, and especially the colored owners of land, to the great interests the capitalists of the North are now taking through their agents in the purchase of land in the Southern States. We advise every colored man who owns a foot of land to hold on to every foot of land he owns, as it is only a question of time until the South will be the garden spot of the United States of America, and the moneyed men of the North have discovered the value of the soil and what the South can produce at a less cost than same material or products can be produced in the North. It is only a question of time until every foot of land will be gobbled up by the capitalists of the North, as they are fully aware that the South has better climatic conditions than can be found in the North. Almost every avenue in the North has been absorbed by capitalists, and, as there is an abundance of money looking for investment, it is a logical conclusion that the only outlet for the surplus capital of the North is the South. Knowing this, we advise the people of the South to hold on to all the land they now own, and, if possible, purchase more, and by doing so will in the future prove to be one of the best movements ever made by the colored race, as every fair-minded man must know that possession of lands by the colored race of the South will do more toward the elevation of our race than any other material possessions."

Death of Hon. James J. Hill

The death of the Hon. James J. Hill, the most distinguished republican of the state of Mississippi, will come as a shock to the thousands who know him throughout the land. Somehow, notwithstanding his race and his prominence in politics, he continued popular with the whites of his state, hundreds of whom he numbered among his

personal friends. For some years Mr. Hill has devoted much time to an effort to establish a cotton factory in Jackson, Miss., to be operated entirely by Negroes. While he had not fully succeeded he had not ceased his labors and was still hopeful of success. His sudden and unexpected death is credited to heart failure. The daily *Picayune* reporter at Jackson, Miss., where Mr. Hill died, sent to his paper the following:

"Ex-Register of the United States Land Office James Hill died at his residence in this city this morning, after an illness of several weeks. He was one of the noted colored men of Mississippi and of the South. Born in Marshall county about fifty-five years ago, he lived in Holly Springs until after the war. He was elected secretary of state in the early seventies, and held a number of federal offices, among them that of internal revenue collector for Mississippi, postmaster at Vicksburg, register of the land office in this city, and had also been the nominee of the republican party in several districts of the state for congress. He was for a great many years National republican committeeman, and was at the time of his death chairman of the State Republican Executive Committee. He was Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colored Masons of Mississippi. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon. It is understood his funeral will be a Masonic one, and his fellow-Masons from all parts of the state are expected to be present. The deceased had many friends who will sincerely mourn his death. He leaves a mother, who resides in this city, and a brother, Frank Hill, of Jamestown, N. Y., formerly of Mississippi, who has been wired and is expected to arrive Sunday."

"The Black Man's Burden"

As previously announced in the columns of the SOUTHWESTERN, the Rev. H. H. Proctor, of Atlanta, Ga., delivered his lecture on the "Black Man's Burden" on the 8th inst., at Straight University. Mr. Proctor is a tall, well-built man and makes a fine appearance on the platform. He had a large, intelligent audience before him and on the whole made a fairly good impression. He declared that the black man's burdens are ignorance, poverty and criminality. He pointed out the fact that according to the United States census every other Negro in the land is ignorant. As to the black man's poverty he said that tho the race pays taxes on \$500,000,000 worth of property, that is not so much after all when we recall that one white man can be pointed to in another part of the country who owns that much, as an individual.

In discussing the criminality of the race, Mr. Proctor paid a tribute to the Negro woman and exhorted the men to protect her at all hazards, even tho it cost them their lives. His remarks teemed with good advice along the lines indicated and tho not an instructive lecture it was an interesting one.

A party of missionaries bound for Liberia sailed on the steamship *Lucania*, Saturday, June 13. Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand M. Allen, with their two children, are returning after a furlough of one year spent in the United States. Mr. Allen will resume his work as superintendent of the Methodist Mission Press in Monrovia. The other members of the party are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rutherford McWilliams, appointed missionaries to Liberia at the May meeting of the board of managers. Mr. McWilliams is a graduate of Kansas State University, class of 1901, and for the past year has been instructor in science in New Orleans University. He will be a professor in the College of West Africa, Monrovia.

Personal and General

Albert E. Batson, convicted of murdering the Earl family near Lake Charles, La., is to hang Aug. 14.

Miss Lulu F. Joichin, of this city, is teaching at Belmont, La., and the people are much pleased with her work.

Rev. J. M. Marsh, our pastor at Pickens, Miss., in a recent rally raised \$85. He writes that his church is having great success.

Prof. Charles L. Marshall, principal of Christianburg Institute (Va.), delivered a splendid address at the commencement exercises of Tuskegee.

Mr. James R. Hayes, the Richmond, Va., attorney, is still traveling through the North collecting funds to fight the new constitution of his state.

Rev. W. H. Melton, the talented editor of *The Colored Citizen*, Memphis, Tenn., was in the city last week enroute home from Texas, and made our office a pleasant visit.

Rev. C. H. Monroe, pastor Booneville, La., was in the city last week and reports his work in prosperous condition. Brother Monroe looks as corpulent and prosperous as ever.

It is announced that Mr. Roscoe Conkling Bruce, principal of the Normal department of Tuskegee, and Miss Clara Washington, of Washington, D. C., were married June 3.

Rev. Dr. John Gordon, president of Tabor College, Iowa, has been elected president of Howard University, Washington, D. C. It is hoped he may prove a sincere friend of the race.

Rev. W. R. R. Duncan, presiding elder of the Little Rock (Ark.) district, desires his correspondents to address him at 12th and Valentine streets, Little Rock, Ark., instead of old number.

Col. W. A. Pledger, of Georgia, has been seriously ill with typhoid pneumonia, but we are gratified to know that he is now much improved. The Colonel's a fighter under any and all circumstances.

Rev. Dr. William Burt, of Rome, Italy, is the first delegate to be chosen to our next General Conference. In the conference in Italy, which was held recently, Dr. Burt and an Italian layman were elected.

Rev. James U. King, a classical graduate of Howard University, completes the theological course this year at Yale University. His address is Bridgeton, N. J. Brother King belongs to the Delaware Conference.

Mr. Jefferson P. Obee, father of Rev. J. J. Obee, of Thompson Chapel, this city, died at his residence in New Iberia, La., June 2nd. He was 70 years old, a member of St. James M. E. Church there, and highly respected by all.

Miss Flerrena F. McGee, of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., is spending her vacation with her brother, Rev. J. C. McGee, of the Upper Mississippi Conference, at Abbeville, Miss. Upper Mississippi Conference, at Abbeville, Miss.

Rev. Dr. G. W. Arnold, presiding elder of the Gainesville (Ga.) District, Atlanta Conference, informs us that in the terrible cyclone which swept over Gainesville our church was blown down and nearly all the homes of our members were destroyed.

Rev. D. J. Price, A. B., pastor Hurst Chapel, Plaquemine, La., came to the city Monday on

urgent business. He has just closed a successful revival in which 64 were converted. Brother Price expects to attend the council of leading men at Meridian, Miss.

In Rochester, N. Y., a few nights ago, a largely attended mass meeting was held to protest against race disfranchisement in the South. The mayor of the city and the venerable and much-loved Susan B. Anthony participated and spoke vigorously in denunciation of the wrong done our people.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis, of Franklin, La., have disposed of most of their interests at that point and have moved to Chicago, Ill. The doctor is a dentist and expects to enter upon the work of his profession in the Windy City. They have many friends in these parts who regret their departure.

It will be gratifying to the many friends of the great Sharp Street Memorial Church, Baltimore. Rev. Dr. I. L. Thomas pastor, to know that in a recent rally \$1,800 was raised. It is thought that in a short while the choir will be one of the greatest in the United States. The church is alive on all lines.

The Booker T. Washington Literary Club of Brookhaven, Miss., is a real help to the young people of that city. It was organized by Rev. L. W. Price. Mr. E. L. Pendleton is president. One of the weekly features of the club's program is a select reading from the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, usually from its editorial columns.

Rev. Dr. S. A. Cowan, A. M., presiding elder of the Shubuta (Miss.) District, ran over from Pearlinton, Miss., last week and spent the day in this city. His work is highly prosperous and nearly every point is doing well. He and his brethren are pushing hard to make this the best year in the history of the district, both in converts secured and benevolence collected.

Rev. W. F. Smith, D. D., pastor at Gadsden, Ala., and for years a prominent member of the Central Alabama conference, has transferred to the Lincoln conference and is stationed at Hennessey, O. T. He is an eloquent and forceful preacher, a ready and strong debater on the conference floor and will certainly be heard from in his new field of labor.

The Florida State Medical Association of Colored Physicians, which held its annual session in San Augustine, elected as its officers the following: President, Dr. J. Seth Hills, of Jacksonville; vice-president, Dr. D. W. Roberts, of St. Augustine; secretary, Dr. W. C. Smalls, of Jacksonville; treasurer, Dr. A. S. Jerry, of Tallahassee; librarian, Dr. A. W. Smith. At the close of the meeting the Association was banquetted by the citizens. The next session will be held in Jacksonville the first Monday in May, 1904.

Bishop Joseph A. Beebe, D. D., the senior bishop of the C. M. E. Church, is dead. He was elected March 23, 1873, at Augusta, Ga., with Bishops L. H. Holsey and Isaac Lane, both of whom survive him. According to the *Index* he had been only two years from the A. M. E. Zion Church when chosen a bishop in the C. M. E. Church. He was about seventy years of age and is the third of the bishops of his church to die. There was a movement in the last session of the General Conference to retire him, but his personal plea to be retained prevented its being done.

The Epworth League Convention Number

Our Epworth League convention number will appear next week; look out for it.

News Notes

The Mississippi river is falling near St. Louis. Several more white farmers have been arrested in Alabama charged with peonage.

A colored man was hanged by a mob in Rapides, La., last week for killing a white man.

There is talk of Senator Quay being the manager of the coming Republican presidential campaign.

The town of McCool, Miss., was first looted by thieves and then damaged to the extent of \$50,000 by fire.

Every effort is being made to hold the levees at El Paso, Texas. The flood situation there is alarming.

It is claimed that President Roosevelt will make no representation to Russia regarding the Kishineff massacre.

"Up From Slavery," by Booker T. Washington, is being published as a serial story in a weekly paper in Trinidad, West Indies.

In the recently held election in Liberia, Africa, Mr. Arthur Barclay was chosen president of the Republic. The opposing candidate was Mr. W. D. Coleman, an ex-president.

Mr. Floyd Dunston, a musical composer, has just died in Berlin, Germany, where he was prosecuting his musical studies. Mr. Dunston was a colored man and a native of this country.

Mr. Peterson, who has been editing the *New York Age* during Mr. Fortune's visit to the Philippines, certainly does his work like a veteran. We rather suspect that Mr. Peterson has tried his hand before.

Mr. H. T. Eubanks, a prominent colored man of Cleveland, O., has been nominated on the republican ticket for the state legislature. It is thought that his chances for election are excellent; provided colored republicans are loyal to the ticket.

The saloons in Hempstead, Texas, are being protected by the state militia against the prohibitionists who insist on their being closed in accordance with the recent popular vote of that community. The matter is pending in the courts on an injunction.

As a result of a cloudburst in Oregon the night of June 14, the residence portion of Heppner, Ore., a town of 1250 inhabitants, was washed away and 500 persons swept into eternity. The terrific volume of mad water was 20 feet deep as it rushed roaring and bellowing down the gulch of Willow creek.

The first memorial monument erected in this country to Negro slaves and their descendants in recognition of valuable domestic and patriotic services before and during the Revolutionary war, was dedicated in Barrington, R. I., June 14. The memorial is a white quartz boulder buttressed at the corners by large black stones, emblematic of the white and black races, and bears a tablet inscribed: "In memory of Negro slaves and their descendants who faithfully served Barrington families."

A company of ladies of Litcher, La., who are desirous of organizing the ladies' department of the Knights of Pythias, gave an entertainment for the purpose of raising funds, which we are informed was the "first temperance entertainment known to have been given in Litcher." Tho a sad comment on conditions in the community, this evinces growth for the better. These ladies have done better than some of the churches there have been known to do. God bless them! Mrs. Emma Robinson is president and Mrs. Emma Craft secretary.

Last week King Alexander and Queen Draga of Serbia were assassinated by Servian soldiers on the roof of the royal palace at Belgrade, whither they had run for safety. The queen's two brothers, Premier Markovitch, the minister of war, two aides-de-camp and two other officers were also slain. Different and conflicting reasons are given for the murdering of the royal pair, but it is evident that their death closes one of the filthiest and most disgusting reigns of Europe. On the night of the assassination the king was asked to sign an agreement to abdicate the throne, but he not only refused but shot the man who presented the paper. He and the queen went at once to the palace roof where they were killed. Prince Peter Karageorgevitch has been declared king and will be designated Peter the First.

The Rev. N. M. Carroll Honored

Bennett College, at its recent commencement, conferred upon the Rev. N. M. Carroll, the oldest living member of those who organized the Washington Conference, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Carroll is the presiding elder of the Annapolis district of the Washington Conference. At the last session of the Conference, which was the fortieth, Dr. Carroll, in making his report, gave the following recapitulation of his forty years of service, which shows a remarkable career of usefulness:

Sermons delivered 10,861, prayer meetings 6,112, prayers in families and with sick and dying 8,316, received into full membership 6,119, funerals conducted 3,112, churches built 21, churches dedicated 19, raised for church debts \$89,116, conference collections \$13,112, pastoral visits 81,216, parsonages built 3, for special educational work \$5,000.

The National Negro Business League will hold its annual session in Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 19-21, 1903, when an unusually large attendance is expected.

The Chicago *Conservator* gave an interesting account of the great reception tendered Hon. E. H. Morris on his return from the session of the Illinois Legislature, recently adjourned, of which he is an honored member. We note with pleasure that Judge O. H. Horton, a prominent Chicago Methodist, was among the white citizens present and spoke with great acceptability. He always does.

The *Times-Democrat* of this city is much displeased because President Roosevelt said it seemed to him "eminently fitting that the guard around the tomb of Lincoln should be composed of colored soldiers." The *T.-D.* thinks it is sentimentalism, the same kind that made Dr. Crum Collector of Customs of Charleston, S. C. The President will please understand that if he wishes the approval of the *Times-Democrat* he must speak against the Negro.

It is gratifying to note how uniformly Americans of various nationalities have been aroused to protest against the massacre of Jews some weeks since by bloodthirsty Russians. Whether the government is responsible or not we cannot say, but if it is not this can to some extent at least be shown by making an honest attempt to punish the guilty. A terrible and inexcusable crime has been committed, for which some one should suffer the penalty. Aside from this we think the incident will go far to show our government how she appears in the eyes of others. For she herself is credited with 3,232 victims of mob violence during the past twenty-one years. Surely Russia's record is not much worse than this.

As is usual in what are called race riots, the difficulty reported from Smith and Scott counties, Mississippi, near Forrest, was brought on by overbearing white men. An employer had some difficulty with two hired boys who contended that according to agreement they were to have Saturday (the afternoons) to themselves. He attempted to whip them for refusing to work one Saturday afternoon and they went home. Three white men armed themselves and went for them, whereupon the boys ran and one was wounded. About that time some one, supposed to be the boys' father, fired from ambush and fatally wounded one of the whites. As a result two men and one woman, all Negroes, were killed and three houses burned. Somehow it seems to us that this difficulty about Saturday afternoon labor could have been adjusted without armed intervention. The man who hired the boys should have gone to their father first.

FARM AND FIRESIDE

Gen. C. Marshall Editor
INDIVIDUAL OR RACE.

The press of the South is not specially enthusiastic over the prospect of a permanent settlement of the race question by the proposed convention of governors in the city of Atlanta. This is not to be wondered at, for of all the silly proposals that have been made for the betterment of the condition of the Negro, this is about the worst.

The Atlanta convention is foredoomed to failure, not only because the southern states that are most vitally interested will have nothing to do with it, but because the effort itself is directed wrongly. Conventions may resolve and re-resolve and die resolving, but the black man remains black and the white man remains white, and race conditions remain the same. No race ever was elevated en masse, no race has ever been benefited by any remedy that seeks to deal with the race instead of the individual. The social problem of the South, in the last analysis is not a race problem at all, it is a problem of individuals.

When our forefathers established these United States of America, it was with the ideal of a social democracy in mind. Specifically they forbade the granting of any title of nobility in the constitution itself. And by inference every sort of social and racial distinction was to be abolished along with the abolition of nobility. The representatives of the people from the southern states were the especial champions of democracy a hundred years ago, and to this day Jefferson is their idol because of his democracy. Yet strange to say it is in these same states that the grossest violations of the fundamental principles of democracy are constantly met with. A Chinese wall would be no greater barrier, than the social rules that are enacted between the "poor whites" of the South and the descendants of the old plantation aristocracy. While between the white and the black is a great gulf fixed which no man may ever attempt to bridge.

All this is not only grossly undemocratic, it is unjust and unfair. Both under our system of government, and under a Christian interpretation of social ethics, it is wrong to discriminate against any race, class or sect whatsoever. Because a certain man is a German is no reason why he should be elected to office or denied that privilege. Because a certain man's ancestors came over in the Mayflower is no reason why he should be either praised or blamed. Because another happens to be a Roman Catholic is no reason why he should be invited to a dinner or excluded from it. And because a man's ancestors happened to come from Africa is no reason why he should be either honored or ostracized. If we want to be democrats, let us be democrats and treat every man as he deserves to be treated every man as he deserves to be treated as an individual, and not as our prejudices would lead us to treat him as a member of a class, race or sect.

The problem of problems in our southern states to-day is a problem of individuals, not a problem of races, and missionary work is needed among the blacks and whites alike, that individuals in each race may be taught to recognize and reciprocate the good qualities in the other. The Negro must learn that while certain white individ-

uals are prejudiced, vindictive and unfair, certain other white individuals are his friends and will gladly do all in their power for his betterment. And the white man must also learn that while many Negroes are lazy, improvident, untruthful and dishonest, other individual Negroes are industrious, honest and upright, and govern his actions accordingly. Yet this is the very thing neither race seems willing to do.

It is not a question of social equality of political equality or the dominance of one race or the other, it is a case of individual equality, other things being equal. If the individual Negro has proven himself the best horsehoer in the community he ought to get the work, and if the individual Negro has proven himself the fittest man for any work or place or station he ought to have it, and the white man ought to be just as eager to help him to get it, that others of the race may be led to emulate his example. And on the other hand, if the individual Negro deserves to be hanged, let him be hanged. Nothing has ever been gained by setting any race or caste or class upon a pedestal as an hereditary nobility and the overlords of the people. And just as little will anything be gained by the wholesale condemnation of any race or class or caste. Individual liberty, that is, the right of the individual to enjoy equal privileges with all other individuals regardless of race, ancestry, religious belief, or any other circumstance—is the very foundation stone of Americanism. The denial of that right to any individual, white or black, or red or yellow, when he has proven himself worthy of it, is not only unchristian and undemocratic, it is likewise un-American.—*Ex.*

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DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

Jeanerette, La.—The presiding elder was here May 12. He preached a soul saving sermon for us and held our quarter on the 17th. We carried out Easter to the letter; also had a grand time under management of the superintendent, A. J. Smith. Dr. R. E. Jones favored us with his presence.

A. R. Adams, Port Allen, La.—A wonderful sermon was preached here on Sunday, May 24, by Rev. C. Shepherd. The occasion was the memorial of the old veterans of this place. The veterans appreciated the sermon. Rev. Shepherd is a great worker for Christ. He is well liked here by both white and colored.

F. L. Bost, Ramseur, N. C.—Our third quarterly conference convened at Pleasant Hill May 9-10, with Presiding Elder M. J. Bullock in the chair. Raised this quarter for the pastor \$56.21; for the elder, \$13.31; missions, \$18; total, \$87.52. The elder preached a great sermon. The Lord's Supper was administered to 39.

A. J. McNair, Pastor, Meridian, Miss.—The second quarterly conference for St. Paul M. E. Church was held May 23 and 24, Rev. J. C. Hibbler, presiding elder, in the chair. Officials were present as well as many visitors. Reports were good. The pastor's report indicated that 60 souls had been converted

and joined our Zion; \$123 had been raised for benevolence. Sunday was a high day; love feast at 11 a. m., conducted by Rev. P. Blue, and at 8 p. m. the elder preached one of his strong and able sermons. At 8 p. m. he also preached a missionary sermon to the delight of all present. Collection, \$31.07.

A. B. Blewett, pastor, Clarksdale, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference was a success. Our presiding elder, Rev. J. W. Winbush, presided. No interest of the church was neglected. He preached acceptably to a large audience. Paid presiding elder, \$10, the quarterly assessment, raised \$5.55 for mission, and secured one subscriber to the old SOUTHWESTERN, and one soul was added to the church. Pray for our success.

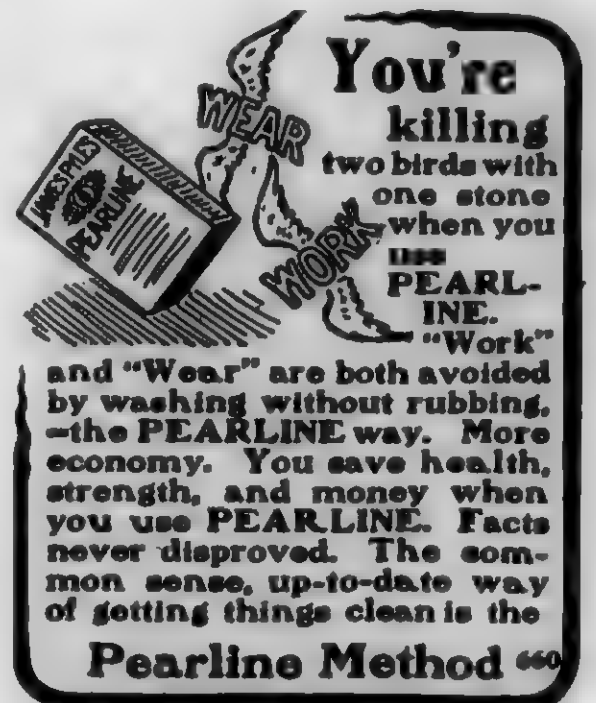
N. B. Blackman, Bell Circuit.—My second quarterly conference convened in Wesley Chapel April 25, 26, Rev. W. C. Clay, A. B., presiding elder, presiding. Reports of presiding elder and officers showed the work to be in a prosperous condition. Rev. W. C. Clay made a strong talk for Rust, and the SOUTHWESTERN. My work is alic on all lines. The elder preached to a large audience. Ninety-one partook of Lord's Supper; received five into the church. Collection this quarter, \$22.90. Three subscribers to the Southwestern.

T. D. Wesson, Pastor, Corinth, Ark.—I was made welcome to my new work. Our first quarterly conference was held April 25-26, our presiding elder, T. R. Wamble, preaching. The brethren had written reports. Collection \$12.60. The elder was paid in full. Brother Wamble preached a soul-stirring sermon to a crowded house. We are planning to build a new church at Cadagap and at Murfreesboro. They are 30 miles apart, but we are trusting to God.

W. P. Wright, Pastor, Weir, Miss.—We have a working system here that warrants the 25 cash subscribers I promised and more besides. I have a club of five at each church. I promise the SOUTHWESTERN to each one who raises one dollar. As each one reports to me I send his name and dollar to you, then I drop that name from my club and ask some other member to join; so I keep the wheel turning. This plan, I think, is a sure one.

D. F. Dudley, Pastor, Hattiesburg, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference was held April 26 and 27, Rev. S. A. Cowan presiding. We paid the presiding elder, as we always do, and he preached us two good sermons. We raised \$24. Everything is moving along nicely. The people are beginning to fix up for the conference for 1904. Our citizens are making lewd women leave our town, and are closing blind tigers. Things will come right some times. We also have in our city, Dr. W. F. Howard, who is getting a great deal to do. The doctor could not be happy until Mrs. Howard arrived, but now you can see that \$125 horse and \$100 buggy and a fine looking driver raising dust in every direction, going to see the sick.

A. W. Talbert, Pastor, Muskogee, Ind. Ter.—Our first quarterly meeting, April 25-26, in Spencer Chapel, was a success. The presiding elder, D. G. Franklin, was on hand, and



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preached three excellent sermons. Six persons were received into the church. The presiding elder was paid in full. The quarterly conference, or estimating committee, increased both the salary of the presiding elder and that of the pastor. Our very efficient superintendent, Brother F. Looper, who has served the Sunday School more than two years, has moved to Colorado. Prof. J. B. McCulloch was elected and approved as superintendent of our Sunday School work. Our Easter service, in charge of Mrs. L. Jones, Mrs. Mary Thompson, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Rivers, Miss Mattie Smith and Miss Daisy Smith, was excellent. Collection for missions, \$3.22; pledges, \$18. We hope the pastors of our churches in the South and elsewhere, will grant letters of dismissal to the members of their charges, coming into the Territory, that they may come right into our churches here. Otherwise, they refuse to unite with us, saying they are waiting for their church letters. In many cases they drift off, and join other churches, or fall away from Christ. Brethren, God will require these precious souls at your hands. You can't afford to so offend God's little ones in this way. Give them letters of dismissal, and urge them to find us, and help us build up a strong and helpful church out here. Our Methodism is a crying need of this Territory. The President of Trustee Board, Prof. McCulloch, received a subscription of \$62 for the church debt during the quarter.

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Dorsey McRae, Madison, N. C.—May 22d, Rev. J. P. Franklin, presiding elder, was present. He looked after every interest of the work in a brotherly and Godly spirit. On Sunday he preached two wonderful sermons which lifted the minds of



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N. Toole, Pastor, Forest, Miss.—My second quarterly conference was held on the 6, Dr. J. M. Shumpert, presiding elder, and most all officers were present with good reports. This was one of the best quarters held since I've been on the circuit. Four persons had died; sixteen had been taken into full connection; \$22.85 of benevolent money had been collected; \$40 raised for improving the church. The elder preached two splendid sermons; 75 communed this week. The collections for ministerial support was \$40.85; paid presiding elder in full. Total collection for the quarter \$95.35. One subscriber for the SOUTHWESTERN.

T. Larkins, Abbeville Circuit, La.—Our presiding elder, Rev. S. Duncan, was with us on April 23-29 and preached two good sermons. He is the right man in the right place. Our revival is in high spirits. Six souls have been converted and many are at the altar. Rev. D. H. Young is with us and rendering good service.

A. R. Rutledge, Pastor, New River, Fla.—I came to this work on the 6th of March. Our first quarterly conference was held May 2, Rev. S. A. Huger, presiding elder, in the chair. The officers were present with written reports, which showed great progress on all lines of church work. The presiding elder preached two soul-stirring sermons. Total collections for the quarter, \$51.54. We are on the battle ground with a hope for victory.

Rev. R. B. Henry, Pastor, Mens, Ark.—My first quarterly conference convened in the M. E. Chapel, Dallas, Ark., May 2-3, Rev. M. N. Langston, presiding elder, in the chair. All officers were present with good reports. The presiding elder was well pleased with the work done by the pastor and members. Paid presiding elder \$3.50; pastor, \$19. Easter collection, \$5; for Epworth League fund, \$2; collection on Sunday, \$16; total, \$45.50. On Sunday the presiding elder preached to a large number of people (both white and colored)

At 3 p. m. the young people rendered a fine program, to the delight of all present, after which the cornerstone of our new church was laid. We are few in number, but we must have a new church ready by the second quarter. By the help of the Lord, Brothers S. P. Crow, W. C. Moon, S. J. Johnson, W. C. Perry, E. W. Cole and our dear sisters and the writer are going to build this church.

Mrs. Ella Avritt.—Elder B. T. Manson's seventy-sixth birthday was celebrated May 11 by himself and friends. A sumptuous dinner was served in five courses. Mrs. Birdia Ward, Father Manson's granddaughter, presented him a handsome present, given by the children. Mrs. Clamons gave him a fine cake. Among the friends present were Rev. B. F. Anderson, Rev. B. F. Cloud and Prof. Metcalf and Mr. and Mrs. Avritt.

J. H. Holden, Ft. Worth, Tex.—Andrews Chapel M. E. Church held its second quarterly conference May 9. Rev. L. H. Richardson, presiding elder, was in the chair. Delegates to the district conference which will convene in Corsicana, Tex., were elected. Reports were good. The presiding elder preached a soul-stirring sermon. We paid our presiding elder \$12.50 and had some money to put in the hands of our beloved pastor.

G. W. Baber, Dalingerfield, Tex.—Our quarterly conference was held on April 4-5. The presiding elder, O. I. Jones, presided. The officers present had written reports. Paid presiding elder \$25 in full and pastor \$56.45. The elder expressed himself pleased with the improvements that had been made since conference.

S. Powells, Pastor, Waterproof, La.—Our first quarterly conference was held the 9th and 10 of May, with the Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne presiding. Sunday was the greatest day we have had in the history of the church, both spiritually and financially. We enjoyed love feast. The Lord's supper was administered to 51. We paid the presiding elder in full; one subscriber for the SOUTHWESTERN. The presiding elder preached for the Myrtle Grove church. He was entertained Monday by Sister Josephine Shelton and Brother Ed Rollins.

L. C. Thomas, Pastor, New Roads, La.—May 4 was a grand time at St. Paul. We had the presence of Dr. R. E. Jones and Presiding Elder Taylor, Rev. B. J. Reddix and Elder Jones and his good people at the A. M. E. Church at Bayou Sara. A good number of Baptist elders were present. The church and streets were crowded with people. Dr. Jones made an impression upon both races at New Roads. He spoke well in the interest of the Sunday school and church. Rev. H. Taylor made a lasting impression upon all. The collection was good.

M. Q. A. Fuller, Harleton, Tex.—Our second quarterly conference was held at Coffeetown, April 18-19. The attendance was good. Received seven into full membership this quarter. The work is in advance of last year at this time. During the business part of the quarter the presiding elder made a strong plea for the SOUTHWESTERN and several will subscribe soon. Paid the presiding elder his quarterage. Sunday was a great day with us. About



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W. L. Marshall, Bay St. Louis, Miss.—There is no small amount of credit due to Miss Beatrice Ross, Miss Belle Jacob, Mrs. Alice Squirrre and Mrs. L. Champigne for the concert and entertainment given by them for the benefit of the St. Paul M. E. Church April 20, the proceeds of which were \$15. The \$6.95 presented to the pastor by Miss Belle Jacob was indeed at the right place and in a needy time. We have many good, willing, working brothers and sisters here.

H. H. Hales, Sunday School Superintendent, Collingville Circuit, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference convened May 9-10. We had a good time. Rev. J. C. Hibbler, presiding elder, was in the chair. He gave a good lecture on the different departments of the church. Nine class leaders reported. Classes are in good condition. Paid the pastor, Rev. P. A. Taylor, \$20.75, presiding elder \$12.50.

W. R. Nance, Reporter, Crawford, Miss.—The first quarterly conference was held on the 14-15 of March, with Rev. C. W. Walton, presiding elder, in the chair. We had a good meeting. Most of the brethren were present with good reports, showing that the work has put on new life. Raised for this quarter \$35.75. Rev. C. W. Walton, presiding elder, is the right man for the district and Rev. J. J. Johnson is making rapid progress along all lines. He is the right man for Crawford.

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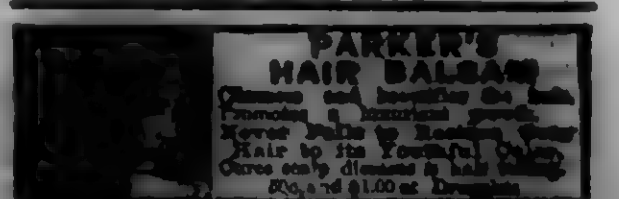
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quarterly conference convened on the 18th of April, with Rev. S. Duncan in the chair. All officers were present with written reports. The people were glad to see the elder. He preached to the delight of all four able sermons. The people at this place are good. Our Sunday school is alive. We raised the elder's quarterage from \$16 to \$20. We have good officers. We have sent in six subscribers.

W. A. Parks, Pastor, Prairie Plains, —Our second quarterly conference was held May 2-3 by Rev. W. A. Fortson, our presiding elder. The reports were all good. Ten dollars was reported in the quarter. The presiding elder preached as usual to the delight of all two able sermons. We held services in our new church, Matthew Chapel, and had dinner on the grounds. Rev. Fortson was well pleased with our work.

H. C. Wilson, Newellton, La.—Our quarterly conference was held May 14-17 with the presiding elder, Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, in the chair. The reports showed an increase along all lines. The elder preached to large audiences. All who heard him were delighted. He also lectured to a crowded house. Mrs. Emma E. Bryant, a graduate from our Newellton University, and Prof. A. J. Bryant, Jr., of the B. College at Natchez, Miss., are the public school teachers. They



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were presented a fine lamp by the writer. The presentation speech was made by the presiding elder. A reception was tendered the presiding elder. We have three subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN and more will add their names.

G. W. Board, G. C. Riley, Pastor of the Dover Church.—Our first quarterly conference was held April 29, with the presiding elder, Rev. Elam White. He preached an excellent sermon. The ladies of the church paid him the full amount due him. They were assisted by the public teacher, Miss Jennie M. Moore. The same ladies are neatly repairing our church. Our Epworth League is in a healthful condition. The president of the League, Miss Jennie M. Moore, is doing wonderful work.

Wm. Harrell, Manchac, La.—The pastor was badly frightened at the multitude of people who came to the parsonage recently. His fright turned to joy when he found they were friends, led by Mrs. C. Burrell, Mrs. A. Woods, Mrs. M. Wright, Mrs. C. Wright, Mrs. A. Watson and a great host of others. Mr. A. Wright made the presentation speech which was responded to by the pastor. A full manifestation was shown in the liberal and handsome donations presented. And an abundance of groceries truly gladdened the pastor's heart, and the people have his heartfelt thanks.

Addie M. Brown, Superintendent McCabe M. E. Sunday School, Winnsboro, La.—Our first quarterly conference was held April 30, with the presiding elder in the chair. All the officers were present with good reports. Raised for all purposes, \$15.05. Rev. Shallow-horne preached an able and eloquent sermon. We have the right presiding elder. Our beloved pastor, Rev. R. A. Taylor, is the right man in the right place. We intend to stand by him and his dear wife, who is loved by all. Our Sunday school is in excellent condition. My aim is to make the Sunday school second to none.

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New Orleans North, New

Orleans, La.....July 22-26
Marion, Marion, Ala.....July 15-19
Opelika, Alexander City....July 15-20
Meridian, Enterprise, Miss....July 22-26
Montgomery, Brewton, Ala....July 22
Oklahoma, Muskogee, I. T....July 22-26
Greensboro, Leakville.....July 22-29
Griffin, Jonesboro, Ga.....July 28
Nashville, Sparta, Tenn....July 28-29
Palestine, Palestine, Tex....Aug. 4-9
Monroe, Mt. Nebo, La.....Aug. 5
Huntsville, Huntsville, Tex....Aug. 11
St. Louis, Farmington, Mo....Aug. 11-16
Gainesville, Cartersville, Ga....Aug. 11-16
Lexington, Parsons, Tenn....Aug. 18-23
Baton Rouge, Donaldsonville,

La.....Aug. 19
Birmingham, Mantua, Ala....Aug. 19-23
Sedalia, Sweet Springs, Mo....Aug. 19-23
San Antonio, Seguin, Tex....Aug. 25-31
Pine Bluff, Clarendon, Ark....Aug. 26-30
Navasota, Caldwell, Tex....Sept. 1-6
Ocala, —, Fla.....Sept. 9
Houston, Kendleton, Tex....Sept. 17-30
Greenville, Gunterson, Miss.....—
Vicksburg, Fayette, Miss....Aug. 5
Jackson, Yazoo City, Miss....Jul. 29-Aug. 2
Clow, New Lewisville, Ark....Aug. 12-16
Paris, Clarksville, Tex....Aug. 26-31
Holly Springs, Grenada, Miss....July 22-26
Marshall, Mineola, Tex....Aug. 18-24
Rome, Cave Spring, Ga....Aug. 6
Louisville, Cloverport, Ky....Aug. 12-16
Waynesboro, Statesboro, Ga....Aug. 6-9
West Tennessee, Brownsville, Tenn.

.....Aug. 3
Winston, Winston-Salem, N. C....July 9-12
Dallas, Texas.....July 21-26
Savannah, Jessup, Ga....June 24-30
Ohio, Oberlin, O.....Aug. 19-23
Shreveport, Shreveport, La....Aug. 12
Shubuta, Moss Point, Miss....July 8-12
Rome, Cave Springs, Ga....Aug. 6
CONVENTIONS.

West Nashville, Lewisburg,
Tenn.June —
Presiding Elders' Council,
Meridian, Miss.....June 25-28
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Birmingham, Warrior, Ala....July 3-5
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Tennessee Annual Conference E. L.
Murfreesboro, Tenn....June 23-25
Shreveport, Mansfield, La....July 8-9
Rome, Carrollton, Ga....June 25
Fort Smith, W. H. M. S., Van Bu-
ren, Ark.Sept. 3-6

J. W. Jones, Pastor, Summerfield Charge.—My third quarter was held May 9, with the presiding elder in the chair. The brethren from the different churches were present with good reports. On Sunday Elder J. P. Franklin preached to a crowded house. Everybody enjoyed the sermon. We paid him in full, \$13.75. We raised for benevolent causes, \$36; for pastor's salary, Summerfield Church, \$25.77; Rolley's Crossroads, \$24.27; Collin's Grove, \$25; for the SOUTHWESTERN, \$1.25; total, \$126.04. Conversions, 2; accessions, 1.

A. C. Culbreath, Pastor, Huntsville, Tex.—Rev. W. A. Fortson, presiding elder, held our second quarterly conference May 16-17, 1903, with good result. He preached three good sermons and delivered three lectures to Sunday school and church, all of which was grand. He stated that we had led the district in benevolence on Easter —\$63.00—and had paid the pastor more than any place on the district. We had a glorious time. The Lord's Supper was administered to 65; baptized, 2.

Total amount this quarter, \$135.00; to pastor, \$60.00; presiding elder, \$18.00, and all other causes, \$135.00. All of the reports showed an increase along all lines.

Wm. Payne, Pastor, Pluto, Miss.—There was a great storm at the Holly Grove M. E. Church on the Roseneath Circuit, May 7. Many things were blown there by the people. It was led by: Nat Golden, Owen Payne, John Knight, Felix Steward, Preston Stan-backs, Sisters Janie Golden, Missie Henderson, Alcy Kirka.

J. S. Stripling, Pastor, Rocky Ford Ct.—We were at Horse Creek Church May 16-17, when our second quarterly conference was held by Presiding Elder W. H. Brown. The elder, though ill, preached with great power to the satisfaction of a crowded house. A large number communed. Most of the leaders were present and reported their classes in fair condition spiritually and temporally. Complete record for ministerial support this quarter, \$75.

There is no better time to get subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN than now. Just a little effort and a little time each week will soon swell the subscription list to the self-sustaining number.

W. T. Chapman, Clarence, La.—On April 27 Miss Mathia Wetherapoon opened the public school at Mount Zion M. E. Church. She has an attendance of 80. I pray that the day will come when our people will take more interest in education.

Miss L. A. Gare, Secretary, Gatesville, Tex.—Our quarterly conference held at Gatesville May 1 and 2, with Rev. L. H. Richardson, presiding elder, in the chair. Officers were present with written reports. Our elder preached us two soul-stirring sermons. Paid him \$15.71; raised for all purposes, \$87.50.

Mattie P. Coulter, Allbrook, Ark.—Clow Seminary closed on May 14. We had a glorious time during this term. This is my first term, but it is my desire to reach the top before I stop. L. W. Futrell is the principal and Mrs. Lena G. Futrell is his assistant. It is a good school.

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Bettie J. Coulter, Saratoga, Ark.—Our first quarterly conference was held at Baber Chapel on the 18-19 of April. It was a joyful time. Our presiding elder preached two of his best sermons. Collection good. Our pastor, Brother Perah, is now home to see his family. We think we have the right man for this place for he is not afraid of telling the truth. And we think if we do our part our church will be alive once more.

R. H. Patton, Union Church, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference convened May 16-17, Elder Threlkeld in the chair. All members were present, but two, with written reports, which showed the work to be in good condition.

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The elder preached to the delight of all; 97 persons partook of the Lord's Supper. We raised \$37.80 Saturday and Sunday; total raised during this quarter, \$125; paid the elder, \$17; pastor, \$85; for other causes, \$23.

Rev. P. R. Woodson, Pastor, Manchester Charge, Tenn.—My third quarter was held May 16-17. The Rev. M. Williams, presiding elder, presided. He preached strong sermons. Collection, \$7. A reception was given for the presiding elder and pastor by the church sisters: Mrs. Matilda Vanoy, Fannie Vanoy, Sally Northcutt, Nannie Elliott, Minnie Gant.

E. F. Douglass, Pastor, Perryville Charge.—Our third quarterly conference was held May 9-10, Elder W. R. Smith, the presiding elder, presiding. Elder Smith is the right man in the right place. Many were on hand with written reports which showed a marked degree of success. Sunday the elder preached two soul-stirring sermons. Four united with the church. We are moving along nicely. Paid elder \$10.

W. C. Summers, Reevesville, S. C.—St. Georges charge of the Beaufort District is now at work for God. Last Sunday, May 10, Rev. J. L. Henderson, our beloved pastor, preached one of his master sermons to a packed house. The spirit of the Lord came down among us, as it does not always, even to Christians. Eight joined the church; 38 received in full connection; raised for pastor \$21.08.

Rev. J. A. Guthrie, Pastor, New River, Va.—Robt. C. Austin, Secretary Radford Charge.—Our third quarterly conference convened May 16-17, the presiding elder, Rev. W. E. Mitchell, in the chair. The officers were present with good reports. The presiding elder preached two soul stirring sermons. Paid presiding elder \$13.50; pastor, \$9.50; total, \$23.00. Raised for all purposes during this quarter, \$190.48.

S. T. Cooper, Pastor, Caldwell, Ark.—My second quarterly conference was held May 15-16, with Presiding Elder B. J. Griffin in the chair. The officers had good reports, which showed improvement in the work. The elder preached strong sermons; 70 souls com-

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muned. Raised for all purposes, \$105; paid elder \$12. We have plans in our working machinery to make this the best charge on the Forrest City District.

F. L. Bost, Ramseur Charge, N. C.—Easter was a high day with us; we raised \$18 for missions. We have some fine young men and women who are fast coming to the front rank, and with this army of young people and our Christian fathers and mothers and friends, and by the help of our heavenly Father, we must raise the banner of the Ramseur charge this year.

Wm. H. Morris, Batesville, Ark.—Our second quarterly conference was held May 9-10, with Rev. W. R. R. Duncan presiding. He preached two soul-stirring sermons which were well received by the congregation. Three united with the church, and much interest was manifested. Nearly all the official members were present and made encouraging reports. Four cash subscriptions were received for the Southwestern, with others to follow. The claims of the presiding elder were met in full, and reports showed \$131.70 raised for all the causes.

J. E. Rolax, Secretary.—The Preachers' Meeting of the Baton Rouge District convened at Bayou Goula, May 7. A goodly number of the brethren were present, with Rev. Golden, the Baptist preacher of Bayou Goula. One important subject was discussed, led by Rev. E. Green. Now brethren, let us attend the meetings and make our district cope with any on the Louisiana Conference. We are aware of the fact that one light lights another; so nobleness enkindleth nobleness. We ought to meet; we can't afford to go down now. Let us make the next meeting long to be remembered for good. The meeting adjourned to hold its next session at West Melville, June 11.

Wm. Bell, West Point, Miss.—My second quarterly conference was held May 9th and 10th. Rev. C. W. Walton, presiding elder, could not be with us, so Rev. McLeod presided. Quite a number of the officials were present with well prepared reports, each showing an advance on all lines of church work. Brother Joe Wesley, one of our young preachers, preached for us on Saturday. He is a coming young man, a Sunday school superintendent and a subscriber to the paper. We have 8 subscribers to the good old Southwestern and I expect to send in others soon. Say, brethren, let's see that the good old Southwestern and Dr. Scott go over the million line this year. Sunday was a high day. Rev. S. M. McLeod preached to the delight of all. Collection for the day, \$15.36. Paid the elder more than full for this quarter; benevolence, \$14.20; total amount raised for the quarter, \$75.82.

James W. Jackson, Clinton, Mo.—The first quarterly conference of the St. James M. E. Church convened May 2nd, 1903, with Rev. W. H. Smith, the presiding elder, in the chair. Rev. H. G. Gibson, the pastor, and his officers made good reports. The business of the quarterly conference was inquired into, and the presiding elder urged the members to assist the pastor in making the conference year a grand success in every respect. The presiding elder preached three soul-reviving sermons. Many sinners stood up at each invitation and asked the church to pray for them, while six of them came forward for prayer. The presiding el-

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der attended both the Sunday school and the Epworth League services, and delivered short, but very timely addresses on each occasion. He also spoke very complimentary of the choir. Forty members partook of the Lord's Supper. On Monday the presiding elder, the pastor and the writer visited the sick members of the church and administered the Lord's Supper to them. Monday night we had the love feast. Money raised during the quarterly meeting, \$21.87; total amount of money raised during the quarter, \$56.40; conversions, 1; accessions, 3. The presiding elder was paid in full, and the remainder was paid to the pastor. Mrs. M. J. Gibson, wife of Rev. Gibson, is the secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Central Missouri Conference. Rev. Gibson and wife have three daughters, Ella, Henrietta, and Diola, respectively. Their ages range from 14 to 19 years. They are Christian young ladies and have been students of the George R. Smith College for six years.

N. N. Sidney, Pastor, Brandon, Miss.—You can see by the way new subscribers are coming in to the office from this work that we are on our steady march to victory. March on. Business managers, you shall hear from me again by sending in new subscribers to the Southwestern. April 9th a crowd of Baptist and Methodist friends brought a wagonload of goods to the parsonage. The leaders of this storm were: Mrs. Lane Byrd, Mrs. Eliza Proctor, Mrs. Katie Evans, Mrs. B. M. Johnson, Mrs. Josie Taper and many others of our good sisters and brethren.

Chas. B. Seals; Rev. J. H. Gardner, Pastor, Glade Springs Circuit—We held our second quarterly conference at Ebenezer March 28. Presiding Elder R. A. Swann was not able to be with us, and G. W. Smith presided. We had a glorious meeting. The officers were present. Rev. G. W. Smith preached two spiritual sermons, the pastor one. Paid presiding elder \$9, pastor \$37, this quarter; for all purposes, \$61.45. Our League and Sunday school are moving on nicely.

P. S. Bowie, Pastor, Tupelo, Miss.—A storm party brought to the parsonage about 75 pounds of choice groceries. The party was led by Miss Williams and the other good Methodist and Baptist friends of Tupelo.

R. Stafford, Spring Creek, La.—

Our work began nicely. The auxiliaries of the church have been reorganized. The presiding elder was with us March 12. He found Rev. Dyas, our new pastor, hard at work running a revival. Souls have been converted. The Sunday school and Epworth League have ordered an organ for the church. We have a strong public school at this place, and we want a teacher that can teach music. The pastor and his wife are liked by all the members of the church. Raised this quarter \$51.05. Paid the presiding elder in full. Easter collection \$21.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Manhac, La.—At the residence of the bride, on May 28, Mr. Voley Bell and Miss L. Washington were married by Rev. Wm. Harrell. A grand reception was tendered them at the home of the parents of the groom.

Pleasant Hill, La.—At the parsonage May 31, Mr. Willie Johnson and Miss Coria Jones were married by F. D. Thomas, pastor.

Shidell, La.—On June 3, Mr. Frank Cloud and Mrs. Rosana Strahan were married. Among the many friends present were Rev. C. D. Crockett and wife. Z. T. GAYDEN.

Lexington, Miss.—On June 3, at the residence of Sister Francis Thomas, Mrs. Melia Hyston was married to Mr. Ira Whorton. W. S. Leake officiated.

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THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY

Wilson, La.—Brother James Palmer, aged 80 years, a faithful member of his church, which he helped to establish here, died at his home, May 15, 1903. His funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. Barney Ross of the Baptist church.

H. J. ROBINSON.

Stockbridge, Ga.—Sister Willie Smith, the daughter of Mr. Israel Smith, and one of our faithful young members of Red Oak Church, and an active member of the Sunday school and of the Junior Epworth League, being librarian of the former and secretary of the latter, died April 21, 1903, aged 14 years. Her funeral services were conducted by the writer and Rev. W. B. Glover. J. W. QUEEN.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stone, mother of Mrs. Mary E. Penn, died May 27, of heart failure. She was 59 years of age and was buried in the Girod cemetery. J. A. TIRCUT officiated.

Meridian, Miss.—Brother Louis Jones was a faithful member of St. Paul M. E. Church for many years. While working at the Planter Compress the machinery broke and the

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great iron block which weighs about 4,000 pounds, fell on his body and crushed him to death. His funeral was attended at St. Paul M. E. Church by the writer. It was a sad funeral indeed. A. J. McNAM, Pastor.

Natchitoches, La.—Mrs. Angeline Martin, my mother, was born in Limestone county, Alabama, in 1829, and was brought to Louisiana in 1854; died May 15, 1903. I shall not be able to see her in this life, but will in the life to come, because she fills a Christian grave. Our loss is heaven's gain. Pray for me. N. R. RANDOLPH, Her Son.

RESOLUTIONS BY GENERAL EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD OF CONTROL UPON THE LATE PROF. T. A. FORTSON.

At the late session of the Board of Control of the Epworth League which met in the city of Philadelphia, Assistant Secretary Penn in his report mentioned the loss which our work among our people sustained in the death of Prof. T. A. Fortson, who was a member of the Board. Suitable resolutions were passed by the Board upon recommendation of the sub-committee on work among colored people, the resolutions being unanimously agreed upon by a rising vote of the Board. The resolutions are as follows:

Philadelphia, Pa., May 8, 1903.

WHEREAS, In the providence of God, Prof. T. A. Fortson, a member of the Board of Control from the Twelfth General Conference District, has been called from labor to reward since we had the pleasure and profit of his counsel at our Chicago meeting, and

WHEREAS, The professor had given long years of service to the church in the capacity of teacher, Epworth leaguer, church officer, and member of several General Conferences, and in his death there has gone from amongst us one of the most faithful workers among our colored people.

Resolved, That the Board of Control in session in Philadelphia, hereby expresses its sorrow and grief over the death of our brother, Prof. Fortson, but recognize that in our loss it is his gain.

Resolved, That we sympathize with the family of our departed brother and direct that Assistant Secretary Penn forward a copy of these resolutions to them, that a copy be also published in the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and be spread upon the records of our Board.

Respectfully submitted: R. J. Cooke, chairman; H. A. Schroetter, L. J. Norton, L. J. Price, Epworth League Committee on Work Among Colored People.

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THIRD ROUND.

Rivertown, June 20-21; Bowden, June 20-21; Enon Grove, June 20-21; Carrollton, June 24-25; Douglassville, July 4-5; Tallapoosa, July 11-12; Temple, July 18-19; Austell, July 22-26; Villa Rica, Aug. 1-2; Cave Spring, Aug. 8-9; Seney, Aug. 15-16; Cohutta, Aug. 16-17; Broad Street, Aug. 23-24; Summerville, Aug. 29-30; Adairville, Sept. 5-6; Cedartown, Sept. 12-13; South Rome, Sept. 11-13; Floyd, Sept. 12-13.

Dear Brother—Epworth League and Sunday School Convention at Carrollton, Ga. June 25th; annual sermon by Rev. J. K. Gowen. The Atlanta Conference Laymen's Convention meets at Austell, Ga., July 23, 8 p. m. District conference meets at Cave Spring, Ga., Aug. 6; annual sermon by Rev. E. D. Petty. Children's Day is June 14. Get the last dollar of your benevolent assessment on that day. Yours for Christ and the church,

V. D. JENKINS.

PRESIDING ELDERS' COUNCIL— SPECIAL NOTICE.

Huntsville, Ala.—All delegates and visitors to the above council, June 25th, holding regular form certificates, will be returned at one-third rate plus twenty-five cents, except delegates west of the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers; however, from west and north of said rivers, can purchase after crossing, and get the rates back to said rivers, which favor will be quite as good. Any seeing this notice, please call attention to such as speak of coming. Fraternally,

W. H. NELSON,

Corresponding Secretary Council, Huntsville, Ala.

ATLANTA DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Grantville Circuit and Scroggins', June 20-21; Grantville and Luthersville, June 28-29; Hogansville Circuit, July 4-5; Battle Hill, July 9-12; Foss' Chapel, July 8-12; Red Oak, July 10-12; Hogansville, July 18-19; Newnan, July 26-27; College Park, Aug. 1-2; Lincoln Park, Aug. 1-2; Coweta, Aug. 1-2; Fairburn, District Conference, Aug. 8-9; Palmetto, Aug. 8-9; Newnan Circuit,

Aug. 15-16; St. Lukes, Aug. 12-16; Gate City, Aug. 17-23; South Atlanta, Aug. 18-22; Chapel Street, Aug. 19-23; Central Avenue, Aug. 29-30; Mt. Zion, Sept. 5-6; University, Sept. 5-6.

Dear pastors and Christian workers of the Atlanta District, you have done nobly thus far. In our Clark University rally, you raised \$436.00, which shows that you are thoroughly in sympathy with our institutions of learning. Those in authority can but rejoice at this, for Christian education is the hope of the race. Children's Day is June 14th. Rally the people for Zion's sake. Africa as well as America is looking to us for help. Raise the remainder of your benevolences on this day. District conference at Fairburn, Aug. 6th, opens at 10 a. m. Annual sermon by Rev. J. W. Tharpe. This is the "quarter" of special effort in soul saving. Let us pray for many souls to be gathered into the fold. Read Joel II: "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion." May the God of our fathers be with us. Yours,

E. H. OLIVER, P. E.

NOTICE.

Moss Point, Miss.: To the Brethren of the Shubuta District—The district conference will convene in St. Paul M. E. Church, July 8-3. Let each charge and circuit be well represented. Come and let us make this the best district conference ever held in the district. Yours truly,

R. N. JONES.

DALLAS DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Milford and Italy, July 4-5; Hubbard City Circuit, July 11-12; Hubbard and Dawson, July 18-19; Corsicana and Ree, July 25-26; Gatesville and V. Mills Aug. 1-2; Fort Worth, Aug. 8-9; Fort Worth Circuit, Aug. 11-12; Pilot Point and Denton, Aug. 15-16; Denison, Aug. 22-23; Sherman and Gainesville, Aug. 29-30; McKinney, Aug. 31-Sept. 1; Lancaster Ennis, Sept. 2-3; Dallas, St. Paul, Sept. 5-6; Ferris and Palmer, Sept. 8-9.

Dear brother, note down the above dates in your notebook; keep them before the people. This round will be of vast importance to us, as I want to take a public subscription for Samuel Huston College; at same time secure all cash available. Secondly, I want

each local chapter to secure charters. Put your young people in touch with Brother Penn. Watch the signs for revivals and push your benevolent claims. Remember one of our great leaders has said our motto for 1903 is a conversion and a dollar for missions for every member of the church. Have the class leaders to collect the quarantine and report it on Saturday so the Sunday collections can go to yourselves. Our district conference meets July 21-26. Bring all delegates without fail. Brother G. G. Logan will be with us to conduct a missionary anniversary; also Prof. Lovinggood, Penn, Jones, and many other visitors. Come prepared to converse on up-to-date eclectic subjects; also come prepared to pray and preach. Learn to master the present situation and the future ones will take care of themselves. God give you a mind to work. Amen.

L. H. RICHARDSON, P. E.

To the Pastors and Epworth Leagues of the Alexandria District: I am planning to visit each charge and league chapter throughout the district. I shall begin the 1st of July. You will be notified by postal card.

W. L. DRYAS, District President.

NOTICE.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the East Tennessee Conference will hold their annual meeting in Bristol, Tenn., July 2-5.

MRS. INDIA K. JEFFERSON,
Cor. Secy., Bristol, Tenn., 851 Broad St.

NOTICE—TWELFTH GENERAL CONFERENCE DISTRICT.

We now have a great chance of organizing into a District Epworth League, which is very needful. Now here is the plan. It looks very favorable now that Louisiana, Mississippi, Upper Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas will get together on the road enroute for Detroit. What a magnificent opportunity! Via Chicago is the proposed route. What about Texas? All of our presiding elders are going, many of our preachers and lots of delegates. Let us get together and bring things to pass. The Big Four quartette and Old Starkville District quartette will be aboard as will also other choice singers. Speak out now, brethren. Let us hear from you. Yours for ren. Let us hear from you. Remember the I. C. to Chicago and the Wash to Detroit. Yours for success,

B. H. FERGUSON,

President Upper Mississippi League.

OHIO DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Dayton, July 4-5; Xenia, July 7-8; Springfield, July 11-12; Troy, July 12-13; Rushsylvania, July 16 Marion, July 15; Delaware, July 14; Lorain, July 19-22; Elyria, July 18-19; Oberlin, July 19-20; Cleveland, July 23-26; Flushing, July 27; Short Creek, July 28; Cadiz, July 29-30; Steubenville, July 31, Aug. 1; Martin's Ferry, Aug. 1-3; Bridgeport, Aug. 2; Bellaire, Aug. 2-3; Mt. Pleasant, Aug. 4-5; Columbus, Aug. 7-9; Milford, Aug. 15-16; Batavia, Aug. 25-26; Cincinnati, St. John's, Aug. 28-30. Cincinnati—Walnut Hills, Sept. 4-6; Cummins, Sept. 12-13; Madisonville and College Hills, Sept. 20-21; Cleves and Rising Sun, Sept. 8-9; Delhi and Mt. Healthy, Sept. 10-11.

Dear brethren, you have assured me that you will do your best to make this the banner year for the Ohio District. To do so requires constant prayers and hard work. Are you at it?

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Our district conference will meet in Oberlin, Aug. 19-23. Be on hand with reports of benevolent collections. Seek to save souls which is our first and greatest duty. Yours very truly,

H. W. SIMMONS, P. E.,

1119 Westminister Ave., Cincinnati, O.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

The Shreveport District Epworth League and Sunday School Convention will meet at Wesley M. E. Church, Mansfield, La., July 8 and 9. Each charge is entitled to send four delegates: two from the League and two from the Sunday school, the president and superintendent included. Call the League and Sunday school together and elect delegates at once, and send their names to the corresponding secretary; also, to Rev. Johnson, at Mansfield, La. Let the pastors and the Epworth League and Sunday school workers talk and work up the convention on their charge, and let there be a great gathering of our young people. Dr. R. E. Jones, field agent Sunday Union, and Brother Anderson, president of State League, will be present.

J. O. BROWN,

Corresponding Secretary Shreveport District League.

NOTICE—SHUBUTA DISTRICT.

The first district conference of the

Shubuta District for 1903, which was to have been held on the Augusta Circuit, July 8-12, 1903, has been changed, and will meet in Moss Point, Miss.; the same date, July 8-12, 1903.

This will be an important conference, and we are expecting many distinguished visitors. Dr. J. B. Scott of the SOUTHWESTERN will spend the greater part of the week with us, and we want to give him 100 yearly subscribers. Let each pastor bring two or more subscribers, and if any pastor fails to be present, send the subscribers along with his report. Let the old Shubuta District make a grand pull and we will lead any district conference in the South. We are able, so I am depending on you to help me to carry the banner. Yours truly,

S. A. COWAN, P. E.

ATTENTION EPWORTH LEAGUERS OF LOUISIANA.

As president of the Epworth Leagues of the Louisiana Annual Conference, I am desirous of carrying a large delegation to the International Epworth League Convention to convene in Detroit, Mich., July 16-19 next. Delegates are requested to meet in this city Monday, July 13, in order to secure tickets and be ready to start the next morning at 9:25 on the fastest and best train run by the Illinois Central railroad. The Mississippi and Tennessee delegation will join us the first day. This will land us in Chicago the next day and after spending several hours looking about that great city, will leave via the Wabash road at an hour that will bring us to Detroit next morning soon enough to be assigned to our homes in time to attend the first meeting of the convention. The fare from this city for the round trip is \$27.85. Let the watchword be, On to Detroit! Let me hear from all delegates at once. Yours truly,

E. H. ANDERSON,
Conference President.

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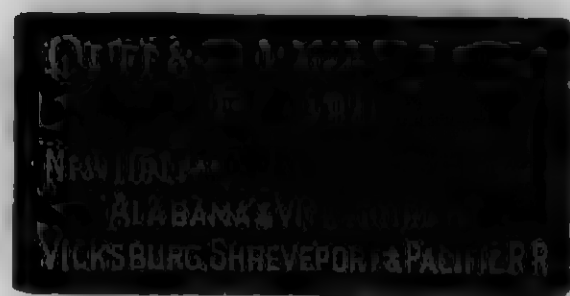
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Central Missouri—R. E. Gillum, *3.

Lexington—Mrs. R. J. Brown.

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Mississippi and Upper—E. Johnson; V. Trotter, 2; S. Norris; J. J. Johnson, *1, 1; G. G. Logan, *8; E. N. Prescott; J. B. Brooks, *1; R. N. Jones, *1; I. S. Thomas; Thos. I. Keys; J. C. Cooke, *2; R. P. Threlkeld, *1; C. W. Walton, *2.

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New York—O. H. Brooks, *5.

North Carolina—S. A. Feeler, *1.

South Carolina—E. W. Adams, 1; B. M. Brown.

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Texas and West—H. Christmas; Frank Gary; Wm. Bartley, *1; M. D. Bailey; F. R. Morton, *1; T. J. Douglas.

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Many other brethren of the various Conferences sent in one subscriber. Suppose each pastor of the twenty Conferences would for one week send in one subscriber from his charge, what a mighty lift it would be for us all! What think ye? Let us set one week and do this.

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CRESCENT CITY NOTES

Most of the brethren are redeeming their pledges. Are you?

Miss Lydia Dunbar continues to bring in subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN.

Cotton is now over 13 cents and rising. We advise farmers not to contract crop for less than that, as the chances are that it will go even higher.

Mrs. Luvenia Murray, Mrs. Mamie Muggah and baby Henry called at the office last week. Mrs. Murray renewed her subscription to the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Andrew Green and Miss Elizabeth Taylor, of this city, were united in the bonds of matrimony June 3, by J. A. Tircuit, pastor of First Street Church.

Mrs. Rebecca Javis departed this life in full assurance of faith June 6. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. B. M. Hubbard, pastor of Malleu, M. E. Church.

The local Board of the Lafon Old Folks' Home desire to thank Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor for kindly donating six dollars worth of groceries; the Lady Vidalia's Benevolent Association for thirteen dollars worth of groceries and refreshments for the old folks; Mrs. Barry for one bed-room set, cooking utensils and glassware; Mrs. Robinson for one dollar; Mrs. Benedict for one bag of clothing; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller for one bag of clothing.

Mrs. A. Fourchee, president; Mrs. H. Davis, treasurer; Mrs. M. J. Nickerson, secretary; Mrs. L. Rome, vice-president.

How about your pledge for subscribers, have you begun to redeem it?

N. O. PREACHERS' MEETING.

Whereas, We have listened with interest and have been much profited by the inspiring and instructive addresses of Rev. G. G. Logan, D. D., Field Secretary of the Missionary Society; therefore be it

Resolved, That we commend him to the brethren elsewhere as a brother beloved and a faithful worker in the cause of Christ.

VALCOUR CHAPMAN, Pres.,
B. M. HUBBARD, D. D., Sec'y.

June 2, 1903.

We sincerely regret our inability to publish in time, for want of space, a program sent us by Rev. Andrew Foster, of the Columbus District League Convention, which met in Schulenberg, Tex., June 11-14.—Ed.

The printed program of the Montgomery District Conference which is to be held at Brewton, Ala., July 22-27, Rev. A. W. McKinney, presiding elder, has been received. The presiding elder has invited a number of prominent visitors and anticipates a large attendance.—Ed.

NOTICE, TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Huntsville, Walker County, Texas.—Dear Brethren: My son, Jeremiah Culbreath, is in the hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, dying of consumption, and Rev. D. E. Skelton, 755 Bow street, Cincinnati, has been to see him and says it will take the sum of \$50 to bring him home. I will say to my brothers and sisters of the Texas Conference, please help me to get my son home. Any amount will be gladly received. Send donations to me at Huntsville, Texas, P. O. Box 80.

A. C. CULBREATH,
Pastor of St. James M. E. Church.

NOTICE.

Selma, Ala.—My dear brethren of the Marion District, remember the second Sunday in July was set apart to raise funds for the Marion Institute. Please observe the day and take a collection. Let us care for this school. Send the sums raised to Rev. N. H. Speight, Marion, Ala. Yours truly,
J. W. STAPLES, P. E.

NOTICE.

Rolla, Mo.—Epworth Leaguers and Sunday School Workers of St. Louis District: Dear Workers—Our convention is near at hand and we desire you to do your best to have a large delegation at the convention Aug. 11-14, at Farmington, Mo. We ask all delegates to raise money for the International convention at Detroit. Let every charge do its very best to send one or more delegates to the convention. Geo. J. Simpson, District Treasurer; Mrs. Mamie Edwards, District Secretary; Rev. C. M. Keeton, P. E.

C. L. Abram, Webb Circuit, May 24.—The elder was with us and held our quarter. Sunday he preached at Providence and took a collection of \$17.75. He then came to Rellen Chapel that night and preached. The Lord is with us. Collection here \$6.

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LITERARY NOTES

The July Century will have for its frontispiece a new wood-engraving by Timothy Cole, the Menippus by Velasquez. The original hangs in the Salon de Velasquez of the Prado Museum in Madrid; and Timothy Cole's reproduction, said to be one of his finest blocks, will be the seventh in The Century's series of Old Spanish Masters.

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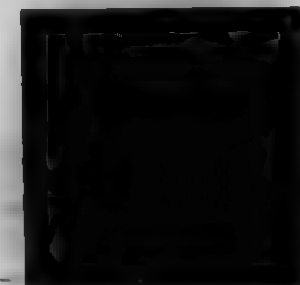
The July Delineator shows a considerable change in make-up from preceding issues; the literary matter has been brought to the front of the book, then follow the fashions, and lastly departmental matter. N. Hudson Moore contributes to the number a finely illustrated paper on roses. Bird Babies and their Cradles, by Landon Knight, is a very attractive article, illustrated with photographs. Miss Clara E. Laughlin discusses woman's duties toward her neighbors. For the children, Lina Beard begins a series describing the construction in miniature of the "Seven Wonders of the World." The number also includes the introduction to a series of tales for children called Firelight Stories, by Livingston B. Morse. The sixth lesson in Plain Sewing is given, and the departments are as helpful and varied in interest as usual.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO YOUNG WOMEN.

There are now vacancies in the Sarah Goodridge Hospital and Nurse Training School open to young women who desire to become trained nurses. Applicants should be from 21 to 30 years old, and must be possessed of a good strong body, an agreeable disposition, a fair English education and not afraid of hard work. To such as meet these qualifications the opportunity is open to acquire a valuable professional education, with almost no cost to themselves. Applications should be made at once, accompanied with full particulars and references, to the Physician in Charge, Dr. H. J. Clements, 1566 Canal Street, New Orleans, La.

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Epworth League Convention Number

Editorial Notes

Are you going to Detroit?

Secretary Penn is what the world calls a hustler.

The Detroit committee desires your presence and urges you to come.

If the critics would only deal with Negroes as individuals and not as a mass, they would by this means set a premium on merit.

It may cost a little something, but we advise that you go and get the inspiration that a great Epworth League Convention will certainly give you.

The League chapter in your church does not "go" either because those who are trying to run it do not know how or are lacking in enthusiasm. Send a representative to Detroit and let him come back home with both zeal and knowledge.

The *Austin (Tex.) Watchman* says truly that "the Negro who labors hard six days in the week, who devotes himself to the care and protection of his family, who is true to his friends and honest in all his relations with his fellow-man is doing his full share in the uplift of his race."

Something must be done to save the young people of the church, and unless you have something better than the Epworth League to gather and hold them, we advise that you do all you can to push the work of the League. It is really necessary that some one from your chapter go to the Detroit Convention.

The race issue has been brought into this political campaign by others than the Negro himself and contrary to his wish, but his duty is plain. He must make a manly stand for himself and do his part so thoroughly that it will hereafter be considered an unwise and hence an unpopular thing for either political party to ever again bring the Negro forward as a scarecrow.

Now since there is an effort being made to locate the cause for the Kishinef slaughter of Jews it is being credited to the incendiary utterances of one Kroushevan, the editor of an anti-Semitic paper. He has recently been attacked by a party of Jews in the streets of St. Petersburg. We cannot say as to conditions in Russia, but there is little doubt that the same class of editors in this country are often responsible for the violations by mobs.

Shall the Law be Respected?

What is to be the final result of the lawless spirit which is so manifest throughout the country no one can positively say. And yet the experiences of the past would indicate that the harvest will certainly be one of whirlwinds. There is no denying the fact that in some parts of the country murder is condoned, dishonesty winked at and the evasion, not to say the open violation, of law held so lightly that it is an easy matter to find persons in every walk of life who do not hesitate to break over the law on the least provocation. There is without any doubt a cause for such laxity. As to what this cause is perhaps no two of any ten men selected would agree; still it must be evident to each and all that a cause for such is not hard to find. But to know the exact cause is important only because it may be desired to apply the remedy. Unless this is the desire it is useless to inquire. In this connection it is gratifying just at this time to note the interest being awakened in certain quarters along this line. Some are inclined to credit it to our republican form of government, and it is quite a common thing to hear men say that any other form would be more faithful and impartial in the punishment of wrong-doers. As to this we cannot say. Mr. Marshall Field, the Chicago merchant prince, is credited with saying:

"The weakest point in the government in this country to-day and the one that is destined to bring us the greatest trouble unless we have an immediate change is the lax enforcement of law. The trouble is that the young people of the land are growing up to have no respect for law and order, and why should they have when they are not made to respect it? There is nothing we need in this country so much, I repeat, as respect for the honest enforcement of the law as affecting every citizen, whether employer or employe, and when laws are found to be bad they should be repealed."

We are sure no observant citizen will deny the force of these words. They are true, too true, distressingly true. Incidents occur all over the country almost daily to emphasize their truthfulness.

In discussing the lawless conditions that have prevailed for some days at Jackson, in Breathitt county, Kentucky, the *Times-Democrat* of this city, which, whatever may be said against its utterances on a certain line of questions, seldom or never sounds a false note in the discussion of mob law, says:

"It is absurd in the governor to say that he has taken what seemed to him to be sufficient precaution to safeguard the rights of life and property at the town of Jackson in that State. In each case he is confounded, and his statement is refuted, by facts now known of all men. The town of Jackson has defied local and state authority. Human life there is insecure; there property is wantonly destroyed. Spite the presence of the militia, the laws of Kentucky are insolently violated, the feudists manifesting contempt for the efforts made to suppress their anarchistic acts. Mob rule

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Our League Convention Number

Our readers will note the fact that we devote a very large part of our space this issue to the Epworth League Convention to be held in Detroit, Mich., July 16-19 of the present year. When the importance of this movement to the young people of the country is properly considered we are sure no excuse for so doing will be asked of us. The young people of the day are not only the hope of the church but of the country at large. In seeking to mold them aright and shape their lives for the highest and best usefulness we do a service both to the church and the state. We are authorized by the secretaries in charge and by the committees of the convention city to extend a most cordial welcome to those of our territory who propose to attend. There will be thousands of Leaguers from Canada and all parts of the United States. Ample preparation is being made to entertain all who may be present and to do everything possible to make their stay in the city both pleasant and profitable.

We trust all interested may read carefully what is said in the communications by Prof. Penn and the Detroit committee and proceed at once to get ready for the trip in July.

What Becomes of Those Who Graduate in the Industries?

As popular as the idea of industrial training for the Negro is supposed to be in the South, it is nevertheless a fact that some of our white friends of the South are now and then for one reason or another speaking against it. Some have concluded that it is dangerous in that it will make the Negro all the more formidable as a competitor with his white neighbor. But the latest and most unreasonable objection urged is that the educated Negro will not do manual labor under any circumstances. One of the candidates for governor in the state of Mississippi goes so far as to say that he is willing to eat raw and without salt any one of these graduates who can be found pursuing the calling for which he has thus been fitted. We understand that he refers especially to farmers. The difficulty in this case is not to find even college graduates running farms but to find them running a one-horse farm, such as we suppose is meant. They often start this way but soon find it cheaper, as one of the most successful planters we know of said to this editor, to hire laborers and then "boss the job." It is an easy matter to give a large list of this class. Those who think the fellows who have been to school are not doing anything on this line should attend one of the Tuskegee conferences. The report of the recent commencement of this institution, as published in the *Montgomery daily Advertiser*, says:

"The demand for the services of the graduates is very large. Teachers and superintendents are here from various places to engage them. Many

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PROF. I. G. PENN,

Assistant General Secretary Epworth League.

Our Contributors

The 3,000 New Subscribers

BISHOP W. F. MALLALIEU.

Not the three thousand that were converted at Pentecost but the three thousand new subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN. Good news comes to me that in response to a former article a good many of the preachers are seeking to do their share in securing their full quota. If every one will do his best even more than 3,000 could easily be secured. How and what to do is the question. It is to be supposed that the preacher takes and reads the paper himself. If so then he knows something about the many good things it contains. The next thing is to mark some of these good things, especially what he finds in the middle column of the first page, and then take his paper to the prayer meeting, or the Sunday school and spend five or ten minutes in reading some of the good things to the people. They will be interested and many of them will want to subscribe for the paper without being asked. The reason why many people do not take the paper is that no one has ever shown them what an excellent paper the SOUTHWESTERN is. If they realized the value of the paper they certainly would subscribe for it. Then another good way to get subscribers is for the preacher to take a copy of the paper along with him when he makes his pastoral calls. The old people whose eyesight is poor, or who never learned to read will be glad to have the preacher read something to them; and as there is always something good for the children in every number of the paper, the preacher can interest the children if he reads to them, and when they find out in this way what nice things the editor prepares for them they will see to it that the paper comes into the home and they can then read it for themselves. It is reasonably sure that 6,000 instead of the 3,000 new subscribers might be secured if the preachers would faithfully and persistently use these simple but effectual means.

But the Presiding Elders have a duty to perform as well as the preachers. At every quarterly conference and district conference and Epworth League convention the Presiding Elder should recommend the SOUTHWESTERN and urge all the officials to become subscribers. In this way the cause would be very greatly helped. If the Presiding Elders, all of them in all the

conferences, would do this we would surely win the 6,000 and even more.

Naaman's servant said to him, when he was in a great rage because the prophet had told him to bathe in the river Jordan, "If the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, would thou not have done it? How much rather then, when he saith to thee, wash, and be clean?"

Dear brethren you have not been asked to do some great thing, only a few little things, certainly you will not be angry like Naaman; rather the danger is that you will read this brief article and then the thief of time will lead you to defer action, and then you will forget about it, and so nothing will be done. The way to win is to go right about it, keep about it, stick to it, explain the case to the people sweetly, kindly but steadily persuade them till success shall crown your efforts.

Our Men on the Program of the Sixth International Epworth League Convention

By SECRETARY PENN.

To some who saw the provisional program of the International Convention it may seem that the representation accorded our people is very meagre. The fact is that, instead of being meagre, the representation is very large. The International Convention now includes four distinct branches of Methodism—the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada, and the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America. When the program is divided among these four bodies, and then in our own church subdivided, we will find ourselves pretty well represented in the number of places given us. For the first time we have the presidency of one of the important meetings of the Convention. The Assistant General Secretary will preside at the afternoon meeting of Friday, July 17, in the principal meeting place, "Tent Ontario." One of the great occasions of the Convention will be a meeting on Friday night in the Detroit Opera House, at which time Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., will speak upon the subject, "My Part in the World's Evangelization." The mere mention of Dr. Mason's name in connection with this great occasion, to discuss this great subject, is an assurance that the man equal to the occasion has been selected. The Rev. M. W. Dogan, Ph. D., of Marshall, Tex., and Rev. W. H. Brooks, D. D., pastor of big St. Marks in New York, will conduct the devotions at important meetings. Dr. Dogan is one of our college presidents who has accomplished a great work, and no one can go to his splendid institution without admiring the tact, common sense, energy and ability displayed by him in the management of so important an interest as he has. The remarkable thing about it all is that he is quiet, yet so effective.

The writer spent a Sunday recently at St. Mark's. It was a pleasure to be in a really big Negro church and worship with a pastor equal in every respect to the size and importance of the church. Then this pastor is genuinely loved by all. The success of Dr. Brooks at St. Mark's should inspire our Methodism everywhere among our people. These brethren are as much an honor to the program as the program honors them. While not distinctively of our church, yet as Methodists and Negroes it should be mentioned that Dr. R. A. Carter, of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America, and Bishop R. S. Williams, of the same church, have important places upon the program. Dr. Carter speaks in

"Tent Ontario" on Sunday afternoon at the men's meeting. Bishop Williams speaks on Sunday night at Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church, subject, "His Conquering Kingdom." These two brethren are well and favorably known in our ranks, and they will be an honor to the race and we shall all feel proud of our race identity when we shall hear them at Detroit. A great number of our representative ministers from the ranks of our colored conferences will be heard on Convention Sunday in colored and white churches. Rev. W. R. A. Palmer, D. D., Charleston, S. C.; Rev. C. C. Jacobs, D. D., Sumter, S. C.; Rev. I. L. Thomas, D. D., Baltimore, Md.; Rev. W. H. Riley, D. D., Indianapolis, Ind., and Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., Editor of our SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, will be heard. Others may be added to this list if places can be found for them. The splendid pulpit ability of each of these brethren is known to the connection. It calls for no comment from us. Their names bring to every mind the ability they possess and the confidence of the whole church in them as preachers in Methodism. We are fortunate in having these brethren upon the program. But this is not all. Our representation upon the musical program is equally as good, as will be seen in a special article on "The Negro and the Musical Program" in another part of this issue.

A New Epworth League Officer, and Who He Is and What It Means

By SECRETARY PENN.

At the last session of the Board of Control Mr. L. J. Price was by vote of the board appointed Assistant General Treasurer of the League to receive the collections of the Epworth Leagues of the colored conferences sent in once a year for general League expenses. To many this collection is a new one, and yet it is not, for it has always been a requirement, though not hitherto mandatory, that each League once in a year, notably on Anniversary Day, which is the Sunday in May nearest the 15th of that month, send to the central office a collection for general expenses of the League. If this was done it would mean that the office at Chicago would have sufficient money from purely League sources to pay all of its expenses and no League in anywise embarrassed for helping. In naming Brother Price as Assistant Treasurer our work among our twenty colored conferences is put squarely upon its own feet, where it may be seen just what they will do under this requirement. We promise to make known to the church just what we do, be it small

MR. L. J. PRICE, SOUTH ATLANTA, GA.
Assistant Treasurer of the Epworth League.



REV. G. W. STEWART, B. D.,

General Secretary Epworth League, C. M. E. Church.

or large. This collection should be taken promptly in each League and forwarded to Mr. L. J. Price, Assistant Treasurer, South Atlanta, Ga.

Our new Assistant Treasurer is a layman of the red-hot Methodist sort. He has been a member of two General Conferences and is now upon the General Board of Control, representing the Sixth General Conference District. He was educated at Clark University, is an approved business man, the president of the Laymen's Convention in the Atlanta Conference; president of the Atlanta Conference Epworth League, and an active participant in all the affairs of the church. Treasurer Price is ready now to receive all funds sent him on account of this collection.

The New General Secretary Epworth League in the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America

By SECRETARY PENN.

It will be of interest to many of our readers to know that at the last session of the Board of Bishops of the C. M. E. Church at Jackson, Tenn., the Rev. R. A. Carter, A. B., tendered his resignation as General Secretary of the League in that church. In his stead the Rev. G. W. Stewart, formerly a presiding elder of that church in Alabama, was elected General Secretary. We publish his cut in this number of the SOUTHWESTERN. Brother Stewart has entered upon the duties of his office and expects to take a large delegation of his brethren and Leaguers to Detroit. Brother Carter, the former Secretary, is now a presiding elder in the Georgia Conference of his church, and, like most presiding elders, he is evidencing the good of the sub-bishopric by taking on additional flesh preparatory to the elimination of the sub from the bishop, and thereby enlarging his scope of presiding.

Brother Stewart's cut represents him as a fine-looking gentleman, and it is to be hoped that success will crown all of his efforts in the arduous task of interesting our young people in things purely Christian.

Board in Detroit

By SECRETARY PENN.

At the uniform rate of \$1 per day, board and lodging may be secured in Detroit; and ample arrangements are being made for our delegates. While the hotels will be crowded and most delegates will be provided for in private families, as a race we are blessed in the fact that there are over

twelve thousand of our race in Detroit, a very great number of whom have comfortable homes.

The chairman of the entertainment committee writes us as follows: "I am going to take as good care of the colored delegation as any other." He has associated with him Prof. W. H. Diamond, of Detroit, Mich., who is a prominent young colored man of that city, and that our people will be cared for well is assured. Besides, when this issue of the SOUTHWESTERN is in the hands of the readers, I will be in Detroit looking after this side of our trip, and it is well that all who expect to go notify me promptly, so I may have some idea of the number for whom the committee must provide. It is always unjust to all parties concerned not to know approximately the number of people to be provided for at these meetings that the people may not on the one hand be put to unnecessary expense or, on the other hand, be found not prepared for guests, and the guests likewise disappointed at the failure of the people to be ready for them. It is always preferable to take breakfast and tea wherever a delegate lodges, and be free to take dinner at a down-town restaurant, that time and carfare may be saved between the morning and afternoon meetings. Arrangements looking to this end I will try to make. I shall be in position to give more information upon this subject in the issues of the ADVOCATE following this.

Side Trips at Detroit

By SECRETARY PENN.

For side trips which will be profitable and agreeable a trip to Detroit furnishes a splendid opportunity. Detroit is on Lake Erie, as are the large cities of Cleveland, Buffalo, and not far from Buffalo is Niagara Falls. One would hardly think of taking this trip without a visit to the Falls. Here are some side trips offered, and the rate is reasonable:

The following are the rates obtained from the Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Company, and from the Detroit and Buffalo Steamboat Company. A one-fare rate will be given to any point reached by these lines:

Detroit to Mackinaw and return, \$4; berths, \$1 upper and \$1.50 double lower, and staterooms which will take care of three people, \$2.50 each direction. Meals on the *a la carte* plan.

Detroit to Cleveland and return, \$2; berths, \$1 upper, \$1.25 lower, and staterooms \$2.25 each direction.

Detroit to Toledo and return, 75 cents; no berths required.

Detroit to Buffalo and return, \$3.50; berths, \$1 upper, \$1.50 lower, and staterooms \$2.50 each direction. Meals *a la carte*.

Other side trips: To St. Clair Flats and return, 50 cents; Put-in-Bay and return, 50 cents; Bois Blanc Park and return, at the head of Lake Erie, 35 cents; Belle Isle Park and return, every twenty minutes, 10 cents; all day on the Detroit river, 10 cents. The Detroit United Railway Trolley Lines convey one swiftly and cheaply to Jackson, Pontiac, Port Huron, Romeo, Flint and Wyandotte. The suburban ride on the trolley or railroad is delightful.

We desire to make up a special party of friends to take the trip to Niagara Falls, and all who would like to avail themselves of the opportunity will write us at once so we may make special provisions for the party. Write to I. Garland Penn, Assistant General Secretary, 7½ North Broad street, Atlanta, Ga.

Detroit, 1903—"Forward"

By the PRESS COMMITTEE.

"Detroit the Beautiful" extends a hearty welcome to the hosts of Epworth Leaguers and their friends who will come this July.

The City of the Straits is famous for her broad streets, numerous parks, spacious churches, good hotels, efficient trolley service, beautiful river, splendid excursion steamers, the incomparable Belle Isle, and thousands of hospitable homes. Detroit is but a half day's ride from St. Clair Flats, the Venice of America, and within five minutes of King Edward's domain. Wide asphalted boulevards afford superior facilities for bicycling and automobile riding. An abundance of trees, greenswards, and healthful water make the city a summer paradise.

Founded nearly seventy-five years before the Revolutionary War, Detroit is rich in historical interest. Old enough to have been under the dominion of three great nations—France, England and the United States—the city has many points of interest to the student. Old, but not ancient; teeming with life, but not crowded; filled with plants of industry, but not begrimed; sitting in proud survey of the magnificent shipping of the Great Lakes; thrusting her wharfs into the emerald waters of the noble river that bears her name, she deserves the encomium of the tourist who exclaimed in an ecstasy of appreciation: "Detroit is the Constantinople, and her river the Bosphorus, of America."

To this city of wide avenues, clean air, beautiful environs, happy homes, come, you are welcome; come you will find rest for soul and body; come, and you will ever recall your coming with undiminished delight.

Detroit expects an invasion and welcomes it.

Come, to make the meetings jubilant with song.

Several States are planning for State Conventions immediately prior to the international gathering.

We want as many of our colored brethren to come as can. Our best will be theirs.

Detroit, July 16-19.

Don't miss it.

Don't try to take everything in.

Don't fail to get a few points down pat.

Don't criticise; anyone can do that. Push.

Don't be absent from the opening meeting.

Don't be absent from the closing Pentecost.

Don't make your note-book out of one sheet of letter paper.



REV. W. H. BROOKS, D. D.,

New York City.

Conducts Devotions in Tent Ontario.

Don't say that it's not to be a success. It is already, and the biggest yet.

Don't get tired before you begin. Work now. Work until the meeting is over.

The Detroit daily papers will give full and good reports of the convention.

Don't let others do all the singing. If you get off the key no one will note the fact.

Don't forget to be cordial, patient, full of information, and bubbling with enthusiasm.

Ranked by population, Detroit is the thirteenth city in the United States. Judged by certain other fine standards, it is much higher.

The big tent "Ontario" will be erected on the lot bounded by Fourth street, Fifth street and Lafayette avenue. An ideal spot.

Dr. Berry says that the program builders were embarrassed by the wealth of material. "It would be perfectly easy to sit down and construct six more programs of equal merit," he says.

The children will not be overlooked. Several meetings on their behalf will be held during the Convention. Secretary Jones says that Juniors should be urged to attend the great meeting in July.

The great missionary interests will not be overlooked at the convention. Drs. Goucher and M. C. B. Mason will speak, also that greatest of all living missionary workers, Bishop J. M. Thoburn, of India.

The places of important meetings of the Convention will be: Tent Ontario, Detroit Opera House, Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Central Presbyterian Church, Fort Street Presbyterian Church, Epworth Auditorium, Woodward Avenue Baptist Church, Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church, Tabernacle Methodist Episcopal Church, Windsor, and last, but not least, Belle Isle Park.

It would be a good thing if each local chapter were to have an international social. An excellent program might be gotten up something as follows:

The League—Looking Backward.

The Value of International Conventions.

Leaders in the Coming Convention—Who are they? What are they doing?

What will the Convention do for our Chapter?

What will we do for the Convention?

The League—Looking Forward.

Many other topics might be briefly and informally discussed. Interspersed with music and a social time such a meeting would stimulate any chapter to the enthusiastic point.

Let every chapter select representatives to make reports of the convention. Brief, pithy comments and quotations may be given to the great good of any chapter. Some few should garner for every League storehouse. It would be a pity to let such a meeting pass without a permanent deposit of spiritual, intellectual and social riches for our community.

Midday meetings in factories and warehouses will be a feature of the Convention. For this work such leaders as D. W. Potter, Rev. C. M. Boswell, Rev. Wm. H. Morgan and others have been secured.

In all the closing services of Sunday evening, at the International, the last moments will be spent in waiting for the descent and blessing of the Holy Spirit. That half hour will be worth traveling across the continent to engage in.

Dr. Crews writes: "It will be noticed that our American friends have done us the honor of naming the big tent 'Tent Ontario.' Let us show our appreciation by doing our share toward crowding that tent to the utmost capacity."

It will be noticed that the Convention program reserves Saturday afternoon for excursions, and speeches and music at Belle Isle. That will be just a breathing spell before the great meetings of Saturday night and Sunday.

During the International Convention street meetings will be conducted by Dr. Horace Reed, Dr. E. S. Dunham, Rev. Geo. H. Stuart and others. Dr. Dunham is well known to Michigan people, having led the religious early morning meetings in our conferences.

Rev. R. Seymour is pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. Church, Detroit, the largest colored church in the city.

Twenty thousand convention badges will be issued, and will be sold for 10 cents apiece. Twenty thousand copies of the official program will also be put out. This will be a booklet of about 100 pages, containing the Convention program, convention music, several full-page cuts of prominent speakers, and a few pages of advertising matter. This book will sell for 25 cents. The most elaborate production of the printing committee is the souvenir. This is being prepared by Prof. Houghton. It is to be a book of about 100 pages, handsomely gotten up, bound in the best quality of cloth, with Epworth League designs on the front and back covers. It will give some of the prettiest views of Detroit and vicinity. The cost will be 50 cents. Not only visitors, but Detroiters, will want badges, programs and the souvenir.

The temperance folks are to have good representation in the Convention. Saturday evening a meeting will be held in the Detroit Opera House, presided over by President Dickie of Albion College and addressed by Rev. J. H. Oliver, of Listowell, Canada, and John G. Woolley, of Chicago.

Bishops Joyce, Goodsell, Mallalieu, Thoburn and Cranston, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishops Galloway and Hoss, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and Bishop Williams, of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, are all on the International program. Former Bishop Carman, of Canada, will also appear.

In the International meetings the singing will be led by Mr. Harry Heard, of Detroit, ably assisted by other leaders from a distance. The North Indiana Conference quartet, the Clafin University colored quintet and several other special musical organizations will be heard. It will be a singing convention. Let all the people sing.

General headquarters are established on floor three, Wetherbee building, Detroit.

Send a self-addressed envelope to Rev. Eugene Allen, 305 Twenty-fourth street, Detroit, for information concerning the city, entertainment, rates, etc.

The Negro and the Musical Program, Sixth International Epworth League Conference

The race will have splendid representation upon the musical program of the Sixth International Epworth League Convention. The Clafin University Jubilee Singers are to be a special musical attraction of the Convention. The troupe, under the splendid management of Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Dunton, are on a tour of the North now and success is crowning their efforts everywhere. By the time they reach the Convention in July everything will be in apple-pie order for such a feast as they are sure to give the people.

The Clafin Singers furnished the most popular musical feature of the Epworth League Convention at Indianapolis four years ago. That they will be equally popular, or more so, we may ex-

pect for the approaching Convention, for the troupe has been greatly strengthened. Another great attraction will be the presence and singing of Miss Stella A. E. Brazeley, of New Orleans, La., who won deserved laurels at the Negro Young People's Christian and Educational Congress. It can be safely said that Miss Brazeley scored the success of that great occasion in Atlanta last August as a soloist, which will be greatly to her credit as long as she lives. The Atlanta Constitution commented upon her success as follows: "She sings with grace and ease, being able to pass from the highest to the lowest note without the least exertion. Speaking from the standpoint of an artist who loves art for art's sake, she is one of the sweetest-singers ever heard." That we shall be proud of our singers at Detroit there will be no doubt, if the past services of those who are upon the program is any guarantee of what we are to have from them in the future.

Our New Member of the Board of Control

Prof. E. H. McKissack, of Rust University, Holly Springs, Miss., as previously announced in the SOUTHWESTERN, is the new member of the Board of Control to fill the vacancy from the Twelfth General Conference District occasioned by the death of Prof. T. A. Fortson. Prof. McKissack, like Prof. Fortson, is an honored and worthy professor of one of our prominent institutions of learning.

Life of Faith

THE MEMORY GUILD

BISHOP H. W. WARREN.

Love of Country

By the favor of God, who has not dealt so with any nation before, and the bloodshed of hundreds of thousands who died to make men free, we have the best country in this world. This is not for our boasting, but for our maintaining and making it better.

In mechanical contrivance, intelligence, diplomacy, art, morality and religion it should be a country set upon the mount of God, giving light to the world. If I forget thee, O Jerusalem!

The tune, America, is claimed to have originated in France, Germany and England. I think it originated in the harmonies of the universe.

Every nation that is great has its national song that helped to make it so.

The author was a Baptist minister. Read hymn 932, and never despair of the Republic.

My country! 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died!
Land of the pilgrims' pride!
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble, free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song:
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God! to thee,
Author of liberty,
To thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might,
Great God, our King!
Samuel Francis Smith (b. 1808).

A Prayer

Keep me, O Lord, now, and at all times. Never let me think, whatever age or station I attain, that I am strong enough to maintain the combat without thee. Nor let me imagine myself, even in this infancy of religion in my soul, so weak that thou canst not support me. Wherever thou leadest me, let me follow, and whatever station thou appointest me, there let me labor, there let me maintain the holy war against all the enemies of my salvation, and rather fall in it, than basely abandon it. And thou, O glorious Redeemer, the captain of my salvation, the great author and finisher of my faith, when I am in danger of denying thee as Peter did, look upon me with that mixture of majesty and tenderness which may either secure me from falling or may speedily recover me to humble myself more deeply for all that has been amiss and to redouble my future diligence and caution. Amen.—Dodgridge.

Woman's Dominion**For Chapped Hands**

Into one pint of clear water pour one-half ounce of pure glycerine, four tablespoonfuls of powdered borax, one block of gum camphor and one-half pint of bay rum. This preparation is an old and tried remedy. It is also good for tetter in the hands.—*Woman's Home Companion*.

Man and Woman

Man is bold—woman is beautiful; man is courageous—woman is timid; man labors in the field—woman at home; man talks to persuade—woman to please; man has a daring heart—woman a tender, loving one; man has power—woman taste; man stands for justice—woman for mercy; man has strength—woman love. While man combats with the enemy, struggles with the world, woman is waiting to prepare his repast and is his existence. Without woman man would be rude, gross and solitary. Women are generally better creatures than men.

A man with a bad heart has been sometimes saved by a strong head; but a corrupt woman is lost forever. To feel, to love, to suffer, to devote herself, will always be the text of the life of woman. * * *

Most women who receive their downfall, will never be raised again. LEALA A. EVANS.

Notes for the Nervous

If a woman is inclined to "nerves," she should bring all her common sense to bear upon the case and try her level best to live consistently—that is, if she is weak and inclined to irritability, let her, as far as possible, avoid the things which irritate her. This may seem selfish, but it is the purest charity, and the end justifies the means.

The nervous person requires more sleep than one in health, and furthermore she should rest when she feels so inclined, and rest should be properly taken. The room should be thoroughly ventilated with a constant free circulation of air both day and night.

Then on a firm, hard bed—avoid the feather bed as you would poison—mildly may rest in peace. She will, of course, use no pillow, or, if she must, just the tiniest one, and she will lie most of the time on the right side unless she can cultivate the habit of lying flat on her back all night, which is the best position to take.—*Ex*.

Mother's Speak Low

I know some houses, well built and handsomely furnished, where it is not pleasant to be even a visitor. Sharp, angry tones resound through them from morning till night; and the influence is as contagious as the measles, and much more to be dreaded in a household. The children catch it, and it lasts for life, an incurable disease. A friend has such a neighbor within hearing of her house when doors and windows are open, and even Poll Parrot has caught the tune, and delights in screaming and scolding, until she has been sent into the country to improve her habits. Children catch cross tones quicker than parrots. Where mother sets the example you will scarcely hear a pleasant word among the children in their plays with each other. Yet the discipline of such a family is always weak and irregular. The children expect just so much scolding before they do anything they are bid; while in many a home where the low, firm tone of the mother or the decided look of her steady eye is law they never think of disobedience either in or out of her sight.

Oh, mothers it is worth a great deal to cultivate that "excellent thing in a woman," a low, sweet voice. If you are ever so much tried by the mischievous pranks of the little ones, speak low. It will be a great help to you to even try to be patient and cheerful, if you cannot wholly succeed. Anger makes you wretched and your children also. Impatient, angry tones never did the heart good, but plenty of evil. You cannot have the excuse for them that they lighten your burdens any; they make them only ten times heavier. For your own, as well as your children's sake, learn to speak low. They will remember that tone when your head is under the willows. So, too, would they remember a harsh and angry voice. Which legacy will you leave to your children?—*New York Chronicle*.

Educational**Bennett College**

At the recent Commencement of Bennett College the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on the Rev. Nathaniel M. Carroll, presiding elder in Washington Conference, and on the Rev. I. E. Lowery, A. M., of the South Carolina Conference.

President Chavis, of Bennett College, delivered the annual address before the Durham High School and won great praise for himself and the work he represents. The School Board, composed entirely of Southern white men of the best type, gave the address the highest public endorsement, and the doctor was presented with a ten dollar bill after the expenses were paid.

Bennett College is having electric lights put in all the halls and public rooms; the work is being done by special donations from friends and alumni. If they call on you, don't fail to respond. Plans are also being laid for the much needed new dining hall, so get ready to help.

The baccalaureate sermon by Rev. A. H. Newsome at Bennett College was pronounced by all as a most excellent and able effort.

Gilbert Academy and Industrial College

May 21 marked the commencement and closing exercises of Gilbert Academy and Industrial College. The first exercise of commencement week was Sunday, May 17. The college Love Feast conducted by Rev. G. G. Golston and Prof. H. W. McDonald was largely attended and fervently participated in by both students and friends. Im-

mediately following the Love Feast, at 11:30 o'clock a. m., was the annual sermon by Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., editor of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. With calm deliberation the doctor seized upon the attention and interest of the great audience and held each listener from beginning to end, willing captives to the spiritual verities, and his clear, forcible and persuasive elucidation of the text. Few there were who were not deeply moved by the sermon and many were the eyes that were wet with tears when the sermon ended.

On Monday night the little folks of the Model School acquitted themselves with becoming honors in their exhibition. The exercises of the Gilbert Literary Society—a society for young ladies—took place Tuesday night, and the young ladies did great credit to themselves and the institution. To the special delight and pleasure of all Rev. Geo. W. Moore, B. D., field secretary of the American Missionary Society, was present and addressed the audience. On Wednesday night the Friends of Africa Society fully measured up to the standard in its missionary anniversary. Lawyer F. B. Smith, A. M., was present and in an eloquent and forcible manner addressed the society on the subject of "Home Industry and Its Adaptation Abroad."

Thursday night was commencement proper. There were no graduates from the college academic department, but the exercises of those completing the English course would have done credit to any completing the higher course. The class consisted of seven young ladies: Misses Leona Williams, Mattie Pierce, Lizzie Daniel, Celia Nesby, Louise Daniel, Fannie Posey and Cinderella Conway.

The commencement music led by Prof. Beaconsfield Landry as director, and Miss Martha L. Hagood, organist and pianist, was the best and was prominently creditable throughout the exercise. H. W. McDONALD.

Baldwin, La.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.C. Conference

Various Mission Notes

Rev. Dr. Sterling, of Palestine, writes: "It has been said that it is impossible to convert a Mohammedan, but the difficulty is not to make converts, but to keep them from death. One of the latest converts has not been heard of from the day that he confessed Christ."

Mr. Charles J. Phillips, of the Uganda Mission, writes: "If a boy wants to be baptized, he is obliged to read one of the Gospels two or three times, learn a number of texts by heart, and learn a simple catechism, and answer a lot of questions about the Lord Jesus and our Father in Heaven. One boy here, who is only twelve, teaches in school every morning, learns English in the afternoon, and on Sunday takes a large class of little ones in the Sunday school. He wishes to be a preacher and a missionary."

Rev. H. G. Underwood, D. D., writes: "In 1890 there were in Korea a little over one hundred Protestant Christians and since then there has been one of the most marvelous growths of the Christian church in the history of the world. To-day men and women who call themselves Christians, counting those who are baptized, those who have been received into classes as catechumens, and those who are adherents—who have given up heathen practices and are expecting to unite formally with the church when the mission



CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY JUBILEE SINGERS.

deem that they are ready—there are in Korea to-day over 20,000 men and women who call themselves by the name of Christ. A peculiar feature of the work in Korea is that it is self-supporting. The natives carry on this work, and the foreign missionaries have to superintend and direct these natives and train up at the same time those who are to be leaders."

A missionary writes of Pundita Ramabai's Mission at Mukti, near Poona: "The mission buildings, which are of good stone or brick, form a small town, and there are over 1,900 widows and orphans in the home. The whole is like an immense beehive. Nearly a thousand are in school and the rest are sewing, cooking, grinding, doing garden or field work. Fifty-two girls are being thoroughly trained as teachers and many more as Bible women. A great work is being carried on in all the villages within reach by these women, who go out in bands, headed by an elder worker. Many deny themselves one meal on Sunday so as to be able to give something toward mission work."

Archdeacon Wolfe writes from Foochow, China: "Day and night there are processions going through the streets and to the temples imploring the protection of their senseless idols. Enormous sums of money are spent in presents to the temples. One family that I know paid \$3,000 to the three different temples in order to propitiate the gods in these temples on behalf of the head of the family, who was suffering from the plague, but no sooner was the money paid than the man died. This fact did not weaken their confidence in the power of their dumb idols and the family continued to make presents to the temple. I rejoice to know that many Chinese who once served these idols as earnestly as those I have just mentioned, are now serving the true God with a simple, childlike faith, which I believe not even death could overcome."—*Gospel in All Lands*.

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

Topic July 5th: The Safeguard of a Nation

Scripture Reference, Prov. 14:34.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday. The Laws of Righteousness, Ex. 20:3-17.

Tuesday. Blessings of Obedience to Laws. Deut. 28:1-14.

Wednesday. Cursings that follow disobedience. Deut. 28:15-68.

Thursday. Blessings and wisdom of Righteousness. I Kings. 4:20-30.

Friday. God's Judgment on a wicked kingdom. I Kings, 17:1.

Saturday. God's care for His Prophet. I Kings 17:2-16.

Righteousness is the safeguard of a nation, but just what is meant by righteousness in the Old

Testament is most difficult to tell. "It is one of the most complex and difficult of the ruling ideas of the Old Testament." There are a few instances where it is used of things, but generally it is strictly personal. Even when used of the social aggregation of the nation it is only by personifying the community. In this personal sense righteousness is of three kinds: the forensic, ethical and religious. The three ideas may be illustrated as follows:

1. The *forensic* as when one is in the right, as against one who is in the wrong. 2. The *ethical* as when one is upright or blameless, as in the case of Noah. 3. The *religious*, a direct relation to God, as in the case of Abraham, of whom it is said, "He believed in the Lord and he counted it to him for righteousness." The individualistic ideas of righteousness presented in Job and Ezekiel are reflected in the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. In Proverbs especially it is a very common thing to have righteousness and wickedness or the righteous and the wicked contrasted with each other. Thus we have the Scripture for the lesson to-day: Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people.

Had Solomon never written the words of our lesson, the truth would still have been the same and could have been read out of the fiery lines of history, in its clear record of the facts of national life. This is not a great truth because Solomon said it, but Solomon said it because it was a great truth. Every foot of national territory and every line of national history bears testimony to its truthfulness. It is one of the most patent facts emblazoned on history's page. It does not matter whether you read your facts from the field of sacred or profane history, the truth is the same for all ages for all men, "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people." Now note:

1. *Righteousness is expected of a nation as of an individual.* The idea of the correctness of individual life is well defined. We hold individuals firmly to the law of right doing, but have not in all cases been strict to apply the law of righteousness to the political life of the nation. Such an application of the law of righteousness to the nation would long ago have wiped out American slavery and removed the barbarous Turk from the face of the earth. So far as any one has discovered no one holds the nation to the same ethical code as that which they apply to individuals. The world seems slow to come to the knowledge or belief that that which is wrong for a man is also wrong for a nation. The law will neither permit dueling or murder on the part of individuals, but nations go to war and kill their fellows by the thousands. We say it is wrong for a man to steal his neighbor's land, but nations go out and steal whole provinces just as Russia is now doing and as other nations have done. We do not allow men to fight in the street and the best man to take his neighbor's house, why should nations fight and the stronger one take the territory of the weaker? It is the doing right and the not doing of this very sort of thing which exalts a nation.

2. *Righteous nations shall be blessed.* The history of Israel is a great national drama, and presents this truth in no uncertain way. When Israel was in Egypt oppressed and tortured by the tyranny of Pharaoh, they humbled themselves, kept close to the God of Abraham, and they were exalted above all the nations of the earth. Jehovah went before them a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night, dividing the sea and sundering

the river until he brought them to the land of promise. Now read the story in the historical books and see how when they did right, God set them on high, but when they sinned he smote them with blastings and mildew and gave the heathen great victories over them.

3. *How can a nation be righteous.* The law governing individual righteousness is the same for national righteousness. The simplest of us know that in order to acquire individual righteousness we must submit to the law of Christ. So it is with the nation. Christ's laws must govern in national counsels before the nation can be righteous. Drunkenness, mob law, lynchings, Sabbath desecration and the like must be banished from our midst before the nation can show any semblance to a righteous life. Not only the internal life of the nation but her foreign policy must be governed by the law of Christ. Wars for conquest may reward the victorious people for a time, but the testimony of history declares against profit in the final summing up of events. Rome is a remarkable example both in the field of conquest and its reflex action. Rome had conquered the world; her garrisons were everywhere. The inevitable finally happened. The white haired barbarians came down from the north, overran Rome and Odiacer, chief of the tribe of the Hurule, was proclaimed king. Thus the light of that boasted civilization went out and the world was plunged into the long night of the Dark Ages.

ARROW POINTS.

1. The strong nations are the virtuous nations.
2. Virtue, the secret of health and strength in man.
3. Righteousness, the foundation of the best intelligence.
4. The world's great need is righteous statesmen who care more for their country's well-being than for their own purse.
5. The only true patriot is the righteous man.
6. One great need of our nation to-day is reverence for holy things.

Pittsburg, Pa.

PROF. E. H. M'KISSACK, A. M.,
New Member of Board of Control.



REV. M. C. MASON, D. D.
Will speak at the Convention.

Sunday School Helps

Lesson I—July 5th, 1903. Title—Israel asking for a King. (1 Sam. 8:1-10. Study 1-22.) Golden Text—Prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve Him. (1 Sam. 7:13.) Time B. C. 1098. Place—Ramah, the home of Samuel.

For six months we have been studying the history of the Christian church. The next half year will be spent in the history of Israel. In the lesson to-day we have the Israelites asking for a King. All nations have the right to change their form of government when they wish to do so. The government of Israel during the period of the Judges was temporary and uncertain. They had no central power.

I. *The elders of Israel called upon Samuel.* (4) The word elder means an aged person. It became an official title in the days of the patriarchs. The elders were rulers of the people. They were men of wisdom, experience and gravity. When Moses returned to Egypt he called the elders together and gave them the words of the Lord. He, at the suggestion of Jethro, appointed elders to assist him in governing Israel. According to the word of God, he selected seventy men out of all the tribes of Israel, from among the elders, presented them at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord took of the spirit that was in Moses and put it upon them, and they and their successors in office, formed the great Jewish Council or Sanhedrin. The Rabbins give account of three courts of justice among the Jews. In every city there were three elders who had charge of all small grievances. Then there was a larger court, composed of four and twenty elders, who had charge of affairs of greater importance. And in addition to this there was the great Council as described above. Ramah means a "high place." There were many towns of Canaan by this name. The Ramah of the text is unknown. It was no doubt the home town of Samuel, and there the great prophet was buried.

II. *The request of these elders and their reasons for making it.* (v. 5) 1. *Their request was that they have a king like all the other nations.* This desire arose no doubt among the common people, and seems to have been the ruling thought of each tribe. They likely felt that it was not contrary to the will of God for them to have a king. The angel of the Lord had told Abraham that kings were to proceed from him. (Gen. 17:6) Balaam had prophesied of a sceptre to arise in Israel. (Numb. 24:17) And Moses had made provision for a king in Israel should the people wish to establish a monarchy. (Deut. 17:14-20) Their sin was not in asking for a king, but in wanting to be like other nations, when God desired them to be a peculiar people.

2. *Their reasons for asking for a king.* (1) "Thou art old." Samuel was at this time nearly seventy years of age. He had been given in answer to prayer. His name indicates the "desired of the Lord." He was a Nazarite from his infancy. He, when weaned, was brought to the tabernacle and solemnly consecrated to the Lord. He dwelt in the sacred tent and "ministered unto the Lord before Eli." He seems to have slept in the holiest place. His special duty was to put out the sacred candlestick and to open the doors at sunrise. While thus sleeping in the tabernacle he received his first prophetic call. From this time his character as a prophet was established. His words were treasured up by the people. About twenty years after this he suddenly appears among the people warning them of idolatry. He assembled a multitude at Mizpah to offer sacrifice. A Christian host suddenly burst upon them. A violent thunderstorm came to the assistance of Israel. The enemy fled. This was Samuel's first, and so far as we know, his only military achievement. But it was likely this that raised him to the office of judge. He visited, in discharge of his duties, the three chief sanctuaries west of the Jordan. His home was at Ramah. There he married and raised a family. In old age he shared his authority with his sons. (2) These elders also said: "Thy sons walk not in thy ways." Some think Samuel desired to make the judgeship hereditary. Three things are charged against his sons. They turned aside after lucre, took bribes, and perverted judgment. Good parents sometimes raise bad boys. Many boys do well at home and wickedly away from home. Offices sometime make men corrupt. The love of money is the root of many evils. Courts then were much like they are now. Judges are biased, witnesses bribed, and jurors bought. The guilty go free. Law ceases to be a terror to evil doers and a protection to them that do well. "We are not surprised that men sometimes take the law into their own hand. (3) They further said: "Make us a king to judge us like all the nations." These elders showed great respect for Samuel. They approached him politely and desired that he give them a king. They were willing that God should act through Samuel in the whole matter. The Lord's people should not be like other nations. The kings of surrounding nations were despots, and their subjects were idolaters. They also wanted a king to judge them. The sons of Samuel were poor judges. They further desired their king to go before them and fight their battles for them.

III. *The way this request was received by Samuel and also by the Lord.* (6-8) 1 *Samuel was displeased.* This request reflected very seriously on his conduct as judge. He was great and good, but possibly just a little sensitive over the conduct of his children, or about his ability to judge the people. He acted very wisely when he took the matter to the Lord in prayer. He believed much in divine guidance. Moses, David, Elijah, Paul, and many others were great in prayer. 2 *The Lord was not delighted over this request,* yet he told Samuel to grant their request. I doubt if desiring a king was displeasing to God, but the kind of king they wanted, one like themselves, and not after the pattern of heaven, was displeasing. He could not give the kind of king they wished without a solemn protest. Then if they insisted he would be given in anger and taken away in wrath. (Hos. 13:11) The Lord told Samuel they had not rejected him but

they had rejected Jehovah. God was judging them through the prophet. They were selecting another ruler. This they did after the Lord had done so much for them. He had brought them up out of Egypt, had fed them with bread from heaven, had given them homes in Canaan, had borne with their infirmities, and had redeemed them time and again from their foes. Yet in the face of all this they were rejecting Him and asking for another king.

IV. *The manner, right or claim of this king that was to reign over them.* (9-18) Moses had told them of the bright side of kingly government, (Deut. 17:14-20), and now Samuel gives them the dark side. God provided that they should, if they so desired when settled in Canaan, have a king. This king was to be chosen by the Lord from among their brethren. He was not to multiply horses, nor cause the people to return to Egypt. He was not to multiply wives, or gold or silver unto himself. A copy of the laws of God was to be given him, and he was to study it and be guided by it in giving judgment. His heart was not to be lifted up above his brethren, and he was not to turn aside from the commandments of the Lord. A ruler like this, with a strong central government, would have been a great improvement on Israel's present form of government. But the king Samuel speaks of is very different indeed. This ruler will be a despot. He will have a large retinue to go before with and after his chariot when he drives; your sons must supply this. He will have a large standing army, of thousands, and of hundreds; your sons must furnish this. He will have many servants to sow the seeds, cultivate the crop, and reap the harvest; your sons must provide these. He will have a costly table, many bakers will be needed; your daughters will have to cook. He will have fields and vineyards; these he will take from you. He will tax you heavily; a tenth of all you make will go to support your king. He will make your life bitter. You will cry unto the Lord, but he will not hear you. After they heard all this they said: "Nay, but we will have a king over us." They were fixed in their conviction. Samuel sent them home, and advised again with the Lord. Again Jehovah said: "Hearken unto their voice and make them a king."



REV. C. C. JACOBS, D. D.,
Will preach at the Convention.

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Shall the Law be Respected?

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alone is respected. The pistol, the dagger and the dynamite bomb have displaced courts of justice. "The law?" says each one of these Kentucky feudists; "I am that,"—and so, in truth, he is.

"It is high time that the voice of Kentucky was heard on this subject. It is high time that the chief magistrate of that commonwealth awakened to a realizing sense of the situation. There is only one argument that the lawless element respects. It is the argument that is declaimed from the mouth of a Winchester rifle or a Gatling gun."

This is a positive and unequivocal denunciation and stands out in striking contrast to the childish action of that Illinois sheriff at Belleville who turned a water hose on the mob that came to take from him a prisoner whom he had sworn to protect, and then with an air of innocence declared he had done what he could. The T.-D. may not have realized that it was certainly describing conditions elsewhere than in Kentucky. We believe that mob rule, which has so long held sway in certain sections of the country, is responsible for the deprecation of human life and the positive contempt for law. To advocate, to favor, or even countenance the violation of law for one offense is equivalent to doing so for any and all. All it needs is birth and encouragement, and it will soon be strong enough to take care of itself.

If we may judge from the words credited to a South Carolina editor (a white man) recently in this city, that his State has become so alarmed as the result of the murder of Editor Gonzales, who was shot down by Senator Tillman's nephew, that according to that gentleman a campaign against crime has been inaugurated. He says:

"The whole State is aroused over this tragedy, and a vigorous campaign is being waged for a higher moral plane. I have lived in the state for ten years or more, and in that time, to my knowledge, only one white man has been hanged for murder, though several have been convicted, and some are serving life terms in the penitentiary. It has been almost impossible to convict a white man of murder in that State for many years, but life has been held too cheaply and to-day the press, pulpit and the better class of citizens are enlisted in an effort to put an end to the slaying of man. Every stump speaker who appeared before an audience this year has advanced the general idea of a higher price for life. It is because of this campaign that Tillman will have a difficult fight."

May it be that such a campaign will eventually sweep over the entire country, but most especially the South. The party who granted this interview to one of our city papers is more frank than southern men usually are when the reputation of their own is at stake. Still it cannot be denied that the great weakness of the South is the fact that white men can violate almost any law on the statute books, and especially if the offense be against a Negro, without even the fear of punishment. True, there are exceptions, but this is the rule.

What Becomes of Those Who Graduate in the Industries?

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already have positions of great usefulness as superintendents of industries and teachers of important schools. Some will pursue their studies further. Not one will be idle."

As to those who have already gone out, the Principal of this school says in a recent report:

"A careful examination shows that at least three-fourths of them are actually using during the whole time, or a part of the time, the industrial knowledge which they gained here. Even those who do not use this knowledge in making a living use it as housekeepers in their private homes; and those who teach in public schools, either directly or indirectly, use it in helping their pupils."

The examination referred to is made by a special agent sent out by the school and must be reliable. We feel sure there is no doubt that even educated Negroes are engaged in industrial pursuits.

A New College President

The Board of Managers of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society has by unanimous action elected Rev. Silas A. Peeler, A. M., B. D., of Greensboro, N. C., to the principalship of Cookman Academy, Jacksonville, Fla. He has enjoyed the highest educational opportunities offered by our church in the South, being a graduate of Bennett College, Clark University and Gammon Theological Seminary. In all these institutions he took high rank and by his character and ability won the confidence and admiration of all with whom he came in contact. He possesses the strength and graces of character that will make him entirely successful in this new position. He has had considerable experience as a teacher, and will bring large executive ability and a contagious enthusiasm to the work of the institution. Mr. Peeler has notified Secretary Thirkield of the acceptance of the position, and will meet him in Jacksonville next Friday to look over the situation and get his adjustments to the work.

The plans for the new buildings have been drawn by Prof. Cooke, head of the Slater Industrial School of Claflin University. Two elegant buildings will be erected this summer, and it is proposed to make Cookman one of the best academies in the entire church, thus continuing its large usefulness that it has fulfilled during the many years of its history.

Two Crimes in Delaware

George F. White, a colored man, accused of the assault and murder of a young white girl eighteen years of age, near Wilmington, Del., was burned at the stake last Monday night. A brave and determined effort was made to protect the prisoner but without avail. Four of the mob were shot down by the guard, but the leaders succeeded in battering down the doors and securing the accused. The crime charged against him was one deserving of the severest punishment provided by the law and whoever committed it ought certainly to have suffered the penalty. The suspicion which led to the arrest of White was no doubt sufficient to warrant his apprehension, under the circumstances, but any man accused of such a crime should have had a fair chance to prove his innocence. That this opportunity was denied him is all the greater shame on the people of Delaware. Then, too, it is difficult for one at this distance to understand why, after the attempt that was

made to lynch him on Sunday night, the authorities did not take occasion to give the prisoner more ample protection. Our heart goes out in sympathy for the afflicted parents, but we are sure they would have much preferred that the accused have a fair trial.

The cornerstone of the New Ebenezer M. E. Church, Jacksonville, Fla., Rev. Dr. J. S. Todd, pastor, was laid June 22 at 3:30 p. m. The new parsonage is already nearly completed.

From statistics given out from Havana it is learned that trade between Cuba and the United States is on the decrease, while between other countries and Cuba it is on the increase.

An Educational and Industrial Congress will be held in Alexandria, La., Sept. 4th, 5th and 6th, 1903, under the auspices of the Colored State Teachers' Association of Louisiana. Our purpose is to give more extended notice to it at a later date.

The Kalamathean essay prize at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., was won this year by a young colored man named Dennis A. Bethea, of Dillon, S. C. The prize is \$10 in gold, which is awarded annually by the Philo-Franklin Literary Society to the one who writes the best essay. Mr. Bethea's subject was "The Philippine Teacher." The decision of the judges was unanimous in his favor.

We had the pleasure of spending Sunday, June 14th, with Rev. S. Green at Rosedale, La. The rain and cool weather greatly reduced the attendance of the people, but the services were nevertheless a success, both in the money collected and the number of subscribers secured. Rev. Henry Taylor, the presiding elder, was present most of the day and took a prominent part in pushing the collection.

The members of the commission on the entertainment of the General Conference leave Chicago for Los Angeles June 30. They will inspect the halls, hotels and other arrangements made by the people of Los Angeles, and, if all is found satisfactory, will enter into contract with our California friends. The brethren hope to return in time for the Detroit Convention.

The first Negro to graduate from Northwestern University will receive his degree at the approaching commencement. His name is Lawyer Taylor and he comes from Texas. He has worked his way through the university. A number of other Negroes have been enrolled at the university, but none kept up until the finish.—*Northwestern Advocate*. Chicago, Ill.

We know Mr. Taylor well and know something of his struggles. The SOUTHWESTERN extends congratulations both to him and his faithful and loving mother.

The Negro business men of Boston are planning to attend the next session of the National Negro Business League, to be held at Nashville, Tenn., in August, in special Pullman cars. In this way not only comfort and privacy is secured, but more cheaply are they able to travel. Arrangements are similarly being perfected in Chicago by the local Negro Business League. It will pass through Indianapolis and other cities and be joined by representative business men. Arrangements are also being perfected in Richmond. Other cities planning to have representatives present are urged to follow the suggestion outlined by these several cities.

Personal and General

Dr. D. W. Roberts, of St. Augustine, Fla., is in Cuba for his health.

Revs. W. J. DeBoe and B. D. Dixon are running a big tent meeting in Columbia, Mo.

Dr. J. Will Jackson recently delivered his popular lecture on his observations of the South, in Slater, Mo.

Miss Lizzie E. Walker, of Shreveport, La., who has spent several weeks in the city, left for her home last week.

Miss Ida M. Hall, daughter of Mr. John B. Hall, this city, has gone for a visit of a few weeks to Chicago, Ill.

Dr. J. Will Jackson delivered an address before the Western University Chautauqua at Quindaro, Kansas, recently.

Mrs. Maggie Howard, of this city, gave the office a pleasant call recently. She is an influential member of Wesley Chapel.

Mrs. Susie J. Lane, instructor in George R. Smith College, is spending the summer in Chicago at No. 204 Fortieth street.

Miss Rosa DeBoe, the daughter of Rev. W. J. DeBoe, of Slater, Mo., has been elected one of the public school teachers of Slater, Mo.

Dr. H. F. Fisk will complete his thirtieth year as principal of the Academy of the Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., next October.

Mrs. Mary Williams, wife of Rev. E. S. Williams, of Roanoke, Va., is in the Hospital in Baltimore undergoing treatment for her throat.

Rev. Dr. R. E. Jones desires his correspondents to address him at No. 429 Carondelet street, instead of No. 5215 Constance street, as heretofore.

Dr. W. S. Wilkinson, of Augusta, Ga., ate his first meal, after a fast of fifty days, June 17. He says he enjoyed it with genuine childhood hunger.

Rev. M. S. Goins, pastor at Houma, La., was in the city last week and dropped in the office to shake hands with the force of the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. Sidney Woodard, a noted musician, was tendered an elegant complimentary reception at the Florida Baptist College in Jacksonville, Fla., the other week.

Dr. M. C. B. Mason, Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society, spoke at the commencement exercises of the Central High School at Louisville, Ky., June 19.

Rev. Henry Taylor, presiding elder of the Baton Rouge District, came in to see his family and look after some business matters. He reports his work in excellent condition.

Rev. P. W. Clark, pastor at Alexandria, La., who underwent a serious operation in the Methodist Hospital of this city, is now quite well and he says he feels better than for years.

Miss Hattie E. Lowery, who has been a member of the Editor's family for several years, has just returned to the city from Randall, La., where she has been teaching for several months.

Mrs. C. A. King, of Houston, Tex., after spending several days in the city left for her home to-day. While here she was the guest of Miss S. B. Gray at Dr. Newman's, who made her stay in the city exceedingly pleasant.

Bishop Merrill has gained strength so rapidly since his recent illness that it is now thought there is not the least doubt of his being able to preside at the conferences assigned him for this fall.

Mr. C. H. Pemilton, of Houma, La., who was so long a successful teacher in his parish, is now

doing well as a merchant, handling both dry goods and groceries. He spent a day in the city last week.

Bishop Grant, of the A. M. E. Church, who has recently celebrated his thirtieth anniversary as a churchman, was born, says the Indianapolis *Freeman*, in 1848 in an ox cart somewhere in Florida.

Dr. W. F. Warren, retiring president of Boston University, has been elected dean of the school of theology, with one year's leave of absence with full salary. The trustees also guarantee him a salary of \$2,500 per year for life.

Prof. Booker T. Washington has been invited by a British company to visit South Africa to study racial conditions with the view of establishing a school there for natives similar to Tuskegee. Dr. Washington did not accept the invitation.

The Rev. A. W. Leonard, who has been for two years the successful pastor of the American Church at Rome, together with Mrs. Leonard, arrived at New York on the *Phoenicia* Friday, June 19. Mr. Leonard will take up his work at Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Piqua, Ohio, July.

Miss Susie Smith, daughter of Bishop Smith of the A. M. E. Church, gave her graduation recital the other week in the Michigan Conservatory of Music. In the theory and harmony class of this institution the *Detroit News-Tribune* says Miss Smith stood at the head of her fellow-students.

Rev. Stephen Duncan, presiding elder of the Alexandria (La.) District, came to the city this week to see his family after an absence of four weeks on his work. His report of what the brethren of his district are doing is as complimentary to them as it is encouraging to the church.

Rev. W. C. Ellis, pastor at Fulton, Mo., is trying to clear his parsonage of debt. In a recent rally he organized his membership into ten clubs, and when they reported on the first Sunday in June they had raised \$190. The clubs are still at work in an effort to raise \$100 more, the amount still due.

Rev. W. H. Dean, of the Washington Conference, and Miss Ella C. Green, a young lady of rare ability and a teacher in the Baltimore Normal School, will be married at the home of Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Green, parents of the bride, in Baltimore, Md., June 30. The happy couple will be at home at Rose Croft, Md., after July 10.

Mr. Emmett J. Scott, A. M., the talented private secretary to Prof. Booker T. Washington, spent a day or two in the city recently on business, but took time to shake hands with his friends. Mr. Scott considers the session just closed the greatest in the history of Tuskegee and is extremely hopeful for the future of the institution.

Dr. W. H. Logan, pastor Trinity Church, Houston, Tex., writes us in most complimentary terms of the address delivered by Dr. M. W. Dogan before the graduating class at the recent commencement of the Prairie View State Normal School of Texas. The President of the Board of Directors pronounced it the best he had heard there in eight years.

Bishop Isaac Lane, D. D., of the C. M. E. Church, through whose efforts Lane College, the leading educational institution of his church, was established, has just had erected at cost of \$1,100 Lane Chapel, which is the third C. M. E. Church in Jackson, Tenn. Bishop Lane is in many respects a remarkable man and has done much to add to the strength and perpetuity of his church wherever he has been called to labor.

News Notes

A number of large postoffices in this country will be investigated by the postoffice inspectors.

The baccalaureate sermon of Morgan College was preached by Bishop C. D. Foss, LL. D.

Monuments costing \$100,000 will be erected in Washington to Baron Steuben and Count Pulaski.

Rev. John Wesley Snodgrass, born August 18, 1811, is said to be the oldest member in Methodism.

Lady Henry Somerset has been re-elected president of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The *Methodist Intelligencer* says that Mr. W. C. Moorman, of Baltimore, Md., has bought and opened a large grocery store in his city.

In Jackson, Ky., the jury did not agree in the trial of Jett and White, accused of murdering State's Attorney Marcum. A mistrial was entered.

The late Mrs. Crummell, widow of the distinguished Dr. Crummell, in her will left valuable property to be used as a Home for Aged Colored Women.

The *Newark Advertiser* says: "In Indiana recently a Negro who was seen to speak to a young white girl was set upon by a mob and fatally shot in the back."

The District Conference and Epworth League Convention of the Alexandria (Va.) District will be held in St. Paul's M. E. Church, Roanoke, Va., Rev. E. S. Williams, pastor.

The commencement exercises of the Virginia Collegiate and Industrial Institute, Lynchburg, Va., took place May 24-28. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. W. A. C. Hughes, Ph. B.

Miss Helen Miller Gould has written four thousand verses of the Bible from memory and presented them to soldiers and sailors of the United States in the Philippines and elsewhere.

The Mallalieu Sunday school at Fort Smith, Ark., adopted congratulatory resolutions to Misses Beulah L. Webb and Elizabeth Frierson on their graduation from the Howard High School a few weeks ago.

The Belgian Government has announced that it will make no further attempt to annex the Congo Free State to its possessions. It is now thought that the Congo Free State will soon be controlled by Great Britain.

The Orphans' Home in Jacksonville, Fla., has been presented a handsome quilt by the third-grade pupils of Boylan Home of that city, and six iron beds by Miss Hattie E. Emerson, superintendent of the Boylan Home.

The American Bible Society at the meeting of its board of managers, held June 4, 1903, made an appropriation of \$1,000 for Bible work in the German and Swiss conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the year ending March 31, 1904.

On his way back to Washington President Roosevelt stopped at Abraham Lincoln's old home, Springfield, Ill., dedicated a new State arsenal and armory and addressed the McKinley-Lincoln Veterans' Association of the United States.

A circular letter has been addressed to all candidates for the Mississippi Legislature by the Prohibitionists of the state, asking if they are willing to submit to voters a constitutional amendment prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors.

In Moundsville, W. Va., on June 5, Wilford Davis, a white man, was hanged in the state penitentiary for the murder, on April 19, 1902, of the chief of police of Elkins, W. Va. At the time the murder was committed three colored men were suspected of the crime and were lynched by a mob.

The first publication to reach the Mission Rooms which bears the imprint of Lacy & Wilson, the agents of the new Methodist Publishing House at Shanghai, China, arrived June 6. It was the minutes of the twelfth annual meeting of the West China Mission, held at Chentu January 7-12, 1903. The minutes are attractively printed and the pamphlet in typography and press work is a credit to the new publishing house.

FARM AND FIRESIDE

Gen. C. Marshall Editor

Have you shade and fruit trees growing around your home? We have often seen homes in cities and in the country districts without one tree growing to add to their beauty and pleasure.

BEAN SALAD.

Take cold beans and cold potatoes in equal parts, one or two onions, a little slawed cabbage. Chop all fine, season with pepper and salt and a little vinegar, a spoonful or two of home-made mustard. Mix together and serve.

DEVILED EGGS.

The *Picayune* says: Shave a quarter of a pound of rich cheese very fine, spread the cheese in the bottom with bits of butter; sprinkle with salt and paprika. Break six eggs, one at a time, over the cheese, being careful not to break the yolks. Stir into half a cup of cream one teaspoonful of mixed mustard and pour over the eggs. Set in the oven for ten minutes. Serve hot.

WHITEWASH.

Ordinary whitewash, as frequently used, has very little effect, except to disfigure the trees. To destroy the insects and eggs hidden in the crevices of the trees, very much stronger applications have to be used. Soft soap, reduced to the consistency of a thick paint, with the addition of a strong solution of washing soda, makes one of the most lasting washes. A solution of one pound of commercial potash, in from two to four gallons of water, is also very good.—*Canadian Horticulturist*.

We read very recently a report made by Booker Washington to his board of trustees. In it he acknowledges the drift of the colored population from the farms to the cities, and accounts for it because of the difficulties the race encounters in the country places to secure justice, school facilities and personal safety. We are quite sure he has named the chief causes of the unrest of the colored farm hands. The rural districts are usually governed by ignorant and unjust men who delight in denying the simplest forms of equity to their black neighbors, while the cities are invariably controlled by intelligent, progressive men who understand that to harm one member of the community is to injure all. In some parts of every Southern state, colored school houses are controlled to suit the whims of unfriendly white men; farm hands are paid inadequate wages for excessively long hours of labor; they are frequently accused and convicted of crimes unnecessarily, and sometimes flogged or hanged or shot upon mere suspicion of doing a wrong. The colored labor on our farms have grown tired of this inhuman treatment; they have seen their brothers remove to the cities and enjoy life, and they are following.

Wm. Mack, Pastor, Plisentigrane Charge.—Our second quarterly conference convened with J. E. Bryant, the presiding elder, in the chair. The officers were present save one. Reports were nicely made out. On Sunday our presiding elder visited the Sunday school. Collection \$6.35. The Sacrament was administered to a goodly number. Rev. Bryant's lectures and sermons were very helpful.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

W. T. Chapman, Compton, La.—The first Sunday in the month was a grand day at this place. Rev. O. C. Harvey was with us. We were pleased to have the Reverend with us. He preached the sacramental sermon. Sixty-seven partook of the Lord's Supper. This place is alive in every respect.

I. T. Sanford, Pastor, Calvert, Tex.—Our second quarterly conference was held with Elder A. Brown in the chair. The officers were present, except three, with written reports. The quarter passed off nicely. On Sunday the elder preached. Paid pastor \$21.58; for traveling and moving expenses, \$18.25; elder, \$9.25; for missions, \$2.20; total, \$51.28. We are trying to bring up a round report this year.

H. Henderson, Martin, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference was held on the 2nd and 3rd, with the Rev. J. M. Shumpert in the chair. The reports showed the work in good condition on all lines. We paid elder in full \$13.00, and the pastor \$5.60; for missions, \$7; total this quarter, \$176.00. We are planning to build a new church; we have the lumber all paid for. Our Sunday school is good. On Easter we raised \$3.00.

J. S. Jones, Pastor, Camp Parapet, La.—May 17th was a high day with us. In our grand rally we raised \$95.41 for building purposes. Philip Thomas raised \$46.56; B. A. Lawson, \$31.90; B. F. Branch, \$11.35; penny collection, \$5.60. Rev. W. R. Butler, presiding elder, was with us and preached one of his soul stirring sermons. Rev. J. H. Thompson was with us and preached a grand sermon. Rev. John Brown and Rev. P. Jackson were also present and rendered great service.

John H. Thompson, Pastor, Spring Hill, Tenn.—Our third quarterly conference was held May 23-24, Rev. A. Phillip, presiding elder, in the chair. The reports showed improvement along all lines. We are always glad to have Elder Phillips with us; he carries sunshine with him and always has something new to tell. Sunday he preached wonderful sermons. Twenty-five partook of the Lord's Supper. Paid the presiding elder in full. Total raised during the quarter, \$61.00. This is the writer's first year here. We have only a few members, but they are faithful and true. Our watchword is, all the assessment raised and 50 converts. One faithful member died during the quarter, Sister Nina Peters. She was a good Sunday school worker.

A. B. Harris, Pastor, Darrowville, La.—Sunday, May 24, was a great day at our church, breaking all records for years in raising money. The remodeling committee, composed of sinner gentlemen, viz., Messrs. Calvin Baker, Richard Luins, Isaac Williams and Parlow Simmons. The pastor succeeded in raising \$55.15. When the balance comes in this week we are satisfied that we will reach the \$75 mark. All present declared that we broke all records in raising money for years. The church is alive. We are planning for our baptism Sunday, and for our Ashland rally June 21, at which time we propose, God being our helper, to raise \$50 more. Members recently gave the pastor a \$2.50

straw hat and a white gentleman presented him a new \$9 coat and vest, clergyman cut for summer. We are going on to perfection. Our ladies auxiliary, Mrs. Georgiana Kenner, Mrs. Francis Bates and Mrs. Margaret Thompson gave great support to the committee. Too much praise cannot be given these two committees for the noble discharge of their duty. We are going to make this a great year for Methodism at this point. Our tribe meeting here on Sunday, May 17, was a success. Mrs. Malishia Thompson, Mrs. Ashia Hunt and Mrs. Margaret Thompson being captains. All praise be to God and thanks to these good, loyal people.

WHY DO YOU HESITATE?

The common use of violent cathartics is a habit destructive of health and creates a necessity for larger and more frequent doses.

A small trial bottle of Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry Wine will be sent free and prepaid to any reader of this publication who needs it and writes for it. One small dose a day quickly cures the most stubborn case of constipation or the most distressing stomach trouble, to stay cured. Its influence upon the liver, kidneys and bladder is gentle and wonderful and restores those organs to a condition of health, so that they perform their functions perfectly and painlessly. Perfect health and vigor is soon established by a little of this wonderful curative tonic.

Any reader of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE may prove this remarkable remedy without expense by writing to Vernal Remedy Company, 87 Seneca St., Buffalo, N. Y. They will send a small trial bottle free to all who need it and write for it. It quickly and permanently cures indigestion, flatulence, catarrh of stomach, bowels and bladder, and all stomach, liver, kidney and urinary troubles caused by inflammation, congestion or catarrh of the stomach. Why hesitate? Write immediately for one bottle. You will receive it promptly, free and prepaid.

For sale by all leading druggists.

J. H. Bynum, Pastor, Ripley, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference convened 9th and 10th. The presiding elder being absent, Rev. McConwell, presided. A goodly number of officers were present with written reports everybody seemed to be in high spirits. Rev. Conwell preached three soul-stirring sermons to large congregations. Forty-five partook of the Lord's Supper. Several came forward for prayer. Raised this quarter \$50.16. Two subscribers to SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE; \$4.27 for missions.

A. E. Franklin, Pastor, Aberdeen, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference convened on the 2nd and 3rd of May, Presiding Elder C. W. Walton presiding. Brother A. Marsh preached an interesting sermon. Our hearts were made to rejoice in the God of our salvation. Sunday was a great day with us. Rev. Walton was at his best and everybody enjoyed his sermons. The quarterly conference brethren were on time with written reports, that showed we are on the upward march spiritually and financially. Collected in the quarter \$39. You will find enclosed money for four yearly subscribers.

Thos. Williams, Pastor, Vanceville, La.—I arrived at this charge Feb. 7, in the midst of very bad weather, and the way looked dark; but I found some good people, both saints and sinners, who made it pleasant for us. I have been well cared for. We have a good people at Mt. Zion. We have started a good Sunday school, with a good number of young people. With God to

lead, we are determined to go forward. Our first quarterly conference was held April 25, with the presiding elder in the chair. We had a very good conference with those present. Sunday was a good day; both pastor and presiding elder preached and the Spirit of the Lord attended the meeting. Collection \$20; paid the elder \$15. Inclosed find money for two subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN.

D. D. Shelly, Tutwiller, Miss.—May 3 was a high day at Ebenezer M. E. Church. We raised \$28.30. Five hundred at least were out. Our church is alive at Dublin. We have the hearty co-operation of all church denominations.

G. B. McLean, Pastor, Reidsville, N. C.—May 3 was red letter day for St. Paul's M. E. Church. Some of the members arose from their slumber and joined in the sunrise prayer meeting. The Lord was with us. The hour of 3 arrived and at the church was found the faithful few. Sermon by Rev. W. T. Lomax, who came for Dr. J. P. Morris, who was hindered because of sickness. The great choir was on hand. Collection, \$101.

S. M. Cain, Pastor, Jacksonport, Ark.—May 16-17 my second quarterly conference was held, with Rev. W. R. R. Duncan in the chair. The officers were present with their reports, which showed the church was spiritually and financially alive. The presiding elder preached a soul-stirring sermon. Many souls were made happy. We have two cash subscribers and the collection was \$25.

For Nervous Women. Horsford's Acid Phosphate

It quiets and strengthens the nerves, relieves nausea and sick headache, and induces refreshing sleep. Improves general health.

J. B. Webb, Pastor, Cedar Bluff, Ala.—My quarterly conference convened May 23, 1903, with Rev. E. M. Jones, presiding elder, in the chair. He preached three powerful sermons. Reports showed an increase of ten new members. We raised this quarter for pastor \$17.96, for presiding elder \$7.93, building \$8, on bell \$8.60, for poor \$2, for benevolences \$3.10.

Wm. Bartley, Galveston, Tex.—The second quarterly conference of West Tabernacle Church convened 1st and 3d. Rev. E. Lee, presiding elder, presiding. Rev. Lee preached two glorious sermons; administered the Lord's Supper to 154. Collection during the day \$50.50; paid presiding elder \$49.75. We are happy to report that our work is in splendid condition for a great harvest. Praise the Lord.

James Allen, Pastor, Sherburn, Ky.—I have just closed up my four years' work at Mayslick and on leaving the young people of the different churches to our surprise brought us things too numerous to mention, such as we could retain as remembrances of our friends while far away. Also after reaching my new work the good people of Sherburn seemed to awaken to a new inspiration, and the outlook seems good for success this year. May 7 was

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It's impossible for you not to look old, with the color of seventy years in your hair! Perhaps you are seventy, and you like your gray hair! If not, use Ayer's Hair Vigor. In less than a month your gray hair will have all the dark, rich color of youth.

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class night, and while we were absent the parsonage was visited by a large crowd, who left the table and chairs groaning under the heavy burden of edibles. May God bless our people.

J. T. Leggett, Pastor M. E. Church, Princeton, Ind.—We have entered into our second year's work at this place with increased congregations morning and evening. Our Sunday school is in a better condition than ever before. Our Easter day services were a failure on account of a severe rainstorm. We are planning for a grand rally on the fourth Sunday of May for the trustees. Our church will hold a May fair next week. We are struggling hard to pay for our church. Our Epworth League has taken on new life. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. T. Leggett; first vice-president, Miss Beatrice Wiggins; second vice president, Miss Clara Modest; third vice-president, Miss Geneva Holford; fourth vice-president, Miss Maud Donnell; treasurer, Miss Gertrude Officer; secretary, Miss Hattie Pinkston; Mr. Martian Green, journalist, assisted by Mr. William Wiggins; Prof. H. F. Smith, critic; librarian, Mr. Morris Sharp, assisted by Mr. Chauncy Rider; sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Jno. Neely; organist, Miss Ida Pinkston; assistant secretary, Miss Essy Gracie. Our pastor received a severe flogging last Thursday night by the members of his church, it being his forty-seventh birthday. After the flogging refreshments were served and the pastor was presented with many beautiful and useful presents.

To the District Officers and Presidents of the Woman's Home Missionary Societies; also Pastors of the Little Rock Conference: Dear sisters and brethren, we must excel our last year's report, though it was encouraging and the treasurer's report showed a large increase over any previous year. But we can do much better if we try. Let the secretary of Young People's Work, Mite Box secretary push their work and all members of the auxiliaries do their best in raising the amount, \$5.00 assessed each auxiliary. Let us have \$1.00 from each member before June 15. The fiscal year of the W. H. M. S. closes July 15. Fill out corresponding secretary's report and forward to the writer without delay. Remember the

annual meeting which convenes in Van Buren next September. Let us have a good representative from each auxiliary with reports showing that each department has been looked after. Dear presidents, if you would have good live auxiliaries, scatter the literature among the people in the homes; visit from house to house in the interest of the work; urge the pastor; also presiding elder's assistance for it is needed. Send to Mrs. Martha Vanmaster, 150 Fifth avenue, New York City, for choice leaflets, and to Miss Francis A. Flak, 22 West Fourth street, Cincinnati, Ohio, for Twenty-First W. H. M. Annual Report. We urge your earnest co-operation. Truly yours in the work,

Mrs. G. N. JOHNSON,
Conf. Cor. Sec., Clow, Ark.

J. H. Thompson, Pastor, Haven Chapel, New Orleans, La.—Sunday, May 17, was a high day at Haven. A good program was rendered in honor of Rev. Dr. M. C. B. Mason, corresponding secretary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society. Devotion was conducted by the pastor. Miss P. M. Brewer, B. S., tendered the welcome address to the doctor on behalf of the church and congregation. Mrs. E. L. Bolden on behalf of the Sunday school. Brother J. W. Forest responded by singing a beautiful hymn. The doctor delivered one of his best sermons from the text St. John 21: 15, 16, 17. The Holy Ghost came down upon the speaker, and the audience was moved to tears. Rev. P. W. Clark, of Monroe, was with us and enjoyed the sermon. A collection of \$5 was received for the cause he so ably represented, and a subscription to the amount of \$195 was taken on the debt, to be paid Sept. 20, 1903. The Lord be praised! Who will help us in this worthy cause? Address the pastor; any amount will be accepted. An acknowledgment of same shall be made in the SOUTHWESTERN. Dear pastors and presiding elders, we, your humble brothers and sisters of Haven, beg you to assist us in our struggles to wipe out the debt now standing against us. We solicit aid from our friends both near and far. "Come over and help us." Address all communications to 3514 Plum street, New Orleans, La.

W. H. Jones, Secretary Epworth League and Sunday School Convention.—The Epworth League and Sunday School Convention of the Alexandria District convened in La Compté, La., at Mason M. E. Church, May 11-12, at 3:30 p. m., with the Rev. S. Duncan, presiding elder, in the chair. Rev. S. Duncan made very interesting remarks touching the organizations and its importance. He was elected temporary chairman and Revs. W. H. Jones and W. L. Dyas were elected secretaries. Eighteen pastors and 18 delegates were present. Dr. R. E. Jones was introduced; also Rev. C. Phillip, pastor of the Baptist Church, who delivered the welcome address. Dr. R. E. Jones responded on behalf of the ministers and delegates. A splendid program was rendered. Dr. R. E. Jones represented the Sunday School Union. The doctor is a ready speaker; he increased the collection on each charge and received a nice sum from the brethren on the ground. Thursday night will never be forgotten at this place, for Rev. A. Gray, M. P. Franklin and Dr. Jones seemed to have been especially endowed with the holy spirit. The convention was well attended and each heart was made glad. Every pastor



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and delegate left with a new zeal for the glorious work. New leagues will be organized, new Sunday schools established, and thus the watchful care of our young people will be greatly fostered; 14 new Sunday schools and 1 new chapter have been organized. Rev. G. G. Golston, of Winsted, was introduced. Mr. S. P. Danel, of Cade, was very highly recommended by the Pastor S. Tillman and Presiding Elder S. Duncan for his promise of usefulness to our church there. The following officers were elected: Epworth League—President, W. L. Dyas; first vice-president, S. M. Haynes; second vice-president, W. D. Green; third vice-president, W. L. Amos; fourth vice-president, E. Hutcherson; secretary, W. H. Jones; treasurer, Carrie Jones; Ep. L. G., Ed Walker; Supt. Jr. L., J. W. Pierce. Sunday School—President, J. H. Pierre; vice-president, A. Gray; secretary, H. J. L. Bowel. Bunkie was selected for the seat of the next convention. Resolution was passed to double the collection of the Sunday School Union. Dr. Jones having so ably represented this cause. May God bless the pastor and the good people and the Baptist friends that are standing so nobly by him.

S. B. Bacon, Secretary, Pitt Chapel M. E. Church, Springfield, Mo.—Our first quarterly conference was held May 9 and 10. Rev. Wm. H. Smith, our new presiding elder, presiding. Friday night we had an "old time" Methodist love feast, good attendance and a spiritual manifestation of the holy ghost pervaded the meeting. Presiding Elder Smith was entertained by our beloved pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Abbott. Sunday was a glorious day in Springfield for Methodism; people began to fill the church early; every seat in the house was occupied. Rev. Smith was at his best and preached

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This endorsement of your remedy, as you are doubtless aware, is positively prohibited by the "American Code of Medical Ethics," of which I am a strict adherent, but my excuse is plain, for I would feel that I was not a "manly man" could I not speak my honest convictions, not for your advantage, but all mankind.

I am glad to say the above is entirely voluntary on my part, as I have not, as you know, heard from you for fully twelve months. With my best wishes I am sincerely and gratefully yours,

W. M. TUNSTALL, M. D.

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soul-inspiring sermons, much to the delight of his many hearers, and truly the Holy Ghost came and set our hearts on fire, as was visibly manifested by the entire congregation and the great effect of those wonderful sermons is still being talked about. The holy communion was administered to the largest number that has communed here for many years. Too much praise cannot be given to Rev. Abbott and his efficient officers and members for the spiritual and financial success of the meeting. Collection, \$50. Our conference was a decided success, and we have taken on new spiritual life to go forward doing more and striving for the salvation of souls. Our pastor is an energetic and ambitious young man and his pastorate here has been a successful one and he is laboring hard to build a new church this conference year.

W. C. Weatherall, Pastor, Okolona Circuit, Miss.—We held our second quarterly conference May 2-3, at Fairmount Church. Rev. W. C. Clay, A. B., presiding elder, was in the chair. The conference was a success. Many of the brethren were present with written reports. While we regret to give up our able and efficient Dr. Griffin G. Logan, our ex-presiding elder, W. C. Clay, A. B., as presiding elder will keep the wheel of success rolling. He is the right man in the right place. Elder Clay preached one of his able sermons



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Conference Notices

DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS.

Greensboro, Newport News....July 2-4
 Bristol, Marion, Va.....July 8-12
 BrookhavenJuly 9-12
 New Orleans North, New Orleans, La.....July 22-26
 Marion, Marion, Ala.....July 15-19
 Opelika, Alexander City....July 15-20
 Meridian, Enterprise, Miss..July 22-26
 Montgomery, Brewton, Ala....July 22
 Oklahoma, Muskogee, I. T....July 22-26
 Greensboro, Leakville.....July 22-29
 Griffin, Jonesboro, Ga.....July 28
 Nashville, Sparta, Tenn....July 28-29
 Palestine, Palestine, Tex....Aug. 4-9
 Monroe, Mt. Nebo, La.....Aug. 5
 Huntsville, Huntsville, Tex...Aug. 11
 St. Louis, Farmington, Mo...Aug. 11-15
 Gainesville, Cartersville, Ga.Aug. 11-16
 Lexington, Parsons, Tenn....Aug. 18-23
 Baton Rouge, Donaldsonville, La.....Aug. 19
 Birmingham, Mantua, Ala...Aug. 19-22
 Sedalia, Sweet Springs, Mo...Aug. 19-23
 San Antonio, Seguin, Tex....Aug. 25-31
 Pine Bluff, Clarendon, Ark...Aug. 26-30
 Navasota, Caldwell, Tex....Sept. 1-6
 Ocala, —, Fla.....Sept. 9
 Houston, Kendleton, Tex....Sept. 17-30
 Greenville, Gunnison, Miss.....—
 Vicksburg, Fayette, Miss.....Aug. 5
 Jackson, Yazoo City, Miss..Jul. 29-Aug. 2
 Clow, New Lewisville, Ark...Aug. 12-16
 Paris, Clarksville, Tex.....Aug. 26-31
 Holly Springs, Grenada, Miss July 22-26
 Marshall, Mineola, Tex.....Aug. 18-24
 Rome, Cave Spring, Ga.....Aug. 6
 Louisville, Cloverport, Ky...Aug. 13-16
 Waynesboro, Statesboro, Ga..Aug. 6-9
 West Tennessee, Brownsville, Tenn.....Aug. 8
 Winston, Winston-Salem, N. C.July 9-12
 Dallas, Corsicana, Texas....July 21-26
 Savannah, Jessup, Ga.....June 24-30
 Ohio, Oberlin, O.....Aug. 19-23
 Shreveport, Shreveport, La....Aug. 12
 Shubuta, Moss Point, Miss...July 8-12
 Rome, Cave Springs, Ga.....Aug. 6
 Austin, Georgetown, Tex.....Aug. —
 Topeka, Fort Scott, Kan.....Aug. 5-9
 Little Rock, Little Maumelle, Ark.....Sept. 24-27
 Indiana, Bloomington, Ind....July 8
 Greenwood, Ebenezer, Miss....July 31
 LaGrange, Meansville, Ga....Aug. 12
 Waco, Calvert, Texas.....Aug. 5-9
 Anniston, Attala, Ala....July 29-Aug. 2

CONVENTIONS.

West Nashville, Lewisburg, Tenn.June —
 Presiding Elders' Council,
 Meridian, Miss.....June 25-28
 Pine Bluff, Dumas, Ark.....July 2-6
 Birmingham, Warrior, Ala....July 3-5
 Fort Smith, Morilton, Ark.July 16-19
 Tennessee Annual Conference E. L.
 Murfreesboro, Tenn....June 23-25
 Shreveport, Mansfield, La...July 3-9
 Rome, Carrollton, Ga.....June 25
 Fort Smith, W. H. M. S., Van Buren, Ark.Sept. 3-6

on Sunday. He also administered the Sacrament to about 70. Collection Saturday and Sunday was \$18.30.

J. O. Richards, St. James M. E. Church, White Hall, La.—On Monday night, May 11, at a late hour, a number of members and friends visited us, led by Sister and Brother Allen Johnson, Sisters Ella Braxton, Anna Dymes and Viola Johnson. Brother Allen Johnson representing the visitors, in a brief speech told of the object of the meeting; the pastor responded. After a song and prayer, the visitors bade us good-night, leaving many pounds for the inmates. I send in one cash subscriber; more to follow.

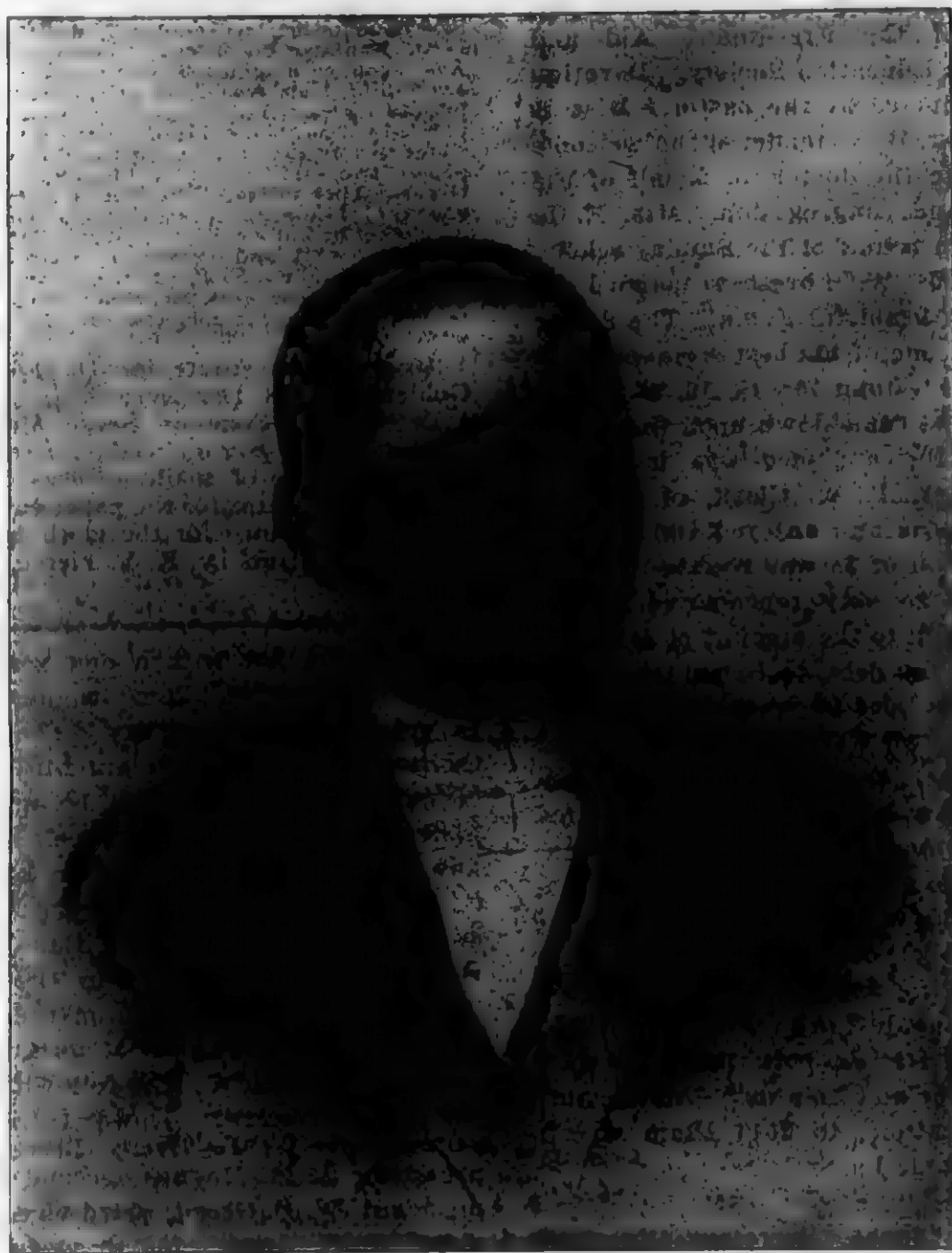
C. D. Crockett, Pastor, St. Charles, La.—Report of a feast in the wilderness given at St. James M. E. Church May 16 and 17, 1903: No. 1, Josephine Crockett, Rev. Alfred Willie, raised \$34.09; No. 2, Josephine Combre, Rev.

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UNITED FOR LIFE

Olivier, La.—Mr. Thomas Micken and Miss Florence Bauttle were married. W. D. Rigger officiated.

Waynesboro, Miss.—Miss Leona McNeill, daughter of Rev. W. McNeill, was united in holy wedlock to Prof. T. R. McWilliams, of Lawrence, Kansas, at the M. E. Church May 28. J. W. Whitaker officiated.

Lexington, Miss.—Mr. Ernest Broome was married to Miss Arma Jenkins at the residence of the bride's mother, June 15. W. S. Leake, pastor, officiated.

Swansea, S. C.—At the M. E. parsonage June 14, Mr. Hector Patterson and Miss Anna Dunbar were married. B. F. Gandy officiated.

Clinton, Mo.—At the home of the writer, June 7, 1903, Miss Mary M. Montgomery was united in marriage to Mr. Charles H. Elliston. James N. Jackson officiated.

Cade, La.—Mr. John Washington was married to Miss Laura Lewis at the M. E. Church. Rev. P. Tillman performed the ceremony.

New Iberia, La.—Mr. Joseph Decur was married to Miss Daisy Hill.

June 4 Mr. Arthur McBride was married to Miss Agnes Sanders at the residence of the bride.

Mr. Henry Patut was married to Miss Bessie Forster at the church. The ceremonies were performed by T. J. Johnson.

Houston, Tex.—Rev. C. M. Moore and Mrs. Katie Lee were married March 19. Rev. H. R. Smith officiated.

Quitman, Miss.—On April 26 Mr. Walter Johnson and Miss Larrow Talar were married at the M. E. Church by the writer. On the 24th of May at the same place Mr. Dave Trotter and Miss Mollie Megee were married by the writer, S. McDavis, pastor.

Yazoo City, Miss.—On June 1, at the home of the bride, Mr. Leck McKinnis and Miss Ola Gibbs were married. G. W. Smith officiated.

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Rosedale, La.—Sister Laura Thomas was born in Webster county, Ga., was brought to Louisiana in the year 1878.

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She died May 17. She was converted the same year. She was a faithful Christian. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. C. C. Wright, pastor of St. Peter Chapel M. E. Church, Mason, La., and Rev. Daid Williams, of the Rising Star Baptist Church, and Revs. A. Gaddler and A. Carter, of Baptist Church, also Rev. Theodore Bessix, of the Baptist Church. About 1,000 people attended the funeral. SAMUEL GREEN, Pastor.

Belton, Tex.—April 25 I. T. Temple, a faithful class-leader in the M. E. Church, while hunting accidentally shot himself while trying to climb over a rock fence. He lived about 30 minutes after being shot. He died in full faith. He leaves a wife, 4 children and relatives.

Rev. John Neal passed away Tuesday night May 12. He had been ill with consumption since November, 1902. He was pastor on the Davilla Circuit, Austin district. Rev. John Neal died in full triumph of faith. He was an Odd Fellow. The Order cared for him nicely. He leaves a wife and six children and a host of members and friends to mourn. Rev. Neal certainly had a hard time on this poor circuit, but endured hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

R. H. PONTON.

Sister Bell Davis, one of St. John's best members, died April 11. She leaves a daughter, two sons and a grandchild to mourn. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. S. J. Jenkins, assisted by Rev. H. C. Welch.

Yazoo City, Miss.—Miss Luetta Watson, daughter of Bro. Ben Watson, a class-leader in the church here, died June 1, in full triumph of faith. She was a bright student of Walden University, but on account of sickness had to return home. She received her diploma, which was sent her from the school, three days before she died.

Darrow, La.—Sister Maggie Harris died June 4. She was sick quite a while, but bore it with Christian fortitude. She was converted in 1899. The funeral was conducted by Rev. F. Buck and the pastor. A. B. HARRIS, Pastor.

Anchor, Tex.—Brother Samuel Robinson, a faithful member of St. Joseph M. E. Church died May 23, in full triumph of Christian faith, after lingering ten months. He was 53 years of age. He served the church 28 years. His last words were, "I am going home to rest." G. W. White, pastor, conducted the funeral.

Shreveport, La.—John Huston, late of Shreveport, died at Hot Springs May 20. He was a faithful member of St. Paul church at Shreveport.

Rosedale, La.—At Wheelock, La., a boiler exploded and killed eight men and wounded seven others, besides completely wrecking the saw mill. Those killed and identified were: James Victor, Philip Archer, William Hill, Jessie Thomas and Jim Bragg, Jr. (all colored.) Seven others were wounded, but their names could not be learned. A local preacher of our church was working there and was present when this catastrophe happened, but he was unhurt. He was taken up, it is supposed, by some of the flying debris and carried two hundred yards from the scene without a hair on his head being hurt. E. GILMAN.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. MAMIE E. PATTERSON.

On June 7 at five o'clock p. m., services were held in memory of Mrs. M. E. Patterson in St. Paul M. E. Church. The life and work of Sister Patterson were reviewed by loving friends. Favorite songs of the deceased were sung. The Sunday school and Epworth League took part in the impressive and touching service. The following resolutions offered by C. C. Platt were adopted by a standing vote.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from mortal suffering our beloved friend and sister, Mrs. Mamie E. Patterson, who died at Buenavista Heights, D. C., May 25; and

Whereas, We have known and honored her for many years as a model teacher and Christian lady whose example is worthy of emulation by all our female population, and

Whereas, Her husband has lost in her a true and faithful wife, her six children, a devoted and inspiring mother, we a tried friend and teacher;

Resolved, That we tender the family at Buenavista Heights our hearty sympathy in their bereavement and in proof of our sincerity we will wear a badge of mourning for 30 days, beginning June 8, 1903.

IN MEMORY OF LITTLE CARRIE LEWIS ROBINSON.

(Daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson, Chicago, Ill.)

Bye, bye, our darling little sunbeam,
Silent and hushed is your tiny voice,
Mother's so grieved she cannot from you wean;

Father looks in vain for your form,
so choice.

Beatrice can't play hide and seek without you;

This renews our sadness, you're wanted home,

Others miss you, speak of your love so true,

O, were it possible for you again to come.

Yet, you are not far away dear Carrie,
Why should we grieve and be so sad?
You're only round and about us to tarry,

There—somewhere in the unknown,
glad;

Waiting and watching with an angel band,

Helping to guide our lives here below.

Your absence is impressing us that time's sand,

Helping to guide our lives here better shore.

MATTIE SISSLE.



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Resolved further, That we offer the family and friends the promises of God for consolation and the fair record of this faithful wife and mother as their pattern.

MRS. M. E. FOSTER.
C. C. PLATT, Pres.

Poplarville, Miss.—Sister Pink Boner was born in 1874 and died May 4, aged 29 years. She joined the M. E. Church when quite a girl and lived a consistent Christian and died in the full triumph of faith.

D. RAY, Pastor.

Brother Adam Tillman, aged 63 years, died May 3, 1903, after an illness of five months. He was a faithful member of the M. E. Church of Hensley, Ark., and was loved by all who knew him. Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep, from which none ever wake to weep. H. C. DUNLAP, Pastor.

Longtown, S. C.—Sister Julian Jackson, a member of Shiloh Methodist Episcopal Church, died May 31, aged 42. She was a great worker in the church, a class leader, Sunday school superintendent, president of the Epworth League Society. Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. A. B. Morrissey, Rev. W. H. Jones and Rev. G. W. McGirt. Her remains were deposited in the family cemetery at Smyrna, C. H.

Bro. John Borden, a member of Mt. Joshua Methodist Episcopal Church, is dead. He was about 65 years old. He was a good man. His funeral was conducted by Rev. A. B. Morrissey, his pastor, assisted by Rev. Jones.

Conference Notices

Notice to Pastors of Holly Springs District Conferences: Please send me a list of the delegates from your re-

spective charges in order to assist us in arranging for your entertainment. The district conference, Epworth League and Sunday School Convention will convene in Vincent chapel, M. E. Church, in Grenada, Miss., July 22-26, 1903. Yours in Christ,

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Sparta, Tenn.—Dear Brethren and Pastors: The Nashville District Conference will convene at this place July 28, 1903. I want you to send me the names of your delegates and class leaders, local preachers and exhorters and Sunday School superintendents and Epworth League presidents you expect to be in attendance and oblige me,

H. E. ERWIN.

TOPEKA DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Fort Scott, July 11-12; Mound City, Iowa, 18-19; St. James, 25-26; Rosedale, 25-26, T. W. Fulghem; Bonner Springs, Aug. 1-2, J. K. Anderson; Atchison and Valley Falls, 5-6; Asbury, 1-2; Alma Wabunsee, 15-16, L. E. Hayes; Burlingame and Osage City, 15-16, D. Smith; Dunlap, 15-16; Manhattan and Wamego, 15-16, I. W. H. Terrell; Lincoln and Omaha, 22-23; Clay Center, 22-23, B. F. Swindell; Saline and Ellis, 29-30; Mount Olive, Sept. 5-6; Larned, 8; Colorado Springs, 12-13; Caldwell, and Kingmon, 9-10; Independence, 19-20; Chetopa, 19-20, J. E. Williams; Oswego and Parson, 26-27; Denver and Pueblo.

The District Conference will convene at Fort Scott Aug. 5-9. The Epworth League and Sunday School Convention will meet with the District Conference. Dear brethren, take the benevolent collection; have them well in hand by time our district convenes.

H. SOUTH, P. E.

Dear Brethren—The Indiana District Conference will convene in Vincent M. E. Church, Bloomington, Ind., July 8. All pastors at once select delegates and send me their names. Also district stewards and local preachers who expect to be present. Your compliance will greatly aid me in arranging for the best welfare of the conference.

W. L. NOEL, Pastor.

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OKLAHOMA DISTRICT.

IMMEDIATE MEETING.

Atoka, July 9-10; Eufaula, 11-12; Chickah, 13; Grant, 11; Okmulgee, 14-15; Wetumka, 15-16; Elliott and Big Creek at Snow Creek, at Snow Creek, 18-19; Waynes, Cir., at Island Ford, 20; Muskogee, 21; District Conference at Muskogee, 22-24; Guthrie, St. Paul, Aug. 1-2; Ardmore, Warren Chapel, 8-9; Ardmore Cir., at Wynnewood, 10-12; Purcell, 13; Luther, at St. James, 15-16; Shawnee, 23-25; Oklahoma City, 29-30; Chickasha, Aug. 31; Haskins, Sept. 5-6; Mt. Zion, 12-13; Chandler, at Chandler, 19-20; Langston, 24-26;

Independence, 29-30; Ripley, Oct. 3-4.

Dear Brethren—I hope you will push the revivals on your charge. Let not this favorable season pass without a great revival. Push the canvass for Southwestern. Take your benevolent collections at once. Push every interest of the great church. Come to District Conference and report success. Your brother,

D. G. FRANKLIN, P. E.
Guthrie, O. T.

GREENWOOD DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Ebenezer, July 18-19; Owens, 18-19; Lexington, 25-26; Pickens, Aug. 5; Goodman, 6; Valden, 8-9; Hesterville, 12; Durant, 14-16; Sallis, 15-16; Valden Cir., 20; Minter City, 22-23; North Carrollton, 26; Carrollton, 27; Shellmound, 29-30; Money, Sept. 5-6; Greenwood, 11-13; Greenwood Cir., 18-20; Tchula, 19-20; Winona, 25-27.

District Conference will meet at Ebenezer, Miss., July 31 at 9 o'clock a. m. A full attendance is expected. The League Convention will meet July 28. All pastors who have leagues will see that their delegates attend the convention. The pastors will please come to the district conference prepared to report their benevolences in full. We want to make this one of the best district conferences that has ever met on the district. We are expecting to have with us Drs. Logan and Scott, and Prof. I. G. Penn has also been invited and the representative from Rust University. Yours truly,

B. F. WOOLFOLK, P. E.

INDIANA DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Bloomington, July 11-12; Muncie, W. H. Harris, 18-19; New Castle, 18-19; Rushville, W. W. Heston, 25-26; Connersville, 25-27; Shelbyville, W. S. Rollins, Aug. 1-2; Watson Cir., 1-4; Jeffersonville, Port Fulton, 5-6; Jeffersonville, Wesley Chapel, 7-9; Madison, W. S. Rollins, 8-9; North Vernon, W. S. Rollins, 15-16; Chicago, Ill., 14-17; Cannelton, 20; Tell City, 21; Rockport, 22-24; Boonville, 25-26; Newburgh, 27-28; Evansville, 29-31; Graysville, Ill., Sept. 1; Browns, 2; Princeton, 3-6; Greenfield, 9; Green Castle, 11; Terre Haute, 12-14; Marshall, Ill., 15-16; Indianapolis, Berne's Chapel, 17; Indianapolis, Simpson Chapel, 20-22.

Dear Brethren—The first quarter is past, what have you done in collecting your benevolent money? How much have you on hand? Bring your minute money to District Conference. Do your best to bring our district in the front rank. Push every interest given you. Work and pray. The District Conference, Sunday School Institute and Epworth League will meet in Bloomington, Ind., July 8, 1903, at 9 o'clock a. m. Be present with your delegates. District stewards will meet July 10, at 4 o'clock p. m. Yours,

GEO. A. SIDDLE, P. E.
708 Columbia Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

Corsicana, Tex.—All bishops, general officers and ministers of other conferences, presiding elders, etc., who expect to visit the Dallas District Conference which convenes in Corsicana July 31, 1903, will please notify me of their intention by postal card, at once, so that I can amply prepare to entertain them. We shall spare no pains to take care of all who come. Your brother,

J. R. CARNES.

LA GRANGE DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Harris City, July 4-5; La Grange Station and Mutual, 12-13; La Grange

Circuit, 11-12; Troup Factory, 18-19; Greenville (Crolley), 25-26; Woodbury, 25-26; Columbus, 27; Zebulon and Concord, 1-3; Culloden, 8-9; District Conference and Camp Meeting, 12-16; Liberty Hill and Jackson, 22-23; Barnesville (Giddens), 29-30; West Point (Brooks), 29-30; Chipley, 29-30; Whitesville, Sept. 5-6.

Dear Brethren: The District Conference and Camp Meeting will convene at Meansville, Ga., Wednesday Morning at 9:30 o'clock, Aug. 12. Elections for lay delegates to the Annual Conference will be held in all the charges on this third quarterly round. Let each pastor rally a good, round report on benevolences, etc., at the district conference and strive to make his the banner charge. The time for meeting for all quarterly conferences is 2 o'clock p. m., except otherwise ordered. Sincerely yours,

J. D. JENKINS, P. E.
P. O. Box 182, LaGrange, Ga.

WACO DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Mexia Ct., July 11-12; Groesbeck Ct., 18-19; Groesbeck, 21-24; Bremond, 25-26; Calvert Ct., Aug. 1-2; Calvert, 8-9; Marlin, 15-16; Otto and Mart, 18-20; Maysfield, 22-23; Chilton, 22-23; Mooreville, 25-26; Lampasas, 29-30; East Waco, Sept. 5-8; St. James, Sept. 12-13; Andrews Chapel, 19-20; Waco Ct., 22-25.

My Brethren—The District Conference will be at Calvert, Tex., Aug. 5-9. Put in a good revival at all your charges before then. Come to stay till Monday. Program will be sent you not later than July 1. A. BROWN, P. E.

ANNISTON DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Anniston and Oxford, June 27-28; Oxanna, 29; Collinsville and Ft. Payne, 4-5; Asheville, 11-12; Cove and Cradup's Mines, 18-19; Gadsden, 25-26; Attalla, Aug. 1-2; Cedar Bluff Ct., 5-7; Shook's Chapel and Center, 8-9; Talladega, 15-16; Lineville and Ashland, 29-30; Heflin, Sept. 5-6; Wedowee, 12-13; Roanoke, 19-20.

Dear Brethren—The District Conference will meet at Attalla, Ala., on July 29 and continue until Aug. 2. The programs will be sent to all the pastors and members of the district conference about July 1. Let ample preparation be made for this meeting, that it may be a great blessing not only to the people of Attalla, but to all who may attend. We are expecting good benevolent reports from each pastor. See that your Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues are properly represented at the conference. Let us pray, work and expect great things on the Anniston District this year. Faithfully yours,

E. M. JONES, P. E.

WEST TENNESSEE DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Kenton, July 31, Aug. 2; Humboldt, Aug. 1-2; Alamo, Aug. 8-9; Brownsville, Aug. 7-9; Friendship, Aug. 15-16; Mayes Grove, Aug. 15-16; Fowlkes, Aug. 22-23; Dyersburg, Aug. 22-23; Atoka, Aug. 28-30; Pleasant Grove, Aug. 29-30; Mason, Sept. 5-6; Galloway, Sept. 5-6; Braden, Sept. 8-9; Lucy, Sept. 12-13; Burdette, Sept. 19-20; Warrens Chapel, Sept. 20-21; Centenary, Sept. 26-28.

Dear brethren, remember your promises in Memphis. I hope none will fail to carry a round report to Martin. Every brother is expected to carry five cash subscribers for the Southwestern. The apportionment for General Conference must be collected without

fail. Please see that every dollar is collected. I shall expect full reports on my fourth round concerning every department of the church. All reports must be in writing. I shall remain until I can get a clear understanding of the working of every church. I know you will assist me in carrying a round report to Martin. Yours for the church,

J. A. W. MOORE,
356 Calhoun St.

WEST TENNESSEE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Will meet at Brownsville, Tenn., Aug. 3, 1903, at 3 p. m. The literary program will appear later. I have invited Dr. G. G. Logan and Dr. R. E. Jones to be present. Yours for the church,

J. A. W. MOORE.

JACKSON (MISS.) DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Columbus, Miss.—The Jackson District conference will convene in Yazoo City, Miss., July 29 to Aug. 2. All members of the conference are expected to be present at roll call, Wednesday, July 29, at 9 o'clock a. m., with good reports. It is hoped that all pastors will be able to report all benevolent collections taken up in full. Pastor Smith and his excellent people are preparing to give the members and visitors a royal reception. The conference will be held in the new and beautiful St. Stephen M. E. Church. A large number of visitors are expected, among whom Drs. Scott, Jones, Logan and Atkinson, Presiding Elders Cowan, Threlkeld, Davis and Hibbler. A strong effort will be made to have Dr. Mason and Dr. Penn present. Sincerely yours,

J. M. SHUMPERT,
Presiding Elder.

WEST NASHVILLE DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren: Our district conference will convene at Jackson, Tenn., Aug. 25, 1903. I hope all of the conference members will be present at roll call and prepared to give a full report of their work. Brother Reasonover, the pastor, and members are making preparation to entertain the conference. Rush your work; raise your benevolent claims; send in subscribers for the Southwestern Christian Advocate. We want the stewards to do their best to raise their pastor's salary. Pay your pastors; then they can pay their bills. Stewards; push your work.

A. PHILLIPS.

District Steward, 515 E. Fannin Street.

To the Brethren of the Upper Mississippi Conference: Dear Brethren—I have sent to your office the conference journal, quite 60 days ago. Please send me the money for them, as the publisher is dunning me for it. Oblige your servant,

N. R. CLAY, Secretary.

A FINE KIDNEY REMEDY.

Mr. A. S. Hitchcock, East Hampton, Conn. (The Clothier), says if any suffer from Kidney and Bladder Disease will write him he will direct them to the perfect home cure he used. He makes no charge whatever for the favor.

NOTICE.

To the Pastors, Officers and Members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Marshall District, Texas Conference: Our district meeting is rapidly approaching. Will you kindly begin now to get your reports ready so we may have a round report for once and not be made to feel bad at the meeting? Let all push the work

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MARY A. JOHNSON,

TO THE MOBILE CONFERENCE.

My Dear Brethren: The Marion Institute is our conference school and we pledged ourselves to support it. The growth of the school depends greatly upon you. The second Sunday in June is Children's Day. A collection from every Sunday school is expected for Children Funds. But please bear in mind that while the Children's collection will be sent to Dr. McDowell for Children Funds, the public collections that day will be sent to me for the Marion Institute. It is expected that a public collection for public education will be raised in every charge. I will send conference vouchers for the same. I hope there will be no misunderstanding as in some cases last year. Send Children's collection to New York and public collection to me. See conference minutes, pages 18, 19. Push your public collection. Remember that if

we would get help to carry on our educational work in the bounds of our conference, then like men we must first help ourselves. I am most obediently, yours,

N. H. SPEIGHT,
Box 101, Marion, Ala.

NOTICE.

Fort Smith, Ark.—Dear brethren of the Fort Smith District, the Woman's Home Missionary Convention will be held at Van Buren, Ark., Sept. 3-6. The result of the convention depends largely upon the interest you manifest in it. Let us take up the work of this great cause; that part especially that rests upon us, and prosecute it heroically. Let this be the opportunity through which the brethren on the Fort Smith District may prove to those grand and good women that they greatly espouse their cause and intend to put forth every means to help them to succeed in this matter. Let us turn to the assessment made for this cause in each charge and raise it and bring or send same to the convention. I trust no charge on our district will be embarrassed on that day for not having done this much needed work. Let our motto be that the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Little Rock Conference may make a leap forward in the scale of success, and that they may feel that they are fortified by a congenial brotherly friendship that bids fair to their progress. M. N. LANGSTON, P. E.

NOTICE.

Dear Brethren of the San Antonio District: Knowing the great good that we derived by sending Reva. C. P. Westbrook, J. W. Weakly, and Miss D. N. Walker to the International Epworth League Convention two years ago, I hope every pastor and league in the San Antonio District that possibly can, will attend the coming convention to meet in Detroit, Mich., July 16-19, and let us by all means see to it that each local chapter raises its apportionment for traveling expenses to send our conference and district president, the Rev. M. S. Gordon, whose heart and soul is so much devoted to the work he has in hand. Yours in the work, H. SWANN, P. E.

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CRESCENT CITY NOTES

Simpson Chapel is having unusually large congregations. Last Sunday 21 persons were baptized. The pastor, Rev. F. T. Chinn, and members are enjoying a season of spiritual prosperity.

Mrs. G. N. Johnson, District Treasurer of Epworth League, Clow, Ark.—We have been notified of the varied work, larger demands and expenses of the Central office, also the amount each Epworth League on the district promised our Epworth League farm, hence we appeal to each president to arouse themselves to duty. Put the young people to work. Start now with new energy and zeal; plan to raise the \$1 for the Central Office and forward it without delay, also the amount assessed for the Epworth farm. Dr. J. M. Cox needs it now. Plan for the Epworth League District Convention. Let officers and members do their duty; come with good reports. The Woman's Home Missionary Society will have a place on the program. We urge each auxiliary president to send report by a representative and let us make this the best in the history of the district. The Lord will help if we try. Our presiding elder, Rev. T. R. Wamble, and ministers will help us to success.

R. L. Green, Brown, N. C.—Sunday was a high day at Piny Ridge. We had a glorious time. Rev. F. L. Bost preached two soul stirring sermons. At 11 o'clock we witnessed the burial of Brother Sandy Waddell, aged about 85 years. He has been a faithful member of the church for a number of years. He still lives in our memory. At 1 o'clock p. m. Rev. F. L. Bost preached the funeral of Sister Dicey Taylor. She has been a faithful old saint. Piney Ridge is alive spiritually and temporally. Amount raised: Class No. 1, 80 cents; No. 2, \$5.37; No. 3, \$1.45; No. 4, 50 cents; No. 5, \$4.73; public collection, \$2.15. The following paid 50 cents or more: Brother Alfred Cox, \$3.05; R. L. Green, \$1.35; P. C. Cheek, 65 cents; Sister Sarah Cox, 50 cents; Sister Florence Trogon, 50 cents; Sister Mary A. Green, 55 cents; Sister Dicey Green, 55 cents; Brother C. O. Green, 80 cents; Brother W. T. Brook, 90 cents. Rev. F. L. Bost is the right man in the right place. We are praying for his success.

Wesley Chapel, (colored) M. E. Church, 11:30 a. m., Rev. G. W. Dukes preached from Hebrews, 9:27; 4 p. m., Rev. J. L. Tyler preached from Second Kings, 5 chap., 1-14; 8:30 p. m., Rev. J. A. Clifton, D. D., delivered a fine sermon, taking for his text Esther, 1: 15-16. The church was crowded to the utmost and the congregation paid special attention to the wonderful sermon. The altar was crowded with seekers. The North charge is in a fine condition. We are erecting a new church on this charge at Canaan, which will cost about \$800. A. Lewis, Pastor.

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North S. C.—The Orangeburg District Conference convened here on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. The meetings were well attended. The first two days many were unable to attend on account of the inclement weather. The reports from all the charges were much better than those of previous years. Rev. Marion Dargan is an excellent presiding elder. The number of ministers present was about 28. Many important subjects were discussed and several lectures on "Christian Education" delivered. Two which deserve special mention were those of Dr. W. W. Daniel, of the Columbia Female College, and Prof. Hugo Sheridan, of the Careville Fitting School, Banberg, S. C. The assessment for pastor's salary in this district is \$14,000, \$4,800 of which has been raised. For benevolent purposes \$2,000 has been raised. On yesterday the programme was as follows:

Methodist Church, 11:30 a. m., sermon by Rev. J. A. Clifton, D. D.; 3:30 p. m., exercises by the Epworth League. At 8:30 p. m., sermon by Rev. B. M. Grier.

Butler, Mo.—We held our first quarterly conference May 23-24, with Dr. J. Will Jackson in the chair. He preached two strong sermons to the delight of the people. The quarterly meeting was a success. The presiding elder's claims were met in full. The good people of Mt. Zion gave the pastor a pound party and they brought to the parsonage many nice presents. May the Lord bless our work and people.

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LITERARY NOTES

The Living Age adds another to its notable series on European politics by reprinting, in the number for June 13, the striking article from the last Quarterly Review, entitled "The Macedonian Maze." The writer is outspoken in his criticism of the methods of the Macedonian Revolutionary Committee.

How Methodism may be said to have begun in Susanna Wesley's nursery, rather than in the University of Oxford, so often called its birthplace, is one of the fresh and interesting points made by Professor C. T. Winchester in the first of his papers on "John Wesley," which will be printed in the July Century. The July chapters of this new life of the great reformer carry him from his birth to 1750, when the storm of persecution against the new sect and its eloquent leader first begin to subside.

S. J. Jenkins, Pastor, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.—Our third quarterly conference convened at West Point, Tenn., with grand success. Reports were written and good.

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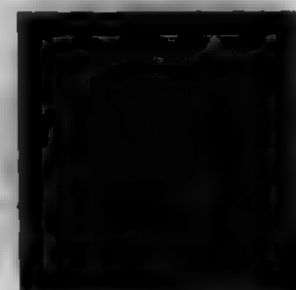
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Editorial Notes

Be patriotic and patient.

July 4th is the Nation's birthday.

The State of Texas seems to have no Negro problem. For the most part both whites and blacks are sawing wood and keeping quiet. It is to be hoped that all are taking advantage of the excellent opportunities for development given both races by the state.

We wonder if the *Times-Democrat* of this city realizes fully what it is saying, when it urges the people of the South to inaugurate an active warfare on rowdy Negroes, wherever found. In our opinion it will inaugurate a deadly guerilla warfare, that will terminate in far more harm than good to all concerned. It is better to let each community take care of its own disorderly element in the way it may think best and find most effectual.

The *Northwestern Christian Advocate* deserves the thanks of good people everywhere, for the manner in which it is exposing to its readers the cruelties of the peonage system of Alabama. The people of the North need to know the facts, and we are glad our contemporary is furnishing them. It acknowledges its indebtedness to the *Chicago Daily Chronicle* for information received, and we congratulate the *Chronicle* as well for the faithfulness with which it is reporting these horrifying discoveries.

One of the sad things about the unearthing of the peonage horrors in Alabama is that the spirit of condemnation thus far manifested by the press of that state is directed against those who made the discoveries, rather than against the cruel system itself. It would seem that so far as imprisoning the innocent Negroes, who had not even been accused of crime, is concerned, it does not arouse public sentiment in the least. We trust this is not indicative of the state of feeling throughout that state, in matters which concern the black man.

The *Mobile Register* has inaugurated a new departure in reporting matters that concern the Negro. A reporter of that paper canvassed the city, visited the successful business enterprises and the best homes and gave an interesting account of the same in the *Register*. This is contrary to the rule usually observed by white papers; they tell all the bad things they can learn of the Negro and some things they imagine. That paper actually told of their grocery stores, furniture stores, insurance company and their elegant homes, indicating their cost and how secured.

3,000 Subscribers by October 31, 1903.

The Presiding Elders' Council which convened in Meridian, Miss., June 5th, passed resolutions calling upon the Presiding Elders and Pastors of the 20 colored conferences to unite in the effort to secure 3,000 annual cash subscribers for the *Southwestern* before the close of the fiscal year, October 31, 1903. The editor was also requested to so report subscribers received each week, as to show not only the total number received, but the number still needed to reach the 3,000. Therefore, in accordance with this action, we call upon our ministers, our officials and the members of the church throughout our territory to join with us in this movement to make the paper self-supporting before the time for closing the four years' work expires. Let our readers keep their eyes on the publishers' column, page 16, each week.

The Law Makers, the Law Breakers

A prominent citizen of the state of South Carolina writes us relative to the treatment of colored passengers on the railway trains of his state. His letter is as follows:

"We begin by quoting from our Lord's sermon on the mount: 'With what measure ye meet it shall be measured to you again.' So that while it is very disagreeable to stand the evils perpetrated against us, we are hopeful, having faith in Him that loved us and gave Himself for us, that it shall be measured to him again, whatever his measure may have been.

"It is very well understood that South Carolina has the separate car law on the various railroads of the state. One coach set apart for each race. Each coach has provided a few seats styled a smoker, to accommodate those who like to indulge in the filthy habit. Some of the conductors demand a strict observance of the law, while the majority of them allow the coach designated for Negroes to be almost taken by the roughs and toughs of the opposite race. If a sheriff has a prisoner to take from one station to another, whether that prisoner is white or colored, he is taken to the Negro coach; if a poor unfortunate is being taken to the lunatic asylum, he or she is taken into the Negro coach; if a tough wants to take a drink of whiskey he comes from his own coach and uses the cup or glass set apart for Negroes, and there is no redress. When he gets ready he lights his cigar or cigarette and smokes in the apartment set apart for our ladies and gentlemen. So often have we heard the conductors on the Air Line road from Charlotte to Atlanta say that they experienced trouble with the whites daily, but the Negro gives no trouble after once finding his place.

"I am quite sure that the time has come when the Negro ought to combine in a great mass meeting or meetings and memorialize the railroad au-

The Nation's Birthday

Hurrah for the United States of America! This should be the sentiment of every true American. Somehow we think it a great thing to have a country and notwithstanding the effort some people make to have the colored citizens of America feel that they have no country, we refuse absolutely and positively to accept their teaching or believe their theory. This is our home and our country. We were not ushered into American citizenship as early as were some others, but the Lord be praised we are in anyway. And before another number of the *SOUTHWESTERN* appears the natal day of the Nation will have come and gone and our country will have passed its one hundred and twenty-seventh birthday. The years of the past have witnessed many changes, most of which were for the better. The Nation has constantly been growing in wealth and power, and has made its influence felt to the ends of the earth. Tho it has its shortcomings and there are many violations of law, we are pleased to be able to assert without fear of contradiction that this is a Christian nation. While the church and state are entirely separate, each recognizes the rights of the other. Its laws are founded on the Mosaic code, and justly acknowledge the rights of all men. Its flag has never floated over an army engaged in battle for the enslavement of man. It is proclaimed throughout the world as the "land of the free," and makes commendable effort to live up to this characterization. Our judgment is, that tho we may have occasion to criticize the servants of the government, who may not be faithful in the execution of the laws, every American citizen should stand for his country. True government does not endorse nor stand for all that its individual citizens or even individual states may do, hence our criticisms should be aimed at those who are guilty and not at our country. To denounce and seek to tear it down is to attempt to destroy what we have helped to build. Again we would say, "Hurrah for the United States of America!"

The Presiding Elders' Council

The third session of the Presiding Elders' Council of the colored conferences of the M. E. Church, convened in St. Paul M. E. Church, Meridian, Miss., June 25, 1903. After devotions the Rev. J. C. Hibbler, presiding elder of the Meridian District, was chosen president; Rev. B. P. Woolfolk, of the Upper Mississippi Conference, was elected secretary, and Rev. W. E. Mitchell, of the East Tennessee, assistant; Rev. R. P. Threlkeld, of the Mississippi Conference, was elected treasurer. Committees were appointed on the following subjects: Benevolence and Self-Support; *Southwestern Christian Advocate*; Resolutions; Book Depository and Printing Establishment and the election of a Bishop of African descent.

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Our Contributors

Our Obligations to the Missionary Cause.

BY REV. JOSEPH WHEELER.

The missionary convention held at Cleveland, Ohio, was a new but very important movement in the interest of the great cause of missions. It was no doubt divinely inspired. The needs of the cause of Christ and the church demanded just such a meeting. The eyes of the whole church are now turned toward this great work as never before. It sees more clearly the "open doors" of opportunity for urgent, faithful, and heroic work for God and humanity. It hears as never before, the heart-touching Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." Helpless hands are stretching appealingly to the church for the bread of life, the pure water of salvation, and eternal life. From the dark abodes of superstition, idolatry, vice and death, they are saying pathetically, "Send us the light, ere we die." When we look at our church with its vast territory, its millions of members and adherents, its great benevolent societies and institutions, its wonderful achievements in soul-saving, educational work and social betterment, we are amazed at such wonderful results. But are they not largely the outgrowth of the missionary work of past years? The men and women of God and Methodism who, touched by, and filled with the spirit of the Great Missionary, labored, prayed, and gave, to establish and extend the kingdom of God at home and in foreign lands. Ought it not be our intense desire as individual Christians, and collectively as a church, to see such great success in every land and among all people who dwell upon the face of the earth? The divine command is, "Go preach the Gospel in all the world." This command will never lose its force until every nation shall "have learned Messiah's name," and "the kingdoms of this world shall have become the kingdoms of our Lord and Christ." Would we see idols cast down to rise no more, the hoary superstitions of ages uprooted, the false religions that are destroying the physical, domestic and social life of millions of our fellow creatures in countries where Christ, the cross, and the glorious gospel are not known? Then we must give as God prospers us to this great cause, that consecrated men and women may go and teach the people who sit in the religions and shadows of spiritual and eternal darkness, death and ruin. Gospel lighthouses—churches—must be established all over these fields of desolation. Then will the sun of righteousness rise, with healing in his rays, and we shall see millions of heathens sitting at the feet of Jesus clothed in their right mind and learning the old sweet story of Jesus and the cross. We will see the devil and his hosts defeated in their mighty purpose to hold these misguided nations in the ranks of error, sin and eternal death.

O, church of God, of Wesley, Asbury and Simpson, awake, arise and "look upon the fields, for they are already ripe to harvest!" Consecrate, not only body, soul and spirit, but pocket-book. Give not from impulse, but from love; not spasmodically, but with regularity, according as God has given you. The "emergency" is upon us. When we recognize our financial obligations to the benevolent work of our church, we show the spirit of true Christian patriotism.

If the citizens and soldiers of our government are willing and ready to make great sacrifices, and undergo great privations for their country, which things are tests of their love and loyalty, what ought not the Christian citizens and soldiers

do, in the mighty conflict between light and darkness, truth and error, the church and the world, God and satan? What must the church, God's army do? Retrench, retreat, and suffer defeat, or give liberally, "go forward," and win great victories for Christ, the church and humanity? The church sees many signs of encouragement to obey God's command to "go forward." The Boxer persecutions in China recently, struck a blow against Christianity and western civilization. The blow has rebounded and the result is that her gates of brazen opposition are now open to welcome the missionaries.

Africa, our fatherland, where the heroic Hartzell, Camphor, Sherrill, and others are laboring, is a promising field. "O Africa in darkness, thy land shall all be bright; thy people shall be favored with hallowed gospel light." The finger of God's providence is pointing to Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands. Long since weary of Roman Catholic domination, thousands are calling for protestant Christianity. Foreign people coming by thousands to our shores, inspired only by the hope of temporal gains, must be brought in touch not only with our institutions, but with the church, the gospel, and with Christ. The work of the missionary society of our church is a most worthy and commendable work, and should be upon our conscience, our mind and our heart. We should all have "the missionary spirit." Without it, we are not prepared to work for the salvation of men.

O, Christian Methodists, "work and fight and pray" as divinely directed, that the home and heathen lands be given for Christ's inheritance, "and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession." For he has won them by the greatest self-debasement, the noblest and most heroic sacrifice, and the deepest and purest love! Then shall the nations "clap their hands for joy, the wilderness and solitary places be glad, and the desert shall bloom and blossom as the rose." Europe, Asia, Africa and America shall join hands, and all Christendom shall sing, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"

Bolivar, W. Va.

"The Causes of Race Riots and Remedy."

BY MR. R. M. G. DAVIS, A. B.

Centuries have flown apace, tribes have arisen and fallen, since the first blood of mankind cried from the ground unto God. For when Abel of old had made a more acceptable offering unto God than his brother Cain, the latter raised his anger against his brother and took from him that spark of life which human beings cannot kindle.

This is the beginning of the record of disorder, on and on to Moses slaying the Egyptians and drawing around him the curtains of the earth.

You may travel through the valleys of Jehoshaphat and rally around that old water-ford or touch the bier of Jephtha or pull the sprig of cassia from the brow of Mount Moriah, and ask that sleeping Architect why he sleeps, the reply will be, I withheld the integrity of my comrades and my life was taken by the hand of mortal men.

Turn your eyes to Calvary and behold the Savior of the world dying at the hand of mortal men. We see John the Baptist being beheaded for truth, Stephen stoned for the love of Christ, Paul standing on Mar's Hill proclaiming the word of God and afterward his life taken by mankind.

We now leave the Biblical world—we find ourselves in a temporal, yet mortal, in which we find that nations have striven against each other, thrones have been robbed of magistrates, not from a Divine order, but a disorderly design. Now the nation we should all love best, the nation upon whose brow the crease of honor in warfare has been placed, and beneath yon red, white and blue flow her mighty rivers, between her green mountains and around her pleasant hills the reindeer play, the merry music, but from the distant forests and our home lands come the cry continually of disorder carried on by mankind.

Here we have no Cain or Abel, Moses nor Egyptians, Jephtha, cunning Architect, Savior of the world, John the Baptist, Stephen, nor Paul, but the Anglo-Saxon and Ethiopian races walking side by side, having daily conflicts.

The only cause which history has shown for these most inhuman deeds is that at one time the Ethiopian was the servant of the Anglo-Saxon, and in the course of events the Ethiopian became a free and independent race, then there arose a dark cloud, prejudice, which has since overshadowed the entire nation, and each subsequent generation brings together the old brands and kindles new forces which sweep across the entire plains of human reason and deposit the debris in the abyss of darkness and the results are race riots, and the destruction of human lives. * * *

When we read our daily papers and find accounts of disorder carried on among our people we are forced to fold our arms and ask God for remedies that we may be able to hand it to our posterity and send the words of order and peace to each subsequent generation that the South might for one stage of life be in order.

Let us imagine ourselves to-day upon the bloody plains of Joplin, Mo., tracing that reasonless mob that so brutally a few days ago siezed a poor colored man because they thought that he was the man who slew the policeman. They rushed to a limb, dragging him over the rough ground, where they took from him that life which man loves so dearly. See them, not yet satisfied and in turn driving into exile the powerless race and destroying their dwellings with flames and scattering the remains to the four winds of heaven, never to be collected again. What sorrow it brings, what pangs of terror, to see the happiness of our people go down in chaos for the sake of unreasonable prejudice. Until this monstrous evil shall have been driven from our doors we shall never be a people, nor shall the blessings of God attend our mission.

I recognize to-day that America is the pride of Anglo-Saxon energy and progress, and that beneath our green sods lie millions of the bodies of her brave pioneers and soldiers, who fought and died that they might hand to their posterity free and unmolested homes.

But it has pleased Providence to place by their sides an alien race, a race that has proven to be law-abiding since the curtains of servitude were rolled back and they could see the smiling face of intelligence, but that old badge of the skin and stain of servitude have resulted into prejudice of the deepest dye.

Somebody has said that "education, religion, wealth and refinement would erase this chronic malady from the system of American civilization, but I do not believe that these remedies will suffice, for then the two races will be walking in the same harness and two great forces can not act in one vacuum. This is no secret, but a known fact that when in a world of lower animals two species

attain the same degree of strength there is a continual warfare, a cry for order until one is conqueror and the other conquered; then the conquered must resort to another field and there attempt to establish its government and reign supreme.

If disorder exists thus in a world of instinct, what will a world of reason do? We saw perfect demonstrations upon the streets of this city a few years ago in the Robert Charles case; a few months ago upon the bloody plains of Ball Town, and on the bloody fields of Missouri, a few days ago, where reason, religion and wealth with all their power could not quell the prejudice of that reasonless mob. Thus far education, religion, wealth and refinement have failed, and now the only remedy which I can give is to continue to educate and then emigrate to Africa, for I believe that when Mr. Lincoln struck that rock of freedom and out of it ran that bold stream which afterward swept the entire South, he knew that two races having equally the same advantages for intellectual development would not live together in harmony and peace. Therefore he pointed to the golden banks of Africa with her rivers of unfailing waters, her iron crowned mountains, her gold and silver decked hills, her endless valleys which render her beyond the imaginative realm of riches and from whose legislative halls and courts of justice will come forth that moral stream that would serve as a barrier to foreign prejudice. If this question of race riots is ever to be settled it must be handed to the throbbing breast and fertile brain of that hamitic land beyond the eastern horizon of America, where Bishop Hartzell has blazed the way, Camphor with others have followed, and to-day they stand upon her western shores wrapped in all the sweetness of an orderly tranquility. They watch the sun after having spent his fiery energy sink in peace beyond the cool bosom of the waves, to rise upon a nation whose rivers have their sources in the veins of human beings, bidding you and me to come and inhabit a land where there is no class legislation, no vile bloodshed, no loss of lives, nor sentences passed by Judge Lynch upon an alien race, but where we may bathe our weary faces in seas of orderly rest.

New Orleans, La.

What Have the International Conventions Done for You? A Symposium

In answer to the foregoing query sent out by Secretary Penn the following replies have been received:

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Dr. J. D. Diggs, Winston-Salem, N. C.—“I have received inspiration to a nobler and higher life by contact with great men, wider knowledge of the young life of the church, detailed and general information from the speeches.”

Miss Lillian A. Spencer, Wilmington, Del.—“They are undoubtedly a wonderful inspiration to those who attend. One rejoices anew that he is a Methodist and an Epworth Leaguer.”

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Rev. R. N. Jones, Moss Point, Miss.—“I have been inspired more and more at each International Epworth League Convention.”

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Rev. J. W. Winbush, P. E., Winona, Miss.—

“Words are inadequate to express the real good realized from the International Epworth League Convention which I have been blessed to attend.”

Mrs. J. M. Cox, Little Rock, Ark.—“The interchange of ideas and plans they afford is mutually helpful. The seeing and hearing of the general officers of the League bring us more in touch and in sympathy with the work.”

Prof. R. S. Lovinggood, Austin, Tex.—“They yield to the church a good profit on the investment in cash, in Christian enthusiasm and in consecration to the cause of the King.”

Mr. Robert Cox, Lynchburg, Va.—“The attendance upon those meetings is an inspiration born of a godly desire to do what we can for the uplift of our young people.”

Rev. B. G. Smith, P. E., Birmingham, Ala.—“I have found the conventions helpful and stimulating. All present go forth with renewed faith to better establish this great work.”

Mr. W. C. Davis, Birmingham, Ala.—“They have been of great educational value and a source of inspiration.”

Prof. H. W. McDonald, Baldwin, La.—“My horizon was broadened, my convictions deepened, aspirations heightened and resolutions strengthened in the faith and Christian work of the church.”

Rev. W. C. Clay, P. E., Holly Springs, Miss.—“I regard it as one among the greatest opportunities of my life to have attended the convention which met in San Francisco.”

Mrs. I. B. Scott, New Orleans, La.—“My attendance on these conventions has been a source of great inspiration to me. To see so many earnest workers for Christ, young and old, forces me to believe that through the League the young people of the church are to be saved.”

Rev. Wm. H. Smith, P. E., Sedalia, Mo.—“They are among the most helpful conventions of the church.”

Mrs. J. T. Leggett, Princeton, Ind.—“I received the greatest inspiration of my life by attending a convention such as the International Epworth League.”

Rev. G. W. Morehead, Mt. Airy, N. C.—“They helped me spiritually, intellectually and socially.”

Rev. N. W. Moore, Centerville, Md.—“I have received inspiration, revelation and the determination to be more consecrated.”

Dr. E. W. S. Peck, P. E., Baltimore, Md.—“Language is insufficient to express the inspiration, helpfulness and encouragement received by attending these conventions. I have been led to deeper devotion and love for the church in its purpose to Christianize the youth of all races.”

Dr. J. M. Shumpert, P. E., Columbus, Miss.—“I find that the information gained from the many able speeches has been a great help to me in my work.”

Dr. J. Will Jackson, P. E., Sedalia, Mo.—“They are never failing sources of inspiration. All who visit them return with increased interest in and greater love for the work.”

Rev. H. W. Tate, Walnut Hills, Ohio.—“They gave: 1. Inspiration for better work for Christ. 2. New information on Epworth League work. 3. The pleasure of seeing and hearing some of the foremost Christian workers of the church. 5. They apprised me of my personal duty.”

Rev. Elam A. White, P. E., Maysville, Ky.—“The Detroit Convention will be an unusual opportunity for spiritual, Christian and educational inspiration and enthusiasm, and will give special equipment for our future work.”

Rev. J. P. Franklin, P. E., Greensboro, N. C.—“They inspire pastors, young men and women with an enthusiasm to return to their homes to consecrate themselves for useful service as nothing else can.”

Rev. Jesse P. Price, Memphis, Tenn.—“No one can attend these conventions without receiving inspiration much needed.”

The Laymembers' Association of the Atlanta Conference of the M. E. Church holds its fourth annual meeting at Austell, Ga., July 23rd to 26th, 1903. This is the oldest laymembers' association among the colored conferences of the M. E.

Church. It was organized immediately after the last General Conference and is doing good work. In addition to the annual meeting local meetings are held at central places during the year. Mr. L. J. Price, who has been its president since its organization has given himself enthusiastically to the work. No church in the Atlanta conference can afford not to send delegates to this meeting.

C. H. TURNER, Secretary.

Life of Faith

THE MEMORY GUILD

"I am kneeling at the threshold, weary, faint and sore,
Waiting for the dawning, for the opening of the door,
Waiting till the Master shall bid me rise and come
To the glory of his presence, to the gladness of his home."

Lacking Self-Control

"And to knowledge add temperance." Temperance is self-control. Each one is in himself a whole army of faculties, thoughts, feelings, passions, purposes. The efficiency of an army depends on its power to maintain order and march together. The general must command and the ranks must obey, or he will go down in defeat. A man must keep all his powers in subordination and make them move together, or he will go to pieces. If one of his lower powers, such as appetite or anger, gets the better of him, he is gone. A man's power is in proportion to his self-control. However strong he may be in his faculties, if he lacks self-control, he is weak. A man in convulsions is not a strong man, though it takes ten to hold him; he is the strong man that can hold himself. If one cannot control himself, he cannot control anything else.—*Ex.*

"What Are You"

A little boy was on the scales and, being very anxious to outweigh his playmate, he puffed out his cheeks, and swelled up like a little frog. But the playmate was the wiser boy. "Oho!" he cried in scorn, "that doesn't do any good; you can only weigh what you are!" How true that is of us bigger children who try to impress ourselves upon our neighbors and friends, and even upon ourselves, and, yes—sometimes upon God Almighty, by the virtues we would like to have! It doesn't do any good. You may impose upon your neighbor's judgment, and get him to say you are a fine fellow—noble, generous, brave, faithful, loving; but if it is not deeply true, if you are not generous, brave, and loving, these fancied qualities are not moving him to be generous, brave, and loving. "You can only weigh what you are."—*The Wellspring.*

Aiming for Results

Charles G. Finney, the great revival preacher, once preached a sermon on "How to preach so as not to save any one." There are some preachers who do not need any instruction along that line. They have learned that art perfectly. We do not recall the points President Finney made in that sermon, but they all might be condensed into one. Don't aim to save anyone. That one rule will hit the case every time. Let your preaching be of a general character. Let Sunday evenings

be given to the treatment of current topics, or some literary or scientific subject. It may be theological, or biblical, or controversial, only let it be so general and aimless that the conscience is undisturbed and the object will be accomplished. Preaching may be interesting and edifying and thoroughly religious, and yet be void of evangelistic power. When Jesus called Peter, and Andrew, his brother, from their daily vocation. He told them that if they would follow Him, He would make them fishers of men. And when Peter was astonished and amazed at the wonderful draught of fishes, the result of doing as he was bidden, Jesus said to him, "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." That was a definite promise as to results, and Peter became a great soul-winner. From his first great effort on the day of Pentecost we learn His method of work. He went direct for the conscience and heart of his hearers. His preaching produced conviction of sin. It was intensely personal. It was Nathan-like in its application—"Thou art the man." "Therefore," said he, "know assuredly that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." It was when they heard this that they were pricked in their hearts and cried out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

There are preachers and Christian workers who rarely conduct a Sunday evening service without witnessing results. According to your faith, so shall it be done unto you.—*Christian Uplook.*

Personal Influence

He was little and old and poor. As he entered the Mission Hall no one would have been influenced to give him more than a passing notice, had it not been for the hunger depicted in his face. Soul hunger, not the mere sort that is appeased by the ordinary fish and rice of the poorer class. He had eaten of the husks for forty years and was starving. He heard of the feast and partook to his fullest capacity. He left the Hall with his heart full of joy and his face shining; returned to his humble home and arousing his sleeping wife proclaimed the Good News. He was desperately in earnest. They spent the night in prayer and reading the Bible which he had purchased in the meeting. The next day he called in a few of his neighbors. Some came and believed, some scorned. But the result was that many were converted and a Chapel has sprung up, the result of the personality of the poor fisherman.

And it was one of the educated classes. He sauntered into a parlor meeting and heard the Story for the first time. He became a student of the Bible and a little latter a firm believer. He labored in the services in Manila, preaching the Word acceptably and through his efforts numbers were converted. But he was not called to be a preacher, and so refused more than an Exhorter's License, saying that he was always to be a business man. He opened up business in a distant town; won the confidence of the people and was elected City Treasurer, which position he has filled acceptably ever since. He lost no opportunity to let the people know his experience, and his quiet daily life has won the esteem of all. He has conducted meetings in his house and taught the Bible among his fellow men until now as the Missionary is called there, the harvest is ripe. The seed has been well sown. The people have heard the news from one whom they knew and whom they trust. From the President down

to the humblest townsman they are eager to listen and to know about the Christ who can save and save to the uttermost. The influence of that life is beyond computation.—*Philippine Christian Advocate.*

Woman's Dominion

Old newspapers are quite invaluable to the thrifty housewife. Spread on the kitchen table when any dirty work is in hand, they will protect the wood from becoming soiled, and will save not only the labor of scouring, but the wear and tear of brushes and the waste of soap. For window cleaning, newspapers answer the purpose as well as dusters, and for polishing a stove it is as good as a brush, and makes less dust.—*Selected.*

A small, wide-mouthed jar, such as jelly or jam comes in, should be placed near the sink in the bathroom. Into it can go the odds and ends of soap, and when it is three-fourths full of soap, it can be filled with boiling water. Add a little glycerine and the juice of a lemon, and you will have a "soap jelly" which will soften and whiten the hands beautifully. This jelly is almost no trouble to prepare, and offers a good way to use up the odds and ends of soap which is within the possibilities of even those who do the lightest kind of housekeeping.—*Ex.*

Delicate Cake

Miss Susan B. Anthony is a famous cook in her own home. This recipe was contributed by her to a symposium of recipes from Western New York kitchens: one cupful of white sugar, one-third of a cupful of butter, two-thirds of a cupful of sweet milk, two and a third cupfuls of flour, two eggs, half a teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar. "It takes two grains of common sense in putting together the ingredients, and eternal vigilance in cooking from the moment of starting the process. Good receipts amount to nothing in the hands of an ignorant, negligent cook—man or woman. This is my best word for cooks, for housekeepers, for everybody."—*Selected.*

Why Some Children Are Timid

How many children have been terrified by stories of the "bogy man," of "the wolf that will come and eat them," of "the policeman who will put them in the lockup," till their fear of the dark amounts to positive agony! Bedtime should be an hour inseparably associated with the prayer at the mother's knee, followed by a quiet talk, after which the little one settles down to a restful sleep. But, instead, how often does it happen that the child is tucked into bed with the admonition: "Now, go right to sleep, like a good boy, for if you don't there's a big dog over there in the corner that'll come and bite you!" Go to sleep! Sheer nervous terror keeps the child awake. How can he be expected to grow up anything but timid?—*Arthur W. Yale, M. D.*

A Receipt for Love

There is a secret which many parents would give half their possessions to learn, of which we mean to make them a present forthwith as an installment of the debt we owe them for their interest in the home. It is the secret of attaching children to themselves in an abiding and devoted love which will be a delight all the days of the life both of parent and child. It is very simple—it is merely the art of allowing the child to learn

to love by service. You have made yourself necessary to Tom. He leans on you. He thinks of you as a full sponge that he has only to squeeze and goodness will flow out. He loves you—after a fashion, but not as you would like to be loved. Kate is the light of your eyes. You stint yourself to make her happiness—you would down to be walked on if it would serve her need. But you are not the light of her eyes as you would like to be. And why not? Simply because in the case of both you have atrophied their power of love by depriving it of opportunity of service. You are necessary to them—so is the dining table—but they are not necessary to you. Now make them so. Lean on them. Deny yourself some of the luxury of self-denial that they may have a share. As your love grows by their dependence, so their love must grow and grow fully in no other way.

—The Congregationalist.

Treatment of Wrinkles

Our grandmothers used to date the period of their lost girlhood by the first wrinkle, but the woman has to be seen nowadays who would have the courage to say that with her first wrinkle comes old age. She would tell you she is proud of that little faint line, says the *Leeds Mercury*.

But, as a rule, ill-health is answerable for those disagreeable little lines, and, indeed, when they are many in number they are disfiguring.

Divers are the methods that have been tried to make the skin smooth and fair again.

Some use cold water to wash with, others will only use hot, and some begin with hot and end with cold. All these methods are good, but as no two skins are alike, each requires a different treatment.

There is a great deal in the way you wash your face. Instead of washing it downwards, as 90 out of every 100 do, it should be washed upwards, and gentle friction given to the parts most likely to wrinkle.

Spraying the face with soft, hot water at night is good. The best plan of all is to nourish the body with good wholesome food, which will in its turn nourish the skin, and fill out the face in the parts where wrinkles generally come. Face-powder only deepens the wrinkles.

Here is a good recipe, which will do much to prevent wrinkles:

One ounce simple tincture bezoin; one pint pure alcohol. Add one tablespoonful of this to a pint of rosewater, and bathe the face with it twice or three times a day.

The Stylish Woman

Style in woman does not depend upon exclusive clothes, but upon the knack of putting them on well. This we may see demonstrated every day. There are some women who are the smartest creatures imaginable, although they may be wearing a plain white shirt waist and simple walking skirt; while beside them will walk the veriest dodd in satin and chiffon. Plumed hats do not a beauty make, nor high-heeled shoes a belle. The consciousness that one's garments are well put on and in the proper position gives a feeling of security and relieves one of self-consciousness. If there is anything more annoying than the feeling that one's skirt is just ready to come unpinned, or that one's belt is insecurely adjusted, we would like to know what it is. Dress yourself properly. It will not take so long as to pin yourself up, and note the difference upon your general appearance and your nerves. —Pittsburg Chronicle.

Young Friends

A Mathematical Problem

The boy that by addition grows,
And suffers no subtraction;
Who multiplies the thing he knows,
And carries every fraction;
Who well divides his precious time,
The due proportions giving,
To sure success aloft will climb,
Interest compound receiving.

—Dr. Ray Palmer.

A Good Pledge

1. I will speak no unkind or harsh word of anyone.
2. I will repeat no unkind remarks I hear of anyone, and discourage others as much as possible from saying unkind things.
3. I will judge my neighbor leniently, remembering that my own faults are probably far greater.
4. I will never say one thing to others and yet think quite differently; this is hypocrisy.
5. I will make no injurious remarks of the failings of others, remembering these words: "Consider thyself, lest thou also be tempted."
6. I will put the best construction on the motives and actions of all my neighbors.
7. I will act unselfishly, peaceably and forgivingly, obeying my Master's command, "Love one another." —Exchange.

Jimmy's Club

A gentleman sat in a plain office puzzling his head over a perplexing question. He was the agent of a benevolent society, organized to help the poor of a great city. The trouble was this:

Thanksgiving was at hand, and he had not money enough to do all that he wished to do the coming day. He knew too many families who lived at starving point, to whom Thanksgiving brought little apparent reason for thanks.

He knew young men who did not hesitate to spend three dollars on a single rose. He knew young ladies who thought nothing of wasting more or less dollars a week on candy. Twenty-five cents would buy a sumptuous dinner for a starving child.

Many hundreds of the extremely poor looked to this man for one good dinner at Thanksgiving time. For one day in the year they hoped to have enough to eat. How was he to give it?

Suddenly, three or four soiled faces peered through the window; a timid knock followed. Five street boys and two somewhat tattered little girls trooped in. The agent recognized them as members of a city mission evening school. He said pleasantly:

"Well, children, what can I do for you to-day?"

"Nothin'," answered the children, vaguely.

"You, Jimmy, you tell," said one of the girls, giving the tallest boy a shove. Jimmy fumbled in his ragged pocket, and slowly produced a large handful of pennies and small change.

"We fellows are a club," said Jimmy, with a grand air. "There's twenty of us, mister."

"We girls are in it, too," interrupted the girl who gave the shove.

"We, all of us, and the girls, too," responded Jimmy. "We come from Cummin's alley, and we're a club to help Thanksgiving. Here's—here's nine dollars and ninety cents."

The agent stared at the large sum—collected at what cost of self-sacrifice only the givers could say.

"It's for them that can't get no dinner," explained the little spokesman.

"Is it?" exclaimed the good man. He hardly knew what to say as he glanced at the poor clothes and shrunken cheeks of the "club."

"Yes," said Jimmy stoutly. "There's plenty poorer than us, mister; we're a club to help 'em. We didn't care if we didn't have a dinner two or three days, so'st we might give real poor folks one."

"How many dinners will nine dollars and ninety cents get?" asked a little girl, rather hungrily.

"What kind of a dinner?" inquired the agent, with a perceptible weakening in his voice.

"Oh!—turkey and stuffin', and—and puddin'!" cried the children eagerly.

"That will cost, perhaps, twenty-five cents apiece," said the agent, "and your money will give a fine thanksgiving dinner to as many as thirty-five hungry people. You have done nobly, children, and I am delighted that you have been so kind and thoughtful for others."

The dinners were bought. The "club" distributed them. The children's first plan was to put a cabbage in with each dinner, the agent says. But there were not cabbages enough to go around. So they cut each cabbage into quarters, and put one piece into each bag.

That club of twenty poverty-stricken children worked until 9 o'clock on the night before Thanksgiving, distributing thirty-five dinners to people "poorer than themselves."

This is a true story, and one that should make easy blood tingle with something akin to shame.

Generosity means comparatively nothing unless it is freighted with something of self-sacrifice. To give away an old pair of shoes that we do not want means simply a kindly disposition. To give up a luxury for a few weeks is not Spartan. But to give up what we actually need—to do what these twenty children did—is real generosity.

If starvation feeds starvation, what might not comfort and luxury do?—The Youth's Companion.

Educational

Christmas Day in the Philippines—How One Public School Enjoyed a Tree Under the Tropical Sun

(Special Correspondence to the SOUTHWESTERN.)

ISABELA DE BOSILAN, P. I.

In the midst of the cholera epidemic and with the thermometer at 90 degrees in the shade, we entertained all our pupils who came to our home on the water front here, on Christmas morning. Owing to the cholera scare, about half of them were absent, many entire families having fled into the interior upon the first appearance of the dread disease. But we managed to forget, for the time being, the proximity of that dread monster, death, in one of his most horrible phases. Mrs. Whitaker had taken great pains in the preparation of the program, which was given by the girls, the boys and the teachers forming the audience. The exercises were held on the veranda facing the sea and the stiff breeze which blew from the Pacific throughout the day kept the prevailing heat from being oppressive.

The following is the program as rendered: Chorus, "The Star Spangled Banner;" recitation, "A Merry Christmas," by Juana de los Reyes; chorus, "The Swing;" recitation, "Going to School," by Josepha Flen de Liza; chorus, "The Naughty Bird;" recitation, "Singing and Playing," by Purificacion Escudero; chorus, "Tom-

perance Song;" recitation, "Jolly Joe," by Pilar Alvarez; chorus, "The Old Tree;" recitation, "Like Baby," by Eva B. Yzelman; chorus, "The Friendly Cow;" reading, "Christmas Time," by Irene Alvarez; song, "The Alphabet," by infant class; recitation, "Listen, Little Children," by Clara de Castro; chorus, "America."

The program was followed by the distribution of presents, every child receiving not only a gift from his or her teacher, but also a bag of candy, nuts and raisins which were taken from a tree which stood in the parlor. The festivities were closed by a wild scramble for pennies, 150 of which were thrown into the street in front of the house, after the old Spanish custom.

J. H. WHITAKER.

Public Education in Alabama

SCOTTSBORO, ALA.

Dear Dr. Scott—"School Days, Old and New," as rendered by our little folks last Sunday, was grand for a fact. The exercises were conducted by Mr. J. H. Matthews, Miss Eunice M. Trammell, Miss Adah Harris, Mrs. S. E. Matthews and Mrs. C. L. Moore. Collection very good. County Superintendent of Education, Prof. W. S. Bridges, held the County Institute here in our Joyce Chapel M. E. Church, for the benefit of colored teachers and patrons of the public schools of Jackson county. On account of pressing official engagements in his office, Prof. Bridges was compelled to vacate his chair; but calling Prof. R. D. Hunt of Huntsville to the chair, the program was continued. The subjects were above the average in point of interest to both teachers, patrons and citizens. Several of the leading white people were with us and lent their aid in helping to lift up the cause of education among our people here. Among those present were two editors of our county papers and the pastor of the M. E. Church, South. We really enjoyed this minister's talks, as he seems to be in the deepest sympathy with the cause of education among colored people. Rev. W. T. Trammell, of the M. E. Church, offered some wholesome and timely remarks on the cause of higher education, coupled with the necessity of sticking to and cultivating one's talents thoroughly. Rev. G. W. L. Tally, of the A. M. E. Church, also rendered valuable aid. These two exercises furnished a love-feast for the people of Scottsboro. Miss Eunice M. Trammell, graduate of our Central Alabama Academy at Huntsville, Ala., was chosen secretary of the County Institute for colored teachers of Jackson county. Yours sincerely and truly,

K. ELIZABETH TRAMMELL,
Secretary of the Sunday School.

Benevolent Causes

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Japan Conference

The twentieth session of the Japan annual conference was held at Nagoya under the presidency of Bishop Moore, who was with us for the third time consecutively. He was fresh from the missionary campaign in the "Homeland" and the inspiration of his smile and genial optimism will cheer many of the workers during the coming year.

This was the first time our conference had met outside of the metropolitan district of Tokyo and Yokohama. We had felt for some years that better results to the work would come from a session of the conference in each of the large centers

where we are working than by continuing to hold it year after year in Tokyo and Yokohama. I think that the results of the work done in Nagoya this year will prove the experiment a success, so that from now on the churches in the different centers will receive the benefit that comes from having a large body of workers together for a week.

Nagoya is a city of something more than 300,000 inhabitants, situated in a very fertile valley about half way between Tokyo and Kobe and only a few miles from the sea, with which it has easy communication by canal. It is perhaps the most rapidly growing center in the Empire and in a few years, at its present rate of growth, will supplant Kyoto, the ancient Capital, as the third city in the Empire.

Nagoya is especially noted for its porcelain and its cloisonne, both of which are known to art connoisseurs the world over. A visit to either of these great industries will repay the tourist. Besides these one great attraction of the city is the old castle and its grounds. Of world-wide fame are the golden dolphins that adorn the castle roof. They were taken down in 1872 and one of them was at the Vienna Exposition in 1873. On its return journey it was lost in the Inland Sea but finally recovered, and both may now be seen restored to their former place as the crowning glory of the old castle.

In ancient times the province of Owari, of which Nagoya is the capital, was famous for its large kites which the people were accustomed to fly, some of them so large that it would take several men to hold the rope, and sometimes a windlass was used. A story is current that some men conceived the idea of mounting on one of those large kites to the top of the castle to remove the gold covering of the dolphins. They were discovered in the very act of carrying out their design and punished. From that time the people of Owari have been prohibited from flying large kites.

It was inspiring to be able to hold a Methodist conference in this old town, the seat of the Princes of Owari, one of the "three august families," closely allied to the Tokugawas, the former military lords of the country. It is also one of the largest centers of Buddhism in the Empire, where more than one Christian meeting has been broken up by rowdies in the employ of the Buddhists.

It is about eighteen years since we began work here, and we now have one fine large church with a strong, self-supporting congregation, another partly self-supporting, and a third where regular services are held. Besides this we have a missionary home and the ladies of our W. F. M. S. have a fine large girls' school which is doing a great work among the girls of the city.

All of the meetings in connection with the conference were full of interest and marked by zeal for the promotion of the Master's kingdom in this "Key to the Orient." The lack of workers gave the Bishop and his Cabinet no little trouble to properly care for the work already begun without entering any of the open doors where promising fields stand ready for us. Workers and funds with which to push the work are the great needs at this juncture. We could with advantage place six more new men than we have asked for from America.

Our Conference Missionary Society, and Church Extension Society, are both doing excellent work but are limited in their scope from lack of funds. We should have \$25,000 at once with

which to purchase property and build chapel the centers already occupied if we do not wish to lose much of what we have already gained.

The report of the statistical secretary shows gratifying advance along all lines of work. Especially gratifying was the report of what our publishing house is doing. The Japanese are a saving people and we ought to have the funds to push this arm of the service as we are the missionaries in the field. The publishing house needs a capital of not less than \$5,000 with which to increase its stock and publish books and tracts.

We imperatively need at this juncture, money necessary to build the Central church publishing house in Tokyo, for which the pastor of the church, Bro. Ukai, has received permission to go to America and collect funds, and whom we recommend most heartily to all our people who are at all interested in the Master's work in any part of the world. Then we need \$15,000 with which to rebuild Goucher Hall before we can carry on our school work at Aoyama at all successfully.

Is it not possible for our church to see the situation in the far East as it is seen by the diplomats of all nations, and as China is beginning to realize it, that Japan is to be the schoolmaster of China and Korea, and the "Key to the Orient"? It was demonstrated in the Japan-China war that Japan was better able to deal with China than any western nation. Now her people are in demand everywhere in China as teachers, and how important it is that those teachers be Christian. The church would only realize the situation and give us the men and money we would soon be in a position to evangelize China at short range with the men best qualified to do the work.

J. G. CLEVELAND

Sendai, Japan, May 1, 1903.

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

Topic, July 12—My Place as a Christian Citizen.

Scripture references: Matt. 17: 24-27; 1 Tim. 2: 1, 2; 1 Pet. 2: 13-7.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday—Love of country. Neh. 1: 1-11.

Tuesday—Love of one's people. Esther 10-17.

Wednesday—The citizen getting statutes from God. Ex. 19: 16-25; 20: 1-17.

Thursday—The citizen's care for the youth. Eccl. 12: 1-7.

Friday—The good citizen, true to God and government. Matt. 22: 15-22.

Saturday—Serving our country and our God. Dan. 6: 1-10.

The finding of one's self, and adjustment of himself to the certain needs of the social organism about him is one of the first duties of man as a social being. More important is this, than the learning of a trade or preparing for a profession. For a man might have either or both of these and then be a gigantic miscarriage, because he has not been able to discover and take his place in the social fabric. The theme for to-day therefore takes rank of high importance. Mistaken notions and misconceptions at this point have led many a man to lose his opportunity to help and bless humanity. A man is like a precious stone. Proper setting adds much to its beauty. The Christian citizen when properly set or properly adjusted to surroundings, becomes a source of radiance.

helpfulness such as is presented in the life of many great and good men to-day.

The most difficult section of ethics is the section which treats of obligations. So that when a man has found out what he ought to do and the place he ought to occupy, he has made no inconsiderable headway toward solving life's riddle and clearing the deck of life's ship for action. As a Christian citizen what am I to do?

1. *Be true to God.* I place this first because the adjective determines the character of the citizen. He is a Christian. His first allegiance is to Him who puts upon him his highest and best character: Christian characters. Our first duty is to the church, that divine institution which constantly reminds us of an omnipresent God.

2. *Be true to your country.* We are called upon by the Great Apostle to the Gentiles, to keep the ordinances of man. Paul declares that the powers that be are ordained of God. To these powers he also insists that we ought to yield ourselves as good citizens. The laws may not be all that we wish they were, but God has permitted men to enact them and it is duly incumbent upon us, to uphold our country and our laws. When, however, laws are flagrantly unrighteous, we may seek to improve the character of our lawmakers and so improve the laws.

3. *Pray for all men.* "I exhort therefore," says Paul, "that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men." The Christian citizen is to be a man of prayer and by that means touch the power that upholds the world. Prayer is the ballast that holds firm the social fabric. Praying people make the existence of the state possible. Remove the men of faith and prayer from the state and the whole thing would disintegrate or meet a fate like that of Sodom and Gomorrah. Over the heads of wicked lawmakers and ungodly rulers, hangs the "besom of destruction" and except for the prayers of Christian men God would let drop the thunders of his wrath.

5. *Pray for rulers and all who are in authority.* I am inclined to the opinion that were we to follow this exhortation we would have better men as rulers and law-makers. I am confident that many a man in authority has been nagged into a spirit of open defiance to the will of the best element in the community and has been led to disregard the weal of those about him. Instead of a superabundance of criticism of those who are in authority, let us pray for them. The peace and quiet of our homes as well as of the country depend upon our rulers. Bad rulers are breeders of disorder, riot, assassination and revolution. The rulers of Servia who have just fallen are a case in point.

6. *Be fearless in doing the duties of a citizen.* It is commonly said that the best citizens have nothing to do with the slimy ooze of ward and other politics. In some notable instances this is true. Let us not forget that the lawmakers go upward from the primaries and local conventions; and if the worst element in society is in control of these centers of political influence, they will be in control in the city council, the county courts and the state and national legislature. The Christian citizen has a distinct and urgent duty in politics. Do not let the ward meetings, the city primaries or the state convention escape your notice. Be assured that if good rulers are nominated and elected good men must nominate them. It is the wildest folly to turn over the primaries to the unscrupulous and then expect their henchmen to enact good laws. Let good men be at the basal

life of the political tree and you may expect the fruitage of good laws.

Pittsburg, Pa.

Sunday School Helps

Lesson II—July 12th, 1908. Title—Saul chosen King. (I. Sam. 10:17-27.) Golden Text—The Lord is our King. (Isa. 33:22.) Time—1098, B. C. Place—Mizpah, in the tribe of Benjamin.

The story of the asses going astray, of Saul searching for them, of his finding Samuel, and of his being anointed king clearly shows the Divine power and guidance. When God saw they were determined to have a king, He helped them bring about their desired result.

I. *Before choosing the king (17-19).* The people were called together. They assembled at Mizpah, a town four or five miles northwest of Jerusalem. It was one of the three cities visited by Samuel as judge of the people. There they met before the great battle, when God thundered from heaven against the Philistines. There Saul was chosen king. And there Gedaliah was assassinated. We need not suppose the ark was there. "Unto the Lord" may only mean that Samuel invoked the Divine blessing. The object of this gathering was to secure a king. Every voter should take part in the elections. 2. *The address of Samuel teaches (1)* That God had chosen Israel. Out of all the world He had selected this race to be His peculiar people, not because He hated the rest of the human family, but He desired to bring about the salvation of the world through this people. (2) That God had guided Israel. He had led them out of Egypt, through the wilderness and into Canaan. He had given them the pillar of cloud, the light of conscience, and the teachings of Moses and Joshua to direct their paths. (3) That God had protected Israel. He had delivered them from all their foes, had raised up defenders and rulers and had given them a place among the nations. (4) That God had ruled Israel. He expected them to look to Him for a personal ruler in their affairs. He wished to train them up to become a nation of kings, a self-reliant people, not slaves to any monarch, but free men of the Lord (Hurlbert). And (5) that they had rejected the Lord. They had cast Him from them and taken another in his stead. They said by their conduct: "We do not want Jehovah to reign over us." We reject God when we slight His offers of mercy, when we neglect His word, when we assemble not with His people for worship, when we do not acknowledge His benefits, and when we trample His laws under our feet.

II. *Choosing the king (20-25).* 1. *The tribes presented themselves before the Lord.* They drew near to Samuel and felt that they were in the presence of God. They understood that all that he should do would be ordered by the Lord. We should often present ourselves before the Searcher of hearts, confess our sins, and ask His pardon. We may draw near to God by faith, prayer and thanksgiving. 2. *The king was chosen by casting lots.* The whole matter was under Divine guidance. Surely it was God's will that Israel should have a king. Kings were to proceed from Abraham, Balaam had prophesied of a sceptre yet to rise in Israel, and Moses had made provision in the law for the appointment of a king over the Lord's people. (Whedon). The elders were no doubt familiar with these facts. Their sin lay not in asking for a king, but in not awaiting God's time. They were over-anxious. Let patience have her per-

fect work. 3. *After the new king had been chosen* "he could not be found." He had been anointed before this and understood the object of this meeting. He was humble, unambitious, and loved a lowly life. He "hid himself among the stuff" because he felt that he was unfit to be their king. It exposed him to the enmity of his neighbors. He understood, from what Samuel had said, that the people had sinned in asking for a king. And the affairs of Israel were at that time in a bad condition. 4. *Saul was found and brought forth.* We cannot hide from God. We should submit to his will. He will, here or hereafter, cause everyone to be brought to the light. All our deeds, words and thoughts will be made known in the last judgment. We may hide our life from man, but not from the All Seeing One. 5. *When Saul stood before the people they saw he was* "a choice and goodly young man." A fine specimen of humanity. Tall, broad and of a noble spirit. He possessed the great gifts that caused him to be chosen king. God has, through the laws of nature, done much more for some than for others. It is much easier for some persons to be great than for others. Yet those who are not so well favored by nature, may by greater effort, succeed as well as nature's favorites. Ability, opportunity, tact, and perseverance are essential to success. The reign of Saul with all his natural gifts was a consummate failure. Success and failure have degrees. 6. *The tribes as a body received him saying* "God save the king," or "Let the king live." So they shouted when Adonijah, Solomon, and Joash, were made kings over them. Popular sentiment ebbs and flows like the ocean's tide. It may cheer us to the echo to-day and sink us to perdition tomorrow. When Jesus made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem the people cried out "Hossanna," but in less than a week the same crowd shouted "crucify Him." Popular applause is easily won and quickly lost. Better far is the favor of God than the transient praise of men. 7. *Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom,* wrote it in a book, and laid it before the Lord. It was to be a limited monarchy. It had its constitution and laws, to which the king and all the people were subject. When this book on the "manner of the kingdom" was completed it was given to the priests for safekeeping. The tender, sympathetic, loving Christ is our king.

III. *After choosing the king (26-27).* 1. *The people were sent to their homes.* They had been called together to do a certain work, that duty had been performed, and now they are dismissed. It is not best to remain longer in any one place than is necessary. Samuel was a man of prayer, but he also knew how to preach and transact business. 2. *Saul did not immediately assume the reigns of government.* He "also went home." A company "whose heart God had touched" went with him. The Lord moved a certain number to admire, even love, the new king. God inclines our hearts towards Himself, and touches them with His Spirit, that we may love and serve Him. 3. *There was opposition.* There is always someone to object to every good work. The things about which they complained are not given. They were likely prompted by jealousy, ignorance, and wickedness; the complainers were the "children of Belial." It was all unjust, for Saul had not wronged them or sought the throne. The new king "held his peace," or was as though he had been deaf. We should turn a deaf ear and a blind eye, or we should only see and hear half that is said and done.

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The Law Makers, the Law Breakers

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thorities, and express ourselves in no uncertain sound. We have heard hundreds of our best men and women commend the letter of the law in this particular, but as practiced it is really a nuisance to the colored man, for the dominant race imposes on him. The interest of respectable colored ladies ought to be looked after and their rights should be respected.

"We have observed, to our regret, that the Negro is becoming more quiet concerning the evils heaped upon him than in former years. Let us resolve to 'remove not the landmark which our fathers have set.' Yours, "X. Y. Z."

To our mind the foregoing is really pathetic. It reveals to some extent what the Negro passenger has to undergo on many of the southern railway trains. We say it reveals to *some extent*, and we say it advisedly, for the truth is the half has not been told. In the first place some of the roads make no pretense whatever to be even attempting to live up to the law in providing for the Negro passenger. They have just one compartment which is used for ladies, smokers and the coarsest kind of railroad laborers. In the second place those who do provide decently for them do so to little purpose, for, as a rule, the first to violate the provision made are the companies' servants—those who should be foremost in protecting the passenger. Too often the conductor himself is the leader. In fact, we know one road leading from this city on which the principal smoker and swearer in the Negro compartment is said to be a general officer of the road. Our correspondent complains that our people seem to be becoming "more quiet concerning the evils heaped upon them." We rather suspect that this grows out of the fact that as a rule there is no redress. The conductor can prove anything he wishes by the members of his crew. To report one is to fight the whole crew, and they soon swear themselves out of anything brought against them. Some of the companies protect their passengers as they do their own interests, that is, by means of "spotters," but others do not. It would be a great relief if both the ungentlemanly white men and the ungentlemanly and rough black men were made to go into the smoker to do their swearing and smoking and drinking. There is a class of Negroes who are ignorant and know no better than they do, and most white men seem to think the law does not apply to them. The Lord save us from both. Where no relief can be had by applying to the authorities of the road it might be well to complain to the state commissioners.

There are 13,607 protestant missionaries in the field and \$20,000,000 is contributed annually to the missionary cause. The increase both in contributions and the number of missionaries has been tremendous since the beginning of the nineteenth century. Then there were only 50 protestant missionaries and \$50,000 devoted annually to the cause.

The Presiding Elders' Council

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While the committees were considering their reports, papers were read by Rev. Dr. G. G. Logan, on the "Outlook for Missions;" "The Duty of the American Negro Toward the Evangelization of Africa," by Rev. Dr. W. W. Lucas; "Is Evangelical Preaching Increasing or Waning?" Rev. Dr. N. H. Williams; "Is There Any Danger of Higher Criticism? If So, What Is It?" Rev. E. M. Jones, B. D.; "Is There Virtue In and Should Camp Meetings Be Revived?" Rev. A. W. McKinney; "What Things Can the Next General Conference Do to Inspire and Aid the Colored Work?" Rev. B. G. Smith; "The Modern Sunday School in Action," Rev. Dr. R. E. Jones; "Gannon Theological Seminary," Rev. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, and others. These discussions consumed a part of two days and were extremely interesting and profitable.

The reports of the committees brought out some strong and eloquent speeches. These reports favored the increase of the Benevolence and our conferences coming to self-support as rapidly as possible. That of the Book Depository and Printing urged upon the church the establishment of a printing department in connection with the publication of the SOUTHWESTERN, in which some of the young people of the race may be employed; it also presents the thought that the SOUTHWESTERN can by this means the sooner be brought to self-support. The report on the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE calls upon the various conferences to unite in an effort to secure 3,000 annual cash subscribers by October 31 of the present year, so as to bring the paper upon the self-supporting line.

The report on a Bishop of African descent and the election of such an official by the next General Conference presented plans to impress the matter upon that body at the proper time.

It is difficult to find a body of more earnest and loyal men. The meetings were orderly and well conducted; the discourses were broad and to the point. There was an attendance of between fifty and seventy-five, and everyone seemed bent on doing what was for the best good of the church at large.

The editor of the SOUTHWESTERN was compelled to leave before the close of the meeting, on account of a previous engagement, but it was announced that the delegates would attend a reception at the Meridian Academy on Friday night, given in honor of the Council.

A Hint for Dedications

The *Western Christian Advocate* makes a suggestion in the item herewith reproduced that will we are sure be of very great service to our congregations, on special occasions, everywhere. Under the heading, "A Hint for Dedications," it says:

"At a recent church dedication which we attended the sensible provision had been made that the morning service should begin at 9:30, instead of 10:30. The public worship—being considerably abridged—was concluded within an hour. There was a heavy debt to be raised, but there was a full hour and a half left, before noontime, wherein to make the appeal and secure the subscriptions. This arrangement, according to our observation, worked much better than when the debt-raising effort was begun close on to twelve o'clock, after a full service and a long sermon. Many people, who are either hungry, or who must prepare meals, or be on hand for them punctually, will not stay after twelve. Despite every entreaty to remain, they will insist on going

out, thus losing to the church their possible subscription, and creating disturbance in the audience—sometimes, indeed, stampeding it. We commend the plan for all dedication-days in the future."

We are pleased to have catalogues of Samuel Huston College, Austin, Tex., and of Biddle University, Charlotte, N. C.

You may not be pleased with things as they are in this country, but it is your duty to help make them better. Do not get discouraged but trust in God and go forward.

On the Fourth of July, President Roosevelt will send a message of greeting and congratulation to Gov. Taft, which will be the formal opening of the Pacific cable to the Philippines.

It is most gratifying to note the appearance of the *Colored American Magazine*. The company publishing it has been reorganized and strengthened and we dare say this splendid periodical will continue to be first-class in every particular.

Mr. Charles Winter Wood, who formerly taught at Tuskegee Institute, and was appointed by Prof. Washington to a scholarship in the Teachers' College of Columbia University, New York, has just completed his course in that school. Mr. Wood is expected to return to Tuskegee. We are sure that many of our readers will remember him as the talented elocutionist who recited in a number of Southern cities two years ago. We congratulate Mr. Wood on his success.

At the recent banquet of the alumni of the theological school of Boston University, Rev. E. W. Virgin, in his response to a toast, said: "I was taught by Miner Raymond at Wilbraham and was in college with Ninde, Foss, Mallalieu, Payne, and the irrepressible, indomitable, redoubtable, never-to-be-beaten-in-argument-no-matter-which-side-he-was-on James M. Buckley. I prayed for that young man more than I did for myself, that he might be saved to the church, of which there seemed little likelihood at that time."

We had the pleasure of spending a recent Sabbath with Rev. D. F. Dudley, pastor at Hattiesburg, Miss. His congregation is well mixed with intelligent business and professional men and women, making the average in this particular much higher than is generally the case in the small cities. Bro. Dudley is diligent and enthusiastic and is accomplishing much for the upbuilding of his people. Mrs. Dudley is a devoted Sunday school and church worker and takes the keenest interest in everything that concerns her husband's work.

It is reported that the soldiers at Fort Jackson, near this city, engaged in rioting to such a degree last week that a citizen was murdered. We dare say some one has been arrested for the offense, but we are led to conclude that if these were colored soldiers instead of white, the city would have been up in arms and the local press would have urged it as conclusive proof of the fact that the Negro is not fitted for military life. As it is, the guilty parties will likely be tried for murder and possibly punished for the same. The amusing feature about the affair is, that the commanding officer takes occasion to credit the rowdiness of the soldiers to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, through whose efforts the army canteen was abolished.

Personal and General

Bishop and Mrs. Joyce were tendered a royal reception by the Methodist churches of Minneapolis, Minn.

Dr. Booker T. Washington has received a certificate of membership in the Union Club in Nicaragua, Central America.

Ernest J. Marshall, class '04 of Baltimore, Md., has been elected captain of the football team at Phillips Exeter for next fall.

Rev. G. W. and Mrs. Williams, of the Bellefontaine circuit, have been elected to teach the public school at Eupora, Miss.

Rev. Frank B. Upham, the son of Rev. Dr. S. F. Upham, has just been honored by the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Syracuse University.

Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Bishop Walters of the A. M. E. Zion Church and Mrs. Lelia Brown, June 30th, at Louisville, Ky.

Dr. James D. Evans, brother of Mrs. I. B. Scott, who is a graduate of the Meharry Medical College, is practicing at Earlington, Ky., and doing well.

Rev. W. M. Jones and Miss Arta A. Brown, the talented daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. N. Brown, were married at the home of the bride's parents in Opelika, Ala., June 30.

Prof. C. H. Turner, of Atlanta, Ga., writes to remind us that the lay association of that state was organized about a year before that of the Lexington Conference.

Rev. Dr. W. W. Lucas has many friends in the state of Mississippi who were anxious to have him become principal of Meridian Academy, but the doctor was not in position to respond in time.

James Dillard, of Vicksburg, Miss., proprietor of a good boarding house in that city, has purchased some lots in Gulfport and intends to remove there ere long to engage in the same business.

Miss Maud M. Donnell, niece of Rev. J. T. Leggett, of Princeton, Ind., has been appointed to a place in the editorial department of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and is already on the ground.

It is rumored that our old friend, Dr. H. W. Key, the veteran presiding elder of the Tennessee Conference, will be married during the district conference at Cherry Valley, Tenn., to Mrs. E. J. Ballard, of Stonewall, Tenn.

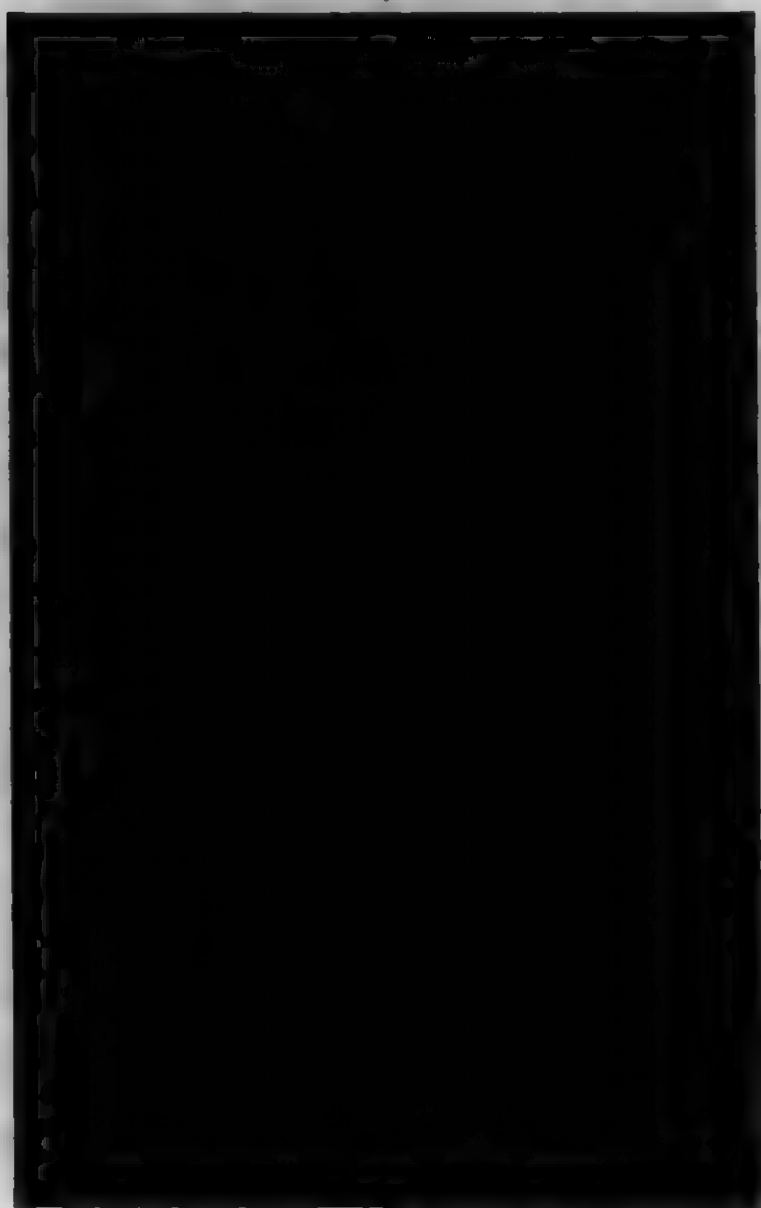
We note with pleasure that McKendree College has conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws on our friend, Mr. David D. Thompson, the talented editor of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*. Congratulations, Dr. Thompson.

Master Appallas Lee, the younger son of Rev. Edward Lee, presiding elder of the Houston District, Texas Conference, graduated recently from the Houston High School. The *Independent* of that city published his address in full.

Rev. W. R. Butler came to the city last week to visit his family, and has gone out again. His brethren have reported to him 182 conversions outside of the city and the entire district continues to move along smoothly and successfully.

A gentleman informs us that Rev. D. C. Haley, of Lasater, Texas, has gone into business with a white man and that they together opened a large store. He is highly spoken of as a business man. We are sure his many friends wish him success.

Dr. H. J. Clements, dean of the Flint Medical College of New Orleans University, is planning to visit most of the district conferences of Louisiana and Mississippi in the interest of the Medical College, the Hospital and the Nurse Training School.



REV. CHAS. D. CROCKETT,
PASTOR, HAHNVILLE, LA.

We are pleased to present our readers the picture of the Rev. C. D. Crockett, who has just completed his sixth year as pastor at Slidell, La. While there he built a beautiful new church at his country point and remodeled the one in town. The people, white and colored, seem to appreciate him very much and we dare say, few pastors are better cared for than he was there. He was also instrumental in securing the erection of a two-story hall for the use of the Odd Fellows and other secret societies of the community. In all his work he was nobly assisted by his wife, who stands bravely by him in every undertaking. Brother Crockett is now pastor at Hahnville, La., and he is reported to be meeting with deserved success there also. He has been a member of the Louisiana conference for a number of years, and though not an old man, begins to consider himself one of the veterans of that body.

Dr. R. J. Meaddough, a prominent dentist of Little Rock, Ark., and Miss Alice V. Crumpton, a successful teacher of the public schools of that city, were married at Little Rock, in Wesley Chapel, June 17, of which church they are both members.

Mrs. Bessie M. B. Drake, one of the teachers at Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., is spending the summer vacation in Chicago with her husband, Prof. W. M. Drake, who is there taking some special studies. They have quarters at 707 Carroll avenue.

We learn through Rev. P. C. Colton, that Rev. Samuel Green, pastor at Rosedale, La., is seriously ill and has been confined to his bed for about ten days. His doctor says it will be some time before he will be able to resume his work. He asks the prayers of the church.

Mr. Alfred Williams, a prominent member of Union Chapel, this city, left last week by the steamer *Comus* for New York City, where he expects to spend a few weeks. He has been in poor health for some time and his physician thought the change would help him.

Prof. A. J. Howard, A. M., who was for some years a teacher at Alcorn College, the state school of Mississippi, has been endorsed by the local

Board of Trustees of Meridian Academy as principal of that school. We understand that Rev. J. L. Wilson, D. D., who has so long been principal of the Academy, will return to the pastorate.

The Castle Hotel is a very excellent establishment recently opened in Shreveport, La., by the Messrs. Jackson and Vaughn. No one knows better than the colored traveler who is constantly on the go, how desirable and yet how unusual it is to find comfortable quarters even in prominent railway centers. We wish the Castle Hotel suc-

Rev. Dr. Ernest Lyon, minister to Liberia, Africa, sailed for his post of duty June 20. The doctor expects to make stops in France, Germany and other places enroute. We trust he may have a prosperous voyage and that his health and strength be preserved. Those of his friends who know him best feel confident that he will give a good account of himself.

News Notes

Richard Henry Stoddard, the poet, is dead. Every year Americans spend \$200,000,000 for patent medicines.

Last week Boston celebrated the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill.

A great-grandson of Charles Wesley is the organist of City Road Chapel, London.

The life of Miss Isabella Thoburn has been written by her brother, Bishop Thoburn.

Bishop Merrill has been re-elected president of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society.

A number of white merchants of Winnsboro, La., presented Rev. R. A. Taylor one dollar each.

Sergeant Charles C. Mix, of the United States Army, is suffering from leprosy in Savannah, Ga.

While in California, President Roosevelt ate Spanish beans cooked by a mother of thirty-four children.

The sixth convention of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union is now in session at Geneva, Switzerland.

The *Central Christian Advocate* pronounces "The Soul of Black Folk," by W. E. B. DuBois, a "new and powerful book."

Great Britain, Holland and the United States have not recognized the Servian government under the reign of King Peter.

The Young Men's Christian Association building in San Francisco, Cal., was dedicated by President Roosevelt the other day.

On May 14 the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Mississippi Conference met in Meridian Academy, Meridian, Miss.

Cases of peonage have been found in Georgia and seventeen new cases in Alabama. Up to June 20, 163 indictments have been found.

It is announced that some of the officers who assisted in the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga of Servia have been promoted.

The Afro-American Women's Club of Jacksonville, Fla., is a thriving organization. It will entertain next December the Southern Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

It is claimed that the Englishman is physically retrograding. His height, weight, and chest measure, judged from the recruits to the British army, are less than in 1845.

The law taking a percentage from the salaries of public school teachers to provide a pension fund for their benefit has been declared unconstitutional by the supreme court of Ohio.

Patriotic societies of several states met at Valley Forge, June 19, and celebrated the 125th anniversary of the evacuation of the famous Revolutionary camp ground by Washington and his troops.

A conference of white and colored Republicans was held in Montgomery, Ala. A resolution repudiating the action of the Birmingham convention in barring colored men from taking part was adopted.

One C. H. Winter, a white man who lives near Birmingham, Ala., is charged with holding in involuntary servitude, Miss Nellie Fields, a colored girl, whom he forced to stay in a construction camp and compelled to live with men.

FARM AND FIRESIDE

Gen. O. Marshall Editor

FARMERS' CLUBS OR INSTITUTES.

A good deal of interest is being shown in organizing clubs.

The following Constitution and By-Laws will serve as a good model for other places. Article first can be changed to suit.

We wish these farmers the greatest success. They have made a fine beginning. Persevere and you will succeed.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Club shall be known as the Lincoln County Farmers' Club.

Art. 2. The objects of this club shall be to promote and encourage by all proper means better farming, more pleasant and happier homes, the breeding and care of improved stock and such other matters as may pertain to farming interest.

Art. 3. All farmers and their wives and children, sixteen years of age and older shall be eligible to membership upon application to the secretary, also all persons friendly to farming when elected by a majority vote of the members of this club present. A president or a vice-president and five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Art. 4. The officers of this club shall be a president, two vice-presidents, a secretary and treasurer. The last two officers may be held by the same person. The duties of the officers shall be: The president to preside at all meetings, one of the vice-presidents to preside in the absence of the president, the preference being given to the elder of the two, when both are present. The secretary to keep a brief record of all proceedings. The treasurer to receive all moneys paid into the club, and to disburse the same upon the order of the club. All moneys so received by the treasurer shall be deposited in a Lincoln county bank in the name of the club, and to be drawn upon only upon order of the club, and by a check signed by the president and secretary, or by one of the vice-presidents in the absence of the president. The treasurer shall report monthly the amount of receipts and disbursements.

Art. 5. The Constitution may be amended by the submitting of the amendments in writing at any regular meeting, to lie over until next regular meeting, when it shall be submitted and may be adopted by a majority of those present, providing there are not less than twelve votes in the affirmative.

BY-LAWS.

Section 1. This club shall meet at the court house in Brookhaven, Miss., on the second Friday of each month, at 11 a. m., or at such other times and places as may be determined by a majority vote of the club.

Sec. 2. At least one subject shall be selected for discussion at each meeting, and a leader appointed to open the discussion. No person shall be allowed to speak more than once on one subject at a meeting, except by the consent of the club.

Sec. 3. Political and religious subjects shall not be discussed under any circumstances at a meeting of

this club, nor shall any person while under the influence of spirituous or intoxicating liquors be allowed to enter into its deliberations.

Sec. 4. Any member of this club may be expelled or suspended for any indecent, profane or immoral conduct, and during suspension such member shall not be allowed to participate in its deliberations.

Sec. 5. A membership fee of 50 cents per annum shall be collected from each male member of this club, 25 cents to be paid June 1st, and 25 cents to be paid December 1st of each year.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

R. Sewell, Webb, Miss.—Easter was a blessed day for the Webb charge. The people say that it was the best in the history of the church. Collection \$18.

J. C. Williams, Pastor, Statesboro, Ga.—By the help of our Heavenly Father we have rebuilt our church here in Statesboro and there is a revival over the whole charge. We have ten converts and twelve accessions, praise the Lord; also one subscriber for the SOUTHWESTERN. Money raised for all purposes, \$150. Our rally for the church paper will never cease until we get the paper in every officer's home in the church.

James E. Harrison, Williams, La.—Our first quarterly conference was held on the 14th. The presiding elder being sick, the Rev. H. J. Wright presided. Reports very good. Rev. Wright preached a sermon which will not be forgotten soon. It was impressive, forceful and logical. Also Rev. T. P. Norris, of Mt. Nebo, was with us. He preached a wonderful sermon Sunday night, to the delight of all. We cordially welcome him in our midst. Mr. Columbus Collins was married to Miss Savannah Jones on May 16, by Rev. T. P. Norris.

Dear Pastors of the Oklahoma District—At the first session of the Lincoln Conference I was appointed Missionary Secretary for the district by Bishop Hamilton. Let each pastor plan a missionary rally at once, collect his apportionment, send it in to the missionary society as early as possible. The society needs money. We must help this society that has so often helped us. Any pastor needing my assistance may obtain it by writing me at Hennessey, Okla. We are instruments in God's hands, to carry on this missionary work. Let us be workmen not to be made ashamed. Yours for the cause, J. C. WILLIAMS, District Missionary Secretary.

A Chance to Make Money.

I have berries, grapes and peaches a year old, fresh as when picked. I used the California Cold Process. Do not heat or seal the fruit, just put it up cold, keeps perfectly fresh, and costs almost nothing; can put up a bushel in 10 minutes. Last year I sold directions to over 120 families in one week; anyone will pay a dollar for directions when they see the beautiful samples of fruit. As there are many people poor like myself, I consider it my duty to give my experience to such and feel confident anyone can make one or two hundred dollars round home in a few days. I will mail sample of fruit and full directions to any of your readers for nineteen (19) 2-cent stamps, which is only the actual cost of the samples, postage, etc. FRANCIS CANNY, St. Louis, Mo.

Jon. M. Deas, Pastor, Gainesville, Fla.—Mr. Editor: Upon the close of

the thirty-first annual session of conference I was appointed to the pastorate here, much to the delight of a majority of the members of this church. The reception upon my return was a most cordial one. The increase in attendance at each service is very marked. The week of prayer for missions was observed, much to the spiritual awakening of the entire church. Our financial results are in advance of any previous year of our pastorate here. The co-operation of the officers and members with the pastor for the spiritual and temporal work is a guarantee in advance for a successful year. There is a constant demand for seating room, altho this church will hold 700 persons on the main floor and 150 in the gallery. A grand rally is being planned for, at which time we hope to raise for the purpose \$500 for completing the church. Easter service was observed in a royal style by the Sunday school and church members. Total collection, \$27.11. We have the mite-box system in operation to collect \$1 from each member. Presiding Elder O. F. Niblack held his first quarter on the 24th and preached for us on Sunday. A large congregation was present. The annual conference meets here in 1904, and all who intend to attend may remember that pastor and members will have arrangements complete for all delegates.

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Jeanerette, La.—A. J. Smith, Sunday school superintendent, and the pastor of St. Paul M. E. Church wish to let the pupils of this district know that we are preparing to entertain the district conference here in August. We regret that Sister Mary Olson and family had the smallpox. They were first to meet our new pastor on his arrival with his family and first to present to them a lot of groceries during the rainy season. The smallpox hindered us. But we are moving on nicely. We thank the conference for our Christian-hearted pastor, Rev. T. C. Gair. He has done us much good. Our church has electric lights. The debt is nearly paid. The Sabbath school has increased. We ask the prayers of every reader that our people will soon recover from the smallpox and resume their places in the church.

W. T. Trammell, Scottsboro, Ala.—We had a grand conference despite the rain and other causes. The conference was presided over by the presiding elder, Rev. W. H. Nelson. About forty were at the sacramental table. A very good collection was taken for the presiding elder. Two joined the church, one a young man and the other a woman 70 years of age who had been converted, she says, about forty-three years. A tableau scenery was given in Joyce Chapel which was a credit to the performers and a delight to the audience, which was mixed, about one-third being some of the best white people of the city. A good collection was taken for the trustees.

W. J. M. Price, Pastor, Natchitoches, La.—The Lord is truly leading us this year, and we are ever thankful to Him for the many blessings He is bestowing upon us. We have a great people in Natchitoches. Truly they have been trying to outdo themselves in giving us

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surprises. We are thankful to them and praise the Lord for the many kindnesses received. On Sunday, May 3, we baptized 25 persons and received them into the church. The conversions this year are 36 and 9 reclaimed. The church is moving on to perfection. Bless the Lord forever! The Louisiana Annual Conference was a great benediction to this place. The revival fire was started during the visit of our ministers here and it has been burning ever since. We are kept busy gathering in the harvest from the seed sown by the brethren while they were in Natchitoches. God bless Bishop Mallieu. God bless the brethren. May we all meet again.

Reuben Bailey, New Castle, Ind.—Rev. W. W. Heston has been returned to us for the fourth year. The three years past were crowned with great success and all have united to make this year the greatest in the history of the Wiley M. E. Church. The pastor's salary was raised from \$300 to \$480. The presiding elder, Rev. G. A. Sissle, was with us April 12 and preached three good sermons. The collection for the first quarterly conference three weeks after the annual conference, was \$30. Our pastor is loved and revered by all.

S. McDonald, Pastor, Asheville, La.—The result of the rally should rejoice the heart of every minister in the North Carolina Conference. We realized \$323.44. Dear friends, it seems to me that a vigorous self-helper in need ought to be aided. We earnestly pray that all who are able and willing may come to our assistance. We must have a church in Asheville, or we must let our church die in this city.

G. N. Johnson, Pastor, Clow, Wiley Chapel.—Last Wednesday night the pastor and family were aroused from sleep by this beautiful song, "We can help each other if we only try." Rev. C. W. Sampson and Miss Anna Bell Johnson led the band, which was composed of a large number of our beloved, faithful members and students of Clow Seminary. After loading the dining-room table until it seemed to groan under its burden, the following brethren made speeches: Messrs. Cross, Thur-

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS.

Greensboro, Newport News....July 2-4
 Indiana, Bloomington, Ind....July 8
 Bristol, Marion, Va.....July 8-12
 Shubuta, Moss Point, Miss....July 8-12
 Brookhaven.....July 9-12
 Winston, Winston-Salem, N. C. July 9-12
 Opelika, Alexander City.....July 15-20
 Marion, Marion, Ala.....July 15-19
 Montgomery, Brewton, Ala....July 22
 Aberdeen, Brooksville, Miss..July 22
 Dallas, Corsicana, Texas....July 21-26
 New Orleans North, New Orleans, La.....July 22-26
 Meridian, Enterprise, Miss..July 22-26
 Oklahoma, Muskogee, I. T....July 22-26
 Greensboro, Leakville.....July 22-29
 Holly Springs, Grenada, Miss July 22-26
 Nashville, Sparta, Tenn.....July 28-29
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 Jackson, Yazoo City, Miss. Jul. 29-Aug. 2
 Greenwood, Ebenezer, Miss....July 31
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Palestine, Palestine, Tex.....Aug. 4-9
 Monroe, Mt. Nebo, La.....Aug. 5
 Vicksburg, Fayette, Miss.....Aug. 5
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 Rome, Cave Springs, Ga.....Aug. 6
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Pine Bluff, Dumas, Ark.....July 2-6
 Birmingham, Warrior, Ala....July 3-5
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colored, are 1,500; 500 colored people, with five churches. The good people of Marion gave us presents and money, too. Brother James Collicutt took the lead in caring for the convention. He had 12 delegates at his table and he fed them well. Rev. T. L. Houser, a local preacher of our church, had four of the delegates; Brother Obisam Earvian had three; Brother York Carson had two; Mr. Jason Carson two; Mr. Smith three; Mr. Hangings two; Mr. Buddie Jones one and fed seven; Mr. Able McIntyre one; Sister Sweeps one; Miss Christie one. The last two named are members of the Zion Church. Collection during convention, \$46.00. (We raised \$10 for Sunday School Union, \$10 for expenses of convention, \$15.50 for presiding elder. Our third quarter was held in connection with the convention. Rev. C. C. Jacobs was with us and preached a grand sermon. At 3 p. m., Rev. J. C. Robins preached a grand sermon. Rev. J. W. Wells also preached to a large crowd. God bless each charge for such men and women.

New Orleans North District Conference will convene in Scott Chinn Church July 22-26, 1903.

PROGRAM.

Introductory sermon, Rev. C. D. C. Bryant; The Reward of Faithfulness to Duty, J. J. Parker; How to Secure a Greater Number of Conversions, through the Medium of the Sunday School, C. O. Pardo; The SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE should be made self-supporting this Quadrennium, a discussion, led by B. M. Hubbard, D. D.; The Grace of God our Only Hope, D. S. Smith; The Importance of Establishing a Book Depository in the South, J. F. Marshall, D. D.; The Strict Observance of Temperance Rules an Imperative Necessity, G. A. Payne; The Observance of the Sabbath, A. E. P. Albert, D. D., M. D.; A Close Observance of Family Worship, D. G. Taylor; The Negro As a General Officer in the Church, J. W. Turner. A Fixed Time Limit or no Time Limit in the Pastorate, a discussion led by the presiding elder; The Negro in the Methodist Episcopal Church as Compared with those of other Churches, J. J. Obee; The Business Side of the Church Explained, M. C. Harrison; The Necessity of a closer study of the Bible, Hampton James; Should the Benevolent Societies of the Church be Consolidated, Valcour Chapman; The Pulpit as a Sentiment Moulder, A. J. Johnson; The Press as a Sentiment Moulder, J. A. Lindsay; The Duty of the Pastor to his Church and Community, William Davis; The Importance of Increasing the Missionary Collection to meet the Demand of the Open Door Emergency, J. O. Richard; The Importance of a Closer Study of Methodist Discipline by the Officers, Frank Walker; The Negro as a Missionary, C. D. C. Bryant; Missionary Sermon, M. C. Harrison; The Best Method of Raising the Benevolent Collections, T. B. Cooper; Managerisms of the Pastor, Z. T. Gayden; The Relationship to be Sustained Between the Sunday School and the Epworth League Chapter, H. C. Armston; The Relation of the Home to the Church, Nelson Burton; Where to find Recruits for our Future Ministry, C. D. Crockett; Variety and Simplicity in Our Devotions, B. M. Hubbard, D. D.; How to Increase the Attendance at our Church Services, W. M. Burns; The Importance of Using more of our own Church Literature, W. H. Harry; The

Social Life of our Young People as Developed through the Epworth League, Robert Young; How to stimulate Greater Interests in the class Meeting, J. D. Wilson; Education Sermon, J. A. Lindsay; Repentance, The First Step to Salvation, J. H. C. Means, The Necessity of Making a Special Effort to finish the Annex to the New Orleans University; a discussion led by Rev. H. James; Temperance Sermon, B. M. Hubbard, D. D.

Local preachers will select their own subjects. No paper shall consume more than ten minutes, without permission of the Conference. The Bishop and general officers are cordially invited to be present. Drs. Mason, Thirkield, Jones, Logan, Adkinson and the presiding elders of our conference are expected to attend.

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Programme of the Epworth League and Sunday School Convention, to be held July 16-19, Morrilton, Ark.

1. Bentonville Circuit—(a) Sunday School; Show the advantage of international Sunday school lessons; (b) Epworth League; Show the relation between the League and Sunday School. 2. Fayetteville—(a) Sunday School; Show the necessity of music in a Sunday School; (b) Epworth League; What benefit has the Epworth League been in your community this season? 3. Van Buren—(a) Sunday School; How to acquire interest in attendance at Sunday School; (b) Epworth League; What are the more prominent benefits of the Epworth League? 4. Fort Smith (Mal.)—(a) Sunday School; What should be the character of a Sunday School Superintendent? (b) Epworth League; Show the relation between the Epworth and Junior League. 5. Fort Smith (Eb.)—(a) Sunday School; Show the advantage of the Leaf Cluster in the Sunday School; (b) Epworth League; What relation exists between the departments of the League? 6. Dallas—(a) Sunday School; How to secure a revival spirit in the Sunday school; (b) Epworth League; Write a eulogy on the Life of John Wesley. 7. Danville—(a) Sunday School; Discuss the Home Department of the Sunday School; (b) Epworth League; Show the origin of the Epworth League. 8. Conway—(a) Sunday School; How to maintain a Sunday School; (b) Epworth League; How to organize a chapter. 9. Morrilton—(a) Sunday School; Discuss the Sunday School as a factor in raising benevolence; (b) Epworth League; What relation does the League sustain to evangelism? 10. Solgohatchia—(a) Sunday School; Discuss the influence of Children's Day in your community; (b) Epworth League; Discuss importance of the installation of Epworth League officers and its influence on the general public. 11. Wooster—(a) Sunday School; What is the work of the Sunday School Board? (b) Epworth

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M. H. FOSTER, Dist. Pres.

H. J. Jordan, Pastor, China Grove.—May the Lord bless the good people of this place. They greatly surprised us with a lot of good things. The band was led by Mrs. Mary Ratcliff, class leader and a host of others. Prof. J. D. Reeves and Sister Ann Foiris made a talk for the people. The response was made by the pastor.

Broad Street High School at Griffin, Ga., closed with the following exercises: Class sermon, preached by Rev. F. R. Bridges; parents' day May 27th; exhibition May 28, at Patterson's Hall; May 29, grading pupils for the ensuing fall term of Broad Street School. Prof. J. L. Bowdoin, principal; Miss Seeless Dickerson, Mrs. Desser Laster, Miss Coralie Dickens, assistants.

M. S. Goins, Houma, La.—Our revival has just closed. The Lord blessed us with 28 converts and 12 backsliders. The altar is yet crowded with sinners. Our church is now alive. My first quarterly conference was held with some of the officers not present. I think at the second quarterly conference all of them will be present. We have 40 nice young men and young women in the church now.

BISHOPS FOSTER AND HURST.

I read of the Bishops' great meeting held at Meadville, Pa., April 28-May 5 and what was said about the two great bishops who had just died and the work they accomplished for our church and schools and colleges, and then thought how tenderly and carefully they had presided over the Mississippi Conferences. Truly they are gone where just men are made perfect. I refer to Bishops Foster and Hurst. I do remember Bishop Foster's text at 11

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o'clock a. m. in 1875, at the annual conference in Meridian. It was 1 Timothy, 3d chapter, 16th verse, "Great is the mystery of Godliness." Bishop Hurst's text at 11 o'clock Sunday in the annual conference in 1883 at Meridian, Rev. 22d chapter, 14th verse, "Blessed are they that do his commandments." These sermons have been my guide. I was only an exhorter in 1875 and a pastor in 1883. Rest on, my dear Bishops, we will meet again by the pearly stream. C. W. Ivy. DeKalb, Miss.

G. J. Rogers, Centerville, La.—We have just closed a four weeks' revival with 10 conversions and one reclaimed. This meeting was truly a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The church has been greatly revived and we are praying and waiting on the Lord for great success here this year. Centerville has put on new life. Glory and praise to God for his presence, which was manifested in our revival.

C. Bibbs, Bonita, La.—Rev. P. Bibbs has been confined to his room, seriously sick for three weeks. The doctor has been treating him and he is improving.

H. P. Coulter, Fayetteville, Ark.—Our church here is moving on nicely with its work. Our Epworth League is just beginning to move off. Prof. A. D. Jacques, our state president, came and made a very thrilling and appropriate lecture to our league. Took an order for \$5.90 worth of league literature for our chapter. He is making the wheel go. He is making quite a sacrifice to help raise the standard of our young people. His advice is very forcible to all who are concerned in the social, moral, spiritual and religious culture of the young.

Miss C. A. Jase, Eola, La.—This place is coming to the front as never before. The Rev. S. M. G. Taylor is our pastor. The Sunday school is alive. We have a good presiding elder, Rev. S. Duncan.

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Irvin Henderson, Pastor, Grand Cave, La.—We gave a rally Sunday and raised \$18.25. We are only a few in number. The following preachers were with us: Rev. I. Jordan from the C. M. E. Church, Rev. Joe Sattle White, Bro. Kent Cate, Bro. P. Fortson and P. Cartright. The meeting was a success both spiritually and financially. Sister Lou Wilson, \$4.05; Rebecca Brown, \$1.55; Mary Martin, 85 cents, while many others gave less. We intend to have our church nearly completed by the time the annual conference convenes.

H. J. Robinson, Pastor, Nilson, La.—A few days ago, while the pastor was away helping his father who has been flooded for two months, a large crowd of Wesley Chapel members, led by Brother Ham London, classleader and local preacher, came to the parsonage with about 75 or 80 pounds of fancy groceries. We are receiving nice baskets from the good Baptist people of this community. The presiding elder, Rev. H. Taylor, is pushing the pastor and the pastor is urging on his people to move forward. We are fixing to buy land and build a new church.

C. W. Walton, Pastor, Marion, N. C.—The fifth Sunday in May was a high day with New Prospect M. E. Church. The funerals of Sister Nellie Carson and Brother Morse Edwards were preached. Fifty-six persons visited the parsonage and left on the table many good things for the pastor and his wife. They were led by Miss Clear Logan and Brother Lee Martin, a local preacher of the C. M. E. Church. Members of all the churches took part in the storm. Our camp meeting will begin the second Sunday in September. Rev. M. M. Jones and Rev. R. Smith, ex-presiding elder and the ex-pastors of this charge are invited and Rev. Dr. R. E. Jones, Sunday School Agent.

A. Holland, Pastor, Anguiller, Miss.—Our first quarterly conference, on account of the recent floods, was held May 9 and 10, with Rev. M. White in the chair. On Sunday Rev. M. White preached two able sermons, to the delight of all. Four members were added to the church this quarter. Collection, \$17.75. Paid elder in full.

Georgetown, Texas.—Ministers of the Austin District kindly send in names of delegates and all others that are coming to the District Conference, Georgetown, Texas, in August, 1903.

Greenwood, Miss.—Dear Brethren: I will be at the following places on the day and date named, to speak on the International Epworth League, to meet July 18-19, at Detroit, Mich.; Durant, June 30; Vaiden, July 1; Winona, July 2; Grenada, July 3; Kosciusko, July 6; Starkville, July 7; West Point, July 8; Aberdeen, July 9; Columbus, July 10. Please have out a good crowd. Very truly yours,

B. H. S. FERGUSON.

E. S. J., Calloden, Ga.—A storm party, led by Brother E. H. Hampton, visited the parsonage. Rev. Winfield Jones, local preacher, was captain of the host. S. E. Jackson, the oldest class-leader, represented the class-leaders. Every department of the church was represented. A large assortment of groceries was left in the parsonage. When the host was leaving Brother E.

H. Hampton led in singing "God be with you till we meet again." Brother E. H. Hampton is also president of the Epworth League and Sunday School superintendent, class leader and head steward. Our pastor and family are making things hum at Asbury.

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J. S. Todd, Pastor, Jacksonville, Fla.—We are hard at work building the new church and parsonage. The parsonage, a two-story structure of eight rooms, will be completed possibly in thirty days, the church in four months. The church has a basement arranged with rooms for classes, entertainments, etc. The auditorium will seat 750 comfortably, and when crowded 1,000. It will be one of the best in the state of Florida. H. Jones and G. Morris are the contractors. Both buildings are to be fitted up with latest fixtures and improvements such as electricity, etc.

F. C. Hamilton, Pastor, Lobdell, La.—Mrs. V. A. Ferguson, superintendent at Devall's circuit, has been very ill for three weeks. She is not able to teach. She is a great woman in the M. E. Church.

L. L. Shumpert, Pastor, Canton, Miss.—On Sunday, May 24, Rev. E. F. Scarborough, B. D., a graduate of Gammon Theological Seminary, preached a wonderful sermon to the delight of all. His fame as a preacher has filled the town. The people would be glad to have him come at any time.

L. C. Thomas, Pastor, New Roads, La.—Our first quarterly conference convened April 9, Rev. H. Taylor, presiding elder, presiding. Officers were all present with written reports. Paid pastor \$34.30; trustees raised \$5.20, Sunday school \$8.85. Paid elder \$6. Total, \$54.30. Raised for benevolences \$5. We are planning to erect a new church at New Roads. We kindly ask the aid of the entire conference to send whatever they are willing to donate. Recently Misses Morgan and Corinne Johnson, of Dennis Mills, were the guests of the pastor.

C. D. Shallowhorne, Monroe, La.—Notwithstanding the bad weather which we had in this section of the state for five months, the brethren entered upon their work to make this year's record break that of previous years, in this district. We started in at Casper's Chapel where we found Rev. Bedford Carr, who is serving his sixth year under favorable auspices. We next boarded the train for Vicksburg, where we took the boat for Lake Providence. We saw nothing but water on our trip. We found Rev. W. S. Chinn and his people planning to do a great work although his church was surrounded by sea and rain water. The people here are among the most energetic of the district. We could not get to Joyce Chapel or the Island Church to be with Revs. F. S. Brown and R. Hurde, owing to the water and rain. Going to Bonita we found Rev. Bibbs and his church in a splendid condition for spiritual work. 11 persons came forward for prayer and

everything goes on well at Bonita. Our next point was Washington chapel, Bayou Bartholomew having flooded the lower places, the people had to take boats to get to church. However, we had a grand service. Rev. Lang has every thing well in hand and we look forward with interest for the success of this church. We went next to Bastrop and Mer Rouge. While this is one of our small charges Rev. Landry opened his year's work with great promise. From there we went to Mt. Nebo the seat of our next District Conference, August 5, 1903. Plans are already in operation to build a new church by that time. We next passed to Mt. Sinai to meet Rev. Powell and his people. We are expecting great things of Sinai. We traveled then one-quarter of a mile, in water, to reach Beulah, with Rev. McGruder pastor; the people turned out in boats and we had a glorious time. This is a very courageous little band at Beulah. Owing to the change of pastors at Jones Chapel we deferred our conference till a later day. Rev. Lashington has taken the work left by the pastor appointed by the bishop. At Monroe, our headquarters, we found St. James, under Rev. S. Carroll, well organized; great results had already been accomplished. St. Paul, under Rev. Long, is still on the up grade. This is a young charge but both pastor and people are rejoicing over their achievements. The water has troubled us as some of the parishes have been flooded, but in the next few weeks we will be able to report for them. The Sunday School and Epworth Leagues of all the charges we have visited are doing nicely. Easter was a high day all over the district. We have sent in a number of cash subscriptions to the SOUTHWESTERN, and the preachers are doing all they can to advance the paper. We feel gratified over what has already been done. The St. James, M. E. school, organized March, 1900, under the direction of Rev. P. W. Clark and your humble servant, is still in a growing and flourishing state. Its first principal, Miss Carrie B. Turpeau, A. B., is still carrying the work on successfully. Under the administration of Rev. C. W. Reeves, a school house was erected and plans are now on foot to buy a new lot and put up a larger edifice for school purposes. The enrollment this year has surpassed all previous records and we are hoping to have an educational center in Monroe ere long.

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Cameau, Ark.—To the Presidents of the Epworth Leagues of Clow District. The Board of Trustees have obligated themselves to purchase an Epworth farm for the use of the great school, Philander Smith College, at Little Rock, Ark. Each chapter is requested to collect and bring to the district convention a liberal collection. In addition, a good donation to help us to meet the obligation assumed by the trustees; one cent per member for every member of the Sunday school and league chapter. In this way we should have at least \$150.00. And to

State Convention bring five cents per member. This should give us at least \$500. Let the president put the members of the league to work and each Sunday school superintendent put all of his forces down to real Christian missionary work for the sake of the work planned by our school. Rev. J. M. Cox, D. D., president, with his earnest board of helpers, is expecting a good result. Rev. W. S. Sherrill, A. M., secretary, has spent some time and pains to send out several notices. Let us come to Holly Springs Sept. 3-6, with full collections.

T. R. WAMBLE, President.

A. Howze, Pastor, Larriston, Miss.—My second quarterly conference was held May 11-12, with the presiding elder, R. P. Threlkeld, in the chair. Twenty-six officers were present with written reports. The elder preached us a soul-stirring sermon and administered Sacrament to a goodly number. He also lectured on all church lines of work. One parsonage has been completed; one organ sold; \$7 raised for benevolence; paid the elder in full, \$11; pastor, \$45; raised for all causes this quarter, \$74.40.

Conference Notices

To the Brethren of the Southern Conferences: Dear brethren, quite a large number of your members of our Methodist churches are coming North and many of them are settling here in Cincinnati. We will be pleased to have you take from this notice our address and inform us of such persons. We have in this city one of the most commodious church buildings in the state of Ohio and it is free from debt saving a small amount of less than \$100. The church is in a very desirable location, at the corner of Park and Carlisle avenue, four squares from Grand Central station and courthouse. It can be reached from any part of the city for one street car fare; cars pass on two lines within half a square of church and on another line within one square. Our membership numbers over 200, and we have had twenty additions since the conference. All of our services are conducted according to our Methodist usages. We have the distinction of raising our contributions through the envelope system, the officers passing the basket for the offertory while the choir chants a psalm. Brethren, will you assist us in making St. John M. E. Church one of our greatest churches in this, our Methodist center?

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CHANGE OF TIME OF DISTRICT CONFERENCE, LOUISVILLE DISTRICT.

On account of some unforeseen emergencies, we are compelled to change the time of our District Conference Meeting, at Cloverport, Ky., from August 13-16, to Aug. 6-9, 1903. The Sunday School and Epworth League Institutes meet at the same place and on the same date; District Stewards meet Friday, at 3 p. m. All must come with full reports and ready for business. Yours for success,

JOSEPH COURTNEY, P. E.
522 Jackson St., Louisville, Ky.

Owing to the extreme dullness in financial matters it has been decided to postpone indefinitely the Ministers' Normal of the West Texas Conference which was to be held at Samuel Houston College. It is felt that the expenses of the school would work a hardship upon the brethren at this time. It is

hoped to operate the school later.

For the Committee: D. C. Lacy, president; R. E. Lovingsgood, Secretary.

The Little Rock, Ark., District Conference will be held this year at Little Maumelle, St. Paul's Chapel, Sept. 24-27. The programme will consist in reading and discussing the administration and judicial sections of the Methodist Discipline. Every officer is urged to be present. Let us plan for a full report of benevolence. Push the SOUTHWESTERN Sunday school superintendents and Epworth League presidents must be present. I am yours for the work, W. R. R. DUNCAN, P. E.

To the Pastors, Presidents and Epworth Leaguers: The Meridian District Conference convenes at Enterprise, Miss., July 22. The first day will be given to the Epworth Leaguers. Remember you must elect delegates. Send at least one from each chapter, besides the president, who must be present to make a report. The pastors and Sunday school superintendents are especially asked to be present. Remember Prof. E. H. McKissack, of Holly Springs, will look after our work, perhaps will be present.

D. B. WATKINS, Dist. Pres.

OPELIKA DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—Take due notice that our District Conference will convene July 15, 1903. If you have not raised your full Missionary Assessment, please allow me to insist on you to do so at once. Dr. Logan, our Field Missionary Secretary, who recently addressed us at our Missionary Meeting at Opelika, has kindly consented to be with us the first day. He desires to meet every brother, personally. Fail not to be present Wednesday. Organize and work your missionary forces in order that we will make a creditable report. Let us, with our presiding elder, league together as one man and with one aim to make our District what God and the Church expects of it.

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L. A. C.

To the members and friends of the Mississippi Conference:

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I. L. PRATT, Pastor, M. E. Church.
West Jackson, June 22, 1903.

Baton Rouge, La.—Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., Editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, will preach at St. Mark, on Sunday night, July 12. All friends of the race are invited to come and hear him and bring one year's subscription with you.

B. J. REDDIX, Pastor.

UNITED FOR LIFE

At the home of the bride's mother, on Tuesday evening, June 16, at 8 p. m., Mr. Wheeler Johnson was married to Miss Ida Pearl Moss, Rev. H. J. Wright, of St. Paul M. E. Church, officiating.

At the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Thomas Johnson, on Wednesday evening, June 17, at 8 p. m., Mr. Eddie L. Walker was married to Miss Rosa Foster, Rev. H. J. Wright officiating.

Palestine, Texas.—At the residence of Dr. Roberts, June 18, Mr. C. G. Simpson, of Palestine, and Mrs. S. A. Littlejohn, of Paris, were married. Rev. W. S. Curtis officiated.

Ebenezer, Miss.—Mr. Hal Montgomery and Miss Ida Washington were married by Rev. T. G. Wilbon, pastor, at Mt. Zion M. E. Church.

Pineville, La.—Mr. Rufus Belgard and Miss Sarah Robinson were married, June 18.

J. W. PIERCE, Pastor.

Douglasville, Ga.—At the home of the bride, on April 19th, Mr. B. W. Dennis and Miss Gussie Simmons were happily married. Rev. J. M. Spencer officiated.

Natchitoches, La.—On June 1st, at the residence of the bride, I joined in holy matrimony Mr. Chas. Johnson, of Harrisburg, Pa., and Mrs. Lucy Johnson, of Natchitoches, La.

On June 9th, the Rev. L. C. Thomas, of New Roads, La., and Miss Mattie A. Weatherspoon were joined in holy wedlock by Rev. W. J. M. Price, pastor.

THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY

Fort Stephen, Miss.—Sister Millie Parker, a member of Snowden M. E. Church for 10 years, died, June 3, 1903. Funeral conducted by R. B. Anderson, pastor.

Sardis, Miss.—Sister Julia Ann Frazier, a faithful member of Cooper's Chapel, died May 12. She was 19 years old and had lived a consistent Christian for seven years. The funeral was conducted by the writer and Rev. A. F. Jones.

J. A. SLATE, Pastor.

Manhac, La.—Augustine Fisher died May 17. She was a Christian.

On the 25th of May, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis, Sanders Willis, died. He was 18 years old.

WM. HOWELL.

Whereas, in the Providence of God, Mrs. J. D. Pool, wife of Rev. J. D. Pool, has passed from labor to reward. Therefore be it resolved, That, we in Preacher's Meeting assembled at Bayou Goula, sympathize with the bereaved family and send our prayers to God that his choice blessing may rest upon them.

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Nancy Freeman, a faithful member of Mitchel Spring Church, died the fourth Sunday night in May. The funeral was conducted by Rev. T. P. Phillips and the Pastor.

On May 27, Sister Bell Cox, a member of the church 23 years, died. She had a strong faith in the Lord. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. Gun and J. T. Willis, Pastor.

Goodhope, Miss.—Brother Charles Howell, a local deacon and a faithful member of the Howell Chapel, was found dead in his field, May 30. He was 84 years old.

W. A. WHITE, Pastor.

A FINE KIDNEY REMEDY.

Mr. A. S. Hitchcock, East Hampton, Conn. (The Clothier), says if any suffer from Kidney and Bladder Disease will write him he will direct them to the perfect home cure he used. He makes no charge whatever for the favor.

Mrs. America Robbins, a member of Pitts' Chapel, was born July 16, 1865, in Arkansas, and in youth was brought to Springfield, Mo., by her parents. She was married to Mr. Geo. Robbins, July 30, 1901, and into their happy home came one child, Homer. Sister Robbins died May 25th. Her Christian life was consistent and the church and community have been made poorer by her death. Her

funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. B. F. Abbott.

Sister Lizzie Wiggins, the daughter of Brother Lewis and Sister Martha Moore, died, June 1, after a severe illness. She was 21 years old and had been a faithful Christian seven years. Her funeral was preached by her pastor, assisted by Revs. A. C. Governor and G. W. Ross.

C. H. CLARK, Pastor.

Richmond, Mo.—Brother Tom Hamen embraced religion in 1866 and lived a faithful Christian. He died May 13th. The funeral was conducted by C. Diggs, Pastor.

Edwards, Miss.—Sister Rachel Summal, a faithful member in the M. E. Church, died, June 3, 1903, aged 70 years. She died in full triumph of faith, leaving children and friends to mourn her loss.

A. REID.

Alexandria, Tenn.—Brother Domel, a faithful member of the church for 40 years, was born 1834 and died, June 1, 1903. The funeral was conducted by the writer, B. F. Anderson and T. B. Blackman.

J. A. SWIFT, Pastor.

Mrs. Evie L. Broach Cole, born November, 1874, died, May 31, 1903. She was converted when sixteen years old and lived a consistent Christian. She was superintendent of the Sunday School and treasurer of the League until her health failed. Sister Cole was married to Mr. G. W. Cole, April 7, 1898. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

T. F. ROBINSON, Pastor.

Cotton Plant, Ark.—Sister Easter Lyons died, May 26th, in full triumph of faith. She served the Lord for more than 20 years.

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Miscellaneous—World's Disp. Med. Assn.

A. E. Morehead, Cor. Sec., Mt. Airy, N. C.—We had our mite box opening of the Home Mission work and realized \$17. We thank all who contributed. Mrs. Alice Kelley had \$3 in her box. We are having great success with our mission work, and advise all churches to have an auxiliary if they have not one. Our work among the sick is quite a success.

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CRESCENT CITY NOTES

There is little or no change in the price of cotton since last week's report. The big deal of New Orleans buyers who bought July cotton has been delivered and paid for, aggregating about 150,000 bales.

Prof. A. W. Brazier, an enterprising layman of our church, has been appointed solicitor for the Cable Piano and Organ Company, of this city. Any of our pastors or friends desiring to purchase a musical instrument will do well to write him at 1911 Fourth street, New Orleans, La.

The congregation of First Street M. E. Church celebrated the bi-centennial of John Wesley. The church was beautifully decorated by the Epworth League and other committees appointed by the pastor. The following program was rendered: Address, "Wesley's Early Training and His College and Religious Life," Mrs. O. A. Gould; "The Rise and Progress of Methodism in England, Ireland and the United States," F. B. Smith, Esq.; solo, Mr. A. Goldston; "Methodism as a Potent Factor in the Political, Social and Religious World," Rev. J. A. Tirault; "The Doctrines and Usages of the Church," Mrs. Bell Hall; "Our Institutions," Miss L. E. Alston; "The Local Preacher," Prof. A. W. Brazier; "The Future of Methodism," Mrs. Ella Boyd.

Lost Friends ENQUIRY.

I desire to inquire after my wife's sisters, Artella and Cornelia Williams, daughters of Mr. Harry Williams. Artella went to Pittsburg, Va., with Cousin Susan Watson. I left Cornelia in Hillsboro, N. C. They were twins. Before the war we lived in North Carolina, on the plantation of Mr. Bill Williams, and were there until 1869. I also desire to inquire after my wife's cousins, who lived somewhere in this state, Miss Julia and Thomas Lyons. I am informed that her cousins are in North Louisiana. My wife's maiden name was Mary Williams.

FRANK A. DURHAM, Central, La.

ENQUIRY.

I wish to find my people left in Madison county, Alabama, before the war. I have been writing letters for years to find them. My name was Margaret Green and my mother's name is Maria Green. My father's name was Hiram Marcantna; he had a large family of children, whom I call my brothers and sisters. Their home was near the Bell factory. I can't call their names; it has been so long. William Green gave me to his son, Thomas, who lived in Limestone county. Margaret Goree is my last name. Any information of their whereabouts will be thankfully received.

MARGARET GOREE,
Midway, Texas.

W. C. Canwell, Pontotoc, Miss.—The fifth Sunday in May we gave a rally to cell the church. Rev. W. C. Weatherall preached a good sermon. The collection was taken by classes, with the following leaders: Joe Crawford, \$2.05; A. J. Weatherall, \$4.80; T. H. Holsam, \$4.02; Richard Bell, \$1.65; Mrs. Laura Weatherall, \$3.55; Rachael Wells, \$6.45; Julia Read, \$1.65; Martha J. Weatherall, 10 cents; Rev. J. M. Hooper, \$2.45. Names of persons who paid \$1.00 are: A. Bell, \$1; J. M. Wells, \$1; J. M. Hooper, \$1; A. J. Weatherall, \$1; J. W. Weatherall, \$1; I. Weatherall, \$1; Walter Vaughn, 75 cents; Richard Bell, 50 cents. Public collection, \$3.20; total \$30.00.

A. Reid, Edwards, Miss.—The Edwards work is alive and moving on nicely. The class leaders report in rally is as follows: W. L. Mealy, A. Smith and F. Washington raised \$20.20; King Solomon and Mattie Parks, \$11.00; D. Featherston, M. Morgan and M. Parks, J. Featherston, \$19.00; W. M. Gillyard, M. Mealy, E. Heads, \$8.75; G. W. Washington, F. Frasier, H. Swift, Ella McCearles, \$28.45; A. P. Major, Ora Parks, E. Leonard, \$13.30; A. L. Parks, Julia Baldwin, M. Sparks, \$32.50; public collection, \$2.45; total, \$136.00. This money is on church debt. We are looking to a better day. The following ministers helped us in the services: J. Parks, C. Williams, A. L. Parks.

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LITERARY NOTES

For a summer magazine the July *Woman's Home Companion* contains an unusual number of strong features. "Keeping House with High Explosives" is an interview with Hudson Maxim. Dr. J. M. Buckley, one of the best-known Methodists of America, writes of "The Methodists and Their Great Works." W. G. Bowdoin tells about the "Rarest Bibles in the World." There are six short stories, and Eden Phillpotts' strong serial. The fashion pages are full of suggestions for summer frocks. Mr. Herrick tells how to give a basket picnic. The "Housewives' Reciprocity Bureau" and "Home Dressmaking" pages are full of helpful suggestions for housekeepers. Crowell Publishing Company, Springfield, Ohio; one dollar a year; ten cents a copy.

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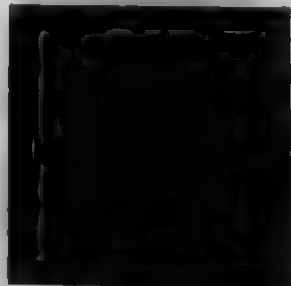
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Editorial Notes

Now that you have a good appointment, what are you going to do with it?

Brother, fix up the church and parsonage property, or never ask for another church as good as the one you have.

Oh, yes, those young people are all looking to you for help and instruction. Can't you do something for them?

If you had the moral courage to insist on your membership being and doing what is best for them, there would soon be a complete revolution in church life. But you are afraid the collection will fall off; hence the cause suffers.

The present session of the State Legislature of Georgia has just voted against the distribution of the school fund on the basis of the amount of taxes paid by the white and colored races. We have no means of knowing what effect such a division would have on the colored schools, but we do know that we have enough separation on certain lines already.

How can the person who neglects everything that pertains to his church life expect to grow in grace? Not only so, but what must be his spiritual condition under such circumstances? If the body is not properly nourished it will surely starve and die. Can the spiritual man live without nourishment any more than the physical? Yet men go from week to week and often from year to year as tho they thought a man has no spiritual wants. What of yourself?

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition, which will be formally opened April 30, 1904, in St. Louis, Mo., has offered a grand prize of \$100,000 for the most successfully manipulated airship. The result is that already fully a half dozen competitors have announced their purpose to enter the contest. Some of these are in foreign lands and others in this country. All three of those most recently mentioned are in this country: one in Monte Vista, Col., one in Denver, Col., and another in Streater, Ill.

Did you notice how suddenly things quieted down about that chambermaid who is said to have been discharged for refusing to make Prof. Booked Washington's bed? Well, it turned out that the whole thing was a fake. The interesting thing about the affair is that we learn on excellent authority that Dr. Washington did not spend a single night at the hotel, hence the bed was not made at all. Those prejudiced persons who thought they had a good case and sent her money ran into a trap. This is another evidence that prejudice is blind and does not wait to be led.

The Afro-American Council and Its Critic

The Afro-American Council which recently held its annual session in Louisville, Ky., issued an address to the American people on behalf of the Negro which has been generally acknowledged by the press of the country as temperate in tone and to the point. The only encouragement this body of intelligent and well-meaning Negroes get from the daily *Times-Democrat* of this city is such an editorial as that paper usually publishes on questions that concern their race. It quotes as a text the following from the address:

"We recognize with pleasure the friendly relation that has all along existed between the best people of the white race and our own, and we sincerely desire that nothing may be permitted to intervene to mar this relation. Still we are confident that no one who notes carefully the signs of

3,000 New Subscribers by October 31, 1903.

The Presiding Elders' Council, which convened in Meridian, Miss., June 25th, passed resolutions calling upon the Presiding Elders and Pastors of the 20 colored conferences to unite in the effort to secure 3,000 annual cash subscribers for the Southwestern before the close of the fiscal year, October 31, 1903. The editor was also requested to so report subscribers received each week, as to show not only the total number received, but the number still needed to reach the 3,000. Therefore, in accordance with this action, we call upon our ministers, our officials and the members of the church throughout our territory to join with us in this movement to make the paper self-supporting before the time for closing the four years' work expires. Let our readers keep their eyes on the publishers' column, page 16, each week.

the times can fail to discover that there are influences at work in nearly every part of the land to accomplish this very end. Who can fail to see that the Negro is being held up to the public gaze as the most objectionable and undesirable citizen that treads American soil? The ignorant, vicious, criminal class are pointed to as the types and products of the race rather than those who are the output of the Negro's best endeavors for race development and uplift. We declare this standard of measurement to be unfair to any people."

Relative to this that paper says:

"Whether the standard of measurement is unfair in this instance is a matter of opinion. If it be unjust to select the criminal classes as typifying the Negro race, it would be manifestly as misleading to cull the few educated and more moral specimens like Booker Washington and present them as fair types of the Afro-American people."

"Perhaps the Council did not view the matter

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The Nagging Preacher

The preacher who uses the pulpit for settling old grudges and nagging people he does not like is unworthy of his calling and should surrender his place in the pulpit. Such persons are small men, too small for the work they have in hand—too small for shepherds. We always pity such persons more than we pity the individual who is annoyed by their littleness. In the first place they seldom or never make success of their work. The people soon distinguish the difference between a little, annoying overseer and the great-hearted fatherly pastor. As a rule, people are anxious to bestow their affections upon some one; they are anxious to follow some one. As soon as they find the person whom they consider deserving they are ready to do anything they can for the good of the cause and to render his efforts for good a success. If they do not consider him deserving, they are more than apt to neutralize his best endeavors by hindering his work, if possible.

In the second place the nagging preacher does very little good. He who coaxes a person up to him to get a chance to strike him will not likely get the opportunity to do so more than once. In the same way he who invites an individual to his church only to take advantage of the opportunity to preach the Gospel to say such little things as annoy and humiliate will soon find that even tho such person or persons continue to come he can accomplish little or no good for them or with them.

It is really surprising to note how many preachers destroy their opportunity to do good by such methods. Not only does the person whom they thus annoy soon tire, but others of the congregation as well. Slowly it may be, but surely they will lose their hold until they find themselves almost without a congregation. Poor, sinful man yearns for a great, loving heart in the man who comes in the name of the Master to deliver the message of life. Then, too, they expect him to deliver his message in the spirit of the Gospel, and when he fails to do so he is never to them what he might otherwise be. The Lord save the nagging preacher and save his people from being driven away by him.

The Mob Driven Back

It seems that at Evansville, Ind., a Negro who had shot a policeman and was also shot by him was placed in jail to save him from being lynched. The mob was determined to have him, hence special deputies were summoned and the militia called out to defend the jail. The mob made a determined attack and while the soldiers were driving them back with fixed bayonets a shot was fired by some one, which was followed by general firing. If reports be true six were killed and twelve or more wounded. While it is to be regretted that it was necessary to fire on the mob, still if there is no other way to control them, there is nothing else to be done.

Our Contributors

"The Church and the Minister"

"It is with narrow-souled people as with narrow-necked bottles, the less they have in them, the more noise they make in pouring it out." If all men were equally endowed by nature, with kindness of heart and intellectuality, there would be no occasion for system of fixed principles to guide them in the exercise of the right and that true regard for his brother. But since all nature seems to be complete only in diversity, and man is able to chain its forces, and thought holds captive the sly nymph called law, only to contemplate its strangeness and acknowledge its necessity, he must, for the present, rest content in the knowledge of its existence, and in formulating and teaching such rules of human sympathy and a rational view of life. As long as one man has a spoonful of brains and another a peck; as long as different kinds and degrees of temperament impel them onward; as long as there exists no uniform rule of energy, corresponding diversity of results must follow; and men cannot by nature reason alike on moral and human obligations, or live in strict suberviency to their requirements, without admonition, sympathy, and assistance of their fellows." The subject touching the minister, in THE SOUTHWESTERN of May 14 was a subject that I have given no little thought. A very grave and an important question; the question is as old as the church, yet seemingly very little attention has ever been given it. No question of right is ever settled until it is settled; and there is no settling of this question concerning the minister, until it is settled rightly. That is pure and simple. I propose in the name of Him before whom we shall all soon appear, to give what I conceive to be a full diagnosis of this case, and let the heaven do its work. Simply touching the surface of this all absorbing question will not be the aim of the writer, but will endeavor to go to the bottom, for there lies the truth. Standing upon the restless bosom of time, gazing out upon the sad and solemn waves of thoughts as they caress each other in their ceaseless march, brings me to draw this picture of the Methodist preacher, and gives me inspiration to use my pen. Contemplating under the fathomless vault of God's heaven, looking at the race of millions of worlds, each keeping its promise to law and God, and sharing their glory with our little planet, does not the church comprehend and learn the same lesson of Divine law and to this end make ample provision for her ministers? They have from the beginning stood in the thickest of the fight, and they are not less faithful today. This encumbrance upon the church for the protection of the minister and his family is as important as any other interest of the church. The whole is greater than any of its parts. God calls the minister and the church accepts that call: Hence the church can't say that she does not need the minister, any more than the body can say to the hand, "I don't need you or have no more use for you." The application: "To use the minister while he is active, and then in the evening of life turn him out on the cold charities of the world, is as wicked as the man after having used the faithful old horse, thereby reaching the stage beyond want; turned the faithful servant out with, 'Go, I have set you free; faithfully you have served us.'" It is a stigma on the master. The same would apply equally to the church who, having used the minister, having gotten

his best life and service, and then say to him, "Here is a little Conference Claimant Fund; go and do the best you can." Let the church look at this tremendous duty from a Divineside and see her duty toward the minister in the light of reason and justice. Who are they that present and plead the causes of chief ministers, secretaries, the general causes, etc.? The answer is not far away: "It is the ministers." Unreservedly have they given their service to the Master's cause and to turn the servants out as one would turn the old faithful horse, without making ample provisions, would be suicidal. There are no set of men more embarrassed than the ministers. (Our Negro ministry). There is a class of men, and I trust only a few, that say let the preacher save out of what he gets and prepare for his declining days, etc. It would sicken the soul of a hog to hear men of this character give to the world such declarations when such men get a thousand dollars and upward, and the same men declare that the preacher or preachers can and should save out of the small sum of three hundred dollars—saying nothing of clothing, other expenses, etc. The church has made ample provisions for her chief ministers, etc. They may fall on land or on sea, superannuated, or called to heaven, in any case, there are ample provisions made. The minister has the same claim, for with God there is no difference. Through whom do these funds come? Through the minister, largely. They are the "Van guards." The very small sum that is contributed each year to the "Conference Claimant Fund" will not meet the case in hand; some special effort on the part of the Church will not be out of place. The Church cannot thrust aside the "Doing what is right" to our ministers. All are not fortunate. Our noble sentiments spring into existence at the bidding of popular opinion. Withdraw the approving influence of our ministers, you would see the withering of present conditions and night shade would appear, and an instantaneous retrogression set in. The true minister is as indispensable as any other true professional man. The difference is: The minister is under an obligation to Almighty God and the Church, he is bound by an oath to stand at his post, and never quit the field. For ages the criterion of justice has been "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." As we emerge from the impenetrable cloud of ignorance; as knowledge holds aloft the torch, time in its weary plodding at least gives the minister a true, noble impulse than this selfish and unhallowed motto: "Every man for himself, and God for all." We discern upon the horizon the golden beams of the morning in which the Church will learn and consider the minister as a part of herself and will act accordingly. As David cried out, "No man cared for my soul;" well might our ministry cry, so much so until it is echoed throughout the Church and some man or men may be roused to that extent until there will be a universal cry "That the duty of the Church to make ample and necessary provision for the minister is a paramount consideration."

If the minister's duty to the Church is obligatory, no less is the Church to the minister. This responsibility upon the Church is no small matter when considered rightly and in the light of reason. The Church is depending upon the minister and the minister is depending upon the Church—one is depending upon the other; for minister and people constitute the Church.

The minister has upon him the care of the whole Church, its interests, etc. What time has he to plead his own cause if it were admissible? He pleads the causes of every department of the great Church; he has a just claim upon the Church to plead his cause. These are facts in the face. Bishop Fowler persuaded his colleagues to ask for \$20,000,000 instead of \$10,000,000 as a "Thank Offering." Our ministry is not asleep to any of the interests of the Church, and know her power to do if she will. The duty of providing a fund of some million dollars for the veterans in the ministry when they are wounded on the battlefield or superannuated, or when called to their reward they can shout and sing, having the satisfaction that those departments dependent upon them will not suffer, for the Church has made ample provision and they will not suffer. Starting this ball to rolling is dependent upon the leaders of the Church—and our Bishops are the leaders. The Rev. Dr. Mills was called upon to raise and cause to be raised a fund of \$20,000,000 as a "Thank Offering" of this century. When the bishops called, he answered and hesitated not. The Church had its own approval which gave wings to the movement; great was the result; the whole Church was congratulated on this wonderful achievement. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars has been contributed for our Church schools. Millions of dollars have and are being raised through the minister. Since this is true, will the Church remain quiet and not be aroused? Can a fund be provided? It can be done and will be done if our chief ministers will give their assent; they must put their approval upon it; an appeal from them is sufficient, for their approval will be heard. The Methodist Episcopal Church has the most profound respect for the influence and wishes of our bishops when they act as a unit.

Strikes are being affected throughout this country; employes are contending for more and better wages; many factories are at a standstill; work on large buildings and sawmills and brick-yards, etc., is practically at a standstill; the men are demanding living wages; ample provisions must be made for these men or no work is done. Not so with the minister. He is the most peaceable man in all the kingdom, "high wages or low wages," he must stick to his profession and finish his work without raising any interruption or causing any strike. Ample provision, by the great State of Texas as well as other States, is being made for the soldiers of the "Lost cause." Not having waited until they die, but while they are living. Are the soldiers who fought in the "Lost cause" more worthy than the ministers of Jesus Christ? Are the States more just than the Church toward its honored veterans who gave their best blood for their country? From the beginning of our Methodism until this present our ministers, through faith, have subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, yea, more than that they have obtained promises, waxed valiant in fight and turned to flight the armies of aliens, and not to make the best possible preparation for them would be an insult to the highest authority. I have written this letter after careful deliberation and have eased my conscience for the present and feel that this letter will meet the approval of my colleagues and result in the ultimate triumph of right.

W. L. DUNCAN.

Honey Grove, Texas.

Character

There is a structure which everybody is building, young and old, each one for himself. It is called Character, and every act of life is a stone. If day by day we be careful to build our lives with pure, noble, upright deeds, at the end will stand a fair temple, honored of God and Man. But, as one leak will sink a ship, and one flaw break a chain, so one mean, dishonorable, untruthful act or word will forever leave its impress and work its influence on our character. Then, let the several deeds unite to form a day, and one by one the days grow into noble years, and the years, as they slowly pass, will raise, at least, a beautiful edifice, enduring forever to our praise.

There are as many master-workmen in you as there are separate faculties; and there are as many blows struck as there are separate acts of emotion or volition. Every single day these myriad forces are building, building. Here is a great structure going up, point by point, story by story, although you are not conscious of it. It is a building of character. It is a building that must stand and the inspired word warns you to take heed how you build it; to see to it that you have a foundation that shall endure; to make sure that you are building on it, not for the hour in which you live, but for that hour of revelation, when you shall be seen just as you are. Our minds are given us, but our characters we make. Our mental powers must be cultivated. The full measure of all the powers necessary to make a man are no more a character than a handful of seeds is an orchard of fruit. Plant the seed and tend them well and they will make an orchard. Cultivate the powers and harmonize them well and they will make a noble character. The germ is not the tree, the acorn is not the oak, neither is the mind a character. God gives the mind, man makes the character. The mind is the garden; the character is the fruit; the mind is the white page; the character is the writing we put on it. The mind is the metallic plate; the character is our engravings thereon. The mind is the shop, the counting-room; the character is the profits on the trade. Large profits are made from quick sales and small percentage. So great characters are made by many little acts and efforts. A dollar is composed of a thousand mills; so is a character of a thousand thoughts and acts. The secret thoughts never expressed, the inward indulgences in imaginary wrong; the lie never told for want of courage; the licentiousness never indulged in from fear of public rebuke; the irreverence of the heart, are just as effectual in staining the character as though the world knew all about them. A subtle thing is character; and constant work is its formation. Whether it be good or bad, it has been long in its growth, and is the aggregate of millions of little mental acts. A good character is a precious thing, above rubies, gold, crowns, or kingdoms, and the work of making it is the noblest labor on earth. Great actions carry their glory with them as the ruby wears its colors. He who would prostitute character to reputation is base. But no man can be upright, amid the various temptations of life, unless he is honest for the right's sake.

"They grow in beauty, side by side,
They filled one home with glee;
Their graves are severed far and wide,
By mount, and stream, and sea."

LEALA A. EVANS.

Jefferson, Texas.

One Hundred New Sunday Schools Wanted

There are many places in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and Arkansas and the eastern part of Tennessee where the Methodist Episcopal Church should plant her standard; places where there are no churches for several miles around and other places where the old church is need because of her high ideals. Much of the territory in the States named, that hitherto has been inaccessible, is being opened by new railroads. We should be vigilant to prepossess this new territory by establishing Sunday schools.

The purpose of this brief article is to urge the brethren to join the Sunday School Union in a campaign for new schools. Within the next *Sixty Days* we ought to have, within the territory mentioned above, at least *One Hundred New Sunday Schools*. Plant a Sunday school and grow a church, will you help?

Let the brethren search for places for new Sunday schools which may be divided in three classes:

1. Places where there are no schools.
2. Places where our Church is needed because of the low ideal prevailing.
3. Places within the bounds of present charges where groups of children live so far from the church that walking, the year round, to the school, as now located, seems impracticable.

How to organize:

1. Select your field and make a list of all persons obtainable for the proposed new Sunday school. This can be done most effectively by a house to house canvass.
2. Appoint a Sabbath for the first meeting at some convenient hour. After a short address enroll the scholars, select officers and teachers and proceed at once with the Sunday school lesson for that Sabbath.

The co-operation of the presiding elders and pastors within the above mentioned territory is earnestly solicited. Notify me at once if you know of a place or places for new schools that will fall in any one of the three classes. Proceed at once to organize and report the same, the day following the organization.

The brethren will do the work a favor also if they will report to me immediately all the Sunday schools that have been organized during present year—1903.

The Sunday School Union stands ready in every legitimate way to help these Sunday schools into permanent light houses that shall make glad the waste places of our country. Yours, for the work,

ROBERT E. JONES.

Field worker of the Sunday School Union.
429 Carondelet St., New Orleans.

The Louisiana Conference Enabling Act

Ministers and laymen ought to send a solid and determined and sincere Delegation in 1904 to the General Conference, to pray, plead for and secure from that legislative body, an enabling act to divide the Louisiana Conference. Come, let us send no one, unless that one is convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that that will be to the greatest advantage to this conference materially, numerically, Spiritually and financially.

There is about to be established, this conference year, a precedent to the regret of our Methodism in this State, which will be nipped in the bud; if we only get an enabling act and divide this overgrown Conference. There is

an average of about 77 laymen to 1 minister throughout the Conference. While the bulk of this ministerial importance and force made up of presiding elders and pastors is confined, located and kept in New Orleans, Shreveport, Baton Rouge, Monroe, and perhaps Washington, they can be seen on the street every day the year round, while in hundreds of towns and thickly settled communities they are seen only once a year.

Give us smaller Conferences, smaller Districts and less starvation charges. For no man can do a hard, honest year's work hungry, to say nothing of other privations.

The pastors and their families are the greatest sufferers as a rule under the present system.

The other ministers, with but few exceptions, get their salary most invariably and the pastor-in-charge seldom gets his, even sometimes. Yet he raises or gets the other ministers at starvation point, even if he must give up the little missionary appropriation given there, goes down as a complete failure. And sometimes by a minister who *happened* to be made by merit(?) of not paying a presiding elder nor any one else during his entire pastorage. Divide this Conference and let our presiding elders share and suffer with the pastor more.

Let us send a pastor and a minister for our educational work to the General Conference.

We have never sent a pastor, we should do so. Let us see to it that one shall go who will represent the pastors of the Louisiana Conference in securing an enabling act with the view of dividing this Conference in 1905, for our vantage ground to grow and foster the interest of our Church and Methodism with ease and rapidity from our point of view.

"Here am I, send me."

Yours for an Enabling Act and Division.

DAVID J. PRICE.

Plaquemine, La.

A Call for Help

In the recent disastrous flood which so nearly destroyed North Topeka, Asbury Chapel of the Colored M. E. Church, Topeka District, Lincoln Conference, was very extensively damaged. The parsonage also, with the furniture and household goods of the pastor, was almost destroyed. The membership of the church is only about sixty. Every family of the church is for the time made homeless by the flood, and many of the homes were entirely washed away. The church was carrying a debt of \$500, for the payment of which a strong effort would soon have been made. But now that must be carried longer, and the people are so impoverished that it will be most difficult to meet the ordinary expenses of the church. Outside help must be had to restore the church building and parsonage. And it is needed at once. I appeal to Christian friends everywhere to help this unfortunate and struggling congregation. The work of this church is very important, and it must be sustained. Let all contributions be sent to Rev. J. T. McFarland, 500 Topeka avenue, the pastor of the First M. E. Church.

H. SOUTH,

Presiding Elder of the Topeka District, Lincoln Conference.

I certify to the entire correctness of the above statements and join heartily in the appeal. These brethren helpless in themselves to restore their church property, I suggest also that household goods and clothing be sent for the pastor and his family. His children are two girls, eight and eleven years old.

J. S. McFARLAND,
Pastor First M. E. Church.

Life of Faith

THE MEMORY GUILD
FOR LEARNING BEST HYMNS.
BISHOP H. W. WARREN.
Special Providence

There can be no general providence that is not special. Worlds are held and swung by holding every mote that shimmers in the sunbeam. Not only is the whole way of the good man not hid from the Lord but all steps are ordered by him.

No doctrine is more emphasized in the Scriptures. The care extends beasts and birds. Are you not of more value than many sparrows? Commit your widows and fatherless children unto me. John Huss at the stake told the Lord "My times are in thy hand," and broke out with the jubilant notes of Ps. 31; 19-24.

"My times are in thy hand;"
My God, I wish them there;
My life, my friends, my soul, I leave
Entirely to thy care.

"My times are in thy hand,"
Whatever they may be;
Pleasing or painful, dark or bright,
As best may seem to thee.

"My times are in thy hand;"
Why should I doubt or fear?
My father's hand will never cause
His child a needless tear.

"My times are in thy hand,"
Jesus, the crucified!
The hand my cruel sins had pierced
Is now my guard and guide.

"My times are in thy hand;"
I'll always trust in thee;
And, after death, at thy right hand
I shall forever be.

Wm. F. Lloyd (b. 179, d. 1853.)

Bread and Water

"Jesus is not a phenomenon, he is bread; Christ is not a curiosity, he is water. As surely as we cannot live without bread, we cannot live truly without Christ; if we know not Christ we are not living, our movement is a mechanical flutter, our pulse is but the stirring of an animal life. It is in this way, then, that Jesus Christ is to be preached. It is even so I would ever preach him. I would call him the water of life; I would speak of him as the true bread sent down from heaven; I would tell men that it is impossible to live without him; I would say, with heightening passion, with glowing and ineffable love, that he only, even the holy Christ of God, can satisfy the hunger and the thirst of the soul of man."—DR. JOSEPH PARKER.

Clouds

Have you noticed how many of the dispositions of the perfected life can be richly gained only in the baptism of shadow and tears? We are accustomed to speak of them as fruits and flowers of the Spirit. I think we might be nearer the truth sometimes if we spoke of them as the ferns. Flowers are suggestive of the sunny glare; ferns are more significant of the moistened shade. And when I contemplate the dispositions which are the creations of the Spirit, I feel that for their perfect nourishment something is needed of moistness and of shade. Here is a short list of the beautiful things: "Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, temperance, faith."

It is in the cloud that men grow the fern of a spacious tolerance. Narrowness is trans-

formed to breadth. I have known a man of very stern, severe and rigid creed, who definitely relegated to damnation all who lived beyond its sharp and imprisoning fence; and I have met him in after years, and I have found that the barbed wiring was down, and the field of his creed sympathy was immeasurably enlarged. "But that is not what you used to believe ten years ago?" "No, but many things have happened since then." Then I learned that he had been in the valley of the shadows. Adversity had wrapped him in its clammy embrace. In his distress he had been enlarged. The clouds had dropped their dew!—*The Friend*.

We Receive from God

All God's dealings with us are on the same principle. Whether it be justification or sanctification, whether reconciliation or reigning in life that is under consideration—the same mighty principles underlie and control the divine gifts and our participation in them. We receive reconciliation as a gift at the beginning of our Christian life, and we have to receive all else by the same medium to the end. Forever and forever we have just to wait till God fills us, as the flower cups that are now filled with sunshine, and now with dew or rain. This reigning in life is not to be relegated to the unseen and future. It is meant to be our present experience. He hath made us kings to God, even the Father. We are called to the royalty of men, the abundance, the freedom, the consciousness of power and victory, which we are wont to associate with those who reign. To reign in the ordinary life of the home, the shop, the counting-house—such is our high calling in Christ Jesus. And it may be ours if we receive "abundance of grace" of the one Man, Jesus Christ.

F. B. MEYER.

Woman's Dominion

A Thought for the Week

She doeth little kindness
Which most leave undone or despise;
For naught that sets one heart at ease
And giveth happiness or peace,
Is low esteemed in her eyes.—*Exchange*.

Bath bags are easy to make and inexpensive as well. A yard of cheesecloth is sufficient for half a dozen. Fill with bran, powdered orris root and castile soap shavings and use as a sponge.

Muffins Without Eggs

A quart of fresh buttermilk, one teaspoonful of soda, a pinch of salt and enough flour to make a stiff batter and two or three tablespoonfuls of sour cream. Dissolve the soda in a little of the buttermilk, then add to the rest; add salt and cream and the flour. Bake in gem pans in a hot oven.—*Exchange*.

Sugar Cookies

The old-fashioned variety, which will remain soft after they are baked, are favorite cakes for the children's table. An old family recipe calls for three-quarters of a pound of butter and one pound of fine granulated sugar. Cream together, and add alternately one cupful of cold water and two cupfuls of flour with which has been mixed a half-teaspoonful of salt. Stir in a scant teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a little warm water, with flour enough to make a very

soft dough. Turn on a well-floured board, roll out, cut in small rounds, and bake in a quick oven. If it is wished to have the cake crisp, add flour enough to make a stiff dough, and roll very thin.—*Exchange*.

Teach Your Daughter to Work

Any American girl is possibly, and probably, going to need to fall back upon her own resources some time. The ups and downs of fortune are too certain, too conspicuous to need pointing out. To bring up a girl without any training in a useful occupation is not simply improvident and foolish, but it is wicked. Feminine character needs independence to make and keep it sweet and perfect. The darkest tragedies of life grow out of the ignorance, helplessness and dependence of women. Courage, training in work, independence of character and self-reliance—these, with high ideals of womanhood for inspiration, are what every girl needs. Only through intelligent work can the highest character be attained, and the growth of character is the whole purpose of this school which we call "the world."—*Woman's Home Companion*.

Woman's Work in Texas

Marshall, Texas, June, 1903.

Our trip to Gethsemane was not to see our Savior betrayed but to the Woman's Missionary Meeting. From what I had heard of this hospitable community it was with much delight we hailed the announcement of the missionary meeting which was set for May 31st. We left Marshall on the Cannonball at 1:45 p. m., accompanied by Rev. Mrs. Carr, arriving at Jefferson we were met at the station by Brother Lewis and son and Rev. Carr, with conveyance to carry us to the country and were driven to Brother Lewis's, six miles from Jefferson, where we had dinner and rested awhile and felt much refreshed. Accompanied by Brother Lewis, wife and daughter, Dr. C. M. Lewis and Sister Clark, of Jefferson, Rev. and Mrs. Carr, we were driven nine miles further through a most beautiful farming country. There we stopped for the night going to our several homes which Brother Carr had provided for us. The next morning we were driven to Gethsemane, two miles further on. Notwithstanding the inclement weather we had a most delightful time. We wish that space permitted us to give the entire program in detail, for each number was a credit to the renderer as well as to those who had the preparations in charge. Miss Sara Hughes made the welcome address, and between each paper we had good vocal music. Then we had a good old-time Missionary speaking meeting. At the end of the morning program dinner on the ground was announced. We had seen from the well-fixed baskets and boxes that we would have plenty of chicken, pies and other good things that make a Methodist preacher content with his lot. 'Tis useless to attempt to describe this spread, words will not do so. Those who were not there will never know what they missed, and those who were in attendance will never forget it. After dinner Dr. C. M. Lewis made the introductory address and the program was finished with credit. I feel proud of having assisted in rendering one of the most entertaining missionary services the writer ever attended. I am sure with Rev. and Mrs. Carr to assist the Woman's Home Missionary Society on this work will be a success. I hope all of our pastors in the district will take more interest in the missionary work.

JENNIE B. GOODBYE,
District President.

Young Friends

If You Want to be Loved

Don't contradict people, even if you're sure you are right.

Don't be inquisitive about the affairs of even your most intimate friend.

Don't underrate anything because you don't possess it.

Don't believe that everybody else in the world is happier than you.

Don't conclude that you have never had any opportunities in life.

Don't believe all the evil you hear.

Don't repeat gossip, even if it does interest a crowd.

Don't go untidy on the plea that everybody knows you.

Don't be rude to your inferiors in social position.

Don't overdress or undress.

Don't jeer at anybody's religious belief.

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine.

Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile. No one cares whether you have the earache, headache or rheumatism.

Learn to attend to your own business—a very important point.

Don't try to be anything but a gentlewoman or a gentleman, and that means one who has consideration for the whole world and whose life is governed by the golden rule: "Do unto others as you would be done by."

—*Christian World.*

Some Pointers for Boys

It is a great thing to be a boy—a bright, honest, healthy, happy boy, anywhere between ten and eighteen years of age. We once heard a college president, while addressing a Sunday school, exclaim: "I would rather be a twelve-year-old-boy today than a general in the army."

Boys, there is not a sixty-year-old-man living today, who has good sense, that would not endorse that sentiment. Not that they would wish to live their lives over again exactly as they have lived them; but because they would like to go back and in living their lives over, avoid the mistakes they have made, the wrongs they have done, and make more out of their lives for good than they have made.

With you, it is different. Life is yet before you. Your life record is yet to be made. What will it be? That is for you to determine. What it is by the time you are sixty or seventy years old is to be determined by what you say, think, choose and do between now and the time you are forty years old.

Does that thought startle you? Do you doubt its truth? Rest assured it is as true as it is that you live now. The poet has well said:

"There is a time we know not when,
A place we know not where,
Which marks the destiny of man,
For glory or despair."

What is that time? Where is that place, do you ask? It is the time and the place when and where the boy or young man deliberately, firmly determines the kind of life he is going to live, and then sticks to that determination and acts it out in his life.

The boy or young man who honestly, heroically gives his heart to the Lord Jesus, and resolves, God being his helper, to live a pure, up-

right, Christian life, and then sticks to it, by that act marks his destiny for glory, both in this world and the world to come. Both God and his country have glory in store for such boys and young men.

On the other hand, the time and the place when and where a boy or young man takes the downward road to sin, falls in love with dishonesty, profanity, and impurity, and adheres to such a life, that time and place mark his destiny for despair. There is no mistake about it.

Such boys and young men bind themselves with the strong chains of habit, whose links are made up of vile thoughts, words, and deeds—a chain so strong that very few are ever able to break them afterward.

Boys, think of these things. What are you doing? What kind of a habit-chain are you binding yourselves with? What kind of links are you forging? What thoughts are you thinking, pure or impure? What kind of deeds are you performing, good or bad? In other words, which kind of character are you building? A very wise man once wrote: "Sow a thought, and you reap an act, sow an act, and you reap character; sow character and you reap destiny."

Here are some valuable hints given by the editor of the *Cincinnati Post* to his boy. Read them, think them over, apply them to your own hearts, and may God bless you. He said:

Yesterday my boy was sixteen years of age. What can I say to him, and boys like him, through the printed page?

First, I can urge him to be a boy as long as he can be; and he can be a boy a long time. In many things I would like to have him be a boy always. In some respects I want always to be a boy myself.

Never get too old to kiss your mother, my boy, nor to salute your dad with affection.

Do not take care to have your clothes correct and your heart impure. Many men do that way.

Do not put a damper on your hearty laugh because some one says it is bad breeding. An ounce of laugh is worth a pound of dignity. God Almighty's way is better than society's way. Smile and laugh your way through life, if you can. It is easiest. It doesn't harm, but helps the other fellow.

I want to be patient with you, my son, for I am dealing with SOUL-STUFF.

I cannot tell you how much I respect what is good in you. I cannot tell you how much I love you at all. No father can.

I don't know what you may be. I take off my hat to what you may become. Abraham Lincoln, at your age, was freckled, bare-footed, lank, and lean. The Corsican boy, who stopped the growl of Europe with a lash at twenty-six, was not so tall as you at sixteen.

The band did not play all the time for these men, remember, my son.

Destiny waits for you around the corner. I wish I could rule Destiny, then I could guide you correctly; but I cannot do that; I cannot even bequeath my experience to you. You and Destiny must fight the thing out.

But bear this in mind: Whoever you become, whatever you may be, you will always be, you must needs always be to me—MY BOY!

—*Southwestern Presbyterian.*

Nearly five hundred cripples met Dr. Lorenz, the Austrian surgeon, in Dallas, Tex., the other week.

One of the books for the Epworth reading course next year was written by Dr. W. A. Quayle.

Ulysses S. Grant, grandson of the late ex-President Grant, graduated with honors from West Point Military Academy this year.

It is said if the Protestant Sunday schools were arranged in marching order they would make a line 1,000 miles long, 10,000 to the mile.

Many of the signatures to the Declaration of Independence have become so dim they cannot be read. For this reason it will not be exhibited again.

Three generations of the Langston family have been graduated from Oberlin College, Ohio, and the record is said to be without precedent in the development of the Negro race in America.

Educational

A Monument to Dr. John Braden

Dear members of the Alumni Association of Walden University: We yet have the matter of the Braden monument before us. Is it not a shame upon us that the money has not already been raised. With one dollar from every member of the Alumni Association, and what the family and other friends will do, a very creditable monument can be raised. At our last meeting on May 14 near \$75 were subscribed to be paid Dec. 10 next. Some of us who were present and had paid one and two dollars, subscribed more. It is desired that every member of the association, who has not paid, pay by the 1st of January, 1904, so as to have the unveiling of the monument at the next commencement in May, 1904.

In order to do this a finance committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. J. B. McClellan, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Hon. W. D. Hawkins, 408½ Cedar street, Nashville, Tenn., and your humble servant, the writer.

Hon. W. D. Hawkins is treasurer, and money sent to him or either of us will be duly acknowledged. Every member of the association will be communicated with as far as can be found.

Let all help this worthy cause.—Yours truly,

M. WILLIAM,

26 East Hill street, Nashville, Tenn.

The Georgia State School

The commencement exercises of the Georgia State Industrial College has closed. The year has been the most successful one in the history of the school.

Over 500 students have been in attendance and the work has been carried on with a smoothness and thoroughness seldom seen.

On Friday Mrs. Richard Webb addressed the Young Women's Literary Society. Mrs. Webb is the president of the local white W. C. T. U. On Sunday Rev. E. W. D. Isaacs, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., preached the baccalaureate sermon.

On Monday Rev. E. R. Carter, D. D. of Atlanta, delivered a fine address on Christian education to the college Y. M. C. A.

On Tuesday Rev. J. J. Durham, A. M., D. D., delivered the address to the Phi Kappa and Philosophian societies. Judge Hammond, of the Board of Commissioners, delivered the diplomas to twenty-nine graduates. The annual address was delivered by Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., of Cincinnati, O.

The following is the programme of the graduating exercises: Overture, College Band; in-

vocation; chorus, "Un Old, Ye Portals" (Gounod); theme, "House Building;" oration, "Carpentry," John A. Sampson; oration, "Brick-making," J. Augustus Snyder; oration, "Painting," Benjamin A. Judkins; piano solo, Miss Juliet G. Monroe; essay, "Dressmaking," Miss Hattie N. Riley; solo, "On Golden Wings," Miss Nellie Smith; oration, "Works, not Words," Julius C. Few, Jr.; Alumni oration, Lewis R. H. Thompson, A. B. '99; report on Farmers' Conference, Rev. R. H. Thomas, vice-president Negro Farmers' Association of Georgia; selection from "Stabat Mater;" commencement address, Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., Cincinnati, O.; chorus, Credo, St. Cecilia's Mass; presentation of diplomas; short addresses by prominent visitors; music, "Vale Dictum," College Band.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.-C. Conference

The Atlanta Conference and the Missionary Society

By REV. V. D. JENKINS.

Notwithstanding the long drouth that affected our work last year, the following figures go to show that the brethren of the Atlanta Conference stood by the Missionary Society in 1902. For the regular missionary assessments the Atlanta District had eight charges to advance over the previous year, three to hold their own and nine to fall off. The Gainesville District had nine charges to advance over the previous year, five to hold their own and eight to fall off. The Griffin District had three charges to advance over the previous year, one to hold its own and thirteen to fall off. The Rome District had ten charges to advance over the previous year, four to hold their own and four to fall off. The Atlanta Conference had thirty charges to advance over the previous year, thirteen to hold their own and thirty-four to fall off.

The fact that the church has put Rev. G. G. Logan, D. D., on the field to help us in this work of the Master has sent a thrill of enthusiasm throughout our borders, and the Rome District plans to put every charge in the advance column and a few of them in class first.

Rome, Ga.

The Bombay *Guardian*, of Oct. 11, reports: "Sister Nivedeita, known formerly as Miss Margaret Noble, came under the influence of the late Swami Vivekanand and followed him to India as one of his disciples. She is a zealous missionary of the Ram Krishna Mission, established by the late Swami. She has recently delivered several lectures in Bombay. The burden of her message was that of exhorting Indians to return to the past philosophic glories of their country. She called missionaries and others 'fools' who tried to wean India from her ancient ideals of true religion. She stated that men endowed with high mental calibre became ascetics in India in search of the highest knowledge of God, while the same set of people produced statesmen and merchants in the West.

"This reactionary method will do but temporary harm to India. Her people have left the ancient moorings, and however some may be charmed with the novelty of a cultured lady from the West sitting at the feet of Vivekanand, and extolling him as 'one who spoke with authority,' yet One greater than Vivekanand and the hoary Rishis has appeared in India and stands forth and will yet conquer India."

Dr. Chauncey Goodrich, of the American Board Mission in China, writes: "Mission work pays in China. I look back with a feeling akin to amazement on the work accomplished in the short span of my own missionary life. At the beginning of that period there were about two thousand Protestant Christians in China. Thirty-five years later, when the Boxer sirocco struck us, there were a hundred thousand, and these of a much higher type than those of three decades earlier. At the beginning of my missionary life there was a slight fringe of the Gospel on bits of the southern and eastern borders of China, and all the rest was as black as Africa. To-day, in every province of China—from beyond the Great Wall to Canton, and from the borders of Tibet to the Yellow Sea—the glad evangel is daily preached.

"An element of hope for China is that she has quite a body of young and middle-aged men who have caught the spirit of reform and who are filled with patriotism. If the Emperor should once more be in power and be surrounded by able advisers, great changes will take place and we shall have a new China."

Flood Sufferers

The great floods that have swept down the valleys of Western rivers have brought ruin to many of our people, churches and pastors. In many instances the people are so impoverished as to make it impossible to support their pastors. They must have help, and it must be promptly given. Appeals for aid are already reaching the Missionary Office. Many of the pastoral charges that are suffering are not missions, and cannot be aided except by special gifts. Send money to the Missionary Office for their relief without delay, by postal money order, express order, or draft on New York made payable to Homer Eaton, Treasurer.

Dr. Arthur H. Smith writes from China: "Almost all the magistrates in China, partly from old-time custom and partly from a felt necessity, make a practice of exacting from the people, under color of indemnity for the ocean man, far more than is required, and this is making the name of the foreigner odious."

Epworth League

Topic July 19,

Strong Men and Strong Women the Nation's Hope

(Scripture References: Ex. 18:12; Deut. 16:18; Eph. 6:10-18.)

DAILY READINGS.

Monday—Strong women rejoice in triumph. Ex. 15:20-22.

Tuesday—Women praise a strong man. I Sam. 18:5-7.

Wednesday—A strong man defendeth his country. I Sam. 17:32-51.

Thursday—A strong man facing persecutors. Acts 2:14-36.

Friday—Strong men obeying God rather than man. Acts 4:13-22.

Saturday—A strong man urges another to be strong. 2 Tim. 2:1-3.

It would not be a difficult matter for Jehovah, now, as in days of old, to act as individual instructor of men, but He has not chosen that plan except in strategic instances. Even in the days when men expected their instruction from God, He often used human instruments to promulgate His truth in the earth. In selecting men, God

has taken the strongest and best of the nation and made them to declare His counsel. The truth of the declaration of the topic has been patent in every age.

It was out of Abraham, strong in faith and piety that God called Israel. Except for Abraham's regnat faith the world never would have had Israel as a nation. The nation was born out of Abraham's faith and for thousands of years faith maintained it. "Some one has said that weakness is strength gone wrong." Let us study then the topic and learn its truthfulness and who the strong are, who form the nation's hope.

1. *The Strong in Faith.* I have read long disquisitions and labyrinthian discussions of faith, and have many times come back to Paul's declaration in Heb. 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen," as perhaps the best definition of faith yet given to the world. When, therefore, we speak of a man strong in his faith we mean a man firm in his expectations and confidences that God will perform all that He has promised us in Christ. Living in this confidence a man has a kind of present fulfillment and foretaste of the things yet to be. The men and the women who could live in the future on God's promise not yet realized, as upon the promise fulfilled, are the men and women strong in faith who have been of untold value and protection to the nations.

If you would know who some of these illustrious saints are, read Heb. 11. There will here pass before you a train of princely men of faith: Abel, Enoch and Noah; Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Moses, Joshua and Gideon; Barak, Sampson and Jephtha; Peter, John and Paul will form a part of the marching column, made radiant by the conquests of faith. In the dim and shadowy past, in the rude garden-mount stands the shaggy prophet of God, who believed that Jehovah God would answer with fire, and because of his faith saved the nation from the rock of idolatry on which the ship of State was fast stranding. It was the faith of this one man of God which saved the nation and sent destruction into the ranks of the false prophets.

2. *The Strong in Courage.* Moses led Israel from bondage, gave them laws hygienic, civil and moral and organized a nation of a mass of serfs. Then in that formative era he bequeathed his task to Joshua, to whom God came with special and peculiar urgency to be strong. In Joshua, the first chapter, we have the words which God spoke to Joshua. The task before Joshua to lead that nation into the promised land and hold them firmly to the Jehovah cultus was no child's play. God saw the necessity of a strong courage, and so he repeatedly urged Joshua to be strong and very courageous. Joshua never forgot that urgent exhortation. Twenty-four years later, when Joshua is about to close his days and lay down the leadership of Israel, with the nation standing on the shifting sands of idolatry he was strong enough to declare his purpose to serve the Lord regardless of what others might do. (Josh. 24:15.) This strong, courageous action of Joshua led all the nation to renew its allegiance to God.

3. *The Strong in Wisdom.* David was old and, having come to the end, called for the priest and the prophet and ordered that his son Solomon be anointed king. Then God appeared unto Solomon in a dream and asked him what He should give him, and Solomon asked for "an understanding heart to judge the people." This pleased God and He gave him wisdom and much more. The first act of wisdom between the two harlots

(1 Kings 3:16-28) made Solomon's wisdom famous and gave him renown throughout the nation. Solomon's wisdom and understanding is declared to have been as abundant as the sands of the seashore. All history attests the value of wise rulers. The way of the nation is largely shaped by the rulers. The strength of the wisdom of Washington and Lincoln is reflected in our national life to-day.

4. *The Strong in Righteousness.* The strength of modern civilization is in the righteous men and women of the nation. The nations whose inhabitants love righteousness will be strong for good throughout the world. Nor does righteousness become only the ruler but every man and every woman is called upon to live righteous lives. History records the fact that righteous nations live on while "The wicked shall be cast into sheol and all the nations that forget God." The nation which displays in its life the cardinal virtues shall live; the nation without them shall die. The exercise of the cardinal virtues made Rome great; when she lost them she fell. The Christian nations have gone a step farther into the theological virtues and thus come at once to regard God, and so they have been established in righteousness.

Dear Leaguer, the battle is on. Men must be saved and the world brought under the sway of Christ. It therefore becomes us to live righteous lives. See to it that your life shall be a bulwark in your League. Let it be said of you, that you are humbly yet earnestly following Jesus, that you may be established in the righteous life.

ARROW POINTS.

1. In righteousness there is hope.
2. In righteousness there is strength.
3. In righteousness there is safety.
4. In righteousness there is peace.
5. They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars, forever and ever.

Pittsburg, Pa.

Sunday School Helps

Lesson III—July 10th, 1903. Title—Samuel's Farewell Address (Sam. 12:13-25.) Study—(Entire chapter). (Golden Text—Fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart (1 Sam. 12:25). Time—10:00, B. C. Place—Gilgal.

Some time after Saul had been anointed king over Israel, Nahash, king of the Ammonites, came up against Jabesh-gilead, a city and country east of Jordan. The inhabitants offered to make a covenant with them. The Ammonites desired to put out the right eye of each individual. This would unfit them for war but not for slavery. When this inhuman demand came to the ears of the people of Israel they lifted up their voice and wept. Saul asked the cause of their grief. When told of the demand of Nahash, he took a yoke of oxen, "hewed them in pieces," and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel, with the statement that if any refused to come forth after Saul and Samuel they would be treated likewise. The people came out with one consent, three hundred thousand strong. Many of the Ammonites were slain and the rest scattered. The new king was very popular. The people desired to slay those who objected to his reign. This Saul forbid. Samuel called the people together at Gilgal to renew his kingdom. Saul was again solemnly made king, sacrifices were offered and all Israel rejoiced greatly. Our lesson is the latter part of Samuel's farewell address. The entire discourse should be studied together. When the works of Moses, Joshua, Samuel, and Jesus were finished they delivered solemn

valedictories. With this chapter virtually ends the history of Samuel.

I. *Self-vindication of Samuel (1-5).* The aged prophet had made Saul king over Israel, not because he desired to do so, but because they demanded it. The young king was then in their midst and every tongue was eloquent with his praise. Samuel was at this time probably seventy years of age. No razor had ever come upon his head. His flowing locks were likely white as the driven snow. His sons walked before the people. They had no doubt been cast out of office for wrong conduct. The aged people had known Samuel from his childhood. His life had been before them. He appealed to his record. Whose ox or ass had he taken? Whom had he in any way defrauded? Whom had he oppressed in the execution of law? At whose hand had he ever received a bribe? Let them witness against him, and he will make it good. What searching questions for a man to ask concerning himself. Yet the people replied: "Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, nor taken ought at any man's hand." The Lord and Saul were called to witness or record their statement. Note—I. *Samuel was well born.* His mother was one of the noblest of women. It is a great thing to be born in wedlock, and to descend from parents who have bright, clear minds, warm, sympathetic hearts, and strong, healthy bodies. But we cannot choose our parentage. 2. *Samuel was well raised.* Brought to the tabernacle when weaned, and solemnly consecrated to the Lord. "Parents should dedicate their children to God in infancy, and then 'bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.'" They should be taught the Lord's prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Apostle's Creed, and all other things a child should know for its soul's comfort. 3. *All through life Samuel walked in the way of his early training.* He was never overtaken in a fault. What a sublime record. No one except Jesus excelled it. We may do as well as Samuel.

II. *A brief history of the Israelites from the time Jacob went down into Egypt to the day they asked for a king (6-13).* Seventy-six souls went with Jacob down into Egypt. They were treated well while Joseph lived. But after his death a king came to the throne who knew not Joseph. The Israelites were treated shamefully for many generations. They cried unto the Lord and a deliverer was sent. God through Moses and Aaron showed many signs and wonders in Egypt, and then brought His people out with great power. He divided the Red Sea and led them through as if on dry land. They murmured for meat and He sent them quails. They cried for water and He caused it to gush forth from the rock. They asked for bread and He sent them manna from heaven. They encamped near Sinai for a year, receiving the law and building the tabernacle. They journeyed north to Kadesh. The spies were sent out. Their evil report displeased the Lord. They were turned back into the wilderness. Thirty-eight and one-half years they wandered in desert ways. All who came up out of Egypt except Caleb and Joshua, died in the wilderness. God divided the Jordan and led them into Canaan, overcame their enemies and divided the land among them. For many generations they were ruled by judges, three or four of whom are named by Samuel. Their judgeship often did not extend over the entire land, and at their death they had no successor. When the sons of Samuel did wickedly, and the tribes saw the children of

Ammon arranging to come against them in battle array, they asked for a king. Samuel remonstrated, but they said: "Nay, we will have a king over us." Saul was chosen. But he was a king without a crown, without a chief city, without a central government, and without a strong following. He gathered an army and went to battle against Nahash, king of the Ammonites, was victorious, and now the entire nation is loud in his praise. At Gilgal he was again anointed and proclaimed king. Note—Jacob going down into Egypt is like on beginning a life of sin: it is depravity. 2. Crying unto the Lord for deliverance illustrates conviction which leads to desire for salvation. 3. The justice of God as seen in the plagues of Egypt shows the awfulness of sin, and should lead to the renunciation of a wicked life. 4. The crossing of the Red Sea, and the drowning of the Egyptians are symbols of conversion. In regeneration we are freed from the enemies that hold us in the bondage of sin. They are buried in the atoning sacrifice of Christ. 5. From the Red Sea to the River Jordan is the march for conversion to sanctification. Sunshine and shadow, joy and sorrow. Overtaken in many faults, yet keeping in the way. Crossing the Jordan and entering Canaan forcibly illustrates sanctification.

III. *An exhortation to obedience (14-25).* The favor of the Lord is conditional. If the people will have a reverential fear of Jehovah; if they will serve Him in sacrifices and offerings, and prayers and praise; if they will obey His voice as given in the writings of Moses, and as spoken by the prophets; and if they will keep His commandments against blasphemy, Sabbath-breaking, dishonoring parents, killing, adultery, stealing, lying and covetousness, it will be well for them and also for the king that reigneth over them. But if they will not fear the Lord, nor obey His voice, nor keep His commandments, nor serve Him with full purpose of heart, then the hand of the Lord will be against them as it was against their fathers. Note—See here the freedom of the will. Israel had the power to choose and pursue the right way, or to select and walk in the wrong way. Everything connected with salvation, in which the will of man is concerned, is conditional. God's conduct towards man is governed by man's bearing towards God.

2. *The proof that Israel sinned in asking for a king is given.* God through Samuel is going to do a wonderful thing. They are told to wait in anxious expectation for the miraculous event. A thunderstorm in barley harvest was a very extraordinary occurrence. The force of this miracle was in the facts that this storm was out of the ordinary, and it came at the appointed time. Samuel told them they had sinned in asking for a king. Many, no doubt, denied this. The storm was sent to convince them that the prophet's words were true. They had sinned in not awaiting God's time, in setting aside Samuel in old age, in showing a spirit of unbelief, and in desiring to be like other nations. The people greatly feared the Lord and Samuel. They asked the prophet to pray for them that they die not.

3. *Though Israel had sinned greatly yet they should not give up the service of God.* It had pleased the Lord to make them His people. They had sinned many times, yet He had not cast them off. He would stand by them for His great name's sake. He had promised to do so, and He would make His word good if they would serve Him with all their heart. Samuel assured them he would not sin by ceasing to pray for them.

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The Afro-American Council and Its Critic

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from the standpoint from which it should be properly considered, and perhaps when the question is reduced to its final analysis it will appear that the whites in resorting to severe judgment of the Negroes as a race are justified by the conditions that exist throughout the Southern States. And it may be shown, perhaps, that in drawing the color line the whites are impelled thereto by the example which the blacks themselves have set.

"The Negro is essentially an emotional animal rather than the child of reason and restraint. It is an undoubted fact that the race to-day is far more immoral than in the days of slavery, when the general purpose and policy of slave owners was to check by early marriages the disposition to that particular line of immorality which has caused the greatest friction between the two races."

Our able contemporary betrays its usual weakness in discussing this question. It closes its eyes to even its own everyday line of reasoning. If "it would be manifestly as misleading to cull the few (?) educated and more moral specimens" as to select the criminal classes as typifying the Negro race, we should like to know why it would not be equally misleading to select the more moral, the more intellectual, the more valorous of the Anglo-Saxons as fair types of that race? When one speaks of the greatness of George Washington, of Jefferson, of Webster, he does not mean that they indicate what their race is, for there have been comparatively few like them. He can only mean that they indicate the possibilities of their race, they represent what it is capable of producing. Every devoted mother and proud father point their boys to these standards and urge them to attain them. They are trying to produce such men. On the other hand no college, no teacher, no family is trying to produce that class of men who rob banks, despoil women of their virtue, murder their fellows and otherwise transgress the laws of the land. True, these indicate the depths to which individuals of a race can descend after centuries of civilization and training, but not even our contemporary considers such fair types of the Anglo-Saxon. Tho they have them in abundance that race is not trying to make such men and hence these do not indicate the product of its efforts for development and its own uplift.

The Negro does not claim to have produced as many nor as great men as the Anglo-Saxon, but he is trying real hard and is making some headway. Is it unfair to ask that he be judged by the result of his efforts in this direction? Let us admit that the Negro has his full share of bad people, too many for his own good; but is there not a cause? Some of them are in the churches, as that paper would have it understood. But why not expel them? Now if the T.-D. really wants "the truth and nothing but the truth" of this matter let it send a representative to visit the towns of its own state and learn quietly from Negro preachers how many of them

have been notified by white men not to interfere on penalty of death with certain individuals who sustain some kind of relation to their churches. Again, if it be asked why not expel them? we would ask why did not the last legislature of this state pass the bill presented to prohibit such unlawful relations between the races? It is easy enough to enact laws to prohibit lawful relations, but the other seems as difficult for the state to handle as for the church through its defenseless preachers. Under such circumstances it is difficult to enforce law against any one in such churches. We make no excuse for such, we simply relate what we have learned from those who are in the midst of it. We want every man to bear his part of the burden.

The reason the Council declares that influences are at work making a specialty of holding "the Negro up to public gaze" is that letters to accomplish this end have been written to the New York Sun and other Northern papers. We are confident our contemporary could point out in this community some one who has been in this kind of business if it would. There are some papers in the South engaged in the same business, but, thank God, not all of them. It is hardly probable that the T.-D. has so soon forgotten the series of letters written by its representative from different Northern cities. It cannot be denied that those letters dealt almost entirely with the slum, the criminal element of the Negro race. Little if anything was said of the better class, only an individual now and then. Nothing of their elegant homes, which we know to be there, their successful business enterprises, etc. Such was not on the program. It was the criminal side of the black man our contemporary wished to advertise, and that paper knows that the Council was entirely right.

Why We Don't Publish Your Letters

Occasionally letters from the brethren convince us that when their reports do not appear as soon as they think they should some of them feel that we withhold them on purpose. There never was a more serious mistake. We should be glad if there was not one thing to go over from week to week, but there is no help for it. Every time the paper comes out we put as much in it as it will hold, still we are several weeks behind. You will help us by writing plainly and by making your letters short.

We Are Wondering

If Rev. G. R. Bryant, pastor at Los Angeles, Cal., and his excellent membership are going to build a new church before the General Conference?

If the bitter feeling against the Negro is going to continue to grow?

If everyone is going to be elected to the General Conference who seems to feel sure of it?

If the church is increasing in spiritual strength as rapidly as it is in intelligence?

If every pastor is trying in these enlightened times to promote the interests of his congregation as well as his own?

If Sabbath desecration will ever receive a check in these parts?

If every member of an annual conference thinks himself the best preacher in the conference?

If all colored delegates of the next General Conference will prefer to board in private families?

The Kansas legislature in its special session refused to give money to the flood sufferers.

The Afro-American Council



MR. W. H. STEWARD,

Chairman Committee of Entertainment.

The sixth annual session of the Afro-American Council convened in the Odd Fellows' Hall, Louisville, Ky., on the 1st inst. Mr. T. Thomas Fortune, editor of the New York Age, presided, and the devotions were conducted by Bishops C. H. Philipps and G. W. Clinton. Addresses of welcome were delivered by A. S. White, Esq., and Miss M. S. Brown. They were responded to by F. L. McGhee, Esq., and Col. W. A. Pledger. The session continued for three days. Many interesting papers and addresses were presented. The question of disfranchisement was the paramount one for consideration, and to this no little attention was given. The officers and various heads of the bureaus reported. Much work had been done toward improving the condition of the race. It would be profitable, we are sure, to present our readers some of the able papers that were read, but lack of space forbids. Attendance was unusually large, delegates coming from as far west as Oregon and as far east as Boston; they evinced the greatest interest in the welfare of the race.

Mr. William H. Steward, editor of *The American Baptist*, whose picture we are glad to present, left no stone unturned to make the delegates' stay exceedingly pleasant. Receptions were given at the residences of Mr. D. M. Edwards, Mr. W. H. Steward, and on the last day of the meeting at Leiderkranz Hall. The management of affairs in general could certainly not have been improved upon. That at the hall was followed by a banquet, 300 persons being seated at the table at once. Toasts were responded to by Prof. W. H. Perry, on "Our Guests;" Mrs. Lutie L. Cowan, on "Our Leaders;" W. H. Lewis, Esq., "The Ladies;" T. Thomas Fortune, "Our Aims;" Booker T. Washington, "The Outlook," and the editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, "Our Hosts." Mr. W. H. Steward was toastmaster. A magnificent repast was served by S. W. Jordan, a colored caterer. Our purpose is to publish the address to the American people which was adopted by the Council in our next issue.

It is much to be regretted that the reports sent out to the daily papers misrepresented the spirit and doings of the Council. All did not think alike, of course, but that was to be expected. Each one asserted his views when an opportunity presented itself to do so, but always in a respectful manner. The officers chosen are about the same as the previous year, and were elected without opposition. Mr. T. Thomas Fortune is president and Bishop Alexander Walters chairman of the executive committee.

Gov. Yates has cabled from Berlin that the Belleville (Ill.) lynchings must be punished.

Personal and General

Rev. M. T. Fairfax informs us that Rev. D. S. Sloan has been quite sick, but we trust he may soon recover.

George Williamson Crawford, of Birmingham, Ala., won the highest forensic honor in the Yale Law School last week, taking the Townsend prize.

Hon. H. C. Smith, editor of the *Cleveland Gazette*, has met with the misfortune of losing his mother. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Editor Smith.

Dr. R. J. Campbell, successor to Dr. Joseph Parker in City Temple, London, will be one of the speakers at the Epworth League International Convention at Detroit.

Rev. C. H. Payne, of Huntington, W. Va., who was recently appointed United States consul to St. Thomas, West Indies, was tendered a grand reception in Washington last week.

Miss Anna G. Shumpert, the daughter of Rev. J. M. Shumpert, D. D., of the Mississippi Conference, is in Chicago taking a special course in music at the American Conservatory. Miss Shumpert is a pianist of more than ordinary ability.

Rev. P. W. Clark, pastor at Alexandria, La., is arranging for a rally in the interest of his church on the third Sunday in August. The plan of the pastor and Presiding Elder Duncan is to raise several hundred dollars on the debt of the new church.

Miss Amelia M. Hunt, of Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Rev. Christopher Hunt, is on a visit to this city to see her father, who holds a government position here. Miss Hunt is a teacher in the Lincoln, one of the city schools of Kansas City. While here she is stopping with Mrs. John Wicher, No. 217 North Johnson street.

Dr. T. E. Speed, of Jefferson, Texas, who was last year elected president of the State Medical Association, has been re-elected to that position at the session of the association just held at Marlin, Texas. The session is said to have been the best yet held, and all present were much gratified with the work accomplished by their president.

Mr. Geo. W. Walker, the brother of Mrs. M. B. Davis, now of Chicago, was victorious in the oratorical contest at Beloit College in Wisconsin. This has been a great season for our boys and girls in Northern schools, and it is exceedingly gratifying to note that their white schoolmates and friends so willingly accord them all they merit.

Rev. Taylor Moore, one of the veterans of the Texas Conference, informs us that his church at Terrell, Texas, was so badly wrecked on the night of the storm June 24th, that it will have to be torn down. He says it was the best church among the colored people of that city and well worth \$2,000. The membership is small and will need some assistance in rebuilding.

Rev. Dr. D. W. Shaw, pastor, Pittsburg, Pa., held a financial rally June 21. He and officers had asked for \$500. Only a partial report was made on that day and the collectors secured \$402. In the ten weeks since conference the church has raised \$780. The pastor and officers are laying plans for another rally to be held in November to finish up the debt, and Bishop Mallalieu has promised to be with them.

Rev. W. H. Higgins, presiding elder of the Pine Bluff District, Little Rock Conference, has been sick with an attack of malaria for several weeks. He has spent some time at Hot Springs, in the home of Rev. W. S. Sherrill, taking baths for his malady. He speaks in the highest terms of Rev. and Mrs. Sherrill and of the work they are doing on their charge.

Rev. Dr. Homer Eaton, one of the publishing agents of the Eastern Book Concern, who went to China some weeks ago to inaugurate the Methodist Publishing House at Shanghai, has returned, having reached his office in New York Friday morning, June 3. The doctor is reported in excellent health and extremely hopeful for our work in China. He had the pleasure of seeing

the Publishing House in full operation before sailing. Much work in the line of printing has been received, and it is likely the House will have all it can do. He sailed from Shanghai June 3, coming by way of San Francisco, and reached his home at Madison, New Jersey, on the evening of July 2.

We made announcement in the *SOUTHWESTERN* some weeks ago of the illness of Jeremiah Culbreath, the son of Rev. A. C. Culbreath, of the Texas Conference. Mr. Culbreath took down in Cincinnati, and was cared for at the hospital. Through Rev. Drs. Jennings and Mason and Rev. D. E. Skelton, the pastor at St. John's Church, he was looked after by Mrs. Mason and other ladies of the church with tenderest care. All arrangements had been made for him to return to his father's home at Huntsville, Texas, but just about the time when he was expected to be able to leave he was called to his eternal reward. Brother Culbreath and loved ones have the sympathy and prayers of the Christian people throughout the church.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Louise E. Alton, of this city, to Mr. Stanford L. Parker, of Laurel, Del., Tuesday, July 14, at 6 p. m. Miss Alton is too well known in these parts to require special mention. She is a graduate of Southern University, a teacher in the city schools for eight years, a prominent and loyal member of First Street M. E. Church, and one of the very best young ladies of the city. We have not the honor to be personally acquainted with Mr. Parker, but he is most highly commended by those who know him. He is a successful merchant and a highly respected citizen of Laurel and a useful member of the M. E. Church. The couple will leave the city at 8:15 p. m. the day of their marriage via the L. & N. Railway. A brief stop will be made at Wilmington, N. C., and two days at Washington, D. C., where a reception will be tendered them by Mr. Parker's friends.

News Notes

Methodism is said to be stronger on the Isle of Man, relatively, than anywhere in the world.

In the French army is a colored man, Major General Dodds, who commands 20,000 troops.

Two sisters of the murdered Queen Draga arrived in Vienna June 13 in a state of great poverty.

The number of Protestant Christians in Ceylon has, in fifteen years, increased from 446,780 to 733,641.

A recent estimate shows that more than half a million divorces have been granted within the United States.

Mr. H. C. Haynes is the only colored man in the United States who is the head of a razor and barber supply company.

For the St. Louis Exposition the total appropriations by the various states and territories will aggregate \$5,000,000.

A site of land has been purchased by a number of highly respected colored citizens of Atlanta, Ga., for the erection of a reformatory for Negroes.

On July 2 George D. Cosby and B. F. Cosby, of Montgomery county, Ala., began their sentence of one year and a day in the Federal prison at South Atlanta, Ga., for peonage.

Sister Amanda Smith celebrated the fourth anniversary of the Amanda Smith Orphanage, Harvey, Ill., Monday, June 29, 1903. Since the last anniversary she has succeeded in clearing her first cottage of debt and purchased another. There is a mortgage on this to be paid and several things are needed in the office and the kitchen. She appeals to you for help.

The Park Street Church auxiliary of Cincinnati, of which Mrs. Dr. M. C. B. Mason is president, is carrying on a very useful and practical work. The poor and sick of the community are constantly visited and relieved and the children provided with suitable clothing with which to attend Sunday school. In addition to this the hospitals are regularly visited and much good is being done for the uplifting and encouragement of the poor and unfortunate. The auxiliary has doubled its membership in less than two months.

To Our Delegates—On to the Detroit

I have just returned from Detroit, Mich., and find that ample arrangements are in progress to take care of every delegate to the Convention. Local arrangements also point to the greatest convention in the history of the church and league.

BOARD.

Prof. W. H. Dammond, 209 East High street, Detroit, Mich., is in charge of our end of arrangements for entertainment. Who is Professor Dammond? Well, he is a charming fellow. He is a civil engineer in the employ of the Michigan Central Railroad. He is a Negro but holds a great position with a great railroad, and delegates to Detroit will ride over many bridges constructed under his supervision. The professor is an inventor of a danger signal for railroads which is going to revolutionize the railroad world. He is an enthusiastic Sunday school superintendent and a Methodist. That's the kind of a man who is getting ready your homes. Write him and tell him you are coming, if you have time. If you don't, well, all right, he will be looking for you any way, as I told him there would be nothing less than three hundred delegates and not more than one thousand from our colored conferences. You will be able to get two meals, breakfast and supper, with lodging for \$1 per day, and your dinner you'll take down town near the Convention at any restaurant for from 15 to 25 cents for the same.

THE DETROIT PEOPLE.

They are good folks of all races. The progressive Negro is in evidence. They are looking for you. I left them expecting the cream from our ranks, and they'll get it. Are you going, reader? Go and see something and get a quickening. You need it. Take a trip. It will rest you. Hear the Clafin singers and Miss Brazely sing. Hear the Negro speakers and others as well. We will expect to see you. When you get to Detroit go at once to headquarters and get assigned. I. GARLAND PENN...

Mr. T. Thomas Fortune, editor of the *New York Age*, who was sent last fall by the President as a special commissioner to the Philippine Islands, has returned. We have no means of knowing the nature of the report he has made to the State Department, but we learn through newspaper reports that he thinks Prof. Booker T. Washington as governor of the Islands with sympathetic commissioners, would not only reassure the Filipino people, but would cause a great many Negroes to go from this country to the Philippines.

Mr. Paul T. Gilbert, a son of the editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, who has been teaching for the past two years in Mindanao, Philippine Islands, has returned to this country. He brought a large collection of curios with him; also a Filipino lad of twelve, "Silvario," son of the presidente of Oroquieta, to educate.

The trial of James H. Tillman for the murder of N. G. Gonzales will take place in Lexington county, South Carolina, on the third Monday in September. A change of venue was granted from Columbia.

Rev. A. H. Banks called at the office last week and reported his work in a prosperous condition. He has met with the misfortune of losing his sister, Mrs. Virginia Smith, of Pecan Point, who died recently.

The Negro Emigration Association which met in Montgomery, Ala., petitioned President Roosevelt and Congress for \$100,000,000 to transport colored people to Africa.

FARM AND FIRESIDE

Gen. C. Marshall Editor

SPRAYING TO PROTECT THE ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Spraying is a difficult and disagreeable operation. But a good pump and equipment will do much toward making the work seem practical and worth while. Much improvement has been made in spray pumps within a few years, both in their ease of operation and in the mechanism for keeping the spraying mixture stirred and throwing a steady, powerful stream of spray from the nozzle. Also various devices have been adopted for combining fluids without mixing in the tank. This is with special reference to spraying kerosene and water without making a soap emulsion. But these fixtures require "expert" management and are not an unqualified success. Perhaps the best all around apparatus for spraying is a simple double-acting force pump with an air chamber and a return pipe for hydraulic agitation of the spraying fluid.

In current instructions for spraying we know nothing better than the following full directions, given in the excellent fruit growers' handbook published by Greening Bros. (nurserymen), Monroe, Mich.

"Get a spraying apparatus of a size commensurate with the area of your orchard. In the use of various solutions much care should be given to their proper strength, and to the purity of the chemicals. See that the solutions are kept continually stirred. Spray late in the afternoon or in cloudy weather, except where noted below. Use pure, clean water. Run the solutions through a screen. Mount the apparatus on a cart or wagon. Use a strong hose of sufficient length to spray one or more rows at a time. For large trees use an extension rod to elevate the nozzle up into tree.

"Kerosene Emulsion—In making the kerosene for spraying trees for lice be sure to follow the correct method: Dissolve in two quarts of water one quart of soft soap, or one quarter pound of hard soap, by heating to the boiling point. Then add one pint of kerosene oil and stir violently for from three to five minutes. This may be done by using a common force pump and putting the end of the hose back into the mixture again. This mixes the oil permanently, so that it will never separate, and it may be diluted easily at pleasure. This mixture should be diluted to twice its bulk with water or about fourteen times as much water as kerosene. The kerosene emulsion is successful in destroying cattle lice and sheep ticks, as well as all varieties of plant lice.

"Bordeaux Mixture—Four pounds of sulphate of copper are dissolved in six gallons of water, in another vessel four pounds of fresh lime are slaked in six gallons of hot water. After the latter solution has cooled, slowly turn it into the other solution, and add twenty-eight gallons of water. This when all is thoroughly mixed and strained, is ready for use. In straining this mixture reject all the lime sediment, using only the clear liquid; strain the whitewash through a coarse gunny sack stretched over the head of a barrel.

"Quassa Extract for Rose Bugs and Plant Lice—Take Quassa chips one pound; boiling water three gallons. Apply as a spray to rose bushes and to kill plant lice.

"Tobacco Extract for Aphis, Plant Lice, Fleas, Etc.—Take tobacco one pound; boiling water three gallons. Strain when cool and use. Very effective, especially on green plant lice, on roses and apple trees.

"Paris Green and London Purple—Never use stronger than one-quarter pound to fifty gallons of water. Slake thoroughly with hot water two pounds of lime and mix with the water in which the poison is used. Be sure to have the lime slaked before mixing.

"Spraying Apples—For prevention of apple scab fungus on both leaves and fruit, spray with Bordeaux mixture before blossoms open and later in the season, when spraying for codling moth. To destroy aphis or plant when the pests appear. To destroy the codling moth, canker worm and curculio, spray with Paris green or London purple, one-quarter pound to forty or fifty gallons of water, soon after blossoms fall, and again two weeks later, using at the same time the Bordeaux mixture for the apple scab. To destroy the web worm, spray with London purple or Paris green as soon as they appear. This application should be made during the middle of the day, when the worms are out of their webs feeding on the leaves.

"Spraying Cherries—For insects, and diseases of the cherry, spray with the same materials and at the same periods as recommended for apples.

"Spraying Pears—The pear slug can easily be destroyed by dusting air-slaked lime over the trees, or using Paris green, four ounces to fifty gallons of water, as soon as it begins operations. Pear and quince leaf blight (not twig blight.—Ed.) can be controlled by spraying with Bordeaux mixture. The codling moth and curculio should be treated the same as recommended for apple trees.

"Spraying Plums—Destroy the aphis with kerosene emulsion applied with a fine spray nozzle. The curculio can be destroyed by spraying with three ounces Paris green to forty gallons of water. First application should be made as soon as blossoms have fallen, and repeated at intervals of a week or ten days. The addition of Bordeaux mixture to the above applications will increase their efficiency and help control black knot, rot and other fungous diseases. Other insect enemies of the plum will be destroyed by this method, but in all cases be particular to keep the poison and water constantly stirred. For slugs use same as for pear.

"Spraying Peaches—If attacked by the peach aphis, spray with kerosene emulsion. The plum curculio frequently attacks the peach, in which case spray with Paris green, three ounces to fifty gallons of water, adding also two pounds of lime; be sure to keep it well stirred and use with caution. Never use Paris green or London purple on peach trees unless lime is added. For curl leaf spray three weeks before buds start in the spring with Bordeaux mixture, and repeat again in about ten days. Plant varieties that are less subject to curl leaf, such as new Prolific, Banner, etc.

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DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

V. Trotter, Enterprise, Miss.—My second quarterly conference convened on the 16th and 17th of May, with the presiding elder, J. C. Hibbler, in the chair. The brethren met with good reports. The elder preached two wonderful sermons to a large crowd and our souls were made glad. Collection raised in the quarter, \$25.00; paid the elder up and gave the pastor \$12.35.

J. M. Moffitt, Reporter, Western District, N. C.—The Epworth League and Sunday School Convention convened in Marion, May 7-10, Rev. M. M. Jones in the chair. The energetic and efficient president of the Western District pushed the good work on to success. The program was taken up and executed in excellent spirit and interest. The addresses, papers and discussions were handled in such a manner that much good will ultimately result. The people in Marion spared no pains in making everything pleasant for the convention. Quite a number of visiting friends were present, among whom was C. C. Jacobs, field agent of the Sunday School Union. The speeches which he delivered here will long be remembered. Many other speeches were delivered that inspired us to higher ideas. "Look up, lift up," is the motto of the League for the Master and the uplift of humanity.

Thomas Blanton, Clay City, Ky.—Rev. B. J. Strider, pastor of Clay City M. E. Church, just closed a series of meetings. He had fourteen additions to the church and the outlook is bright for a prosperous year.

T. Cole, Paris, Tex.—The camp meeting by the Epworthians of the Paris District, which the weather prevented, has been opened in the Mt. Zion M. E. Church, and after eight days 21 persons have joined the church. S. E. Ewing, A. J. P. Belaher, J. I. Gilmore, J. H. Anthony, L. L. Neal, P. E., and city pastors.

M. C. Cavines, Pastor, Dallas, Tex.—On the 1st day of June we pulled off a first-class financial rally. The church was divided into clubs, viz.: Lily Whites and True Blues. The Whites were led by Mrs. Y. Nunceance, the Blues by Mrs. Nora Cole. The heroic efforts of these two captains and their followers would do credit to any church. The Whites raised \$240, the Blues \$324, making a total of \$564.

Martin T. Hooks, Pastor, Greenfield, Mo.—I came from the Lincoln conference to my appointment and entered upon my work. I found a happy people, that received me and my family with great kindness. The parsonage was too small for my family. The good people at once added another room and made all necessary repairs. The very first night we set up house-keeping many friends surprised us with a lot of groceries. We have organized the Epworth League and the Junior League, with all the departments. We had a good mid-week quarterly meeting. Our new presiding elder, W. M. Smith, made a good impression upon the people. We have received three persons into the church, baptized one, married one, and buried one.

G. W. Baker, Pastor, Starkville, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference was held May 30-31. Rev. Thos. W. Davis could not be present, so the Rev. M. C. McEwen, of Durant charge, filled the chair with much credit and delight to all. Members were present with well written reports. Sunday was a high day. Brother McEwen preached a wonderful sermon. Many hearts were made to feel glad. Raised for this quarter, \$85.00. Our Sunday school reports were good; 150 general average. The report of the pastor was better than for years. Brothers M. Stallings and John Holbert royally entertained the elder.

EPWORTH LEAGUE GROUP MEETING.

An Epworth League group-meeting was held in St. Paul M. E. Church, Jefferson, Texas, May 21-23, Rev. B. M. Taylor, conference president, presiding. Miss Dora Nelson was elected as secretary; Kay W. McMillan was elected reporter. After organization Rev. Taylor made some timely and interesting remarks as to the aim and work of the meeting. Prof. H. B. Pemper-ton of Marshall was present and addressed the meeting. The Epworth League sermon was preached by Kay W. McMillan to an appreciative audience. A grand reception was given by the local chapter. It was very largely attended and was made an enjoyable affair. Rev. Taylor needs to be commended for his efforts and the way he has taken hold of the work. The movement is a good one and needs only to be supported to accomplish the desired good.

L. Speed, Pastor, Gloster.—Our second quarterly conference was held May 30-31, with our esteemed presiding elder, Rev. R. P. Threlkeld, in the chair. Reports showed an advance along all lines. Paid presiding elder on Saturday, in quarter, \$17.95. Collection for the day, \$15.25, for pastor; one subscriber for the SOUTHWESTERN.

B. R. Jackson, Plaquemine Charge.—Our second quarterly conference closed May 17th with round report. Everything is in very good shape. Our presiding elder, Rev. H. Taylor, accompanied by Rev. P. C. Colton, was on hand. Rev. Colton preached an able sermon. The delegate elected to the Annual Conference is B. R. Jackson; alternate, E. Hill.

C. L. Angram, Pastor, Sicily Island, La.—Our first quarterly conference was held May 29-30, by our presiding elder, C. D. Shallowhorne. Notwithstanding the high water had us surrounded on this island, Easter was carried out. We had a grand time. Collection good.

A Teacher, New Orleans, La.—Our school is on the up-grade. We recently celebrated our first love feast with delight. Each scholar had a verse from the Bible, and spoke it with gladness. The second class for religious instruction was organized by our pastor. Collection was grand. The pastor preached two nice sermons. Our Sunday School Missionary Society is doing nicely under the leadership of Miss Polly M. Brewer. Our superintendent is a tireless worker. The stewards of our schools are Masters

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B. J. Jackson, Schriever, La.—New life is getting in the work. May 4 a committee of five went to the parsonage and surprised the pastor with a lot of groceries. May 17 was a grand day; \$40 was raised on the debt. Little Benjamin Byrd died May 22, aged 2 years.

Wm. McNeal, Pastor.—On my arrival here I found no church, no place to worship, so I began work by looking for a house, but I failed to find one for six months. When I did find one I borrowed the money and paid for it, and went in it at once. On the fourth Sunday in May 14 joined the Sunday school. With the help of the Lord we will be ready by the 15th of October with our benevolences. We have Brother J. H. Dunlap, a working steward and faithful class leader, and Brother W. C. Harris, a good Sunday school superintendent, to help. Also B. Harris, a local preacher, is faithful to duty.

Jamison, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference was held at Midway, May 30-31, with Rev. B. F. Woolfolk, presiding elder, in the chair. He made a strong talk on all lines of church work. All of the members of the conference were present except four, with good reports. Thirty-eight persons were received into the church, among them being an old man a little over one hundred years old. The elder preached to the edification of both white and colored. The collection was \$29.30. Prof. W. H. Bailey was elected lay delegate to the annual conference. P. H. Blackman is the reserve.

The Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues of the Atlanta District held their annual convention at Newman, Ga., Rev. S. A. Stripling, pastor, June 28. Delegates were sent from each Sunday school and league as representatives. Rev. W. J. Smith preached the opening sermon. An able sermon was also preached by Rev. P. H. Travis. A most interesting program was rendered and the business of both departments was dispatched promptly. The annual address of the Epworth League

was delivered by President Wilson. Secretary I. Garland Penn made an eloquent appeal in behalf of his work. Sunday witnessed the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. At 11 o'clock Presiding Elder Oliver preached a very able sermon. Sunday afternoon Miss A. E. Hall, deaconess of the Atlanta Conference, spoke to a crowded house in behalf of the Junior work. Sunday night G. A. Ballard, president of the Clark University League, spoke on the subject, "From Childhood to Manhood."

Wm. Johnson, Pastor, Mountain City, Tenn.—My third quarterly conference was held May 30-31, Rev. R. A. Swan, presiding elder, presiding. Every interest of the work was looked after. Sunday was a great day. The elder preached to the delight of all. Forty-seven communed. Brother Ben Wilson, Sister Millie McCorkel and Sister Lola Wilson died during the quarter, and the elder conducted the memorial services. Brother Davenport, of North Carolina, was received by letter in the church. Quarterly lovefeast closed the best quarterly conference in the history of the church. Collection, \$20.26.

W. M. Brown, Marshall, Tex.—Pastor and members of Ebenezer M. E. Church are preparing to celebrate the bi-centennial anniversary of the life and work of John Wesley on the fourth Sunday in June. The indications are that this will be one of the greatest celebrations in the history of the church. A splendid program has been prepared.

H. R. Smith, Houston, Tex.—The Epworth League group meeting met in Houston, Tex., June 2-3, at Trinity M. E. Church, under the management of Rev. B. M. Taylor, conference president of the Epworth League. We had a very good meeting. Several valuable papers were read. The following pastors were present: Revs. J. F. Barnes, C. M. Moore, C. C. Minnegan, W. H. Logan, D. D., Presiding Elder Rev. E. Lee, and Rev. Wm. Bartley, of Galveston. Each one spoke very encouragingly upon the work of the Epworth League. Also Rev. B. M. Taylor urged upon each pastor of the district the need of putting the Epworth wheel in motion.

J. White, Eola, La.—When Rev. S. M. G. Toyler came to us from the Louisiana Conference the time was dark and gloomy, but the day has dawned and we are yet alive.

Mary J. Singleton, Reporter; C. M. Singleton, Pastor, Courtney Circuit.—Our second quarterly conference was held May 30-31. The presiding elder, Rev. J. A. Tilory, presided. The reports of the leaders showed improvement. Rev. Tilory preached three soul-stirring sermons. Paid presiding elder in full.

R. M. Miller, Centreville, La.—Under the management of Miss Sarah P. Henry we had one of the grandest concerts ever given at this place. The hall was crowded with white and colored people.

W. H. Gilliam, Pastor, Sallis, Miss.—Sunday, May 31, was a high day spiritually and financially at Barlow Church. Rev. E. C. F. Troupe was with us. In his sermon he was at his best. Those who had lists deserve much credit for their earnest efforts.

They report as follows: Sister Mary Unger, 95c; Sarah Harman, \$1.80; Brother Wash. Harman, \$4.55; J. W. Johnson, 40c; Tom Stingly, \$1; Granby Harman, \$1.70; Joe Shanks, \$5.60; J. C. Clark, \$9.65; members, \$65.60; total collection, \$91.35.

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REPORT OF CONVENTION.

The Epworth League and Sunday School convention of the Wilmington District, North Carolina Conference, met in St. George Church, Maxton, N. C., May 27-30. The most helpful program in all probability the convention even planned for its anniversary was carried out in every detail and without a break or a change. The annual sermon was preached on Wednesday night by Rev. B. F. Thomas. The first meeting was held on Thursday morning, May 28, Rev. I. Wells, presiding elder, presiding. N. D. Shamborguer was elected secretary, with Miss Lettie Allen as assistant. Rev. W. P. Hayse and his accomplished wife, with the kind people of the city, took the best of care of the delegates and visitors. Rev. C. C. Jacobs, D. D., was present and addressed the convention. His speech was a great one and the work of the Sunday School Union was well put. Rev. J. S. Setles of the Zion Church was a genial visitor. The sermon by Rev. A. H. Newsome on Thursday night was a masterpiece. The memorial services of Mr. T. J. Allen, conducted by Rev. N. D. Shamborguer, were quite impressive. Sunday was a high day. Revs. R. Streeter and Peter McRaye conducted the love feast. Sermons were preached by the following brethren: Rev. N. D. Shamborguer, Rev. H. L. Ash, Rev. W. M. Roberts. The district officers are: Rev. I. Wells, P. E., president; Miss Hattie Steel, first vice-president; Miss Maggie McLain, second vice-president; Miss Annie Adams, third vice-president; Miss Carrie Garrison, fourth vice-president; Prof. W. H. Thomas, treasurer; Rev. W. M. Roberts, corresponding secretary; Miss Marie J. Allen, recording secretary; Miss Lettie Allen, superin-

tendent of the junior department. Executive committee: Rev. I. Wells, P. E., Rev. A. H. Newsome, Rev. N. D. Shamborguer. Delegates to the International Convention: Rev. I. Wells, P. E., Rev. A. H. Newsome, Rev. H. L. Ash, Rev. N. D. Shamborguer. Thus ended the best convention in the history of the district.

N. D. SHAMBORGUER, Secretary.

A. B. McQueen, Walnut Cove, N. C.—We are now building a parsonage. We have a new bell at the new church at Germanton. We have added some good members lately to our church and are having some good meetings. We are keeping all of the departments of the church before our people. I have sent in about all of my pledges for the SOUTHWESTERN, but I will not stop; I will send in more.

S. McDavis, Quitman, Miss.—My second quarterly conference was held May 1st, with C. H. Brown in the chair, and we had a good time. He preached one of his best sermons. Paid pastor \$52.72; elder, \$8.50.

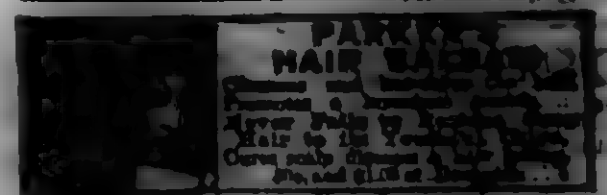
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F. D. Thomas, Pastor, Pleasant Hill, La.—On Saturday night, May 30, a grand sacred concert was given at Taylor Chapel by Mrs. Bertha Thomas for the benefit of beautifying the church. Sunday, May 31, was a high day under the management of the steward sisters. The pastors of the following churches were present: Rev. E. F. Harris, Rev. D. Shally, Rev. T. F. Robinson, Rev. W. H. Jones. Raised Saturday night and Sunday, \$81.90.

Mr. Nath. Phillips, Mrs. Lodema Nickelson, Hennessey, Okla.—Dr. W. F. Smith, of the Central Alabama Conference, who was transferred to Lincoln Conference and stationed at this church, has had fifteen converts and the church has been revived as never before. Rev. Smith is a strong man and we are proud of him. He has put life into the Epworth League. Our presiding elder was with us and preached two good sermons. Rev. W. F. Smith says all the families of the church must take the SOUTHWESTERN and each pay \$1 missionary money, and we are going to try to do so.



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DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS.

Bristol, Marion, Va. July 8-12
 Shubuta, Moss Point, Miss. July 8-12
 Brookhaven July 9-12
 Winston, Winston-Salem, N. C. July 9-12
 Opelika, Alexander City July 15-20
 Marion, Marion, Ala. July 15-19
 Montgomery, Brewton, Ala. July 22
 Aberdeen, Brooksville, Miss. July 22
 Greenville, Gunnison, Miss. July 22
 Dallas, Corsicana, Texas. July 21-26
 Tupelo, Okolona, Miss. July 22-26
 New Orleans North, New

Orleans, La. July 22-26
 Meridian, Enterprise, Miss. July 22-26
 Oklahoma, Muskogee, I. T. July 22-26
 Greensboro, Leakville. July 22-29
 Holly Springs, Grenada, Miss. July 22-26
 Nashville, Sparta, Tenn. July 28-29
 Griffin, Jonesboro, Ga. July 29
 Anniston, Attala, Ala. July 29-Aug. 2
 Jackson, Yazoo City, Miss. July 29-Aug. 2
 Fort Smith, Danville, Ark.
 July 31-Aug. 3
 Greenwood, Ebenezer, Miss. July 31
 West Tennessee, Brownsville, Tenn.
 Aug. 3

Palestine, Palestine, Tex. Aug. 4-9
 Monroe, Mt. Nebo, La. Aug. 5
 Vicksburg, Fayette, Miss. Aug. 5
 Alexandria, Booneville, La. Aug. 5-9
 Topeka, Fort Scott, Kan. Aug. 5-9
 Waco, Calvert, Texas. Aug. 5-9
 Cumberland River, Cherry Valley, Tenn. Aug. 5-10

Rome, Cave Spring, Ga. Aug. 6
 Rome, Cave Springs, Ga. Aug. 6
 Waynesboro, Statesboro, Ga. Aug. 6-9
 Huntsville, Huntsville, Tex. Aug. 11
 St. Louis, Farmington, Mo. Aug. 11-15
 Gainesville, Cartersville, Ga. Aug. 11-16
 Huntsville, Athens, Ala. Aug. 12
 LaGrange, Meansville, Ga. Aug. 12
 Shreveport, Shreveport, La. Aug. 12
 Clow, New Lewisville, Ark. Aug. 12-16
 Louisville, Cloverport, Ky. Aug. 18-16
 Lexington, Parsons, Tenn. Aug. 18-23
 Marshall, Mineola, Tex. Aug. 18-24
 Austin, Georgetown, Tex. Aug. 18-23
 Baton Rouge, Donaldsonville, La. Aug. 19

Birmingham, Mantua, Ala. Aug. 19-22
 Ohio, Oberlin, O. Aug. 19-23
 Sedalia, Sweet Springs, Mo. Aug. 19-23
 West Nashville, Dickson, Tenn. Aug. 25
 San Antonio, Seguin, Tex. Aug. 25-31
 Pine Bluff, Clarendon, Ark. Aug. 26-30
 Paris, Clarksville, Tex. Aug. 26-31
 Austin, Georgetown, Tex. Aug. —
 Navasota, Caldwell, Tex. Sept. 1-6
 Ocala, —, Fla. Sept. 9
 Houston, Kendleton, Tex. Sept. 17-30
 Little Rock, Little Maumelle, Ark.
 Sept. 24-27

Greenville, Gunnison, Miss. —
 Palestine, —,
 Austin, Georgetown, Tex. —

CONVENTIONS.

Shreveport, Mansfield, La. July 8-9
 Fort Smith, Morilton, Ark. July 16-19
 Fort Smith, W. H. M. S., Van Buren, Ark. Sept. 3-6

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A. B. Harris, Pastor, Darrowville.—Our second quarter was held June 6, with our presiding elder, Rev. H. Taylor, in the chair. Officers present with great reports, which showed that the work was advancing on all lines. Since the first quarter we have raised more than one hundred dollars. We paid the presiding elder his full quarterage, \$12.00, and more besides.

A. Butler, Chunkey, Miss.—Our quarterly conference was a grand success. Rev. W. H. Smith held conference and preached a good sermon and administered sacrament to 57. Paid elder in full \$11.25; pastor, \$45; mission, \$2. Chunkey is in fair condition.

W. J. Smith, Pastor, Roanoke Charge.—Our second quarterly conference was held June 13-14. The presiding elder was at his best and preached two able sermons. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated and we had a grand time. Collection, \$29.51. Paid the presiding elder in full. Raised for all purposes this quarter, \$157.31. We have built one new church and are now worshipping in it. It is known as Hunter's Chapel and has less than thirty members. We had a rally at this place on the first Sunday in June, at which we raised \$9.05. The following persons contributed: Brothers Smith, A. A. Glanton, T. B. Ross, A. B. Emory, Sam Thomas; Sisters Millie Hunter, L. J. Hunter; Brother S. W. Worders, Sister Pauline Hunter, Brother Harper Emory, Brother D. V. Story, Sister Julia Ross, Sister E. R. Ross, the pastor, Sisters Mary J. Johnson, Nancy Walker.

B. Carr, Fouché, La.—Our second quarterly conference was held June 6 and 7, with the Rev. C. D. Shallow-horne in the chair. Officers were present with written reports which showed an increase in the work. The Sunday school is in good state. Fifty-nine met the presiding elder. Easter was a high day. The presiding elder set a day for the SOUTHWESTERN. Collection for this quarter was grand. Raised for all purposes, \$63.40.

A. Jackson, Pastor, Buford Circuit, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference was held on the 9th of June, with Rev. A. Davis, presiding elder, in the chair. Leaders were present with written reports which showed the work in a prosperous condition. Collected for pastor and elder, \$27.40; secured one subscriber for the SOUTHWESTERN, and have had four conversions.

G. W. Hunt, Momy, Miss.—We are moving along nicely at this writing. The leaders and stewards are looking after every interest of the church. Our second quarterly conference was held June 6-7. Rev. B. F. Woolfolk, the presiding elder, was not with us, but sent a good man, Rev. L. F. Jones. The conference was a success. Paid the presiding elder \$13.15. We used the program for Children's Day; everybody enjoyed it. Raised \$5.00. Mr. McLean at Wildwood is a good man; he always helps the church and the preacher. He has given the church an organ, two \$10 lamps, and is yet giving, especially to the writer.

Reporter, Sharpsburg, Ky.—Our first quarterly meeting has just ended. Rev. E. A. White, presiding elder, presided. The meeting was in every respect a spiritual one. Our young and prof-

cient pastor, Rev. Joseph E. Burton, is in every respect the man for the place; he is meeting with phenomenal success. The rally on the quarterly meeting occasion surpassed anything that we have had in this church for years. Sisters Smith, Danridge, Baker and Brother Carter, who were leaders of clubs, are deserving a special mention. The collection was \$67.80. Brother Burton and his family are very much admired by the members and friends of our church.

F. H. Harvey, Napoleonville, La.—For three weeks we have been waging war with the host of sin; and now that the smoke of battle has cleared away, it is evident that the victory is on Israel's side. The old church at Napoleonville is spiritually alive. The result of our revival is twenty-two converts and accessions. Forty-two members bowed at the Sacrament table last Sunday.

A. B. Venable, Clinton, La.—The Macedonia Church trustees gave a rally the 24th of June. They raised \$52.95. The Lord was with us on that day and poured out His spirit. The following divisions rendered good service: E. B. Hardon, J. D. Hanks, S. Bell, Wm. Harrison, W. W. Hunter, Percy Johnson.

W. L. Marshall, Pastor, Bay St. Louis, Miss.—On June 11-12 we held our second quarterly conference, with Presiding Elder Cowan in the chair. Officers had full reports. Rev. Cowan preached us two earnest sermons. Collections were as follows: Trustee funds, \$24.88; benevolent, \$50; presiding elder, \$10; pastor's salary, \$53.75; total collections this quarter, \$138.63.

J. J. Courts.—Our first quarterly conference was held at Union Chapel M. E. Church, with Rev. H. Taylor, presiding elder, in the chair. Officers had written reports showing a grand success. Raised this quarter \$601.00. Paid presiding elder. Rev. Taylor preached as never before. The pastor, E. J. Harrison, and presiding elder administered the sacrament to 103; baptized, 4; added to church, 9.

W. McDonald, Ardmore, I. T.—I arrived here April 24. The officers received me kindly. I found a neat little church, built just two years ago. It is seated with chairs and lighted with electricity. My wife arrived four weeks after I did. A few nights after her arrival the good people stormed us with at least a hundred pounds. We are getting along nicely. This is a city of 14,000 inhabitants, 12 churches, 3 banks, 2 oil mills, 1 compress. The colored people are doing well.

Conference Notices

MERIDIAN DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Meridian District Mission Conference convenes in Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, July 22 to 26, at Enterprise, Miss. Program—Missionary sermon, G. W. Arnold; "Necessity of Missions," Rev. P. R. Orump, B. W. Roberson and E. M. Shed; "Should the Church Tolerate Panoramas, Concerts and Secular Entertainments?" W. H. Smith, N. E. Goodloe and Wm. Emerson; "The Duty of the Negro Members of the M. E. Church to Africa," A. J. McNair, R. L. Brooks and W. F. Hughes; "How and When Should the Missionary Collec-

tion Be Taken?" G. W. Arnold, P. A. Taylor and J. H. Nickels; "Christianity Compared as with Other Religions," N. W. Ross, L. S. Holton and C. W. Ivy; "The Necessity of Our Freedman's Aid School," N. Cannon, J. Williams and A. Page; "Why Should the Church Extension Society Be Supported by the Membership of the M. E. Church?" C. G. Gavina, C. W. Jones, H. B. Keys; "An Industrial and Higher Education for the Negro," Revs. H. R. S. Erby and E. P. Chapman; "Should the Increase of Societies Be Encouraged Among Our People?" N. Collier H. E. Morgan and J. Newel; "Gammon Theological Seminary," A. Butler and J. E. Webb; "The Meridian Academy," C. H. Brown, V. Notter, R. B. Anderson and W. R. M. King. The Epworth League Sunday School Convention will convene on Friday in connection with the district conference. Committee: A. J. McNair, C. W. Ivy, Sec.; G. W. Arnold, W. H. Smith, J. C. Hibbler, P. E.; Rev. Dr. I. B. Scott.

NOTICE.

To the brethren of the West Nashville District Conference: Will convene in the M. E. Church at Dickson, Tenn., Aug. 25, 1903. Let each circuit and station be well represented. Come and let us make this the greatest district conference we have had. Send me the name at once of all local preachers and exhorters and delegates who will attend, so I may know and get rates for them, if I can. Yours for Christ.

S. M. STRAYHORNE,

Secretary of the District.

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CUMBERLAND RIVER DISTRICT FOURTH BOUND.

Grant, Aug. 1-2; Cherry Valley, 8-9; Carthage (by T. Blackman), 15-16; Gallatin, 16-17; Mitchellville, at Hall's Church, 15-16; Dicktown and Gordonville, 22-23; Algood, 29-30; Cookville, Sept. 5-6; Alexandria (by Rev. F. Smith), 5-6; Liberty (by Rev. T. Blackmore), 5-6; Braden Chapel, 13-14; Lebanon, 20-21; Hartsville, 26-27; North Lebanon, Oct. 3-4; Springfield, 10-11; Breensville, Sept. 15; Livingston, Sept. 8.

You see, brethren, I must close and am not able to get around for lack of time, as the Annual Conference is on. Push every interest of the church as never before. And come to district and annual conferences with round reports on all lines.

District conference at Cherry Valley, beginning Aug. 5 and continuing five days. Missionary rally Friday night, Aug. 7. Let us make this the best district conference ever held in the district. I am expecting, according to promise, Dr. Logan or Dr. Bowen. Epworth League and Sunday school institutes will be held on Saturday and Sunday during district conference.

H. W. KIR, P. E.

PALESTINE DISTRICT.

Dear pastors and members of the Palestine District: I have sent by mail blanks, cards and programs for the district conference. Should you need more, write me at once. I will send them. The cards are to be given out to active workers for Wiley University. We want to raise \$400 for Wiley at the district conference. It can be done. The rally for the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE will be conducted by Dr. I. B. Scott or his representative. Let us make a grand success of this rally. The charge raising the largest amount over \$40 can send a girl or boy to Wiley one year.



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NOTICE.

MT. NERO, BASTROP, LA.

All pastors of the Monroe district, please send me the names of the different delegates who will attend the Monroe District Conference. By so doing you will oblige your yoke-fellow in Christ, T. P. NORRIS.

NOTICE.

The first session of the Greenville District Conference will convene in the M. E. Church at Gunnison, Miss., July 22, 1903, Wednesday, morning, at 10 o'clock a. m., and will be in session four days. Drs. I. B. Scott, R. E. Jones, J. P. Ragg, G. G. Logan and I. G. Penn are cordially invited to be present on that occasion. Let the ministers come full of the Holy Ghost and revival fire. Each and every pastor must report benevolence in full. Brethren, push the interest of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. Yours fraternally, J. W. WINBUSH, P. E.

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AUSTIN DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Belton and Kell Branch, July 4-5; Temple and Troy, 11-12; Montopolis, 18-19; Lettig, 25-26; Luling, Aug. 1-2; Wesley Chapel, 8-9; Simpson Tabernacle, 15-16; Georgetown, 22-23; Lockhart, 29-30; Winchester, Sept. 5-6; Giddings, 12-13; Cedar Creek, 19-20; Smithville, 26-27; Burnett, 29-30; Davilla, Oct. 3-4; Bartlett and Holland, 7-8.

Dear brethren, our district conference will be held Aug. 18-23, at Georgetown, Tex. The Sunday School and Epworth League Convention will meet in connection with the district conference. We urgently yet respectfully request that every Sunday school enter the contest for a free scholarship to Sam Huston College. The leagues of the district are also requested to raise a neat sum for Sam Huston College. The chapter raising the highest amount will be awarded a beautiful price. Local preachers of the district are asked to compete for the books of the local preachers' course, first or second year. Let every local preacher enter and raise something for Sam Huston College. We earnestly appeal to every Sunday school, to every Epworth League chapter and to every local preacher to make the greatest effort to raise at least \$250 at the district conference. We want that every pastor of the district be able to report half of all claims raised.

The committee on program will send you a program soon. We are hopeful. The outlook is good. Keep courage, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might, and success will attend your every effort. Yours, in His name, W. J. JOHNSON, P. E.

FORT SMITH, ARK.

The date and place of the convention of the Epworth League of the Fort Smith District has been changed. Instead of Morrilton, July 16-19, it is Danville, July 31.

M. N. LANGSTON, P. E.

The Tupelo District Conference will convene at Union Grove July 22-28. All north and west of Tupelo will come to Wettleton, Miss.; south and west of

Okolona, Miss., will get off at Okolona. Come on the 21st so as to be there on the 22d at 8:30 a. m. There will be conveyances at each place to meet all trains. J. T. CANNON, Pastor.

NOTICE.

MILFORD, TEXAS.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Dallas District will convene at Corsicana, Texas, July 22, with the District Conference. Let every auxiliary send a delegate with a report. Please send something besides dues. Send something for the Girls' Home, also contingent money; and where there is no auxiliary, pastors please see to it that something is raised and brought forward for this grand and good work. Those that failed to observe the fifth Sunday in May should do what they can in His name. Pastors, help the sisters, for they help you all the time. The programs are out. Mrs. E. S. Spriggs, conference corresponding secretary, will be there. Mrs. SUSI H. BURGESS, District President.

To the Sunday School Convention of the Holly Springs District, July 23: Let the superintendent of every Sunday school be present. It is expected that every Sunday school will be represented by a delegate who will be fully prepared with the paper as printed on the program. The annual tax is 25 cents from each Sunday school, said amount to pay cost of printing programs. Bring the \$2 or as much as you can on the Century offering for Rust University. Let the meeting be well attended. We hope to have Dr. R. E. Jones with us. The printed programs are out.

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Rushville, Ind.—Mrs. Louise Fletcher, mother of Rev. T. R. Fletcher, Lexington Conference, died at Cincinnati, O., May 13. She was 84 years of age and had been helpless for three years, blind and paralyzed. She died in the triumph of faith. T. R. F.

Shreveport, La.—On Sunday night, June 7, 1903, Sister Amanda Harris, a member of St. Paul M. E. Church and wife of Brother William Harris, died. Sister Harris had been sick for several months. She was one of the faithful members of this church and one who delighted to be in the service, and seldom missed her class or church when well, and who never flinched from her duty. Her pastor attended her funeral, aided by Rev. H. Daniels, presiding elder.

Brother Brown Ankrum, about 70 years of age, died on June 12, 1903. He was one of the founders of St. Paul M. E. Church. His end was perfect peace. He leaves a wife and a host of children. His pastor conducted the funeral from his church, on the 13th. H. J. WRIGHT, Pastor of St. Paul M. E. Church.

Jefferson Preston Ober, born in the state of Alabama Feb. 23, 1833, died at his residence, No. 502 Dale street, this city, June 2, 1903. He was a devoted husband, affectionate father and a devoted Christian. He was converted and joined St. James M. E. Church, this city, in May, 1875, and was licensed to exhort by Rev. W. Carr as local preacher in 1887. He filled every office in the local church from sexton to local preacher. Often during his affliction he would say to his wife and those who came to see him that his hope was in heaven.

Fort Worth Circuit, Texas—Mr. J. Davis died May 27. He was 20 years old. A mother, father and seven sisters survive him. R. N. Thompson conducted the funeral.

Galveston, Tex.—Sister Lucy Lee, an old member of St. Paul M. E. Church, died June 5. She was a woman of strong Christian character and died in triumph of faith. She was 65 years old.

Sister L. Austin, also a member of Tabernacle Church, died June 8, aged 36 years.

Sister Dora Jones, a faithful member of West Tabernacle M. E. Church, died June 8. She was a faithful and obedient servant of God. She was 38 years old. W. M. BARTLEY, Pastor.

Handsboro, Miss.—Sister Elmira Sims, the wife of Tom Sims and a faithful member of Tinky Creek M. E. Church, died June 9. She was a member of the M. E. Church for thirty years and one of the trustees. She was about 85 years of age.

Macon, Miss.—On June 7 Brother Stark Triplett, a member of the M. E. Church, fell dead at his post of duty, just as we were closing the morning services. He was a faithful member of the church for 20 years.

D. L. TUBBS, Pastor.

Abbeville, Miss.—Sister Indiana Cancer died a few weeks ago. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. C. McGee, and Dr. N. H. Williams.

Belcher, La.—Sister Rebecca Poppa, aged 77 years, died May 17. She and her husband were the founders of Methodism in this place. She had been a member of the Methodist Church for 45 years. Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. C. Turner, Rev. F. G. Cook of the Baptist Church, and Rev. Taylor.

Bay St. Louis, Miss.—Sister Lettie Razon, of New Orleans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, died at the home of Brother Wavers June 10. The funeral was conducted by the pastor of the Methodist Church.

W. L. MARSHALL, Pastor.

Benson, La.—Mrs. Henry Williams died June 2. Her funeral was conducted by the writer, who will also conduct her memorial exercises on the 19th of July. R. E. WHITE.

Carn Springs, Ga.—Sister Sallie C. McHenry died March 5. She was a consistent Christian and was always found doing her duty. J. O. SMITH, Pastor.

Verdunville, La.—Miss Lizzie Hernandez, a very promising young lady of this community, aged 20 years, died May 31, 1903. She found Christ pre-

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Okolona, Miss.—Brother Edward W. Thompson, a good Christian, died June 12. Before his death he paid his pastor's salary in full, the presiding elder's, \$1 for missions, and paid on the indebtedness of the church. He was a trustee of the church, also a trustee of Okolona Industrial College. D. A. BRAGG, Pastor.

THOS. McCABY, Conference Evangelist.

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Meadville, Miss.—Brother Tony Williams, a faithful member, died suddenly at the church of which he has been a member for years, June 4. J. C. RUCKER, Pastor.

St. James, La.—In memory of Mark Anthony Turner, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Turner:

Sweet in the repose of death
Did our darling lose his breath;
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To let us know that he was gone.

Oh, how we nursed and loved our babe,
And tender efforts to soothe we made;
But alas! it hadn't come to stay,
And took little wings and flew away.

We know that angels caught his soul,
For dear little Anthony was four weeks old;
And though we have Lucille and Wade,
We certainly miss our darling babe.

Clinton, La., Macedonia Church—Sister Sallie Cavalier, aged 32 years, died June 14. She died in full triumph of faith. A. B. VENABLE.

LaGrange Circuit—Sister Sadie Bar-

field, a consistent member of the church, was born 1875; died June 15. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church in 1885. Her funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. M. Reed.

Wilson, La.—Mrs. Teana Ray, aged 21 years, died June 6, in full triumph of faith.

Brother Mason Tapp, aged 60 years, a member of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, died June 10. Funeral was conducted by the writer and Rev. Wm. Harrison, pastor of Mt. Carmel M. E. Church. H. J. ROBINSON.

Gallatin, Tenn.—Died, at her home, June 10, in the seventieth year of her age, Sister Sallie Campbell. She had been a member of Key Chapel 26 years, and was a true Christian.

H. PRIMM.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Natchitoches, La.—Miss Mattie A. Wetherspoon, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Add Wetherspoon, was married at the bride's residence June 9 to the Rev. L. C. Thomas, of New Roads, La. Rev. W. J. M. Price officiated.

Stoneham, Tex.—Mr. Archie White and Miss Hattie Louisa James were married June 13 at the residence of the bride's parents. Rev. S. M. Bolden, pastor, officiated.

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Rev. A. W. Bird, Cleveland, Ky.—New Providence M. E. Charge on June 14 celebrated its fourteenth anniversary. The Sunday school took part in services also. Rev. Shelbywoods, of the A. M. E. Church, and his congregation. Rev. Woods preached two sermons. We had a great day for God and man. Total collection, \$26.99.

Matilda Harper, Monroe, La.—We are glad to say that we are coming to the front again under the leadership of Rev. F. M. Lashington, our beloved pastor, who is striving so faithfully for the cause of Christ. The steward sisters' rally May 31 was grand. We raised on parsonage and furniture, \$30.45. Mrs. G. A. Lashington, our pastor's wife, is loved by all.

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CRESCENT CITY NOTES

At the bi-centennial of the birth of John Wesley held in First Street M. E. Church, this city, one of the selections which deserves special mention was the address by Mrs. Ella Sachery on the "Organization of the Church."

Miss McKinney, a deaconess, who has been teaching in the San Juan (Porto Rico) school, passed through New Orleans on her way North. She was accompanied by Miss Carriere, of the Congregational School. The Italian Mission friends extended a greeting, and provided a program. Miss McKinney told of the place, the customs of the people and of Christian work among them. She had a few photos which gave an idea of their homes, etc. After prayer and an address of welcome by little Louizella Vacca, ice cream was served. So passed a pleasant evening and all wished Godspeed to those who try to win souls for Christ.

NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE.

The New Orleans branch of the Negro Business League effected its permanent organization at the meeting held over Burbridge & Dejoie's drugstore last week. The following officers were elected: A. Dejoie, president; Z. T. Evans, vice-president; B. Hillary, treasurer; P. James Scott, secretary, and H. Thomas Calloway, corresponding secretary. A committee was appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws. The next meeting will be held Friday night, July 10, at B. T. Hatters', corner Philip and Dryades streets.

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Dr. D. A. Williams, East Hampton, Conn., says if any sufferer from Kidney and Bladder Disease will send him their address he will mail them free of all cost, some of the remedy they are looking for. The ONE that will cure them.

Summerfield, N. C.—The Summerfield Circuit had an Epworth League anniversary Sunday, May 31. The chapters from Summerfield and Raleigh's Cross met at Gallon's Grove. A fine program was rendered, after which Prof. P. L. Eccles, of High Point, delivered the annual address. There was a large number of people present. Collection, \$18.00. Rev. Jones preached a wonderful sermon. We will raise more this year than ever before; more persons are also taking the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE than ever before.

B. F. Springfield, Big Creek, Tenn.—The Big Creek and Ramsey Circuit, under Rev. H. Dunlap, pastor, is coming to the front, both spiritually and financially, as was plainly seen in the reports to the third quarterly conference which was held June 13, with Rev. J. A. W. Moore, presiding elder, in the chair. Good reports were received. At the close of the quarter the Rev. S. B. Brown from Alabama was introduced. He made some encouraging remarks. The elder preached soul-stirring sermons. Children's Day services were good. The financial result of the whole occasion was \$23.27.

LITERARY NOTES

How many persons know that the number of stripes on our flag is fixed, and why? How many know from what flags of Great Britain our Stars and Stripes are an evolution? Who knows how the flag adopted in 1777 and the flag carried in the Mexican War differed? Who knows in what year Congress passed the law which governs the flag honored and loved to-day around the world? All these facts and many other interesting details will be told in the July St. Nicholas by Parmelee McFadden.

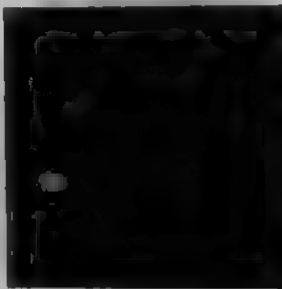
The chapters which have appeared from month to month in *The Century* during 1902 and 1903, telling the story of Pa Gladden, his simple faith, his quaint optimism, his broad humanity, will be gathered and published in book form in the fall by *The Century Co.*, under the title of "Pa Gladden—The Story of a Common Man."

The *Review of Reviews* for July gives many interesting facts in connection with the Obrenovitch dynasty in Serbia, which came to so shocking an end on June 11. The prospects of the new reign and other topics related to political conditions and transformations in southwestern Europe are editorially discussed in this number.

Wm. Payne, Pluto, Miss.—My quarterly conference was held by Dr. J. M. Shumpert, D. D. We had a grand time. The collection was \$22.00. We had a spiritual time. One hundred persons partook of the Lord's Supper.

A. A. Wright, Pontotoc, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference was held in the new church at Mt. Nebo, May 30 and 31, by our presiding elder, W. C. Clay. The presiding elder preached three good sermons. The Lord's Supper was administered to eighty persons. Collection, \$20.10.

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E. D. Ford, Pastor, Chatawa Charge.—Our second quarterly conference convened June 11. Our beloved presiding elder being absent, Rev. J. S. Bell filled the chair. We enjoyed Rev. Bell's presence. Officers present with good reports. Paid presiding elder in full. This quarter paid pastor \$25. We are moving on nicely.

Wm. H. Hebrew, Pastor, Nashville Circuit, Ark.—The second quarterly meeting was held at Ebenezer, June 6-7, Presiding Elder T. R. Wamble in the chair. Brethren present with written reports. The work is in a much better condition than at the first quarter, as was indicated by the reports. The presiding elder preached Sunday and addressed the League. The sacrament was administered to 47 communicants.

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Editorial Notes

How about those subscribers you promised to send us? We are depending upon you.

union

Thank God for the friends of justice and fair dealing still left to the Negro in the face of all that is said against him in these dark days.

union

The spiritual life of the church depends upon that of the individual members composing the church. You should seek to raise the average by your own spiritual uplift.

union

Pope Leo XIII of the Catholic Church, whose residence is at Rome, Italy, has been seriously ill for several days. His life has been despaired of several times, but at this writing he is still alive.

union

The joint commission composed of representatives of the African M. E. Zion Church and the Colored M. E. Church in America, which has charge of the effort to unite those two organizations, met in Charlotte, N. C., Wednesday, the 15th inst. We certainly wish them success in their undertaking.

union

The Evansville, Ind., mob that was determined to lynch Lee Brown, who had killed a policeman, did not rally again after being fired into by the militia. Six were killed outright and six others have died since, besides there were more than twenty wounded. These are harsh measures, but a mob is a hard crowd.

union

It has been announced in the secular press that the committee that went to Los Angeles, Cal., to see whether the arrangements made for entertaining the forthcoming General Conference are satisfactory, acting for the commission, has decided that the conditions are up to the standard required and that the General Conference will meet there. Official announcement will be made in due time.

union

Governor Durbin of Indiana seems to think that lynch law is but lynch law and one species is no better than the other. Hence he declined to allow Lee Brown, whose act in murdering the Evansville officer was the beginning of the recent disorders in that city, to be conveyed at once to the scene of his crime for immediate trial. Among other things said in his wire to the judge who had ordered his return for trial, was this: "No ground should be given for the suspicion that even a guilty man had been railroaded to the gallows to satisfy public sentiment, or that the civil authorities have been influenced to the determination of their course by the demonstration of the lawless. If guilty of murder he will pay the penalty with his life." Therefore the trial is postponed till the regular term of the court. This is sound doctrine.

How Shall Our Young People be Saved

In suggesting this subject we recognize the fact that it is being asked again and again by mothers and fathers in every part of the land. Their hearts, we are sure, are burdened and their thoughts constantly going out on this line. But, after all, we dare say that the young people from such homes should bring sorrow to their loved ones and grief to themselves, is the exception rather than the rule. While they need assistance and encouragement in order to develop into strong manhood and womanhood, they stand a much better showing to make success in life than the scores of others who do not enjoy the elevating and helpful influences that come from a well ordered home. These, it is evident, furnish the ever increasing number of recruits to the vast army which is marching in the road to destruction.

3,000 New Subscribers by October 31, 1903.

The Presiding Elders' Council which convened in Meridian, Miss., June 25th, passed resolutions calling upon the Presiding Elders and Pastors of the 20 colored conferences to unite in the effort to secure 3,000 annual cash subscribers for the Southwestern before the close of the fiscal year, October 31st, 1903. The editor was also requested to so report subscribers received each week, as to show not only the total number received, but the number still needed to reach the 3,000. Therefore, in accordance with this action, we call upon our ministers, our officials and the members of the church throughout our territory to join with us in this movement to make the paper self-supporting before the time for closing the four years' work expires. Let our readers keep their eyes on the publishers' column, page 16, each week.

tion. Therefore when we ask, How shall our young people be saved? while we mean to include all, we have reference more especially to those who were neglected in early life. No child has a fair chance in life who does not come from a good home and who cannot recall the helpful teachings of a devoted mother. Even with these he has a struggle to make it through life, but without them he is placed at a very grievous disadvantage. If parents, young and old, whose thoughts shall be arrested by these lines, will only give due consideration to the same, there is no doubt that many a young person will be helped in the battle of life.

In shaping the lives of the young men and women of our time we sincerely believe that nothing can take the place of good home training; by this we not only mean good, but intelligent home

training. The result will be evident in the moral character, the language and the ability to do things intelligently and well. In this connection we would ask—who can take the place of a mother who is qualified to set in motion influences for good in the life of her child that will last throughout time and into eternity? The idea of home training may not fully embrace that of education, but it does to some extent, at any rate. However, we desire to include it for the time being, and therefore urge that a good education is of prime necessity in fitting our young people for the battle of life.

Next we would urge the necessity for good association. We are confident that too many parents, some of them good meaning parents, are far too careless on this line. It seems to make no difference whatever to them whom their children may choose for an associate; neither where nor at what time they may be found together. Such conditions have been allowed to exist by parents until the moral life of the child was entirely destroyed and they have only been aroused to the seriousness of the mistake made in this particular when his ruin was fully accomplished. It may be a broad assertion and perhaps everyone is not prepared to believe it, still we feel confident that out of every ten persons who smile in the face of a mother there is at least one of the number ready to tear from her arms the child of her love and care. We do not desire to lead parents to regard everyone with suspicion, but it is our wish to place them on their guard. For it cannot be denied that too many good young girls and boys of every community are led to destruction before the very eyes of unsuspecting parents, and that such an end is often accomplished by those considered friends.

Connected with the idea of good association is that of good reading. The mind of the idle is the most fertile field for those who seek to influence to wrong-doing. Hence we do not believe we put it too strongly when we say that the greatest weakness of the average young person of to-day is that he will not read. The kind of association he ought to have is difficult to find; good books and other reading matter of similar character would to a very great extent atone for this, but he is an absolute stranger to these. He stands ready for anything else and everything else. As to the remedy, that must be left to those who engage in the work of strengthening and helping our young people. The Sunday school must do its part, the Epworth League must do its part, and there is no denying the fact that the church must do its part. We do not claim to have exhausted this subject, neither was it our purpose to do so; we only hope that what is here written may be the means of arousing those who should be most concerned to inquire diligently as to How shall our young people be saved?

Bishop Hood is said to be the oldest Negro bishop in the country.

Our Contributors

Address to the American People

At the recent session of the Afro-American Council, the address to the American people was read by the chairman of the committee on address, the Rev. Dr. I. B. Scott, of New Orleans, La., and was unanimously adopted. It is as follows:

"Believing confidently as we do that a vast majority of the people of this country favor that spirit of freedom and exact justice to all which not only gave birth to the nation, but has led it more than one to espouse the cause of the oppressed, and insist that every man shall be permitted to adjust the standard of his own worth, and thus settle for himself the place he will occupy in life, we, the representatives of 10,000,000 American citizens of African descent, do thus the more readily present our cause before the great bar of public opinion, as hereinafter set forth:

"First—That we would call attention to the readiness with which we have at all times responded to our country's call, and fought patriotically and bravely to sustain the nation's honor and our country's flag.

"Second—Our presence in this country, and the place we occupy therein, were not of our own choosing; we came in possession of this heritage as the result of an unusual and remarkably strange chain of circumstances. As we now look back over the past, it appears that our interests were guided by a divine hand, and that the outcome is the culmination of the divine purpose. This being true, our future is secure, and this country will in the years to come, as in the years that are past, profit by our presence.

"We recognize with pleasure the friendly relation that has all along existed between the best people of the white race and our own, and we sincerely desire that nothing may be permitted to intervene to mar this relation. Still we are confident that no one who notes carefully the signs of the times can fail to discover that there are influences at work in nearly every part of the land to accomplish this very end. Who can fail to see that just at this time, and more so than for a number of years past, the Negro is being held up to public gaze as the most objectionable and undesirable citizen that treads American soil? The ignorant, vicious, criminal classes are pointed to as the types and products of the race, rather than those who are the output of the Negro's best endeavors for race development and uplift. We declare this standard of measurement to be unfair to any people, and believe that fair-minded citizens of the entire country will agree with us in this view. These do not indicate our capacity, either for present or future citizenship. It would be as fair to judge the white race of this country by those of their number who have assassinated Presidents or been guilty of treason or have betrayed and murdered innocent women. Judge us as you judge the mechanic; judge us as you judge the scholar; judge us as you judge yourselves, not by the worst, but by the best products time and opportunity have enabled us to send forth to take their places among their fellows. It is manifestly unjust to seek to impress the country that because the Negro was once a slave he is not and never can be a man; because there are Negroes who sell their votes, the Negro is not worthy of citizenship; because there are Negroes who commit crimes, therefore, the Negro is a criminal race.

Fewer Mob Victims.

"As to mob violence it is gratifying to note that for the past year or two the number of victims

show a decided decrease, and while all these were not members of our race, the vast majority were. But notwithstanding this fact, we should not feel called upon to discuss the matter at all at this time were it not that though the number of victims is decreasing the variety of provocations which lead up to this act of violence is growing more and more insignificant, but at the same time more numerous. It is not an unusual thing to read these days of Negroes being lynched for impudence, refusing to obey, striking a white man, etc. Now, we submit that lynching for any cause is destructive of law, is demoralizing. But to subject persons accused of or even guilty of such trivial offenses as we have indicated, to unlawful punishment and death, is to make the Negro the marked man of the nation; for him to suffer violence for such causes will eventually involve many of our best people. Even as it is in some sections of the country it means death for a Negro to attempt to protect the females of his family. We ask in all sincerity, is this American? Is it right? Such conditions indicate clearly a tendency to anarchy, and anarchy for the Negro will terminate in anarchy for all men. Law sustains our splendid civilization, and the absence of it means destruction. Lawlessness begets its kind and its increase can bring no good to any one.

"But again, the number of those of our race who are now accused of the nameless crime against women is so small as compared with the whole number lynched that it is scarcely necessary to discuss this as a distinct crime. Yet we desire to say that we make no plea for any man who may be proven guilty of this crime—our plea is for law and for the protection of the innocent. It cannot be denied that again and again it has come out that innocent men have been put to death by impassioned mobs. If such persons had opportunity they could no doubt prove their innocence, but this is denied them. Does it weaken our case to plead on behalf of such for a stay of execution? Whatever the crime, the accused is in your hands and must be tried by your law; surely he could not be more completely at your mercy.

The Humility of Our Fathers.

"We are not unmindful of the fact that fault is found with the Negro, the educated Negro, because he is not as humble and self-forgetful in all things as were his fathers or what is called 'the old Negro.' This we admit, and yet we feel it unfair to expect it of us; we were born under different circumstances from those under which our fathers were born, and breathe an entirely different atmosphere. Nevertheless, we allow no man to be more polite, more considerate of the rights of others than we. We make this a leading principle of our daily life and teach it to our children as well.

Disfranchisement.

"It is now clearly evident that the purpose of those who first started in ostensibly to disfranchise the ignorant Negro has been broadened and strengthened. Their purpose now includes almost all Negroes. In certain of the states this result has already been achieved, and thousands of qualified men are denied positively and absolutely the right to vote. In such states taxation without representation prevails as truly as ever it did when England had control over the American colonies. As to this matter, we cannot afford to, and do not wish to be misunderstood. We make no objection to the disfranchisement of the ignorant Negro, provided proper provision be made for their education and provided also the same class of the other races are similarly dealt with. Our contention is not for special but equal privileges. We have no desire to dominate, but we

believe the ballot a protection to the citizen, both as to his person and his home. Let those who question this note the result in those states where the Negro has no influence in the selection of the officials of his local community; study the effect on the assessment rolls and the public schools; in the local courts and the press of the community. Under such circumstances the disfranchised citizen is at the mercy of a class of officials who themselves do not always represent the best thought and blood of the community. Such a condition of affairs has given birth to the unjust class legislation now so common in the South. To these unjust discriminations we cannot be expected to submit without a struggle, and in our effort to secure and enjoy our rights as American citizens we invoke the sympathy and assistance of all good people.

In Hands of Justice Loving People.

"But those who are the leaders in the disfranchisement of the Negro do not stop here. Their plan, now so distinctly seen that he who runs may read, is to decitizenize him entirely by the repeal of the war amendments to the United States constitution. The logic of their argument seems to be that the better qualified the black man is the less he is prepared for citizenship. That is to say, since he now owns about \$500,000,000 worth of property and every other man of the race can read and write, he should be deprived of citizenship. We have reason to fear there is some danger from this source. However, we are willing to leave our interests on this line in the hands of the justice-loving people of this country. This will serve to place the friends of the race on their guard and to remind them that 'eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.'

"Finally we exhort our people to faithfulness and greater diligence along all lines. Let them cultivate the virtues while they frown down and discourage recklessness and criminality among all with whom they come in contact. The crusade for education, both higher and industrial, should be religiously continued while there should not be the least relaxation of their efforts to accumulate property, stimulate greater activity on commercial lines and cultivate the most friendly relations with the best people of all races by whose side their lot in life may be cast. But in this final word we would also exhort them to a firmer reliance upon God and a determination always to seek His guidance and follow His leading. The assurance of His word as well as what He has done for them in the past ought to convince them that they can hope to secure no good except from His hand, to achieve no victory but by His strong right arm."

The Pedagogical Profession Should be Dignified

BY MR. JAMES APPLESSES, PRINCIPAL ST. PAUL GRADED SCHOOL.

I am now about to enter a field that has been sadly neglected, not so much for the want of visitors, but, for the lack of that heroic courage that has been of so much importance in enriching and ennobling the various interests of humanity.

While noting the weakness of others in this intellectual field, I am not unmindful of my own weakness; but seeing the necessity for an amicable strike at this point, I've endeavored to give my readers a glance into this intellectual field, and the plea I shall make is for a dignified profession. This may puzzle our readers, for some no doubt think the teachers' profession has all the dignity that can be bestowed upon it. But I think not; and I am thinking of the best method of dignifying it. I do not think in common with many that

the teaching profession should be left entirely to the feminine sex; I do not see how the profession can ever be a popular one as long as that cry is continued. The very word education in itself is a contradiction of that cry; for the word is from *e* and *duco*—meaning to lead forth, and from creation the key of leadership was given to man to lead while others follow, and not to follow while others lead. This being true, the profession is no more a feminine than a masculine profession. Still I think the feminine sex should have an equal chance alongside with the masculine. No, the pedagogical profession could no more get along without her charming presence, melodious voice and unlimited sympathy than could church or state. But all will admit that while she doesn't run the church or state, she is a great factor in bringing about the right results in these two institutions. And viewing from this standpoint, I hold that she should hold the same relation in the schoolroom. But I do not see anything in favor of man's abandoning the profession altogether, leaving it entirely to her. You may trace Grecian history as far back as the fourth century B. C., and you will find her pages enriched with the works of Plato, Xenophon, Aristotle, and Epicurus, who stood at the very source of that intellectual stream which has given so many noble lives; and that inspiration which has given man a loftier ambition and a greater desire to help fallen humanity.

Looking at the profession from a broad and liberal standpoint and measuring out to every individual his just proportion, I will proceed to give to my readers what I consider the best method of dignifying the profession.

First, raise the scholarship. No person should think of teaching who hasn't spent at least one year in the high school studies. To enforce this the examinations should be as follows: For third grade certificate the applicant should possess a fair knowledge of higher arithmetic, higher lessons in English grammar, United States history, physiology, geography, civil government and history of education, and make on an average not less than 60 per cent. For second grade there should be all the subjects that are included in the third grade, and in addition thereto physics and algebra, and make on an average not less than 75 per cent. For first grade all the subjects included in second and third grades, and in addition thereto rhetoric, geometry, English literature, general history, and botany, and make an average of 75 per cent. For professional certificate all the subjects included in the first, second and third grades, and in addition thereto trigonometry, psychology, chemistry and Latin, and make on an average not less than 80 per cent. With such a curriculum I think the profession would be dignified from an intellectual point of view. Oh! you may say that is too rigid. I quote in reply from that well-known educator, Mr. Payne, "Above all the teacher must be a scholar, and if he is to be a teacher of real power, he must be a man of wide and accurate scholarship." Well, some would probably say, that we would have very few teachers with such a standard. Well, it is better to have one good teacher than half-a-dozen poor ones. But this would not weaken the profession; it would strengthen it in two ways; first, it would increase the attendance in the colleges; secondly, it would call for better investigations.

You may say that we could not find the material but we could; we have it already at hand. What of the thousands of graduates and under-graduates of the high schools and colleges? Force the incompetent teacher to the threatening banks of Niagara or into the classic halls of the colleges

and the profession would be dignified from an intellectual standpoint.

But this in itself is not sufficient. So this is not the only way of dignifying the profession. I have in mind the best way of dignifying the profession and since I've given to my readers our fitness, I fear not to give what I think a true and just compensation for such qualification. But before going further, I will say, that, poor pay has done much in lowering that most noble of all professions. Now, the question is, how much should be paid? I answer, a living salary. A third grade teacher should receive \$40 per month; one of second, \$60; one of first, \$75, and one of professional, \$100. This is what I call a living salary. Now, the length of the schools should not be less than six months nor more than nine; of course the terms of schools should be arranged to suit the various localities where farming is the occupation of the people. I think it should be arranged thus: three months in the winter and the remaining three in the summer; this would give to those larger pupils who are compelled to labor on the farm as a means of support a chance to obtain a practical education. I hope by this time that my readers can see what I mean in speaking of the best method of dignifying the profession. You give a man a living income and that in itself will awaken him to his duties. Oh, you may say the ancient educators didn't receive large salaries for their work and they worked zealously. I agree that this is true—but we are living in a different age; we are living in an age of commerce and inventions, and commerce means the exchange of dollars. They lived in an age of national glory and military distinction; we are living in an age of culture and refinement; they lived in an age of hardihood and simplicity.

Hence we need greater compensation; it would make us more respectable and give greater weight to our argument. Viewed from whatever point you may, a man of means is a power, whether in school, church or state. But you may say that some states couldn't afford such a large compensation; they have no public lands from which to obtain public school funds, and their revenue does not permit such compensation. Then I suggest that where the funds from public lands, revenue and poll taxes are deficient, there should be an additional tax of from one to two mills assessment, according to the deficiency in funds. This of course would seem very much like burdening the poor laborer. But I think not. It would be no more a burden than the forcing of a special tax for bridges or public buildings. They pay these taxes without murmur, and I believe they would just as willingly make the same sacrifice for the cause of education; and why shouldn't they? They make it in favor of the liquor traffic and other narcotic influences. In conclusion I'll say, I think it no more unjust to force man to sacrifice for a noble cause than to compel him by some evil influence to make a greater sacrifice for the damnation of his soul.

Starlight, La.

My Trip Through Mississippi and Louisiana

REV. W. F. WATERS.

At the close of the Presiding Elders' Council I spent Sunday, June 28, with Rev. and Mrs. A. J. McNair, in charge of St. Paul M. E. Church, Meridian, Miss. They are doing good service and are loyally supported by the people. In the afternoon I visited Haven Chapel of this city, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith in charge. Both are energetic and faithful workers, whom the people love.

From Meridian I went to Vicksburg, spending a day or so in the home of Prof. and Mrs. G. E. Shannon. Prof. Shannon has been principal of the Vicksburg school for nearly a dozen years. He is a keen observer of all public affairs and converses intelligently and profitably. His wife is a charming hostess. I enjoyed being in their home. Rev. M. White, who was appointed here some months ago, has already done much for the church. The Sunday before my arrival he, with his people, raised \$477.50 on a church extension debt. This was done by great sacrifice both upon the part of himself and the people. He has kept the interests of the church to the front. Mrs. White, suffering from a partial stroke of paralysis, cannot assist him as in former years.

Shreveport, La., was my next stop after leaving Vicksburg. Here we have two good churches, St. Paul, Rev. H. J. and Mrs. Wright in charge, and St. James, in the care of Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Brown. Both churches are in good condition and the pastors are making a creditable record. Sunday morning was spent with Rev. J. O. Brown in general class meeting, which was marked with intense religious fervor, yet calm and helpful. In the afternoon, at St. Paul, an interesting Epworth League program was rendered, Mrs. C. B. Murray presiding, Messrs. W. J. Walker, W. H. Rip-toe and Misses Gertrude and Olivia Wright, Y. A. Rogers, Mabel Green taking part.

Each of the pastors of the above named churches gave me a hearty welcome and opportunity to represent the cause of the SOUTHWESTERN, and a good list of subscribers was secured from each place.

In an article to follow I shall mention some business enterprises of these cities and otherwise venture an observation or so.

Some Things I Saw on the Way

Having read often, through the columns of the SOUTHWESTERN, of the great work being done for the church by Rev. F. T. Chinn, it was my desire to meet him, and Providence favored me on my arrival in New Orleans. Having an invitation to attend the annual sermon of the Eastern Stars of the city, I consented. Sunday afternoon, accompanied by Miss Fitzpatrick, found us at Simpson Chapel. Here we met most of the Grand Officers of the state, with three Chapters represented. Mrs. Price, the Grand Matron, filled her station with dignity. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Chinn, the pastor of Simpson. In it he paid a glowing tribute to woman; he spoke of her as a mother, sister, daughter, and a great leader, and said she can take the world for good, with her kind and gentle influence, if Christ is her Guide. To those who have never listened to the eloquent and flowing language of Rev. Chinn we say, "the half is not told. You should hear him."

The people of Moss Point are loud in their praise of Rev. R. N. Jones and his loving wife. The town is revived and Methodism flourishes.

At Handsboro we met the staunch supporter of Methodism, Rev. J. I. Garrett, who wields a great influence for bettering the moral and spiritual condition of our people. It is said there is nothing needed in the parsonage, but a wife.

Bro. Dudley, at Hattiesburg, has a fine church, and a plan to raise one thousand dollars to prepare for the Annual Conference.

Rev. J. K. Comfort is much loved at Ellisville; he preached an eloquent sermon for the Eastern Star on Sunday. The "Old Folks' and Orphans' Home" seems to be a certain success in his hands and should have the support of all who sympathize with suffering humanity.

Rev. Brown and his faithful wife are hard at

work building a church at Enterprise. Sister Brown has been elected as lay delegate to the Annual Conference.

It was our good fortune to visit Meridian, and in company with Rev. A. J. McNair, the popular pastor of the city, and wife, was conducted through the Academy. We exclaimed: "Truly a thing of beauty and a joy forever." Prof. Wilson has accomplished a great work that will ever remain as a monument to him, for he has made the work great. He has an able and efficient faculty. Rev. McNair is a firm supporter of the school. Most of the rooms are completed and occupied by teachers and students. The Academy is greatly in need of a library. Let some one step forward and work to that end; the church, as well as the race, will appreciate such service for God.

Bro. Dobson, at Shuqualak, is a great success, living in the hearts of his people. His sermon on "The Resurrection" was eloquent, impressive, and spiritual. It is self-evident that Rev. W. H. Golden, at Brooksville, is a success, for he has ever been ready and willing to go where the church would send him, and succeed. He is well pleased and says his highest aim is to take that part of the world for God and Methodism. We did not meet Bro. Thompson at Columbus; but with Bro. York superintending, we met Sisters Shumpert, Ferguson, Morgan, and others. Here we organized a "Woman's Home Missionary Society" and left it in good hands. We met Bro. Whitlock at Aberdeen, looking hopeful and well.

Bro. Blevins is in charge of Aberdeen Charge, as Rev. McDonald has been transferred to Lincoln conference and is in charge of Ardmore. It was a surprise to his members and they reluctantly released him, for they love him. We wish him success.

Bro. D. A. Bragg, at Okolona, with Father M. Adams, is very busy preparing to entertain the conference, and thinks all who visit the conference will be conveniently and comfortably situated.

We find the citizens energetic, Bros. Carter, Turner and others busy handling goods, while others are following different vocations. Yours truly,

MRS. P. O. JAMISON.

Okolona, Miss.

Life of Faith

THE OTHER SHORE.

Some changes, there will surely be,
With some that cross this silent sea.
The beggar, there, may have a home,
The rich without a shelter roam.

A monarch, there, may kinship crave,
Amid the vassal and the slave,
The cruel, there, will shelter seek;
The proud change places with the meek.

The master, there, the slave may be,
The slave without a chain go free.
The foolish here, be there, the wise,
Their folly, there, the shrewd, surprise.

The poor have gathered for the skies,
The riches that the angels prize.
The rich, eternal mansions sold,
For dust of diamonds, and of gold.

The judge may be the culprit there,
The culprit render judgment fair.
The lowly ones be placed on high,
The haughty ones unnoticed lie.

The tired ones of earth that die
Shall live, and rest, with God on high.
These changes, ay, and many more,
Shall come upon the other shore.

—Justus Butler.

A Prayer.

This is a prayer for our life so simple that a child may utter it; so sublime that a seraph, who fulfils God's commandments, hearkening unto the

voice of his word, may make it his own; so comprehensive that it may be used on the week's working days as well as on the Lord's Day—so that, before putting a coin in an automatic machine or investing a fortune, before smoking the first cigar or learning to dance, before going to a place of amusement or a religious meeting, we may look up into God's face, and say, "Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God."

Observations

BY REV. F. H. ADAMS.

Get a blessing by being a blessing.

The best way to be happy is to make some one else happy.

Many Christians need to read the newspapers less and the scriptures more.

Include among your Christian graces that of not talking about your neighbor.

Jesus never worried about his social standing; he sought the outcast and fallen.

The devil hates to see a man give up tobacco, for fear he will increase his church subscription.

You can hold a penny so close to your eye that you cannot see a dollar or a whole block behind it.

"Give until you feel it." But some people feel it so quickly. That is a tender spot, where the purse lies.

Young people will find it easier to bow gracefully and speak pleasantly in society if they practice at home.

"Straight is the gate and narrow is the way." Never be afraid of being called "narrow" if it is that kind of narrowness.

The church member who can use a pack of cards more handily than a Bible is selling his birthright for a mess of pottage.

The young men who stand outside the church Sunday evening are as good as the young women who accept their company.

"A man is known by the company he keeps;" and Jesus ate with publicans and sinners. Don't be afraid of getting soiled.

The wise men not only worshipped Jesus, but also presented unto Him gifts, and the first gift was gold. Oh, for more wise men!

God sees that honest desire in your heart to live a better life, and though man may not credit you with it, God will reward you for it.

The self-seeking church or Christian will not grow. It is a question of expansion or extinction. "Give and it shall be given unto you."

Time is not transferable. If you have plenty, do not spend it with those who have not. They cannot use your time, although you take theirs.

It is well to remember that it was to the "laboring class" that the angels announced the Savior's birth; they were shepherds doing their duty.

There is a vast difference between flattering a person and encouraging him. The former is done with an evil purpose, the latter with a pure motive.

Sometimes we wonder why the scriptures tell the bad things people did. It is because the Bible is not a fairy tale. When God writes a man's biography he tells the truth.

Your Highest Moments

It seems to me there is no maxim for a noble life like this: Count always your highest moments your truest moments. Believe that in the time when you were the greatest and most spiritual man or woman, then you were your truest self. Think of the noblest moment that you ever passed, of the time when, lifted up to the heights of glory, or bowed down to the depths of sorrow, every power that was in you was called forth to meet the exigency, or to do the work. And then believe that the highest you ever have been you may be all the time, and vastly higher still, if only the power of the Christ can occupy you and fill your life all the time.—John Wesley.

Woman's Dominion

Woman's Work in Mississippi

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Mississippi met at St. Paul M. E. Church, Meridian, Miss. The meeting was opened with a song and Scripture reading by the president, Mrs. J. L. Wilson. Rev. Wesley Ivy led in prayer, after which the president read an interesting paper, subject, "Mothers of Ancient Rome." The paper was edifying and enjoyed by all present. The conference secretary being absent, Sister Anna Brooks was chosen as secretary *pro tem*. The reports of Mrs. B. L. Crump and Mrs. E. L. Smith were read and adopted. The state organizer, Mrs. May, reported the number of Home Missionary Societies she had organized since the last conference. They are as follows: J. S. Hart, secretary, P. O., Hub, Miss., 27 auxiliary members; Mrs. C. E. Thomas, secretary, Shubuta District, P. O., Ellisville, Miss., 16 members; Mrs. Fannie Erby, Meridian District, 11 members; Brookhaven District, China Grove, Miss., Mrs. H. J. Jordan, secretary, 12 members; Oak Grove, Miss., Mrs. E. M. Foxworth, secretary, 11 members.

The state organizer, Mrs. H. May, has accomplished a good work since the adjournment of our last conference and is due to an abundance of praise. She urged that each auxiliary society send so much to the General Home Mission Treasurer of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. She then asked what field of labor our Home Mission wanted to take up, so as to accomplish some good for the missionary work. Meridian chose the Industrial Home in connection with Meridian Academy for their field of labor. The conference officers agreed to meet at Ellisville the 13th of July, also a number from each auxiliary is to be at this meeting. The conference president, treasurer and organizer were selected to make out the program for the meeting; \$1.50 was appropriated to the conference press to pay for the printing of the programs for the meeting held in Meridian, May 14th. No other business, the meeting adjourned to meet at Ellisville, July 15th.

MRS. J. D. WILSON, Conf. Pres.

MRS. H. MAY, Conf. Organizer.

MRS. ANNA BROOKS, Sec. Pro. Tem.

True Sympathy With Children

There are many conscientious fathers and mothers who make themselves and their children miserable by taking youthful foibles too seriously. It is an innate propensity of a child possessed of average good health and spirits to make older people laugh with him; not at him, but at the things that seem amusing to his own sense. And the mother who has the blithe and ready humor to enter into his fun becomes his most fascinating companion. He heeds her rebukes and bends to her correction without ill feeling, where sternness would arouse his pride or ire, for he is assured that she is ready to share all his innocent pranks, and that her disapproval has no foundation in impatience or injustice. And when the day arrives that "childish things are put away," and the grown men and women look backward to their early home, with what a throb of pleasure they say, when things happen, "Mother would appreciate this; she had the quickest sense of humor of any woman you ever saw!" And underneath these light words is the thought, "How happy that dear mother made me, and how I love her!"

—Florence Hull Winterburn.

Young Friends

A LITTLE LAD'S ANSWER.

Our little lad came in one day
With dusty shoes and tired feet;
His playtime had been hard and long,
Out in the summer noontide heat.
"I'm glad I'm home," he cried, and hung
His torn straw hat up in the hall,
While in the corner by the door
He put away his bat and ball.

"I wonder why," his auntie said,
"This little lad always comes here,
When there are many other homes
As nice as this and quite as near?"
He stood a moment, deep in thought,
Then, with the lovelight in his eye,
He pointed where his mother sat,
And said: "She lives here; that is why."

With beaming face the mother heard,
Her mother heart was very glad.
A true, sweet answer he had given;
That thoughtful, loving little lad.
And well I know the hosts of lads
Are just as loving, true and dear;
That they would answer as he did:
"Tis home, for mother's living here."
—Christian Advocate.

Ned's New Resolution

"I tell you what it is, Alice," said Ned Brown to his sister, "I am going to turn over a new leaf to-night, and make some new resolutions; and I'm going to keep them, too."

Alice looked up from her book with an incredulous little laugh.

"How?" she said. "As James gives up his pipe every year? He says to papa every New Year's morning: 'Faith, an' Mr. Brown, I've given up me poipe, fer good *this* time; I've trun it away.' Then when papa catches him with the same old pipe a few days later, he apologizes: 'Faith, Mr. Brown, I trun it away aisy, for I was afeard I'd nade it agen!'"

"So it is with you, Ned. It's the same old resolution every year, and you break them every time. I'd keep the copy and change the date every year. 'Twould save you trouble."

And Alice went on with her reading. Alice was fourteen and Ned twelve. On the added dignity of those two years' difference in their ages Alice assumed at times a very toplofty air toward Ned, which was very irritating. To her sarcastic but somewhat merited remark Ned made no reply, but with flushed cheek, quietly proceeded to draw up his resolutions. The little preliminary tiff interested us in the matter and we looked over his shoulder. This is what we read:

"I am going to try to do as near right as I can every day of my life.

I will always tell the truth.

I will never sneak out of anything disagreeable that I ought to do.

I will study hard while I am in school.

I will never read any trashy books.

I will play fair, and always take the part of any little fellow that is being stepped on.

I will try to be polite to everybody, and cheerfully obey my parents and teachers.

I will never forget that a boy must love work to make a successful man.

I will love goodness better than money, and try to follow the Golden Rule.

Lastly, and all the time, I will try to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ, and ask God to help me.
Dec. 31, 1900. EDWARD BROWN.

When he had placed the last period, he rose quietly, went around to Alice's side of the table, and laid the sheet before her.

"There, Alice Brown," he cried, with a new ring in his voice, "That is brand-new, and I'll get somebody besides myself to help me keep it!"

Alice read it through, then she threw her arms impulsively around Ned's neck, and said, with a sob in her voice: "You dear old Ned, I'll never be mean to you again!"—K. G. Walker, in *Epworth Herald*.

Educational

Bowerton Normal and Industrial College

Permit us to announce that the Bowerton Normal and Industrial College has closed a very successful session in the first year of its history. The institution was organized Wednesday, November 5, 1902, and began its first session November 10, 1902, with the undersigned Secretary of the Board as its Principal.

The sewing department was opened December 3, 1902, with Miss Mamie K. Gowin in charge.

Rev. P. H. Rembert, the President of the Board, lead in singing "I love thy church, etc.," and then offered prayers.

Many who were present, both men and women, spoke for the school.

Wednesday evening has been adopted as Prayer Service Eve in commemoration of the organization.

The school is ten miles from the I. C. railroad, midway between Hazelhurst and Brookhaven.

Where once was heard the hooting of the owl and the plaintive notes of the whippoorwill through the silent recesses of the night, is now heard the chimes of the school bell, calling young men and women, boys and girls to attend a chartered institution of learning.

Two young women graduated from the institution in the first year of its history, Misses Jessie May Rembert and Mamie Kate Gowin.

There were on exhibition, in the sewing department, works of the students in that department, which showed what work was accomplished by our efficient seamstress, Miss Mamie K. Gowin. Some of the neatest garments worn by little misses in the commencement were made by girls as young as nine years old. More than twenty girls took this course during the year.

As this is a young institution just struggling to enter life's conflicts in waging war against ignorance, sloth and indecency, we ask some friend who has been blessed with this world's goods to make us a donation to this department of the institution.

On Sunday, May 17, Rev. B. L. Crump, of Bolton, Miss., preached the annual sermon to a crowded house. His words will live long in the minds of those who heard him.

At 3:00 p. m., Rev. P. H. Rembert delivered the annual address which was a treat to the entire audience. Comingled with this was the United Benevolent Order in full regalia, among whom was Mrs. Julia Evans, of Crystal Springs, Miss., their General Manager.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 18, 19, and 20, examinations before noon.

The concert on Tuesday at 8:00 p. m. was enjoyed by all.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES, WEDNESDAY, 8:00 P. M.

Song, "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go," by chorus. Prayer, by Prof. H. Huff. Duet, "The Guardians," little Misses Hicks and Strauter. How Success Is Measured, Miss Mamie Kate Gowin. Quartette, "Ring the Bells," Misses Williams. Have a Definite Aim, Miss Jessie May Rembert. Duet, "Wanderer Return," Misses B. Montgomery and L. Smith. Admonition to Graduates, Rev. P. H. Rembert. Duet, "Be Still and Know," Misses M. K. Gowin and J. M. Rembert. Presenting Diplomas, by Rev. Rembert and the Principal. Benediction, by Dr. J. J. Goodwin.

R. C. Hicks, Pres. and Sec. of Board.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

The Need in the Philippines

[The following article by Major E. W. Halford, of the United States army, should be read by all members and friends of the Methodist Episcopal Church and acted upon promptly. Major Halford by his residence of more than two years in Manila has had excellent opportunity to study the situation, and possesses the qualities of mind and heart necessary to form a correct judgment. The church at Manila will give the first \$10,000. Are there not eight persons at least who will give \$5,000 each, thus securing the first \$50,000, and twenty persons who will give \$1,000 each? Who will start the ball rolling by sending the first pledge of \$5,000, and who will be the first to send in a pledge of \$1,000? Then there should be 200 who will give \$100 each, and the remaining \$10,000 could be easily secured in smaller sums. Here is at once a great opportunity and a great responsibility. The former should be promptly accepted, and the latter as promptly discharged. Send pledges or contributions to A. B. Leonard, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.]

To the Members and Friends of the Methodist Episcopal Church—

One hundred thousand dollars are needed at once for the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Philippine Archipelago. A very promising beginning has been made. Central Methodist Church, of Manila, owns and occupies a lot situated at the most eligible corner in the city for such purpose. Upon this lot stands a small frame building used for church meetings, which is already overcrowded. This must be replaced as soon as practicable by a structure costing not less than \$50,000; and if its scope could be enlarged so it would cost \$75,000, that would be greatly better for the future. The property acquired by Central Church has not cost the general Church one dollar. It has been paid for by the freewill offerings of the people there, mostly soldiers, civilian clerks and employees, teachers, and other persons on small salaries. These by their heroic giving and sacrifice have set a good example to our people at home. The property as it stands represents a value of \$10,000. It is free of debt. The church also owns an adjoining house and lot, now used as a parsonage. A debt of \$2,000 is due upon this, which the church there will provide for. Upon these two lots should be placed a building that shall, in some fair and adequate way, interpret to the Filipino people Protestant Christianity as the members of the great Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States appreciate it, and as they desire their brown brethren and sisters in the Philippines to understand and enjoy it. This building must be adapted to the demands of a central church for the entire Philippine work. As Bishop Warne said the night before I left Manila, "We want a Methodist cathedral on this lot for the whole Philippine conference." The demand for this is instant and imperative. The English church and work are necessarily, and must remain, the heart of the entire system of Methodism in the islands. The leaders of all Protestant denominations understand their English work to be the key to all their work in the archipelago. The Episcopal Church has bought a fine lot, and was about to break ground for a cathedral before I left Manila, Bishop Brent having the money in hand to build properly. The Presbyterians are about to do the same thing. Dr. Pentecost strongly urged the immediate erection

of a large church building, and himself gave \$1,000 to the building fund. In his most admirable monograph, reporting the results of his visitation of the Philippine field to the Presbyterian Board, the Rev. Arthur J. Brown, secretary in charge of the Asiatic Missions, says: "The success of our work among the Filipinos is dependent in no small degree upon the example of a commanding American church" in Manila. The Presbyterian Board has arranged to send to Manila Dr. Rossiter, under very generous auspices. I have just read a letter from him in which he proposes to take with him \$50,000 for a building for the English church, of which he is to be pastor, he having only this one thing to do. The Methodist Church cannot lag behind its sister Churches. The Methodists have the best location in the city. Their services, under the lead of Dr. Stuntz, command the attention and confidence of the community. It is not a matter of denominational pride or rivalry. Thank God, there is none of that in the Philippines; but the Methodist Episcopal Church has assumed responsibility for a large share of Christian work in the Philippine Islands, and it must be equipped to discharge the responsibility in a manner commensurate with the duty and with the opportunity.

Two suitable and commodious churches are needed for the Filipino congregations. The Presbyterians already have one fine building, costing \$10,000. The demands of the Methodist work are for at least two buildings, each affording sittings for 1,500 people. They would be crowded almost from the day of their opening. * * *

The Methodists must also have a sanitarium location, with necessary home and chapel, where the missionaries can go for rest and recuperation, at the same time carrying on religious work among the people. * * *

Another imperious necessity in Manila is a Home for young men. Bishop Warne writes that \$25,000 should be at once raised for this purpose. Land can now be secured for such a Home just across the avenue from the church and mission property, thus focalizing mission work in a commanding and healthful location. A man and his wife are already on the ground, admirably fitted for such duty, who could be assigned to the care of this greatly to be desired Home for homeless young men. Bishop Brent has inaugurated plans for the immediate opening of a Home somewhat similar in its purpose to what the Methodists long since planned for and still hope and pray for. Wise men, with hearts and brains alive to the necessities of Americanism in the Orient, have provided the godly, practical, and enthusiastic bishop with the means whereby he can at once enter upon any necessary enterprise.

It is impossible for me to do what I would like to do; visit the churches and lay before them the facts and the needs. All that can be done is to send out this statement. The corresponding secretary, Dr. A. B. Leonard, will receive money or pledges at the Mission Rooms, No. 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, from whence all offerings will be promptly acknowledged. * * *

Not a dollar must be diverted from the already too small appropriation for any other mission field; but in view of the unique responsibility of America in and for the Philippine people, I do earnestly invoke a special and added gift of at least \$100,000 for the Philippine work of the Methodist Church. This is not an impertinence on my part. The Quarterly and District Conference in Manila authorized me to make this statement to the Methodists of America, adding to it the pledge that the Church there, in addition to all

that its membership and congregations have already done, would be responsible for \$10,000 of the amount; and Dr. Leonard, as missionary secretary, has suggested that such a statement shall issue.

Respectfully,

E. W. HALFORD.

Washington, D. C., July 1, 1903.

A Crushing Calamity

In a destructive fire that destroyed a block of eleven buildings in Sapporo, Japan, the night of April 25th, our beautiful church was reduced to ashes. There was no insurance, the company having refused the application because already carrying heavy risks in the immediate neighborhood. Had the structure been brick or stone, a few days and comparatively little money would suffice to fit it for reoccupancy. As it is the loss is total. To rebuild of frame will cost yen 2,500; of brick or stone, yen 3,350. The utmost our members can do is a thousand yen. The relation of this church to our promising Hokkaido field is vital. Brother C. W. Huett, the tireless missionary superintendent, may be depended upon to do his utmost on the ground. Surely the church at home will help. Pastor, layman, reader, the appeal is to you, little or much, as you love our cause in Japan, do something this very hour. Send to Dr. A. B. Leonard, Missionary Secretary, 150 5th Avenue, New York, specifying plainly "to rebuild Sapporo church." Heaven recompense you.

DAVID H. MOORE,
Bishop in charge.

Epworth League

Topic, July 26.

Missionary Meeting—The Gospel in the Islands.

Scripture Reference; Isa. 41: 1.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday. To preach the Gospel everywhere. Matt. 28:16—20.

Tuesday. Going to the work. Acts 11: 19-26.

Wednesday. Going through the Islands. Acts 13:4—13.

Thursday. Barbarous Islanders kind to the Gospel preacher. Acts 28:1—6.

Friday. Healing the sick in the Island. Acts 28:7—11.

Saturday. Great revelations to the man on the Island. Rev. 1:9—20.

Not only is God interested in the mainlands and the larger masses of people, but he is also concerned about the welfare of the islanders and the smaller groups of people. He has therefore so ordered the events of his kingdom, that he will see no one neglected, but all shall have opportunities to hear the Gospel. God wants all men to have the truth. He wants all men to feel that they have a part in the Gospel and for fear that the islanders might think their littleness might cause them to feel neglected, he speaks to them especially in to-day's text. This reminds one of the tender thoughtfulness of the angel when he said, "But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter, that he goeth before you into Galilee." No one was so dejected and despondent as Peter. The memory of his action in the tragic events of the night before the crucifixion made him gloomy and dejected. He must have been ashamed to meet his risen Lord except for the special message sent by the angel. Jesus wanted Peter to come to the truth and so God wants the islanders to learn the truth. Some of the ways to learn the truth are indicated in the text.

1. *Keep silence before me, O islands.* There are times when silence is golden. One of those times is when we want to learn some high truth from Jehovah. It is while we muse the fires burn. Ps. 39:3. We do not learn much of Jehovah, because our lives are so fussy we can not hear God. It has happened over and over again that by calamity, disaster and sickness, God has retired men from life's arena and its bivouacs, that they might hear him. Ps. 4:4. Silence is valuable for in it both our best and worst life rises up before us. We are either encouraged to climb past accomplishments or we are pricked to the heart by the memory of past failures. It is when the heart wakes up with pleasant memories or sharp remorse that God has a chance at us, and gets through the shams and veneers of life and speaks to our real selves. God wants his truth brought thus to all men, whether on the island or continent, whether they are many or few. The keeping of silence and the deeper teaching is for a purpose.

2. *That people may renew their strength.* The world is weary and faint and hath great need of strength. The years make but slight improvement upon the condition which confronted the Master. "But when he saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." Matt. 9:36. So to-day, the multitudes faint in the ways of sin; they faint in the ways of pleasure. We behold one wild rush to business on week days, to the parks and pleasure resorts on Sundays. The people appear to be without shepherds. The Sunday pleasure resorts are growing in their destructiveness, day by day, as is seen in the Jeanette, Pa. calamity of July 5th. God wants us to be strong in righteousness and calls upon us to be still and renew our strength. Silence in God's presence means the renewal of all that is noble and best in us. Be silent and renew your strength. In our class-meeting and prayer-meeting we seek to have life and movement. Unless some one is praying or some one is talking or singing, we seem to feel that the meeting is a failure. But it is not so. The best meeting is the one where a few minutes are set apart for silent prayer and meditation when no one sings, prays nor speaks. While they muse the fire burns.

3. *Let them come near.* God loves to have us come into close quarters with him. Let not the ilses stand afar off but let them come near. God's secret is with those that fear him. For every soul God has a special message, and if you would get it go into the secret place of the Lord. Draw near unto him. When God was ready to teach Moses and give him special preparation for the work of turning the rude multitudes into a nation he called him up. The steepes of Horeb veiled themselves in clouds, flashing his presence in the lightnings and calling the thunders to speak his voice, he taught the great prophet the high lessons that gave ballast to his soul in the days when all else was unstable and shifting.

4. *Let them speak.* God wants us to speak when we have been taught. Then shall we open our mouths in wisdom. We shall speak words that are pleasant in the ear and satisfying to the heart. Go then, ye who are taught in the word and speak to the mistaught, so that the simple may have understanding and the foolish may become wise. God did not forget the islands in other days and we must not forget them to-day. Though they are far away, the

Gospel must be sent. It might be profitable to look at the work of the churches in the islands and see how the Gospel is being carried to the islands.

1. *In Malaysia*, including Dutch, New Guinea, there are 943,000 square miles, with a little over 43,000,000 of population. There are 305 foreign missionary workers.

2. *In Japan and its outlying islands* there are 161,198 square miles with a population of nearly 47,000,000. There are 47 different religious societies at work there with 772 foreign missionary workers.

In Ceylon, with an area of 25,333 square miles and a population of over three and one-half millions, there are eleven societies at work with 229 foreign missionary workers.

4. *The West Indies*, with 90,000 square miles and about 5,000,000 of population there are 36 different religious societies at work with 682 foreign missionary workers.

I might name others but these are sufficient to show us that although the dogmatic Paul has gone into the skies, other followers of Jesus Christ cross the salt-howling brine and carry the Gospel to the islands.

ARROW HEADS.

1. The Gospel must be sent to the islands.
2. We cannot send it without men to carry it. Therefore consecrate yourself to God's service.
3. We cannot send the men without money, therefore make a special gift to missions when your collection is taken.

Pittsburg, Pa.

Sunday School Helps

DEVOTION TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

By MISS TARTIE A. JOHNSON.

Can we desert the Sunday School,
Where first we learned to prize,
What Christians call the Golden Rule—
'Twas there it met our eyes.
'Twas there we learned of the blest star,
That shone as bright as day,
To guide the wise men from afar,
To where our Savior lay.

We, like them, worship at his feet,
Trophies we fain would bring;
And till life ends we'll strive to give
Homage to Christ our King.
His suffering on Calvary's cross,
How can we e'er forget—
Now this world's gain we count as dross,
Since He the conqueror met.

We'll ever give to it our prayer,
We'll labor if in pain;
We'll strive each Sunday to be there,
We'll help to scatter grain.
We'll always guard this sacred trust
That by God's hand is given;
We'll nourish each young tender plant,
We'll teach the way to heaven.

Desert it, never! May its flag
Ever remain unfurled,
O may it unmolested wave
Over the entire world.
Vicksburg, Miss.

Lesson IV—July 26th, 1903. Title—Saul Rejected as King (1 Sam. 15:13-23.) Study—Verses 10-13. Golden Text—"To obey is better than sacrifice." (1 Sam. 15:22.) Time—8. C. 1903. Place—Gilgal, in Jordan valley.

Saul aroused the Philistines. They made war against Israel. The people of God were filled with fear. Saul offered sacrifices for them. For this rash act God told him his dynasty would end with his reign. The Philistines were defeated. Saul made a hasty, wicked vow. His son Jonathan unknowingly broke it. The people prevented him from being put to death. This was the king's second grave mistake in ruling Israel. Yet God gave him victory over the kings of Moab, Ammon and Edon. We know not how the word of the Lord came to Samuel. The message was clear and forcible. The proph-

ets were men and no doubt often shrank from delivering unpleasant messages. It is not known how this message came to Samuel; likely by dream or vision. The will of God is revealed to us through His written word. We should not fear to declare the whole counsel of God. Repentance with God does not mean, as with us, a change of mind. He is the Lord and changes not. It is attributed to Him when bad men give Him cause to alter His course and method of procedure, and to treat them as if He did repent of kindness shown (J. F. B.). The emotions of indignation, grief and pity no more imply imperfection in God than does the emotion of love. Verse 29 teaches that God is not subject to the fitful changes that sometimes mark the conduct of men. Saul sinned by turning "back from following" the Lord. He ceased to do the will of Jehovah. Apostasy usually begins in the neglect of duty. We follow God by living according to the Bible. We should not "neglect the gift that is in us." Saul also violated the command of God. The Lord told him to smite Amalek and utterly destroy all he had. This was given because the Amalekites opposed the children of Israel in their journey through the wilderness, and had also slain their feeble, faint and weary. The order was not observed. Saul and the people spared Agag, the king, and the best of the sheep and oxen. Disobedience cost Saul his kingdom.

1. *Samuel prayed for Saul*; he cried unto the Lord all night. He was wroth, or righteously indignant, not at God or himself, but at Saul for his disobedience. He loved the king, but when love is disregarded it often produces resentment. There is a kind of anger that is allowed, even commended, in the word of God. This prayer was *intercessory*; it was for Saul. It was *earnest*; he cried in the agony of his soul. It was *importunate*; he wrestled with God all night. And it was *non-prevailing*; it accomplished nothing. Saul had twice before displeased God, and he was not again to be trusted. Not one word of this prayer is recorded.

2. *Samuel searched for Saul*. He arose early. It is likely he slept none during the night, and in the early morning set out to find Saul. The message was mighty and powerful, and had to be delivered immediately. God's people push their work. They are not slothful in business. Carmel was a town in the tribe of Judah, seven or eight miles southwest of Hebron. Extensive ruins in that locality still bear the name of Kurmul. The object of this visit was to "set him up a place;" to erect a monument in commemoration of his great victory over Amalek. His design in this was no doubt self-aggrandizement. The man who vaunts his good deeds is often trying to hide his bad ones. He would have spent the time better if he had been repenting of his sins. Saul passed on from Carmel and went down to Gilgal. The wording here indicates that he marched in great state. He was at this time a very popular king. In going from Carmel to Gilgal he descended about three thousand feet in thirty miles. Gilgal was in the Jordan valley about half way from Jericho to the Dead Sea. There rested the tabernacle and ark; there in a public manner he had been proclaimed king; there he had been warned against disobedience; and there he is soon to be rejected. The object of his visit was to "sacrifice unto the Lord." The wicked same as the righteous may bring their gifts before their Creator.

3. *Finding Saul*. (1) *The king's address is*

an over-strained effort of courtesy. It savors of hypocrisy. It is well to speak pleasantly to those we meet. Saul also said he had performed the commandment of the Lord." This was half true and half false. The order was to destroy all. This he had not done. Yet he had smitten the Amalekites, and gotten a great victory over them. To affirm he had done right before he had been accused of doing wrong was to virtually acknowledge guilt. Sinners are always laboring to justify themselves. (2) *The question of Samuel*: "What meaneth this bleating of sheep and lowing of oxen which I hear?" This interrogation has in it an air of holy humor and cutting irony. It was Samuel's clear, bold way of introducing his mission. The king was at once placed on the defensive. It is foolishness to boast obedience to God, when we love the world, indulge the flesh, and seek the praise of men. (3). *Saul's answer* is a feeble effort at self-justification. He gave two reasons for his disobedience. He said, "the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen." Elsewhere we read: "But Saul and the people spared." Here he excuses himself and casts all the blame on the people. Those who are forever justifying themselves and condemning others are usually the greatest sinners. The people could not spare anything without the king's consent. The heart is bad that will not confess its own guilt. Saul gave his reason for sparing them: That they might be "sacrificed unto the Lord." This was probably false. The idea of sacrifice came tripping along after the command had been broken. It was no doubt the love of gain that caused them to save the sheep and oxen. But God hates robbery for a burnt offering. Good intentions will not justify bad actions. Every word uttered by Saul indicates the breaking down of moral character.

4. *Delivering God's message*. (1). *The dealing of God with Saul*. The Lord had exalted him. He had chosen him when he was little in his own eyes, and had made him the head of all the tribes. He that humbleth himself shall be exalted. We should appreciate the blessings of God. We do well, when set on high, to remember from whence we came. God had also given him a plain command: "Utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites." Saul understood this order and consented to obey it by setting out on this work. But the spirit of avarice gained the ascendancy. The law was broken. Rejection and death followed. Our doom is as sure as his if we do not repent. (2). *The conduct of Saul towards God*. He disobeyed, lied, played the hypocrite, and acted the coward. It is not strange that God cast him off. We need not hope for God's favor while we are vile and self-willed. (3). *The strong declaration*: "To obey is better than sacrifice." God made us. Creation implies the right and ability to govern. The Lord has given laws to rule our lives. We have the power to obey and it is just for us to do so. Obedience was first and sacrifice followed as a result of disobedience. We glorify God more by obedience than sacrifice. It is much easier to bring a bullock to the altar than to surrender self to God. (4). *The result*: "Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, He hath also rejected thee from being king." Here is the conclusion of the whole matter. The heart of Saul was bad. He displeased God in many ways. He began well, but did not so continue. Awful are the scenes of Gilboa. The life of Saul forcibly proves the growth of sin.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

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Does Anyone Else Conceal Crime

We have noticed the assertion from more than one source recently that Negroes are given to concealing those of their race accused of crime, and that it is impossible to get them to testify against them. To deny positively that this is true in any sense is to claim that Negroes are better on this line than their white neighbors, which we see no good reason for doing. Hence we admit it, not of our own knowledge but because it is reasonable to suppose that there is an element of Negroes who do so. However, admitting that they do, any reasonable person will agree that they have more excuse for it than have the whites. In the first place, no matter how trivial the offense with which the accused may be charged, Negroes have the best of reason to fear that they are handing over an individual to be lynched. This white men need not fear, only in the most extreme cases. In the second place, Negroes know that the accused will be tried by a different race and that in not a few cases these feel compelled to convict the opposite race in order to continue on good terms with their fellows. Therefore, under the circumstances indicated the informer becomes *particeps criminis*.

But do white men conceal criminality among themselves? In this connection we are reminded of the testimony of a southern white man who said "the Negro has neither the ability nor the means to equal the white man in running counter to society or in violating the laws of the land." But does he conceal his criminality? We have no desire to be a witness in the case, for it is not necessary; there are those far more competent within easy reach. Let the verdict rendered by scores of coroners' juries make reply. It is this: "We find that the deceased came to his death at the hands of persons unknown to us." This is the verdict, the stereotyped verdict, when mobs have done their work, even in broad daylight in the open streets of towns and villages. This is the verdict even when those who constitute the jury have been active participants in the mob. This is the verdict when the newspapers of the land announce that the mob was composed of the "best people" of the community. If this is not sufficient, ask the judges and prosecuting attorneys who now find it almost impossible to convict a white man accused of any crime, no matter who may be the accuser. In conclusion we need only say that whatever you find Negroes doing in this country, you will not have far to seek to find white men engaged in the same business, and *vice versa*.

Columbus, S. C., Tries Separate Seating

The city council of Columbia, S. C., has passed an ordinance inaugurating the "Jim Crow" street car in that city and the colored citizens held a mass meeting and enlisted the walking brigade even before the law became effective. We learn from the *Standard* of that city that the colored citizens have almost if not entirely ceased to ride.

The result is that they are being criticized and urged not to continue their boycott by certain white friends. From a lengthy but pertinent editorial in the *Standard* on the subject we take the following:

"But does the boycott mean that the Negro is seeking 'social equality?' Not at all. Does it mean that he is anxious to sit beside a white man? By no means. The Negro sees nothing 'social' about it. He objects to being discriminated against in a public conveyance, because he can pay his own fare, rather than have it paid for him as a nurse by some one else. He does object to being everlastingly reminded that some white people are determined to advertise in a way humiliating to him their sense of superiority. In all this we have sought to give expression to the Negro's side of this matter, and from our standpoint we could not act otherwise and respect ourselves. A man's self-respect is more valuable to him than mere convenience, and we are pleased to testify that the Negro's self-respect is growing all the time, despite all belief to the contrary."

We like this way of putting the case and see no reason in the world why in a little town like Columbia, the Negro should change his determination to walk, as has been done in other towns.

Notes of Presiding Elders' Council

Rev. W. W. Lucas thinks the Negro of the United States will eventually return to Africa.

Rev. J. C. Hibbler is an enthusiastic advocate of emigration to Africa. We cannot say when he is going.

Dr. W. H. Nelson took a lively interest in the discussion and also pushed the sale of his book, "A Walk with Jesus."

Dr. J. W. E. Bowen was enthusiastically and heartily greeted by the brethren of the Council, and the brethren were always delighted to hear him speak.

Rev. W. E. Mitchell, the thoroughgoing and public-spirited presiding elder of the East Tennessee Conference, was perfectly at ease in the meeting and made an acceptable secretary.

Rev. A. J. McNair had everything arranged for the entertainment of the Council and every one was made comfortable. His wife stood nobly by him in making the visitors feel at home.

Mr. Longstreet, a postal clerk, wanted to know if the P. C. after his name did not entitle him to membership in the Council.

Rev. E. M. Jones, B. D., of Central Alabama Conference, read an able paper on "Higher Criticism." He's hard on that class of fellows.

Rev. A. W. McKinney, of Mobile, spoke frequently and always to the point.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Shumpert does it quietly but never fails to get in his work. All he wants is time.

Rev. S. A. Cowan, A. M., is quiet, but if you think he doesn't enthuse just watch him when the time comes.

Rev. C. W. Walton and Dr. N. H. Williams, of the Upper Mississippi, played a trick on the editor of the *SOUTHWESTERN* at their boarding place, but there'll come another time.

Revs. J. C. Houston, Wm. McMorris and A. M. Trotter are all ex's, but they were heartily welcomed by the regulars.

Rev. D. F. Dudley was there, watching the P. Es.. Possibly he is getting ready for the big hat.

Rev. B. G. Smith, of the Central Alabama, is a six-footer and a distinguished looking man.

Rev. R. P. Threlkeld says he is the baby of the Mississippi cabinet, but he's making himself heard.

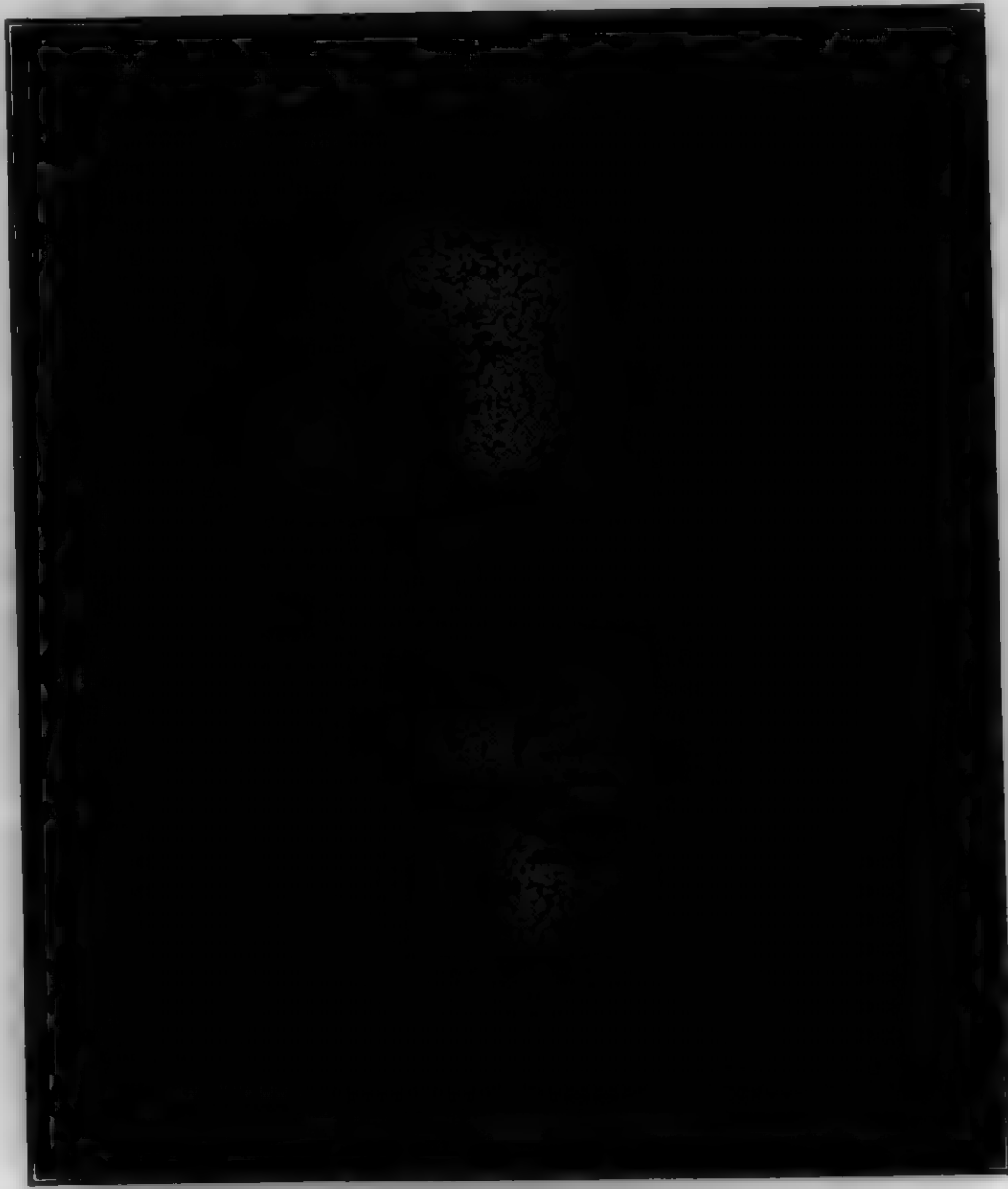
The Negro burglar who stopped a white lady's buggy in the road and robbed her of twenty-five cents, near Franklin, La., was saved from lynching by a brave sheriff, the pleading of prominent citizens and the promise to give him an immediate trial. He was tried next day and sentenced to a term of thirty-four years in the penitentiary. This man ought certainly to be punished, but such a trial is only a secondary form of mob law.

Rev. S. M. Bolden writes us from Hempstead, Tex., that his splendid buggy horse has strayed or been stolen. She was not branded, is a sorrel 14 hands high and one hind foot bears a mark which was cut by a rope, causing it to be a little larger than the other. He thinks many of the brethren of the conference know the animal and he desires them to keep a lookout for her. Bro. Bolden is willing to pay a reasonable reward for her return or for any information which will lead to her recovery.

It is to be regretted that as good a newspaper man as the editor of the *Star of Zion* should be caught by the stuff sent out that a tempest of indignation was raised in the Afro-American Council because of the presence of Dr. Washington's picture and raged for over an hour. The entire "tempest," which lasted till the question asked by a gentleman from Boston as to why the picture was there, could be answered by the chair, three or four minutes in all, if that long. It is true that Mr. Price's picture was brought in, but not until the incident had been forgotten.

The crime of lynching has received some severe blows within the last two or three weeks. It has been condemned in unmeasured terms by many newspapers and prominent persons. Among the strongest of these is the editorial on the Wilmington burning in the *New York Christian Advocate* of July 9th. It is discriminating, positive and outspoken and strikes at the very core of the evil. We wish that every one of our readers could see it, which but for its length we would gladly reproduce. As anxious as we were to have the assailant of Miss Bishop punished, we regret that it was done in such way as to seriously reflect on the good name of the state.

The *Northwestern Christian Advocate* makes the following reference to the address recently delivered in Chicago by a prominent citizen of Illinois: "Educate your children, maintain your rights, see that the law is enforced and there will be no doubt about the future welfare of the colored race," said United States Senator A. J. Hopkins recently at Bethel African M. E. Church, Chicago, to an audience of colored people. "The time will come when the Negro will have the same political recognition in the South that the white man has in the North. Public sentiment will restore to him his rights." The senator was there, he said, that there might be no mistaking the position taken by him regarding the lynching of Negroes. Speaking of the Belleville lynching, he said: "I deeply regret the great disgrace to Illinois. I would feel it as deeply had the victim of the mob been a white man. It is the crime of violence that I deplore and I hope and believe that Illinois will remove the blot from its fair name by punishing the guilty." If United States senators and members of Congress from all states which have been disgraced by lynchings should publicly condemn these crimes in as positive language as that used by Senator Hopkins, lynching would soon cease.



J. M. PETERS, M. D.,

UNITED STATES PRISON SURGEON, SECOND DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY.

Among the strong laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is Dr. J. M. Peters, of Owensboro, Ky. He was a prominent figure at the recent session of the Afro-American Council in Louisville, and delivered an address that attracted considerable attention. He seems to be thoroughly devoted to the interests of his people and is doing all he possibly can to develop those of his community on commercial lines. When Dr.

Peters was through speaking, Prof. Booker Washington was so much pleased with his remarks that he invited the Doctor to accept a place on the program for the next session of the Business League at Nashville, Tenn., in August. Dr. Peters takes great interest in local church affairs and at one time represented the Lexington conference in the General Conference. We are pleased to present our readers a good picture of him.

Association, which is holding its annual session at Bay City, Mich. Mr. Phillips is the only colored delegate from this city.

Miss E. C. White, of Los Angeles, Cal., who was for some time connected with the *Eagle* of that city, passed through New Orleans a few days since enroute to visit relatives in Atlanta, Ga. Miss White is an intelligent and cultured young woman, a graduate of Clark University of Atlanta.

Rev. C. I. Withrow, D. D., pastor of Stanton, Va., has been appointed financial agent of the Maryland Agricultural and Industrial Institute. We note also that Dr. Withrow is programmed to deliver an address in Boston in the interest of the United Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons.

We understand that Rev. W. A. C. Hughes, pastor at Lynchburg, Va., is meeting with excellent financial success on his new charge. He is in the midst of a seven weeks' rally which was inaugurated to clear his church of a debt of long standing. This amounted to \$1,100, but the rally has already resulted in the collection of a larger sum. The effort will close on the fourth Sunday of July at which time it is proposed to burn the mortgage and sing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Prof. Joseph A. Davis, one of the teachers of the College of West Africa, Dr. Camphor president, has been employed by the Liberian government to assist in fixing definitely and finally the boundary line between Sierra Leone and Liberia, which had been in dispute for some time. Prof. Davis is one of the principals in doing the surveying. He is also to draw a map of the country, take the elevation of the mountains and the descent of the rivers. Up to March 6th he had been out for nearly three months and there was still much to be done.

Personal and General

Mr. Alfred Edwards and wife are rejoicing over the advent of a fine boy in their family on the 7th inst.

Mrs. M. S. Alexander, of Baldwin, La., has been sick for a week or two, but is now improving quite rapidly.

Mrs. H. L. Payne, wife of Rev. G. A. Payne, this city, gave the office a pleasant call a few days since. Mrs. Payne is a firm friend of the SOUTHWESTERN.

We are pleased to receive the printed program of the annual Spartanburg (S. C.) District Conference. The meeting is to be held at Ninety-Six, S. C., Aug. 26-30.

Mrs. D. C. Brown, of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fuller, at Alexander, Ark. She expects also to go to Salt Lake City, Utah, to visit her brother there.

Rev. Samuel Green, pastor, Rosedale, La., who has been sick for some time, has improved sufficiently to visit his brother at Woodville, Miss., where he hopes soon to regain his strength.

Mesdames Mary McInnis, C. A. Thomas and Kissie Williams comprise the SOUTHWESTERN committee at Ellisville, Miss., and we thank them for what they have already accomplished for the paper.

We have received a printed program of the Monroe (La.) District Conference, to be held at Mt. Nebo M. E. Church, Aug. 5-9. Rev. T. P. Norris, pastor, and Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, presiding elder.

Mrs. Pierre Landry, after spending three or four weeks in Mansfield, La., with relatives and friends, has returned to Baldwin, La., thoroughly rested from the work of the school year and much improved in general.

Miss V. L. Chinn, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. F. T. Chinn, this city, left on Tuesday of last week via L. & N. Railway, for New York City, where she expects to spend the summer vacation from her school work.

The First Epworth League Convention of the Aberdeen District will convene at Baldwin on the Brooksville Circuit, July 28, 1903. A neatly printed program gotten out by the committee makes the announcement.

Prof. I. W. Crawford, president and founder of the Mississippi Normal and Industrial College, at Magnolia, Miss., has gone to Boston, Mass., where he will attend the National Educational Convention, lecture, and solicit aid for his school.

Rev. Henry Taylor, presiding elder of the Baton Rouge (La.) District, is in the city after spending several weeks on his work. The district is in a prosperous condition and his brethren are hopeful of closing the year in excellent condition.

The printed program of the district meetings of the Paris (Tex.) District, to be held at Clarksville, Aug. 26, 1903, contains in addition to the usual matter a page of popular hymns to be sung at the meetings. Dr. Parker's head teems with innovations.

Mr. J. C. Phillips, of 1224 N. Liberty street, this city, has gone as a delegate to the International Longshoremen, Marine and Transport

News Notes

Nashville, Tenn., is to have a woman's hospital. Burns Chapel, Kansas City, in a recent rally raised \$127.00.

Dr. W. E. Green is a capitalist of Evansville, Ind. His wealth is estimated at \$100,000.

Of the 234 men who were killed by a mine explosion at Hanna, Wyoming, last week, 50 were colored.

Methodism is growing in Sweden. Over 700 conversions are reported as the result of revivals during the past year.

Quinadro University has received an appropriation of \$22,250, and the Topeka Industrial School, \$3,000 from the legislature of Kansas.

The longest canal in the world, measuring nearly 4,500 miles, is in Russia, and extends from St. Petersburg to the frontier of China.

It is said that Grace Street Church, Baltimore, has the largest Epworth League Chapter in the United States. Its membership numbers 600.

The growing sentiment in Germany is that \$750,000,000 a year for beer and other alcoholic stimulants is too much for the good of its people.

We note that the well-known poet, Paul Laurence Dunbar, is dangerously ill in Chicago. He is suffering from an aggravated attack of pneumonia.

Dr. Allen J. M. Howard has been elected to membership in the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland. He is the first colored doctor of Cleveland to receive that honor.

Mr. Lawyer Taylor, who graduated with this year's class from the Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., will take a chair in mathematics at the Atlanta University, it is said.

One of the oldest and widest known colored poets, James Madison Belle, died recently at his son's residence at Chicago, aged 74 years. "We'll Rally 'Round the Flag" is one of his best known songs.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

E. H. Clark, Pastor.—June 18 the pastor and family were greatly surprised by a large number of members and friends of Albert M. E. Church. The company was led by the following brethren and sisters: L. R. Purnell, L. Moore, F. Riley, R. Maze, Sisters A. Soplier, R. Marble, A. Jones, S. Thomas and E. Bailey. After brief remarks by the pastor, Brother and Mrs. L. Purnell, ice cream and cake were served. The pastor was presented a purse and 70 pounds of nice groceries.

J. C. Williams, Pastor, Statesboro, Ga.—My second quarterly conference convened May 23-24, with the Rev. W. H. Brown, presiding elder, in the chair. The brethren had good reports. Sunday was a high day in our Zion. At love feast many testified of the love of Jesus. The presiding elder preached grand sermons. Many souls were made to feel that the Lord was very near them. Eleven joined the church—five converts and six accessions. Added to the church 23 converts and 19 accessions. Raised this quarter for pastor, \$60; presiding elder, \$17. On Monday night the members of our church and the Baptist church gave the pastor a surprise. They loaded the table with groceries and dry goods and money. The party was led by the following sisters: Hettie Scroggins, Lucinda Blanshaw, Lola Howard, Lue Blanshaw, Nellie Brown, Julia Collins, Mary Brannen, Lizzie Miller.

L. M. Steele, Recording Secretary, Kansas City, Mo.; James M. Harris, Pastor.—Sunday, June 14, was our first quarterly meeting for this conference year. The presiding elder, Rev. J. Will Jackson, D. D., was with us and preached to the edification of all. Paid the pastor this quarter \$111.08; presiding elder, \$10.00; raised for all purposes, \$306.17. Collection Sunday, \$41.17. In His name we shall conquer.

E. C. F. Troupe, Pastor, Grenada, Miss.—Our best members here are alive. They surprised the pastor by presenting him with \$40. Too much praise can not be given them for their earnest and good work.

A Chance to Make Money.

I have berries, grapes and peaches a year old, fresh as when picked. I used the California Cold Process. Do not heat or seal the fruit, just put it up cold, keeps perfectly fresh, and costs almost nothing; can put up a bushel in 10 minutes. Last year I sold directions to over 120 families in one week; anyone will pay a dollar for directions when they see the beautiful samples of fruit. As there are many people poor like myself, I consider it my duty to give my experience to such and feel confident anyone can make one or two hundred dollars round home in a few days. I will mail sample of fruit and full directions to any of your readers for nineteen (19) 2-cent stamps, which is only the actual cost of the samples, postage, etc. FRANCIS CASSY, St. Louis, Mo.

GROUP MEETINGS.

Missionary groups on the Baton Rouge District and their presidents: First Group—Clinton, St. Peter, Macedonia, St. Paul Vincent, and Beach Grove; E. B. Richard, president. Second Group—Wealy, Mt. Carmel, Norwood, Jackson, Circuit and Asbury; William Harris, president. Third Group—Slaughter, Baker, Zachary and Deerford; E. H. Clark, president. Fourth Group—Wealy (Baton Rouge), St. Mark, Port Allen, Conrad, Jones and Priestly; H. A. McCallen, president. Fifth Group—St. Luke, Plain View and Stoney Point; D. S. Kilburne,

president. Sixth Group—Plaquemine, Bayou Goula, Donaldsonville, Darrow and Prairieville; D. J. Price, president. Seventh Group—Rosedale, Musson, Wiley, Melville and Shiloh; Sam'l Greene, president. Eighth Group—Union, Lettsworth, Batchelor and New Roads; E. J. Harrison, president. Ninth Group—Mason and Sumner, and Simsport; Robt. Jones, president.

Wm. Thomas, Pastor, Fayette Circuit.—Our second quarterly conference was held recently with the Rev. R. P. Threlkeld, presiding. Most of the leaders and other officials were present with good reports. Raised during the quarter, \$6.60. The elder preached a glorious sermon. The Lord's Supper was administered. We had a glorious quarter.

E. B. Thompson, District Steward, Asbury Chapel, Kansas City, Mo.—Our first quarterly conference was held June 7-9. On Sunday, Presiding Elder Dr. J. Will Jackson delivered able and instructive sermons. The sacramental sermon was preached by Rev. Jacobs, of C. M. E. Church. Sixteen partook of that solemn feast. Collection, \$42.85. On Monday night our love feast was held; and on Tuesday evening the quarterly conference was called to order by Dr. Jackson. Reports from all departments were very encouraging. Thirteen were admitted from probation and six on probation. Paid presiding elder \$20; pastor, \$134; other expenses, \$80. Under the dauntless leadership of our faithful pastor, Rev. W. H. Wheeler, who is beginning his third year with us, our church is in a highly prosperous condition.

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W. C. Hilliard, Pastor, Shannon, Miss.—The Lord is blessing us on all lines of work. We have held our first and second quarterly conferences with good success. Presiding Elder W. C. Clay was with us, and we think he is the man for the place. In the second quarter we had with us the Rev. P. S. Bowie, of Tupelo, and we feel that he did us great good. We have paid the presiding elder in full and have added 19 to the church. The fifth Sunday in May was a great day. We had 5 conversions, 6 accessions and 5 were baptized. We have 14 subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN and are trying to get more. We love the old paper and can't do without it. We have good Sunday schools.

E. C. F. Troupe, Pastor, Grenada, Miss.—The Epworth Leaguers are at work. The Senior, with Miss Jessie A. Rhone at its head, gave an entertainment at which was raised \$18.05. The Junior, with Mrs. M. L. Rosemond, gave a moonlight entertainment and raised \$12.05. Our second quarterly conference was held June 12-14. Our pastor, Rev. M. H. Wilkins, of Water Valley, was with us Sunday and preached two able sermons and administered the Sacrament to 72 persons. Dr. N. H. Williams, presiding elder, held the quarterly conference. Raised this quarter, \$163; paid presiding elder in full.

A. Holland, Pastor, Anguiller, Miss.

—We desire to thank the members for storm that left a box of groceries for the pastor. The party was headed by Sisters B. L. Luckett, Serly Brown, Rachel Hall and a host of others. May the Lord bless these good people.

J. H. McCoomer, Louisville, Ky.—Coke Chapel M. E. Church gave in honor of their pastor, Rev. J. S. Bailey, one of the grandest receptions in her history. The program was indeed wholesome and interested the people.

W. T. Burch, Pastor, Warren Chapel, Memphis, Tenn.—We rejoice to say that, through the many discouragements that confronted us when we took charge of this work, the Lord has so wonderfully blessed our efforts that all discouragements are banished and now we are encouraged beyond expression. Through prayer and faith in God we have worked together these eight months without friction. Easter we raised \$72. In our revival we had 15 conversions and 17 accessions to the church. We have added to the church 23 members this conference year and we have raised nearly all of our benevolent assessment, beautified our church and carpeted it; bought one dozen chairs and a pulpit set for \$50. We have paid our presiding elder in full each quarter. We have organized a splendid choir of young people, with Miss Estella Parker organist and Mrs. S. W. Burch chorister. Our church and Sunday school have advanced 75 per cent in attendance. Brother John Gilead, the superintendent, is a splendid Sunday school worker.

Marietta, Ga.—The other week a storm party brought a lot of groceries to the parsonage. It was led by Mrs. Harriet Owens, Miss Mamie Stricklin, Miss Lou Ella Woodwren, Miss Brascar, Mrs. James Bowens and Mr. D. Owens.

W. J. SAGORS, Pastor.

Rev. S. M. Taylor, Eola, La.—Eola charge is doing well. People and pastor are satisfied. The work is spiritually and financially good. The church and Sunday school visit the parsonage with storm parties. Brother W. C. Coleman is our delegate to the electoral conference.

J. C. McGee, Pastor, Abbeville, Miss.—A few weeks ago our second quarterly conference convened at this place and the Lord met with us. The brethren made good reports and paid the presiding elder in full. The Rev. G. W. Logan was elected delegate to the electoral conference. A grand reception was tendered our presiding elder, Rev. N. H. Williams, D. D. There is a great interest manifested in every department of the church.

L. L. Allen, Pastor, Fort Payne, Ala.—At our rally at Fort Payne we raised \$14.15. The church at Collinsville was dedicated the first Sunday in June. We had a good sermon and an interesting program was carried out. I have organized a church at Battelle, Ala., with 16 members. The outlook is good for the work.

S. Mitchell, Colfax Circuit, La.—On June 7 the visit of our beloved and old veteran presiding elder, S. Duncan, was much appreciated. His sermon at night to a crowded house was a spiritual blessing. May the Lord ever spare and bless him.

B. J. Strides, Pastor, Clay City, Ky.—The presiding elder held his quarterly meeting. We had a grand time. He preached an interesting sermon. We reported \$8.15 raised for missions.

A. G. Howard, Palestine, Tex.—Our second quarterly conference convened on May 2 with Presiding Elder L. S. Bleakley in the chair. All the officers had good reports. Paid to presiding elder \$14.25; pastor, \$55.72; Eighty-one persons partook of the Lord's supper. Our church is doing well under the leadership of Rev. W. S. Curtin.

L. H. King, Reporter, Covington, Ga.—The third annual session of the Griffin District Epworth League and Sunday School Convention was held May 28-31 in Mallalieu Chapel M. E. Church, East Point, Ga. Rev. M. M. Alston, D. D., the presiding elder, and the Epworth League president of the district, presided. There were only two absentees. Thursday afternoon was given to reports from Sunday school superintendents. Interspersed with these reports were addresses by visitors, Revs. J. D. Canady and L. Miller. The annual sermon was preached by the writer to a large and appreciative audience. On Friday morning we were formally welcomed to the town by the mayor and to the church and parish by Miss Edna Matthews. Dr. A. M. Wilkins, the district's loyal layman, responded eloquently in behalf of the convention. J. P. Wragg, B. D., well known throughout our conferences, spoke on Conference Reminiscences and on Bible Study and Distribution. A number of able papers were read, followed by helpful and practical suggestions on best league methods. The delegate chosen to represent the district at the International Epworth League Convention in Detroit is Prof. J. W. Bowdoin, of Griffin. The interest and enthusiasm of this session culminated in a forceful and able address by Secretary Penn on "How to Make the Wheel Go."

A very unique and helpful meeting was conducted Saturday morning by Rev. S. C. Upshaw, Sunday school agent of the Atlanta Conference. At 2 o'clock p. m. a street car was chartered and the convention en masse made an excursion throughout Atlanta, visiting chief pleasure resorts and places of historic interest in and about the city. At 7:30 o'clock p. m. Rev. E. C. W. Cox preached a very practical and spiritual sermon.

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Annie E. Grace, Madisonville Circuit, Texas—On May 22-23 Rev. L. S. Blakeney, presiding elder, held his second quarterly conference at Midway. It was a success, both spiritually and financially. Brother Kelley deserves much credit for the interest shown by the officers, members and friends. Sunday Rev. Blakeney delivered an able sermon to a crowded house. Three souls were converted. Rev. F. R. Morton ably assisted in the services. Quite a number partook of the Lord's supper. Collection for the

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presiding elder, \$18.36; for all purposes, \$59.96. On Friday night, May 29, the members and friends stormed Sister Kelley at Brother Cero Grace's. The family received many useful gifts.

Reporter, Baton Rouge District, La.—The preachers' meeting of the Baton Rouge District met at Melville, La., June 11, 1903, with the Rev. B. J. Reddix, the affable president, in the chair. The Rev. J. H. Rylander, our genial pastor, and his good and hospitable people, had made big preparations, and they made our stay pleasant. Resolutions of thanks were tendered them. Resolutions were offered by D. J. Price regarding the division of the Louisiana Conference. They were adopted. O. J. Price, S. Green and P. C. Cotton were appointed a committee to prepare the resolutions for the paper. New Roads was selected for the preachers' meeting July 9, 1903.

J. A. Patterson, Pastor, Centerville, Miss.—Our quarterly conference was held May 23-24, with Rev. R. P. Threlkeld, presiding elder, in the chair. Officers were present with written reports. We all enjoyed the conference. It was full of helpful instruction. The church was filled to its utmost capacity. The people crowded around every door and window. The presiding elder preached two strong sermons. Collection on the Sabbath was \$45.20; during the quarter, \$82.35.

John Tutson, Deerford, La.—Lizzie Carter, one of the steward sisters, led a large crowd to the home of two old members of our church and presented them with 68 pounds of groceries. I desire to thank the crowd of members and friends that brought to our home many good things. This band was led by Gross, Solomon and others. Some of the white people helped them. They brought us 55 pounds of groceries.

Sandus Carroll, Monroe, La.—I desire to express my appreciation and gratitude to the King's Daughters of St. James M. E. Church for a purse of \$8 May 3. God bless the people of Monroe. We will give a grand rally on June 21. We are to raise \$500 for the indebtedness of the church.

H. J. Wright, Pastor, Shreveport, La.—The stewardesses of St. Paul M. E. Church, headed by Mrs. Carrie Wil-

liams, and her strong host of seventeen others, gave a surprise to the pastor of St. Paul on Monday night, June 7th. They came with ice cream and cake. Rev. H. Daniels, presiding elder, was with us to enjoy their coming. Sister Anna Tally made a few remarks, also Sister Carrie Williams, to which Rev. H. J. Wright and wife responded. The Misses Wright entertained the company with the graphophone.

J. H. Pierre, Box No. 41, St. Martinville, La.—To all of the pastors on the Alexandria District of the Louisiana Conference: In the wise judgment of Presiding Elder S. Duncan and Dr. R. E. Jones and the members of the Sunday School Union and the Epworth League Convention, held at Lecompte May 12, 1903, I was elected president of the Sunday School Union on the Alexandria District, Louisiana Conference. Now, brethren, our instruction is that every pastor on the district be prepared to report the Sunday School Union collection at the district conference, which will be held at Boonville, La., Aug. 5, 1903. Let every pastor report an increased collection of 10 per cent over last year. We must organize a new Sunday school wherever we possibly can. Let us not forget the SOUTHWESTERN, as it is so much help to our Sunday school and church; also write to Dr. Jones for such literature as you need for your school.

B. F. Anderson, Liberty, Tenn.—The Epworth League Convention of the Cumberland River District met in Phillips Chapel May 28, Rev. R. A. Dowell, district president, presiding. L. N. Thompson was elected secretary. The program was excellent. Addresses and papers were well prepared. The League chapters have taken on new life. Rev. R. A. Dowell was re-elected president, with B. F. Anderson first vice president; J. A. Smith, second vice president; H. P. Belcher, third vice president; G. N. Overall, fourth vice president; L. W. Thompson, secretary. The next meeting will be held in Lebanon, Tenn.

W. F. Smith, Hennessy, Okla.—Our church is having a spiritual awakening and not a few have received the blessing of purity.

C. Spears, Pastor, Port Allen, La.—My second quarterly conference was held May 31-June 1, with the Rev. H. Taylor, presiding elder in the chair. Reports showed improvement in church work. During the quarter we had 57 converts; raised for all purposes \$254.95; paid pastor \$94.95; presiding elder, \$18; raised on missions, \$36.35.

Rev. T. H. Summers, Rushville, Ind.—Our pastor, the Rev. T. R. Fletcher, was very agreeably surprised Tuesday night, June 2, when quite a number of friends, led by the writer and his wife, visited the parsonage and left his table loaded with groceries.

P. H. Rembert, Pastor, Bowerton, Miss.—We have four hundred or more strong, loyal Methodists. Our members at both churches, St. Morris and New Hope, believe in the old church. Our beloved presiding elder, Rev. A. Davis, held our second quarter. Everything was in fine shape. The elder preached us a glorious sermon. The third Sunday Rev. B. L. Crump was with us and preached the bacchanal-reate sermon for the Bowerton Normal and Industrial College. On the fourth Sunday Rev. W. F. Waters, assistant

business manager of the SOUTHWESTERN, was with us. He preached a wonderful sermon, delivered a great lecture to our people, and said many good things about the SOUTHWESTERN, after which we gave 31 cash annual subscribers. God bless Brother Waters. The fifth Sunday we had with us Rev. Dr. R. E. Jones, Field Agent of the Sunday School Union of the M. E. Church. Dr. Jones gave us two great sermons and an excellent lecture, and we took a good collection for the Sunday School Union.

Miss Lela Campbell, Kosciusko, Miss.—We had a rally May 31st on rebuilding the church. Collection, \$111.35. Rev. S. H. Nevils preached two soul-stirring sermons. Rev. Nash preached for us also.

Claudia, Hannah, West Point, Miss.—We have just closed a great revival, with 44 accessions and a general awakening among Christians. The people claim that we have had a greater revival this year than we have had in ten years. Our pastor, J. Burton, is loved by every one.

R. N. Thompson, Fort Worth Circuit, Texas.—I have been here six months and I have done all I could to better the condition of the people, but it seems a load. But the Lord has blessed us. I have one convert to baptize. We have raised some missionary money. Times have been very hard here for two years.

H. J. Jorden, Pastor, China Grove Charge.—Our second quarterly conference convened on June 6-7, Rev. A. Davies, presiding elder, in the chair. Twenty-one officers were present with grand reports. Eleven classleaders reported; raised \$21.50; the banner class, K. Conley, leader, raised \$3.10; raised for pastor, \$77.65; presiding elder, \$17; business, \$125; benevolence, \$10. Elder Davies preached one of his best sermons.

Cornelius Johnson, Shreveport, La.—

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The regular Shreveport district preachers' meeting convened in St. James M. E. Church at 12 m. The following officers were elected for the year: Rev. H. Daniels, P. E., president; Rev. J. O. Brown, vice president; Rev. Cornelius Johnson, secretary; Rev. J. W. Lewis, treasurer; Rev. David Shelby, reporter. The next meeting will convene at Mansfield, La., June 17, 1903, at 12 m.

E. H. Holmes, Pastor, Ruleville, Miss.—My second quarterly conference met at Pleasant Valley M. E. Church May 30-31, with Rev. J. W. Winbush, presiding elder, in the chair. The reports showed progress along lines of church work. Rev. D. D. Shelly, of Dublin, Miss., was with us and rendered good service. The circuit is alive. Raised this quarter \$88.70 for the ministry, benevolence, \$17.50; other collections, \$34.20; total, \$140.40.

H. H. Hinton, Pastor, Nolensville, Tenn.—We had a spiritual feast as well as a financial refreshing May 24. Rev. W. Ellison, pastor of Seay's Chapel, Nashville, preached a wonderful sermon in the morning, and Rev. E. H. Smith, of Lake Providence, in the afternoon. The pastor preached at night. Collection, \$55.14.

Moses Lake, Charleston, W. Va.—The presiding elder held his first quarterly conference on Friday, June 5, which was very pleasant. Sunday, being the rally, we raised \$780. Things are prosperous; the church is in a good condition. There is no talk of the sale of the church property. The people with the pastor are struggling to pay the debt and mean to pay it.

S. Carroll, President; R. F. Long, Secretary, Monroe, La.—The preachers' meeting of the Monroe district was organized May 20, at St. James M. E. Church, with the following officers: S. Carroll, president; O. C. Landry, vice president; R. F. Long, secretary; D. W. J. Lloyd, assistant secretary; W. H. Lang, treasurer; F. F. Frost,



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Conference Notices

DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS.

Opelika, Alexander City.....July 15-30
 Marion, Marion, Ala.....July 15-19
 Montgomery, Brewton, Ala.....July 22
 Aberdeen, Brooksville, Miss.....July 22
 Greenville, Gunnison, Miss.....July 22
 Dallas, Corsicana, Texas.....July 21-26
 Tupelo, Okolona, Miss.....July 22-26
 New Orleans North, New

Orleans, La.....July 22-26
 Meridian, Enterprise, Miss.....July 22-26
 Oklahoma, Muskogee, I. T.....July 22-26
 Greensboro, Leakville.....July 22-29
 Holly Springs, Grenada, Miss July 22-26
 Tupelo, Holly Springs, Miss, and

E. L.July 22-26
 Waycross, Waycross, Ga.....July 23-28
 Aberdeen, Brooksville, Miss.....July 28
 Nashville, Sparta, Tenn.....July 28-29
 Griffin, Jonesboro, Ga.....July 29
 Kilmichael, Miss.....July 29-Aug. 2
 Anniston, Attala, Ala.....July 29-Aug. 2
 Jackson, Yazoo City, Miss.....July 29-Aug. 2
 Augusta, Ky.....July 30-Aug. 2
 Fort Smith, Danville, Ark.....

.....July 31-Aug. 3
 Greenwood, Ebenezer, Miss.....July 31
 West Tennessee, Humboldt, Tenn. Aug. 3
 West Tennessee, Brownsville, Tenn.

.....Aug. 3
 Palestine, Palestine, Tex.....Aug. 4-9
 Monroe, Mt. Nebo, La.....Aug. 5
 Vicksburg, Fayette, Miss.....Aug. 5
 Alexandria, Booneville, La.....Aug. 5-9
 Topeka, Fort Scott, Kan.....Aug. 5-9
 Waco, Calvert, Texas.....Aug. 5-9
 Cumberland River, Cherry Valley,

Tenn.Aug. 5-10
 Rome, Cave Spring, Ga.....Aug. 6
 Rome, Cave Springs, Ga.....Aug. 6
 Waynesboro, Statesboro, Ga.....Aug. 6-9
 Huntsville, Huntsville, Tex.....Aug. 11
 St. Louis, Farmington, Mo.....Aug. 11-15
 Gainesville, Cartersville, Ga.....Aug. 11-16
 Huntsville, Athens, Ala.....Aug. 12
 LaGrange, Meansville, Ga.....Aug. 12
 Shreveport, Shreveport, La.....Aug. 12
 Clow, New Lewisville, Ark.....Aug. 12-16
 Louisville, Cloverport, Ky.....Aug. 12-16
 Lexington, Parsons, Tenn.....Aug. 12-23
 Marshall, Mineola, Tex.....Aug. 12-24
 Austin, Georgetown, Tex.....Aug. 12-23
 Baton Rouge, Donaldsonville,

La.Aug. 19
 Birmingham, Mantua, Ala.....Aug. 19-23
 Ohio, Oberlin, O.....Aug. 19-23
 Sedalia, Sweet Springs, Mo.....Aug. 19-23
 West Nashville, Dickson, Tenn.....Aug. 25
 San Antonio, Seguin, Tex.....Aug. 25-31
 Forrest City, Marianna, Ark.....Aug. 26
 Empora, Miss.....Aug. 26-30
 Pine Bluff, Clarendon, Ark.....Aug. 26-30
 Paris, Clarksville, Tex.....Aug. 26-31
 Austin, Georgetown, Tex.....Aug. —
 Navasota, Caldwell, Tex.....Sept. 1-6
 Ocala, —, Fla.....Sept. 9
 Houston, Kendleton, Tex.....Sept. 17-30
 Little Rock, Little Maumelle, Ark.

.....Sept. 24-27
 Greenville, Gunnison, Miss.....—
 Palestine, —,
 Austin, Georgetown, Tex.....—

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librarian. The meeting was opened with the presiding elder in the chair. He made some timely remarks which put new life into the preachers. Each pastor spoke very encouragingly as to his work. The next meeting will be held with St. Paul M. E. Church June 17. Every pastor is invited to be present.

Swansea, S. C.—To the South Carolina Conference and the Friends of Methodism: We appeal to you for help for our Mission Church in Swansea, S. C. We have a lot in the town paid for and the hull of a church on it with a note for \$30 due in ninety days, and unless paid the church will suffer. The membership is small—eighteen. We have just built a four-room parsonage. It is paid for. Any amount will be gladly received. Remit to the trustees, A. Hoop, chairman, or the pastor, Rev. B. F. Gandy, Swansea, S. C.

G. T. Saxton, Pastor, Van Buren, Ark.—Saturday night, June 6, a company of persons under the leadership of Mrs. L. B. Mack visited the parsonage to the delight and surprise of the pastor and his family. They entered the dining room and left some of the blessings of God. I want to thank these kind friends for their manifested kindness.

L. J. S. Bell, Pastor, Summit, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference was held at Summit May 30-31. We had a grand time. Rev. A. Davis, our presiding elder, preached two able sermons. Collection for the day, \$65.20; for ministerial support for this quarter, \$118.20; paid presiding elder in full. Our benevolent collection is O. K.; \$21 raised up to date. We have just paid \$50 on our church and we are preparing to repair the church at Magnolia. We recently had Dr. I. B. Scott to visit our work. He delivered a grand address in the courthouse. In two Sundays we raised \$105.45.

F. Wynn, Belle Mina, Ala.—My second quarterly conference was held May 23-24, with Dr. W. H. Nelson in the chair. The reports showed some improvement. On Sunday Dr. Nelson preached a soul-reviving sermon. Raised this quarter: for the elder, \$17.17; for the preacher, \$35.31; for missions, \$9. We are working.

J. I. Garrett, Pastor, Handsboro, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference was held in Riley Chapel M. E. Church June 6 and 7 with Rev. S. A. Cowan in the chair. Reports showed the work in a fair condition. The elder preached two grand sermons. Collection for the day \$30.81. Report for quarter is as follows: From probation to full members, 4; accessions, 6; SOUTHWESTERN ADVOCATE, 2; benevolent collection, \$30; one death.

Conference Notices

NOTICE.

HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS.

To the Pastors of the Huntsville District, Texas Conference: Rev. G. G. Logan, D. D., our Field Missionary Secretary, will visit us at our district conference Aug. 11-13, and asks every pastor to appoint a special committee on missions and bring the money to the conference with you, that the Field Secretary may be able to report. Let every pastor, Sunday school superintendent and Epworth League president put out mite boxes at once and raise

as much as \$2 each by the time of the district conference. Don't fail. Brethren, get a move on you. I am preparing homes for all who will attend the conference.

-A. C. CULBREATH,
 District Missionary Secretary.

NOTICE.

We will have a camp meeting at Tullahoma, Tenn., commencing Friday, Aug. 7. I hope pastors and their whole congregations will come, praying that the Lord will use us greatly in his cause. Tullahoma is on the N. C. & St. L. R. R. It is noted for good water. Everybody is cordially invited to come regardless of denomination. Please drop me a postal card stating what day you will come. Special arrangements will be made for preachers. Please address Rev. J. L. Massey, P. O. box 122, Tullahoma, Tenn.

NOTICE.

CHENEYVILLE, LA.

Dear Brethren: This is to remind you that we pledged to raise six or more hundred dollars for conference claimants this year. The amount paid to the claimants at the last conference was a reflection upon us as a conference. Brothers, please do your best this year for the claimants.

WILLIAM S. HARRIS.

NOTICE.

DURANT, MISS.

Dear Brethren: The first district conference of the Starkville district will convene at Kilmichael, Miss., July 29-Aug. 2. Let each pastor come prepared to make a full report of all benevolent money. Remember the roll will be called for the SOUTHWESTERN. Let each pastor bring three subscribers. You can if you will. The general church is watching us. We must support Dr. Scott. He or his representative will be present. The District Epworth League will convene at Empora, Aug. 26-30. Let the pastor see that delegates are elected and every chapter represented. Drs. Scott, Adkinson, Jones, Penn and McKissack have been invited to be present.

THOS. W. DAVIS, P. E.

TUPELO DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Amory, July 18-19; Union Grove, 25-26; Amory circuit, Aug. 1-2; Belle circuit, 1-2; Shannon, 1-2; Okolona, 7-9; Okolona circuit, 7-9; Houston and circuit, 8-9; Ripley and circuit, 15-16; Cotton Plant, 15-16; New Albany, 22-23; Pontotoc and circuit, 22-23; Corinth, 28-30; Corinth circuit, 29-30; Tupelo, 29-30; Pontocola, Sept. 2.

District Conference and Epworth League Convention at Union Grove July 22-26.

Dear Brethren: The second round was one of much success; we want the third round to be a greater one. Each pastor should try to hold revival meetings before the district conference. Brethren, I shall give especial attention to your benevolent collections at the district conference. Report your benevolent collections in vouchers and bring same with you, so that I can make a record of amount in each. We must assist in securing the 3,000 additional subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN that are wanted by Oct. 1, so notify each local preacher, exhorter and delegates of your charge who are not subscribers of this paper to come prepared to subscribe. This is imperative. Dr. Scott or his representative will be present. Let us begin and renew our efforts in looking out for young men

and women to send to Rust University. Begin now. See to it that the Tupelo district sends her share of students to Rust this next school year. Have each Epworth League chapter send \$1.25 for the Twentieth Century thank offering for Rust University. No one will be excused from the conference on Sunday. We will not adjourn until the night of the 26th. Dr. Logan will be present and will hold a missionary anniversary. Let us remember all the sayings above and work. Yours for success in the Master's cause, W. C. CLAY, P. E.

VICKSBURG DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Harriston, Aug. 1-3; Fayette circuit, 3; Fayette, 8-9; Natchez, 10-11; Centerville, 12; Gloster, 13-14; Hamburg, 15-16; Bonus, 15-16; Union Church, 22-23; Meadville, 29-30; Bolton circuit, Sept. 4; Bolton, 5-6; Vicksburg, 12-13; Edwards, 19-20; Cary, 26-27; Anguilla, 28-29.

Dear Brethren: Let us have all our benevolence raised by the district conference. I will give a prize to the pastor who raises the most benevolence over his apportionment. We want ours to be the banner district, if possible. I ask every pastor to bring three subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE to the district conference. Take due notice of the appointments for the third round. District conference at Fayette Aug. 5-9. Truly yours, R. P. TRELKELD, P. E.

BRISTOL DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Gate City, Va., July 18-19; Tip-Top, Va., 25-26; Tazewell Courthouse, Va., Aug. 1-2; North Tazewell, Va., 2-3; Castle Wood, Va., 8-9; Mountain City, Tenn., 15-16; Johnson City, Tenn., 22-23; Bristol, Tenn., 30-31; Abingdon, Va., 29-30; Glade Spring, Va., Sept. 5-6; Marion, Va., 12-13; Rural Retreat, Va., 19-20; Wytheville, Va., 18-20.

Dear Brethren: This is the fourth and last round. Let me urge you to bring up a complete report, having raised every cent of the benevolent money assigned to your charge. I hope each pastor will send in a subscriber to the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. R. A. SWAN, P. E.

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WINSTON DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Walnut Cove, July 18-19; Madison circuit, July 25-26; Madison, Aug. 1-3; Summerfield, 5-6; Kronersville, 8-9; Rocky Mount, 15-16; St. Paul, 20-23; Mount Pleasant, 21-23; Winston circuit, 22-23; Wilkesboro, 29-30; Midway, Sept. 2-4; High Point, 5-6; Trinity, 12-13; Liberty, 12-13; Lexington, 19-20; Advance, 23-25; Mt. Airy, Sept. 26-27; Asheboro, Oct. 3-4; Fairview, 3-4.

My Dear Brethren of the Winston District: This fourth and last round will doubtless determine your success or failure. "Nothing succeeds like success." The church delights to honor or promote the man who succeeds. Therefore, do your whole duty. Our motto, "Our full apportionment," or "No blanks."

-J. P. FRANKLIN, P. E.

NOTICE.

All ministers and delegates who attend the Cumberland River District Conference at Cherry Valley, Tenn.

Aug. 5-10, will secure certificates on the Tennessee Central Railroad at 53 Maple street, Nashville, Tenn., in order to secure reduced rates on return, or they may buy a one and one-third rate ticket. No arrangement has been made with any other road. Be sure to secure certificates on full fare to Cherry Valley. H. W. KEY, P. E.

NOTICE.

STOCKBRIDGE, GA.

All necessary arrangements have been made with the railroads for reduced rates on the certificate plan to the Griffin District Conference, which convenes at Jonesboro, Ga., July 29, 1903. Very respectfully,

J. W. QUEEN,
Sec'y of District Conference.

WAYCROSS DISTRICT, SAVANNAH CONFERENCE.

To the Brethren and Members of the above named District: Conference will convene in Waycross, Ga., July 22-28, 1903. Reduced rates have been granted to all who attend. Remember to ask your ticket agent for a certificate when you purchase your ticket. This is the order of Rev. A. B. Allen, P. E. W. D. SPENCER, Sec.

NOTICE.

The District Conference of the Forrest City District will meet Aug. 26, 1903, at 9 o'clock a. m., at Marianna, Ark. All the brethren are requested to be present at the opening. The district stewards will meet Aug. 29. All district stewards will be present with thoughts and purposes looking toward self-support for the district. The conference will close Sept. 1, 1903. Dr. G. G. Logan will be present. Dr. I. B. Scott is earnestly requested to be present. Drs. J. H. Reed and J. M. Cox will be on hand.

Let there be a full report, especially when the high waters have not prevented an early collection. Be sure and bring church records so they can be examined concerning our membership, etc. Brethren, in spite of the flood let us make this the best year.

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NOTICE.

ATTALA, ALA.

To the Brethren of the Anniston District: Dear Brethren—Push the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society on each of your charges, so that each auxiliary may bring up a good report in the district conference.

Mrs. L. H. HUNLY, Cor. Sec.

NOTICE.

The Sunday School and Epworth League Convention of the Forest City District will convene at Marianna, Aug. 26-Sept. 1. Let there be a full attendance, as important business shall be brought before the convention. First feature, the electing a layman as president; second, the separation of the convention from the district conference. Each league and Sunday school will prepare a paper on some subject nearest their heart. Send one cent for each member carried on the roll of both league and Sunday school.

The District League will come prepared to send one collection to the general expense fund. We have a treasurer;

let us show our appreciation by doing something. Our state president will be present. Yours truly,

J. W. JACKSON, Dist. Pres.

WEST NASHVILLE DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Lawrenceburg, Aug. 1-2; Dickson and Cumberland, 3-9; Nashville, Seays Chapel, 15-16; Spring Hill and Duplex, 22-23; Charlotte and Promised Land, 29-30; Petersburg, Sept. 5-6; Franklin, 9-10; Lewisburg, 12-13; Farmington, 19-20; Nashville City Mission, 23; Brentwood, 26-27; Lowndes Hill, Nashville, 29-30; Gordon Chapel, Nashville circuit, 3-4; Flat Rock, 6-7; White Bluff, 9; West Nashville Mission, 12.

Our district conference will convene Aug. 25 at Dickson, Tenn. Brothers, push your work. Don't fail to look after every department of your work. I hope each brother will make a full report of the spiritual and financial condition of his work. Brethren, have all of the officers to meet the quarterly conference. A. PHILLIPS, P. E.

NOTICE.

Dear Pastors: Our district conference will convene in New Orleans, La., July 22-26. If you have not raised your full apportionment for missions, try to raise it by that time. Dr. Logan, our Field Missionary Secretary, will be with us and speak to the conference on missions. Be ready to report cash and subscriptions for missions from your charge. One day of the conference will be set apart as missionary day. J. O. RICHARDS,

District Missionary Secretary.

JACKSON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Programme of the Jackson District Conference, to be held at Yazoo City, Miss., July 29 to Aug. 2, 1903:

To preach the opening sermon, Rev. N. Toole; "Creeds and Confessions," I. L. Pratt and J. C. Houston; "How Best to Prepare and Deliver a Sermon," by G. W. Smith; "Can a Man Before Conversion Do Good Work, Pleasing and Acceptable to God as Such?" by Wm. McMorris and S. Josell; "Can a Member Moving from One Charge to Another be Received in any Local Church Without a Certificate?" by N. N. Sidney; "What is the Best Way to Conduct Class Meeting?" by R. Roundtree; "What is Prayer?" by R. B. Davis and R. M. Phillips; "Are Miracles Possible?" by Henry Henderson and J. E. Holmes; "Angels," by W. L. Mills and J. Butler; "Ought a Minister Rent Land and go to Farming while in Charge of Churches?" by Wm. Payne and W. A. White; "Resurrection of the Body," N. D. Hopkins and W. L. Lamp; "The Relation of the Sunday School to the Church," by P. H. Davis; "Did the Ancient Church Practice Water Baptism? If so, How?" by John Hughes and A. D. Smith; "How to Succeed in Building a Church in a New Place," J. W. Little and J. W. Hill; "Why I am a Methodist," by L. L. Shumpert and J. E. Coleman.

The local preachers may write and present a paper on any one of the above subjects. Committee—N. Toole, secretary; G. W. Smith; I. L. Pratt; L. L. Shumpert; J. M. Shumpert, presiding elder.

VICKSBURG DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The District Conference for the Vicksburg District convenes in the town of Fayette August 5, 1903, and will continue until the 9th. All pastors, local preachers, exhorters, one class leader from each charge, Epworth League president, district steward and

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one Sabbath school superintendent are requested to be present with written reports on first day. Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., Prof. G. G. Logan, D. D., and Rev. R. E. Jones, D. D., have been invited to attend the conference. The introductory sermon will be preached Wednesday night by Rev. Lymus Speed. I hope all the brethren will come prepared to remain until Sunday come prepared to remain until Sunday night. The programme is as follows: (1) "What is Gained by Visiting from House to House?" Amos Holland and L. Speed; (2) "How to Prepare and Deliver a Sermon?" I. C. Rucher and A. Reid; (3) "What is the Duty of Pastors to Children in Their Charge?" E. H. Langston and C. Williams; (4) question box; (5) "How to Conduct Revivals Successfully," B. L. Crump and R. H. Patton; (6) "The Relation of the M. E. Church to the Negro and his Progress," J. D. Gilbert and W. P. C. Morrison; (7) "Best Method for Raising Benevolent Money," S. H. Cannon and P. F. Robinson; (8) "THE SOUTHWESTERN," M. White and A. Hawze; (9) "Why I am a Methodist," P. W. Baldwin, J. A. Patterson and Wm. Thomas. Local preachers and exhorters may discuss any of the above named subjects.

Committee—S. H. Cannon, B. L. Crump, W. P. C. Morrison; R. P. Threlkeld, P. E.

NOTICE.

To the Friends of the Colored Orphans' Home of the State of Mississippi: For good and sufficient reasons for so doing, I hereby revoke the authority granted Mr. Julius Brown as an agent of the Comfort Orphans' Home and request that no one pay him any money in the name of the Orphanage.

Respectfully,

J. K. COMFORT.

THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY

Jeanerette, La.—Sister Julian Nathan departed this life June 13. She was a faithful Christian. Shortly before her death she said she was ready to go.

Starkville, Miss.—Death has again entered the home of Rev. and Mrs. D. Green and claimed as his own their little daughter, aged 11 months. The burial was in West Point, Miss., the original home of Mrs. Green. Brother

and Sister Green have the sympathy of the people of this community.

FRED H. BUNTON.

Kingston, La.—Sister Alf. Johnson, of Bronchest, acknowledged Christ June 19 between 7 and 8 o'clock and died the same day at 2 o'clock. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. Wm. Ector, pastor.

Wilson, La.—Brother Calvin Weatherspoon, for 30 years a faithful member and one of the friends of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, after an illness of several weeks was called, June 14, from labor to reward, aged 76 years. He was an industrious man and at his

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death owned a cotton farm and a great many head of live stock. A wife, six daughters, five sons and a host of friends mourn their loss. The funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. C. E. Bradford and Rev. H. J. Robinson.

St. Charles, La.—After a lingering illness Mr. Willis McDonald, a member of St. Charles Masonic Lodge, passed away on the 18th inst. He leaves a wife and daughter, who are members of St. Paul M. E. Church. He was buried with Masonic honors. His funeral was attended by the writer. R. N. JONES.

Tennessee.—Sister A. Cooper, for 38 years a faithful member of the M. E. Church, died June 2, aged 53 years. The funeral was attended by Rev. J. H. Nelson, assisted by Rev. Scott Arance.

Sister Maria Hodger, aged 53 years, died June 3, 1903. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church for 24 years and died in full faith. She said she was ready and willing to go. The last song she sang was, "And Am I born to die?"

Moss Point, Miss.—Mr. Willis McDonald, a member of St. Charles Masonic lodge, died June 13, after a lingering illness, and was buried with Masonic honors. He leaves a wife and daughter, who are members of St. Paul Church. The funeral was conducted by R. N. Jones.

Maillard, La.—Mrs. Mary Fonnelle, daughter of Mrs. M. J. Coleman, has been called from labor to reward. Her dying words were, "Now I'm entering the kingdom." A husband, mother, children and sister mourn her loss. She died in New Iberia, La. M. S. ALEXANDER.

Covington, Ga.—Sister Malissa Grier, for thirty-eight years a devoted Chris-

tian, and a loyal member and strong pillar of Grace M. E. Church, was struck by lightning and instantly killed Saturday, June 20. We can truthfully say that death found her at her post and ready to go. She leaves a host of relatives and friends who mourn that she was taken home so suddenly. The writer officiated.

L. H. KING.

Crawford, Miss.—Mrs. Longstreet died in full triumph of faith May 16. On May 29 Sister Mary White died in full triumph of faith. Sister Judia Jinning fell asleep in Jesus June 7.

Mr. Can Carr died on June 23. The funeral was conducted by our pastor, Rev. J. J. Johnson.

W. R. NANCE.

Whitehall, La.—George Braxton, Jr., aged 3 years, infant son of Mr. George Braxton, died May 27. The funeral was conducted by the writer.

On June 4 Mark Anthony Turner, the infant son of Mr. Hampton Turner, died, aged one month. The funeral was conducted by J. O. Richards, pastor.

Shreveport, La.—Brother Moses Sterrett, a very loyal member of St. James church for a number of years, died June 8, aged 69 years. He has filled acceptably every official station in the church and was at his death a class-leader, treasurer of the board of trustees and a member of several committees.

J. O. BROWN.

Newberne, Ala.—Rev. John L. Speight, pastor of Oak Grove, died at the home of his brother, Dr. N. H. Speight, pastor at Marion, Ala., June 27, after a lingering illness. The funeral took place in the Methodist church at Marion, of which his brother is pastor, Sunday at 11 a. m. The services were conducted by Revs. O. Nelson, pastor Selma; S. D. Davis, Newbern; S. H. Veil, Mt. Sterling; Father B. D. Lewis, of Marion, and Rev. Joleman, pastor of the Baptist church, Marion. A large crowd was present and followed the remains to its last resting place. Rev. John L. Speight was born at Gainesville, Ala., Sept. 25, 1860. He was converted while young and joined the M. E. Church. He had been a teacher in the public schools of the state for many years, when he felt that he was called to preach and applied for a local preacher's license, which was granted. He joined the Mobile Conference at Marion in 1901 and was ordained a deacon by Bishop J. W. Hamilton, in the same church where his funeral was conducted. He served the following charges as pastor: Mantua, Mt. Sterling, Selma and Oak Grove, of which he was pastor when death claimed him. S. D. DAVIS.

R. H. Patton, Union Church, Miss.—Sister Sallie Smith departed this life May 29, aged 65 years. Sister Smith was a faithful member of our Zion church at this place. She is missed from our midst. She leaves children and a host of friends.

Sister Fannie Johnson left us for her home in heaven May 26, aged 30 years. Sister Johnson was ill for a long time, but her last words were that she was ready to go. She leaves a husband, one son and many friends. Our loss is heaven's gain. Sister Dollie Ann Johnson departed this life May 26, aged 70 years. She was a member of the church for many years.

Sister Alice Steward left us May 4,

aged 32 years. She was ready and willing to go.

DeKalb, Kemper Co., Miss.—Brother Sam Whitsett departed this life June 5, 1903, aged 86 years. He was one of the oldest members of the church at DeKalb. He died in the triumph of faith. All agree that Brother Whitsett was of great help to the church and preachers before he got too old to help himself. He leaves a widow, a large family of children and grandchildren. The battle is fought, the victory is won, and he is crowned at last.

Sister McCalahan, another old member of the church at DeKalb, departed this life a few weeks ago, after an illness of two years. She was very faithful to the church while able to attend. She leaves many children and grandchildren. She died as she lived, trusting in the Lord.

C. W. IVY.

Byhalia, Miss.—Brother S. B. Brady, one of the oldest members of the church, died June 22, aged 58 years. He has been identified with the church 28 years and was for 27 years a class-leader. He was buried with the honors of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten.

S. S. MYERS.

Rev. G. W. Patton, pastor of our church at Maberly, Mo., died June 24. He had been ill for some time. He was one of the leading ministers of the Central Missouri Conference.

N. A. HARRIS.

Chicago, Ill.—Rev. Geo. A. Sisale, presiding elder of Indiana District, was called to Chicago, Ill., May 19, to preach the funeral of the two-year old daughter of Rev. J. W. Robinson. Before the necessary preparations for the funeral services were made, it was discovered that Beatrice, the other child, and Mrs. Robinson had contracted diphtheria, of which Carrie had died. For a few days much anxiety was spent over the condition of Mrs. Robinson and Beatrice. The administration of the new remedy for diphtheria proved a success and both mother and child will recover. The Lord was merciful and good. The consolation for the family and friends should be, while God took only one for His angel, it might have been three. They have the sympathy of all who know them and who read of their sorrow.

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Donaldsonville, La.—Mr. Minor Tate was married to Miss Maggie Blanchard at the residence of the bride's mother June 25. Both are members of St. Peter's church. P. C. Colton officiated.

Texarkana, Ark.—Mr. W. B. Lawson, of Austin Texas, and Shreveport, La., and Miss Beulah A. Holloman, of Shreveport, La., were united in matrimony at Texarkana, Ark., June 26. Rev. DeLandes officiated. They reside at their home, 919 Laurel St., Texarkana, Ark.

Moss Point, Miss.—June 13, at the residence of the bride's sister, Mr. Frank Malone and Mrs. Lucy Williams were happily joined together. Many of their friends were present.

On June 18, at the parsonage, Mr. Frank Smith and Mrs. Rose McElroy were married. The groom has been a reader of the SOUTHWESTERN for many years. May they live long. R. N. Jones officiated.

Mr. Dave Taylor and Miss Cara Tillman were married May 30. Mr. William Brown and Miss Celest Motte were married June 6. Mr. Aaron Lewis and Miss Alice Veriet were joined in wedlock June 9. H. C. Gair officiated.

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We desire to thank the members and friends of Trinity church (many of whom read the SOUTHWESTERN) for the

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Piano solos, by Misses Gertie Ramsey, Ruth Pratt and Viola Grigsby; vocal solos by Prof. J. P. Jones and Miss Libbie Ashe. An impromptu address by Mr. Joseph Nichols; a paper by Prof. J. D. Ryan. While congratulations were extended, Mendelssohn's wedding march was played by Mrs. Emma Todd Markham. Refreshments were daintily and plentifully served.

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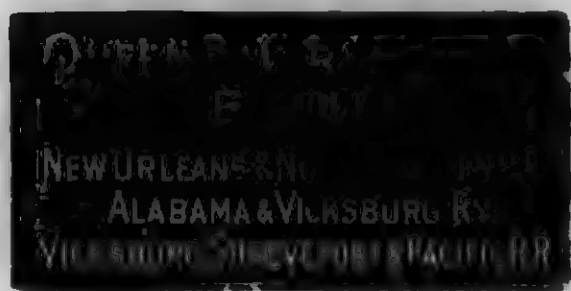
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8:50 a. m. Mobile and Coast, Lim. D.	7:50 p. m.
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Simpson Chapel is still on the upgrade; 5 accessions on last Sunday; 240 partook of the Lord's Supper.

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Rev. Drs. I. B. Scott and A. E. P. Albert and others have visited us during the quarter and rendered good service. John Wesley's 300th anniversary was celebrated on June 28. The following assisted: L. Brasley, Mrs. Parker, Miss L. Davis, Miss Mable Scott, Miss S. A. E. Brasley and Miss Marie Scott. All read excellent papers.

The Knights of Pythias had their annual sermon preached by the pastor June 28. Sixteen persons have been received in the church this quarter.

Dr. G. G. Logan, agent of the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, preached an able sermon. A good collection was raised for the cause he represented. Our work is in excellent shape. The financial standing of the church is good. A concert was given to help our delegates attend the Epworth League Convention. A nice little sum was realized. Second Sunday night in August will be for the Southwestern.

Among those who left the city Tuesday morning for the Epworth League Convention at Detroit were Rev. T. J. Johnson, Mr. E. H. Anderson, Mrs. I. B. Scott, Miss Ora J. Wilson, Mrs. S. Toler and Miss C. A. Wallace to Chicago.

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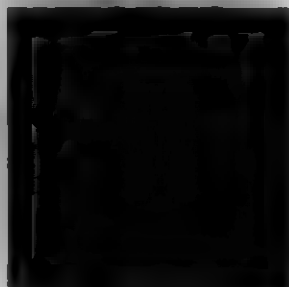
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Editorial Notes

If you desire to assist in doing the shouting when we reach self-support, you had better send in those subscribers now.

It is remarkable how happy you are doing nothing for anyone but yourself and little that amounts to much for yourself.

Some days ago a distinguished French guest of President Roosevelt, M. Andrew Chermand, editor of "Le Clair," was arrested for refusing to leave the "Jim Crow" portion of a Washington (D. C.) car after it crossed the Potomac river into Virginia.

A pastor of our church in a Southern town writes that, "In conversing with several of the leading editors of white Southern papers I find that they are expecting more of the preachers of our great church than of others." The brethren will do well to think of this.

A man died recently in Kalamazoo, Mich., who, it is said, smoked up 48,000 cigars in the last twelve years of his life at a cost of \$4,800. When younger he is said to have been a more constant smoker than in his older days. That is burning lots of money, and we trust his case may help some of our readers.

"The Negro is an inferior, so created and irredeemable," says that white man who fears the Negro will arise superior to the conditions that surround him. The strange thing is that altho such white men claim to believe this, at the same time they are constantly doing all they can to prevent his development. This is on the same principle that it was said during the days of slavery that "the Negro cannot learn to read," therefore all books must be kept out of his hands.

And now Sour Lake, Tex., has had what is called a race war. That is to say, a white brakeman was killed on a train of the Southern Pacific Railway by a Negro who was stealing a ride and whom the brakeman was trying to eject, and this gave an element of whites in and about Sour Lake opportunity to make an organized effort to drive out the Negroes. Not that the Negroes of Sour Lake had anything to do with the killing, but it gave the laboring element and their sympathizers a chance to get rid of certain of the Negroes. Much shooting was done, but it seems no one was injured, but many did act on the warning and leave. After all, it is evident that the labor question is at the bottom of not a few of the mob movements. In this case, as in many others, it is difficult to tell what would have been the outcome had not those whites who employ laborers came to the rescue and ordered the mob to "call a halt," which they did.

Will the Southern White Christian Help

In the midst of the varied discussions of the present day for and against the Negro, the one question which we are forced to ask ourselves from time to time is, How can the white Christians of the South who take no part in the improvement of the Negro of their section clear themselves even before the bar of their own conscience? If they are at all observant they are bound to see the forces set in motion by members of their own race which have a tendency to degrade the black man, while one must search faithfully and well to find any positive effort being made by them for his elevation. We are not unmindful of the work of the Public Schools and the contact of master and servant. These are all right as far as they go, but it cannot be denied that they do not go far enough. Recogniz-

3,000 New Subscribers by October 31, 1903.

The Presiding Elders' Council which convened in Meridian, Miss., June 25th, passed resolutions calling upon the Presiding Elders and Pastors of the 20 colored conferences to unite in the effort to secure 3,000 annual cash subscribers for the Southwestern before the close of the fiscal year, October 31st, 1903. The editor was also requested to so report subscribers received each week, as to show not only the total number received, but the number still needed to reach the 3,000. Therefore, in accordance with this action, we call upon our ministers, our officials and the members of the church throughout our territory to join with us in this movement to make the paper self-supporting before the time for closing the four years' work expires. Let our readers keep their eyes on the publishers' column, page 16, each week.

ing as we do the embarrassment to such efforts that grows out of their former relation, we nevertheless cannot understand why so few movements originate among Southern whites to uplift the Negro. According to our mind, the situation is important throughout the South, and in some parts lacks little of being desperate. The contact of the races tho not in any sense a social one, is exceedingly close. So close that each is sure to influence the other both for good and evil. An element on both sides is sure to suffer, yea, and is suffering, on the one hand as greatly as the other may profit. Hence, as it seems to us, if for no other reason, self-preservation would prompt the Southern white man to make some effort to help the Negro help himself when and wherever possible. There is, of course, such restraints as the courts and officers of the law may

impose, but these do not reach the heart of the matter. Police officers and criminal courts may tend to restrain, but they do not reform. They do not strengthen the weak nor show the uninitiated the better way. To accomplish such ends something is greatly needed and ought by all means be done, and that at once.

The Negro has his criminal element and these may or may not be saved; but the means of reinforcement to this element should be curtailed as largely as possible. It is true the churches are at work, and no doubt doing the best they can; but it cannot be denied that in many cases they are doing next to nothing for the young people. In this particular the outlook is really discouraging. Every influence needed to save the youth of the white race is even more necessary for the Negro. This is strikingly evident, but he is not able to provide them all.

There are some influences brought to bear by white men upon Negroes that are so far from doing them any good that they are positive injuries. As a rule the very worst dives run for Negroes in our Southern cities are owned and controlled by white men; the most unpopular laborer on many public works is he who is always sober and saves his money, while not a few politicians, and newspapers under their influence, are constantly misrepresenting and berating the black man in an effort to impress him and others that he is nothing and can never be more. Such conditions, tho exceedingly unfortunate for the Negro and the country at large, are difficult to reach. They grow out of the commercial spirit of the age and the thirst for power, which in these days seem to influence, if they do not control, the entire country. The effects are being greatly felt by the race, and are seen if not felt throughout the South. Where the careless, not to say the vicious, white man is doing so much harm to an already weak and struggling people, it does seem that the Christian people of the South would feel called upon to do something to counteract such influences.

Evil Consequences of Wild Talk

Our esteemed contemporary, the *Religious Telescope*, doesn't believe in wild talk by those who are the peoples' leaders, and we wish the advice given might be heeded by those of our Southern editors and others who seem to think that the difficult questions of our time can be settled by shooting skyrocket at the moon. Such pyrotechnic displays only excite people's attention; they settle nothing. Under the head of "Unwise Advice" that paper says:

"The more or less open sanction of those whom we regard as our superiors is responsible in some measure for many of our acts. To hide behind the opinion of another is an hourly indication of human frailty. Undeniably the few are leaders; the rest of us are simply common folk. Since leaders see their own acts, thoughts, and feelings reflected in the populace, it is incumbent upon

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Our Contributors

Soul Winning

Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, D. D.

The great, first and all important duty of every preacher is to win the souls for whom Christ has died. Glorious Methodism has proclaimed that Christ died for all. No son or daughter of Adam has ever been born, or ever will be born, for whom the Son of God did not die. This blessed gospel Methodism has proclaimed in all its history, it proclaims it now in more than a hundred different languages in all parts of the world. It is the gospel proclamation, and so it comes to pass that no preacher anywhere, at any time, will ever meet an unredeemed soul, and hence he may be sure that God stands ready to save all who have been redeemed by the sufferings and death of His dead Son.

Such thoughts as these, when fixed in the preacher's mind, will help him to preach the gospel with much assurance. He can sing with all his heart and soul,

"Come, sinners, to the gospel feast;
Let every soul be Jesus' guest;
You need not one be left behind,
For God hath bidden all mankind.
Sent by my Lord, on you I call;
The invitation is for all;
Come all the world! Come, sinners, thou!
All things in Christ are ready now."

First of all the preacher, in order to be a soul winner must live right himself. We preach loudest and in the most effectual way when we walk most closely with Christ. Then the preacher must feel the great importance of carefully and prayerfully preparing his sermons. He must study, read, think and pray as a constant duty if he would be a successful preacher. Great care should be taken with each and every sermon. The business of an ambassador from the court of Heaven is too important to be carelessly performed. The herald of the King of Glory must know his message. Then the preacher must use personal effort. He must watch for souls. He must carefully scan his congregations and see who is most interested, and then search them out and kindly and faithfully persuade them to accept Christ.

As to the times and season when special revival services should be held, every preacher must carefully study the conditions and the environment, the business and habits of the people, and when he has so done fix on the best time, rally all the people, call his officials to stand by him, and then all go earnestly to work and the victory will be won.

Brothers, remember the promise of God, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Diabolical Shooting at Scottsboro, Ala

One of the most diabolical and cold blooded assassinations was committed about three-quarters of a mile from Scottsboro, on the 4th of July, at a picnic given by the colored people, by one Will Coffey, a young white man, I ever knew. It is stated by those who saw the occurrence, that it was a case of cold-blooded and unprovoked murder. The name of the young colored man who was assassinated was Eulus McBroom.

There was quite a large number of white people in attendance at the picnic who had gone there to see the colored baseball teams play. Every one of these whites were peaceable on this occasion except the young man who did the killing. The deed is generally denounced in the bitterest terms by both white and colored people. The assassin was promptly captured yesterday morning at the home of his widowed mother. He had secreted himself up in his mother's loft, where he was discovered by Sheriff D. O. Austin and his posse. He made no resistance, and is now in jail here awaiting trial. Talk of lynching was indulged in, but the more sober minded among both white and colored advised to refrain from any attempts to do anything unlawful in any manner whatsoever. I am sorry that so many shocking deeds are being committed in and around Scottsboro, Ala. In this case it is again demonstrated that the best colored people are in favor of law and order. "Do violence to no man" is a good rule for all to abide by. I utterly condemn violence when perpetrated on anybody, regardless of any and all racial distinctions. Let law and order prevail. Yours sincerely,

W. T. TRAMMELL.

Report of Assistant General Secretary, I. Garland Penn to the Board of Control of the Epworth League, Methodist Episcopal Church

Dear Fathers and Brothers:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we present to you a report of the work of the Epworth League among our colored conferences. Since our last report at Chicago, August, 1901, the work has gone steadily forward in organization, in the practical Christian work of the League, and likewise the League among us has been exercising a most wholesome influence for good among the young people of the race, if not the entire race with which we are identified. In point of organization we have 2085 regularly chartered chapters of the Epworth League in our colored conferences. This is 513 more than were reported two years ago at Chicago, and 1021 more than reported at Indianapolis five years ago. There are over 400 chapters of the Junior League. The fact is that there are more League organizations than our statistics give us credit for, it being a matter of some trouble to get some of our pastors to look after the chartering of their Leagues when organized. Two-thirds of our churches have organized chartered chapters of the League in them, and it is safe to say that one-half of the remaining one-third have Leagues organized but not chartered. * * *

We expect to report next time a League for every church. Our League membership, active and associate, approximates 100,000. The interest in the distribution of League and church literature not only obtains, but increases. Whereas once there could be seen but one table at a conference session distributing literature of its organization, and incidentally the general literature of the church, and only one man going up and down the country, now there are three others, and yet the League keeps well at the front in the business. A summing up of our remittances and orders to the various houses of our church shows a spread of \$20,000 worth of League and church literature in the six years of our work, which was a surprise to us, as we had not had occasion nor taken time to go over our bills and receipts for the six years. The wide circulation of literature made it necessary to open office in the busi-

ness section of Atlanta, where we could be convenient to the railroads as well as have place where the property of the church would be safe, as our home, considering our family, had become inadequate.

We are glad to report that more of our Leagues than ever cover the practical work of our departments. The interest in spiritual work is on the increase. More of the Leagues, as their orders show, as well as our observation in the field, use the prayer meeting topics and operate the devotional meeting. Some have to do it by still sandwiching it in with some form of literary work, but as noted in one of our Leagues a few weeks since, where rightly and tactfully conducted, even this form of devotional work can be made effective. Whether it be so in our white churches, it is so in our colored churches, that much depends upon the pastor. In our colored conferences he is the great burden-bearer, and deserves the sympathy, prayers and heartiest co-operation of all. Many times have we worn ourselves out when laboring in a local church with a pastor, trying to do everything he wants done, and meet every engagement up to five in one Sunday, in order to be helpful. We observe that if not naturally born tired or too big to have to do with what he considers small things, or is not a know-all, the work among our young people thrives best, where our pastors are prepared, hence the schools mean much to us. Yet, not to be misunderstood, some of our men who have not had advantages equal with others are succeeding in making the wheel go, and their Leagues are beehives of activity. To help all of our pastors and League officers we are beginning a series of articles in the Southwestern Christian Advocate, to run indefinitely, entitled "Epworth League Department Suggestions". With mutual desire to be helpful to our pastors, cabinet officers and Leagues, our talented editor, Dr. I. B. Scott, who ever seeks to co-operate in promoting every form of our Methodism through his paper, is with us in a crusade to impress the League work upon brethren as never before, especially as the enterprising means toward interesting, using and saving our young people for the church.

Our correspondence, giving information about the work being done, or seeking information how to do the work, was never so large. Absence from our office two weeks, as well as new correspondence, occasioned by engagements upon annual and district conferences, produces an accumulation which requires the presence of two weeks to answer, and yet if we went everywhere we get invitations or we want to go, we could be out of the office every day in the year.

Two and a half years ago at Chicago we suggested to the board the feasibility of allowing us to make the attempt to have an interdenominational meeting of the Christian young people of the Negro race some time in the future, which you cheerfully endorsed. We felt that such a meeting, wisely and conservatively conducted, laying emphasis upon heart and brain culture, backed by the object lesson of the work our church and others, could but command the attention of the nation, and elicit for the Negro the spirit of fair play, tolerance and help if it be understood that he was working out his salvation upon these sure and fundamental lines. We come back to report that in this effort we had the greatest success, and a complimentary copy of our report of the Christian Congress, a book of six hundred pages, will be forwarded to every member of the board. The reaction of this great meeting upon the Christian

training of the young people of the race has been marked and has brought our Epworth League as the most conspicuous young people's society work among the colored people. Other churches are rallying their forces for more interest in similar work than ever before, by directing their attention to the Epworth League in the M. E. church. In some Methodist bodies that do not have the League, some in high authority have gone as far as to say they ought to have the League.

The congress gave opportunity to the Methodist Episcopal Church to fairly set its work before the race as never before, and it will be a lasting joy to remember the scene of seven thousand Negroes of every Protestant church waving their white handkerchief and applauding to the echo the presence and address of our beloved Epworth League President, Bishop Joyce, for his great personality and for the great church and society he represented, which stood so near to the hearts of the Negro people. The Southern press never spoke so complimentary of the race. * * *

All the boards of the church contributed financially to the expense item of the movement, the League leading to the amount of \$50.00, which we raised in the field. Every expense of the movement was met, reports properly made out, submitted and audited by representatives of all denominations, and our League not made to suffer in the least by the misplacement of a single penny by its representative, who had executive charge of the movement. Thus closed triumphantly a great forward movement of the race begun by Methodism. It should be said that the corporation of all denominations was full, genuine and brotherly, but for which the success attained could not have been had.

We referred in another part of our report to the growth of the work necessitating an office in the business section of the city of Atlanta. The work has also grown, necessitating a clerk in the office during my oftentimes protracted absence of weeks. We are now cosily officed in two neat rooms, one of which is used for League and church literature, and the other for office proper. While this has taken place, and growth is therefore manifest, we are glad to report that the expenses upon the general church has not grown. We are maintaining an office of two rooms in the centre of the business district of Atlanta, having a regular stenographer and clerk, doing a larger correspondence than any Negro officer in the church save one, trying to interest and lay upon the hearts of our people the work, travelling on an average of seven months from Texas to New York State in every year, carting two trunks and often three and four boxes of books over the church, with but an expense of \$51.00 per month to the church. Thanks to the liberality of the pastors and Leaguers and other business interests with which we have to do, that we try to be as little a burden to the church as possible. The brethren and Leagues have contributed in six years of our official life \$630 to help in this regard, while we have been able to interest others in the work we are trying to do for the young people of our race and church, which has made the burden somewhat lighter than it otherwise would have been. To the promotion of the spiritual life as the only basis for the wise and permanent use of our intellectual and material life, we have given ourselves in God's name. We have enjoyed seasons of blessings and results at the conferences presided over by all our bishops, but especially those of Epworth League President Bishop

Joyce, as we have tried to be humbly a co-worker with him in bringing souls to Jesus.

We have constantly kept our General Secretary, Dr. Berry, in touch with our movements, and have gone only so far as he indicates. We have been loyal to him not only as a duty, but a great privilege, for he is one of the best and most brotherly of men. * * *

Right here it seems fitting to mention that since our last meeting at Chicago one of the Negro representatives of the board, in the person of Prof. T. A. Fortson, representing the Twelfth General Conference District, has been promoted. In his death a faithful Epworthian, member of four general conferences, an educator, a gentleman, dyed-in-the-wool Methodist and race leader, has been called. Peace to his ashes.

Our International Convention comes on space, and the tocsin has been sounded for 1000 delegates from the colored League troops. We are coming. We are preparing a 'Roll of Honor' for our presiding elders, to be framed and hung in our office. The conditions upon which a presiding elder's name goes upon the roll is that every church on his district shall have an Epworth and Junior League. The plan will be perfected and published on our return to the office.

Our missionaries who have gone to Africa report the organization of League chapters in that far-off land, and recently the Monrovia district of the Liberia Conference has been organized into a District League. Dr. and Mrs. Camphor, upon their visit to this country, secured many scholarships for the College of West Africa from among our Leagues. For the League in a general sense we pledged two scholarships. Bro. Sherrill, another of the Negro missionaries to Africa, who is now in this country, will find a hearty welcome in our Leagues.

We have never taken a vacation in our six years and two months work. We want more of a chance to work than rest. The Lord abides with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge, and in His name we shall keep laboring with presiding elder, pastor, parent and child until our Epworth League and Junior League is a verity in organization, work, results in every church of our Negro Methodism.

Conference Sunday in Guthrie

Conference Sunday was a windy day in Guthrie. But every one who was fortunate enough to attend the services was highly entertained, and even now compliments can be heard here and there. It was a real treat to the conference, and St. Paul M. E. Church, to have so many of our representative men. Those sermons and songs still ring in our ears. We will never forget that good day. At 11 o'clock Bishop Hamilton preached to the great delight of those who heard him, taking for his text Jno. 4-22. Great man is our good bishop. At 3 o'clock Rev. B. F. Abbott, of Springfield, Mo., preached an eloquent and forceful sermon to a large crowd at the opera house. Rev. Abbott is a firm preacher, and made many friends while in Guthrie. It seems as though the best of the wine was kept for the last of the feast, and long before the hour of preaching the large and beautiful opera house was crowded. It had been announced that Dr. I. B. Scott, of the Southwestern, would preach. It is needless to say that Dr. Scott more than met the expectation of all present.

His text was Gen. 32-26. We have heard the text preached before, but never before did we get such a picture, a real picture. For more than

an hour he held that great audience at his own will. Shouts and praises could be heard, and oh, how our hearts burned. Beautiful day, precious to our memory. D. G. FRANKLIN.

Guthrie, O. T.

Life of Faith

THE MEMORY GUILD

FOR LEARNING BEST HYMNS.

BISHOP H. W. WARREN.

FAITH.

For any accomplishment there must be agencies between power and product. Between steam and the flying train is the engine, between Almighty and its application to our needs is faith. Christ always asked for it, cultivated it and crowned it with victory.

God says that faith is the giving of substance to things hoped for, a test of things not seen. See stanzas 5 and 6.

No wonder this hymn originally expanded to eighty-five stanzas.

It begins with desire, for the unspeakable gift, goes on to the partial but positive knowledge, stanzas 3-4, and closes with glorious revelations.

Author of faith, eternal Word,
Whose spirit breathes the active flame,
Faith, like its finisher and Lord,
To-day as yesterday the same.

To thee our humble hearts aspire,
And ask the gift unspeakable;
Increase in us the kindled fire,
In us the work of faith fulfill.

By faith we know thee strong to save;
Save us, a present Saviour thou:
Whate'er we hope, by faith we have;
Future and past subsisting now.

To him that in thy name believes,
Eternal life with thee is given;
Into himself he all receives,
Pardon, and holiness, and heaven.

The things unknown to feeble sense,
Unseen by reason's glimmering ray,
With strong, commanding evidence,
Their heavenly origin display.

Faith lends its realizing light;
The clouds disperse, the shadows fly;
The invisible appears in sight,
And God is seen by mortal eye.

Charles Wesley (b. 1708, d. 1788.)

Faith

Faith, in the sense of believing, is our own act, and Christ commands us to perform that act, and says if we do we shall be saved, but if we do not we shall be damned. Now what are we going to do about it? I propose to believe with all my might, to do the work of faith and to do it immediately and all the time. Do you say such believing is monotony, always being done, and never finished? Be it so; I prefer an endless repetition of lively faith acts, to a hum-drum life of unbelief.

Believing is a vine that clings to Jesus, drinks in salvation and twines up to heaven. Unbelief is a spade that digs graves and buries the unbeliever, soul and body, in the sepulchre of eternal death. When the dead unbeliever is lowered into that tomb, no voice will ever be heard saying, "Lazarus, come forth." O! the blessedness of believing. O! the peril of unbelief.—A. L.

Use What You Have

"What is in thine hand, Abel?"

"Nothing but one wee lamb, O God, taken

from the flock. I propose offering it to Thee, a willing sacrifice."

And so he did. And the sweet smell of the burning has been filling the air ever since, and constantly going up to God as a perpetual sacrifice of praise.

"What is it thou hast in thine hand, Moses?"

"Nothing but a staff, O God, with which I tend my flocks."

"Take it and use it for me."

And he did, and with it wrought more wondrous things than Egypt and her proud king had seen before.

"Mary, what is it that thou hast in thine hand?"

"Nothing but a pot of sweet smelling ointment, O God, where with I would anoint Thine only one called Jesus."

And so she did; and not only did the perfume fill the house in which they were, but the Bible-reading world has been fragrant with the memory of this blessed act of love, which has, ever since, been spoken of "for a memorial of her."

"Poor woman, what is it that thou hast in thine hand?"

"Only two mites, Lord. It is very little, but then it is all I have, and I would put it into Thy treasury."

And so she did, and the story of her generous giving has ever since wrought like a charm, prompting others to give to the Lord.

"What is it that thou hast in thine hand, Dorcas?"

"Only a needle, Lord."

"Take it and use for Me."

And so she did; and not only were the suffering poor of Joppa warmly clad, but inspired by her loving life "Dorcas Societies" even now continue their benign mission to the poor throughout the earth.—*Christian Budget*.

The Wonderful Work of God

The pictures God paints in the sky every day are free for all. We see beauty amid the numberless flowers of spring in the waving branches of the trees, in the hues of the seashell, and in the gleam of the precious stone. It is reflected from the silver lined cloud and by the rising and setting sun. All nature is a psalm, a melody of praise and an anthem of joy. There is music in the rippling waves of the deep-toned sea, in the wonderful rhapsodies of mountain echoes and in the sparkling waters dashing down the rocky gorge and over the cataract. All nature speaks his praise, the waving harvest, the rolling landscape, the rippling fountain, the smiling flowers, the tiny blade of grass. The everchanging kaleidoscope of nature fills the mind with thoughts of boundless power and inaccessible majesty. We cannot look upon the boundless prairie, the variegated forest and the shoreless ocean without sublime thoughts of the wisdom and benevolence which hath made all in harmonious adaptation to our wants. When the ear is attuned to hear the voiceless messages of nature it will hear the voice of nature's God.—*Rev. A. C. Welch*.

Woman's Dominion

Home Mission Notes

The anniversary meetings held each year at Ocean Grove, N. J., under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, will be held this year August 4, 5 and 6, the last day being devoted to deaconess work. The program will be an unusually interesting one.

Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, president of the W. H. M. S., gave the annual address before the Alumni Association of Albion College, Mich. Mrs. Fisk had the joy of seeing the endowment of a chair for study of the English Bible completed at this time. It was begun in 1885 by her own earnest effort.

Miss Florence Ermine Thomas, who graduated this year from the Adeline M. Smith Home, and also from the Normal Department of Philander Smith College, hopes to go as a missionary to Africa. She is a young woman of unusual promise.

The four conference organizations of the W. H. M. S. in the state of Iowa are organized into a federation which holds annual meetings. The meeting this year was held at Storm Lake, Ia., and was both delightful and profitable. This union, which has now continued for eight years, heartily recommends a similar grouping of conference societies, believing that a bringing together once a year of the leading workers of the different conferences is of great value to the work at large.

There is great activity throughout the ranks of the W. H. M. S. in the gathering of "Jewels." "Mothers' Jewels" is the beautiful name given to the children under ten years of age. These little ones are gathered into Jewel Circles, pay ten cents dues annually, and are furnished with jewel mite-boxes in which to gather their pennies for home missions. The activity among these little people is both surprising and delightful.

How to Be Charming

A woman can make or mar her attractiveness. She can, by an utter disregard of hygienic laws and a neglect of toilet accessories, in the opinion of *Home Chat*, lose entirely that charm of face and form that nature obviously intended should be hers. A few drops of soothing lotion will transform a pair of rough hands into soft ones; systematic care of the complexion will keep it smooth and ward off wrinkles, and an eagerness to read clever books and to know things, and a lively interest in the current events of the day, will brighten the eyes as nothing else can, except it be the sympathy of the man one loves. The woman possessing this knowledge is far more charming and attractive than she in whose path no beautifying whims have ever come. And the woman who applies this knowledge is the one who will develop into the entertaining, interesting grandmother of the next generation, as dainty and as youthful as was the mother of the past generation.—*Presbyterian*.

The Food Problem

Although the study of domestic economy is more diligently pursued by housekeepers than ever before, there is still a great majority who have not rightly considered the food problem or taken the means to solve it. Many who are adepts in culinary art do not understand the right proportions of the various kinds of foods necessary to the well-being of the human body. Then, on the other hand many solve the problem to their own satisfaction, and their fads and fancies in regard to food are often the cause of the stomach trouble which they aim to prevent. In an article in the August *Delineator* Dr. Grace Peckham Murray discusses the food problem, and her observation should bring light to many who do not rightly understand the subject.

For the William Nast College in Kingkang, China, Bishop Moore has raised \$4,000.

Young Friends

Some Things to Learn

Just to be tender, just to be true;
Just to be glad the whole day through;
Just to be merciful, just to be mild;
Just to be trustful as a child;
Just to be gentle and kind and sweet;
Just to be helpful with willing feet;
Just to be cheery when things go wrong;
Just to drive sadness away with a song;
Whether the hour is dark or bright;
Just to be loyal to God and right;
Just to believe that God knows best;
Just in his promise ever to rest;
Just to let love be our daily key—
This is God's will for you and for me.

How to do God's Will

A teacher was explaining to her class concerning God's angels, "Ministers of his pleasure," and asked, "How can we carry out God's will?"

Many answers followed.

One said, "They do it directly."

Another, "They do it with all their might."

A third, "They do it well."

And after a pause a quiet little girl said, "They do it without asking any questions."

Girls Should Remember

That the home kitchen, with mother and a loving, willing daughter, is the best cooking school on earth.

That true beauty of face is only when there is beauty of soul manifested in character.

That the girl everybody likes is the one who is helpful and never whines, but is just her helpful self.

And, finally, that one of the things on earth is a pure, modest girl—one who is her father's pride, her mother's joy, her brother's inspiration and her friend's ideal—which girl we should all try to be.

A Good Investment

John and James were twins, and very old. Their father was very wealthy. On their birthday they expected a rich present. A week before they were fourteen they were talking over what they most wanted.

"I want a pony," said James.

"And what do you want, John?"

"A boy."

"A boy!" grasped his father.

"Yes, sir. It doesn't cost much."

"A boy than it does a horse, do you think?"

"Well, no," replied his father, surprised.

"And I can get a boy for less than a horse."

"Yes," replied his father, "suppose so."

"Why, papa, I know so. I see 'em running around without any clothes."

"Oh, that's what you are thinking of."

"To take a boy and bring him home."

"Yes, sir; it would be a great thing."

"The St. Bernard dog you were talking about?"

"You see, my father has a dog with me, play with me, and I can give him nice things for me—and I can give him nice things for him, too, could you go to school, and I could learn examples and Latin?"

"Examples and Latin?"

what is he aiming at?" and Judge Roding wiped the sweat from his bald head.

"I know," laughed James. He wants to adopt old drunken Pete's son."

"Yes, papa, 'cause he is running about the streets as dirty and ragged as he can be, and old Pete don't care a cent about him, and he's a splendid boy, father. He's just as smart as he can be, only he can't go to school half the time, 'cause he hasn't anything decent to wear."

"How long do you want to keep him?"

"Until he gets to be a man, father."

"And turns out such a man as old Pete?"

"No danger of that, father. He has signed the pledge not to drink intoxicants, nor swear, nor smoke, and he has helped me, father, for when I have wanted to do such things he told me his father was once a rich man's son, and just as promising as James and I."

"Do you mean to tell me that you ever feel like doing such things as drinking, swearing, smoking, and loafing?" asked his father sternly.

"Why, papa, you don't know half the temptations boys have nowadays. Why, boys of our set swear and smoke and drink right along when nobody sees them."

"Don't let me ever catch you doing such things."

"Not now, father, I think, for I am trying to surrender all—every vice, every bad habit, unnecessary pleasures. I don't see how I could enjoy a dog or a pony when I know a nice boy suffering for some of the good things I enjoy."

"You may have the boy, John, and may God bless the gift."

And God blessed the gift. John Roding grew up to be a much better man because of the almost constant companionship of drunken Pete's son, and as for the drunkard's boy, everything he touched seemed to prosper. John's and James's mother said it was because God teaches us, "When your father and mother forsake you, then the Lord will take you up." The Lord had taken up drunken Pete's son, and he could not help prospering.

Pete's son not only lifted up his own fallen family, but became as much of a prop for Judge Roding's family. His delight was "in the law of the Lord." He was like a tree planted by the rivers of water, and whatsoever he did prospered.—*National Advocate*.

Educational

Against the Proposed Reduction of Southern Representation

At Waco, Texas, an Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest was held Friday night, April 3. Seven of the leading colleges in the State participated, and were represented on the program. These colleges were: Samuel Huston College, of Austin; Prairie View Normal, of Prairie View; Bishop College, of Marshall; Texas College, of Tyler; Tillotson College, of Austin, and Paul Quinn College, of Waco. The contest was held in the City Hall at Waco, the seat of Paul Quinn College. Each of these colleges was represented by one speaker. Our representative, Mr. O. M. Randolph, a member of the Sophomore class, was attended by President Dogan and Mr. Will L. Davis, who is himself one of the young orators of the State, having won in the State Temperance Oratorical Contest, for colleges, last year.

The contest was held so far away from Wiley that Wiley stock was considerably below par up to the night of the contest, when it began to rise. It rose suddenly like a rocket, and has been

any doubts as to the final outcome to the contest. Every one was preparing to welcome our representative victor. Yet, somehow, when the news came that "our Randolph" (there were two—Prairie View had one) had won, the pent up enthusiasm of days broke its bounds like those rushing floods of the swollen Mississippi. There were five judges at Waco—two bankers, two educators and one lawyer; leading white citizens of the town, gentlemen of culture and intelligence, and they decided just as our judges here decided.

The contest began at 10 o'clock and continued till 12. Our representative had the sixth place on the program. The judges were out only fifteen minutes and brought back their decision, awarding the first honors to Wiley University, second to Prairie View Normal School.

Mr. Randolph's subject was "Against the Proposed Reduction of Southern Representation." He is a modest, unassuming young man of fine stage presence, and with a powerful voice which he knows how to use. He is not only an orator but a gentleman, and he owes part of his success at Waco to this fact. He was very popular with the student body before the contest, and is now a veritable hero.

Mr. Randolph first spoke of the importance of the question. "That it was one of the most far-reaching questions of to-day." He then discussed the spirit that prompted the measure, that it was not proposed in a spirit of envy, nor is it the result of passion, but in keeping with the letter and spirit of the law," and saying further, "That to adopt the measure in favor of the reduction of Southern representation would only be the enforcement of an already written law." He then paid tribute to the men who proposed the measure, praising them for advocating a humanitarian cause, saying among other things: "In this age of strenuous commercialism examples are rare indeed, where men go in to fight the battles of the oppressed." * * * "When such virtues gleam forth in one's life, when such virtues force us to preclude all regard of self and to sacrifice personal interest in order to meet the needs of humanity—then we can say of him, in whom such virtues, peace to a just man's memory." * * * "Surely such virtues predominate the minds of the serious statesmen who propose this measure, surely will they bear the meed of praise for being at least the forerunners of a mighty idea, and no matter whether success or failure crowns these maiden efforts to secure uniform and just suffrage laws—yet success will be sure to come eventually, and when the dawn of that day shall have illumed man's eye, the proposer of the reduction of Southern representation will be hailed as the heralds of the mightiest principle in the fabric of this government—the equality of its citizens."

Mr. Randolph then discussed the purpose of the measure, that it was proposed to secure for the oppressed the right of ballot, quoted the law sustaining the reduction of representation, that laws of the South deprived citizens of the right to vote, who have not been guilty of "rebellion or other crime," and that the South would lose a considerable number of her Congressmen unless her constitutions were at once revised, that "This hope of revision would mean the right of ballot to the oppressed and the triumph of humanity's cause." "But would the South revise her constitutions? Her growing industries demand proper representation. Her rivers, her harbors, her improvement with lavish public buildings, in fact, her every interest from a commercial standpoint demand that she be well represented in the Na-

tional Congress, and she would surely suffer from a reduction of her representation. But is it reasonable to suppose that the South would revise her constitution? Would the ruling power in the South surrender traditions which are dear, and tenets grounded in them for any material consideration? Would it be natural for them to re-enfranchise the very element which they had good reasons among themselves to disfranchise? Would the ruling power in the South repudiate the qualification election plan which they and their fathers have so long and so ably defended? No; the old South fought on many a battlefield and faced disaster and defeat too often, fathers gave up their sons, wives their husbands, and the whole South gave her noblest freely to a lost cause, and in spite of Appomattox that principle survives—and the New South could not be expected either to be coaxed or threatened into abandoning what it conceives to be a principle. Then the South could not, with honor, and would not under any circumstances, revise her constitution, but would accept the reduction of her representation first, last and always."

The speaker then spoke of the final results that would follow the adoption of the measure in case the South would not revise her constitution; the measure would turn from an intended blessing almost to a curse; that as long as the South acquiesced in the reduction of her representation there would be no channel through which the oppressed could be reached. After speaking further in the same line of thought, he said: "The re-enfranchisement of the disfranchised, the relief of the oppressed cannot be obtained through this measure. It is a hurtful measure and must be opposed, failing to secure re-enfranchisement, it has failed in its every purpose. * * * Let us abandon the illusion that the reduction of Southern representation can secure any good to our Southland, can obtain any beneficial results to the oppressed."

In Mr. Randolph's conclusion, he said that the failure of this measure did not mean the end of hope, but based his hopes in the purity of the fundamental principles of this government and the relation of these principles to the laws of God. That this government thus secures the favor of God and could not allow those principles to be ruthlessly abolished. After fully discussing this phase of the question, he concluded, saying: "Therefore, let us trust the sober judgment of this God-fearing nation in the settlement of all important questions."

Mission Study Course

Our mission study class of twenty-five girls completed the book, "The Price of Africa," with ever growing interest. The Review outlines showed excellent memory work, as few were able to take notes and listen too. At the close of the year's work the class gave the League program, "The Diamond Fields of Africa," for the Sunday evening service at Ebenezer Church. The missionary collection on this occasion amounted to about nine dollars, and the pastor and people were interested and pleased with the result.

Missionary note and scrap books among our girls indicate that the seed sowing of missionary intelligence is begun. May it grow and yield abundant harvest in the hearts of God's children.

One young member of the class, in the sixth grade, had some lines on "Heathen Africa" noted down in her book. Perhaps the thought therein may touch some other girl's heart, and then another seed will be sown.

The girls in Boylan Home and School have

sent \$20 for the second year, to support a little orphan girl in India. For the Lord's work in the Homeland we have sent \$5 to the conference treasurer, and furnished a room for the nurse training department, at an expense of \$45.86.

We may have but little to give, but planning and praying will wonderfully develop the grace of missionary giving.

Boylan Home, Jacksonville, Fla.

The Orphans' and Old Folks' Home

Dear Friends

The Orphans' Home and Home for Aged in San Antonio, Texas, is in need of proper equipment to carry forward the work among the aged colored people of this section. Mrs. Austin, of the above city, spent her very last hours in trying to push forward the work. Now she is no more, but her amiable husband and a few others caught her mantle and have been struggling to accomplish some ends which now seem to them most arduous. They have kindly consented to transfer their claims to the M. E. Church, and to the West Texas Annual Conference, to take control and manage for the colored people. The Catholics are very anxious to take control.

The home has been chartered by the State of Texas for such use and does receive some little aid from the county. It does not receive any from the State. There are fourteen lots in good condition, with a story and a half cottage and a dining department attached. It is well watered by water works fixtures, and a splendid tank which holds a large supply.

We have also some children in this home and some aged persons. But for want of better management there would be more than three hundred applicants, and a very excellent school could be carried on. Then the property I mentioned is not at all clear of debt. It was bought about three or four years ago from Mr. Openheimer at a cost of \$900, and I understand that all interest up to date, and some payments have been made. The exact amount of payments I am not able to give. But the thing I wish to have understood is that if the brethren will help me we can ascertain the facts and have the West Texas Conference to take hold of it and commence an industrial college in connection therewith, which will be a great benefit to the State at large.

Before this letter shall have been published I shall be in receipt of the facts and can give exact figures for all things necessary. Now, who will be the first to contribute something to this project of our conference accepting this home? You know, brethren, thousands of our people are homeless, and children are the same way. Remember the Galveston storm and the Goliad disaster. You cannot help them from coming, but you can prepare to meet the emergency.

No. 418 Polaris St., T. S. McMorris,
San Antonio, Texas.

Hartzell Industrial Academy Closing

The seventh annual exercises of the Hartzell Industrial Academy took place Tuesday night, June 30th, in the True Friends' Hall, Donaldsonville, La. A large crowd was present and great interest was manifested in the exercises. Those students on the program rendered their parts well, which shows that much care was taken in their preparation. Several solos deserve special mention.

Among the visitors present were Dr. G. W. Henderson, dean of the theological department of Straight University; Rev. J. H. Thompson, pas-

tor Haven Chapel, New Orleans; Profs. R. C. Barrow, principal Hamilton Academy, Baton Rouge, La.; W. H. Young, principal Calvary High School, Thibodaux, La., and Attorney F. B. Smith, of New Orleans.

The opening prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Thompson. Dr. Henderson addressed the audience, emphasizing the importance of the home, the church and the school. Prof. Barrow spoke of "Opportunity," and how it must be seized whenever presented. Prof. Young said that progress was a struggle upward and that any people to succeed must be worthy. Attorney Smith spoke upon what it means to be educated; that the student ought to have an ideal and strive to attain it.

The school building is very neat and roomy, costing over \$800.00. Mrs. Lucille J. Shallowhorne is the efficient principal.

The enrollment last session was one hundred and twenty-three. From the report of the principal, the people are interested in the school. The hall in which the exercises were held was donated for the purpose, and she mentioned other matters showing local interest.

Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, presiding elder of the Monroe District, was present and made it very pleasant for the visitors. He and Mrs. Shallowhorne are splendid entertainers. They have a very attractive home and are doing a good work among the people of Donaldsonville.

F. B. S.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

HEATHEN AFRICA.

Far o'er the ocean they're bowing
To idols of every kind,
And heathen nations are growing
More weary and sad you will find.

They know not of Jesus, who died
To redeem them from all their sin,
Nor the story of love betrayed
By one of his own chosen men.

And though we read he was dead,
We know he now lives on high,
To reward us for every good deed
And comfort when trouble is nigh.

Is it not our duty to go
And tell on Africa's shore
The story of Christ and his love?
Dear land that we love evermore.

Our hearts beat fast at the call.
Lord, what wilt Thou have us to do?
Our money, our prayers, our all
Shall freely be given to you.

KARLINE DEBOSE.

Boylan Home, Jacksonville, Fla.

Epworth League

Topic, August 2nd,

"REMEMBER JESUS CHRIST."

Scripture Reference, 2 Tim. 2:8, R. V.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday. God remembered Noah. Gen. 8:1

—5.

Tuesday. God remembered His Covenant.

Ex. 2:23—25.

Wednesday. Remembering Moses' Words.

Josh. 1:12—18.

Thursday. The dead remembering events of life. Luke 16:19—31.

Friday. Peter remembered the word of the Lord. Acts 11:1—17.

Saturday. Remembering others in our prayers. 2 Tim. 1:1—7.

Of all the uses to which men have put the marvelous faculty of memory, none is more important than the injunction of the theme which

we study today. I have seen the merchant at his desk, the banker at his books, the student at his lessons, all seeking to remember the business, the transactions, the lessons of the day and I have said these are important matters; but when I consider the important relation which Jesus Christ sustains to us, for the here and the hereafter, I am frank to confess that of all uses of memory the most blessed and import use, is to remember Jesus Christ. The merchant can better afford to forget his business, the banker his accounts and the student his lesson, than can they afford to forget Jesus. For in remembering Jesus Christ we may save our souls: and what shall it profit a man if he gain the world of business, if he gain the world of wealth, if he gain the world of wisdom and lose his soul? This is the oldest and most stubborn problem in profit and loss that the world knows anything about. I want to talk with the leaguers and their friends today about remembering Jesus, showing the what and the why.

1. Remember Jesus Christ as your Savior.

Lost and undone was the human race in that awful day when Eve and Adam ate of the forbidden tree, but Jesus, the lamb slain, (in the thought of God) from before the foundation of the world, came to the rescue of the race and saved it from annihilation. Thus in Him we live and move and have our being. Except for this willing offering of himself for the human race we should never have lived. Today we may by remembering him as Savior and believing in him, find our way out of the wilderness, where howl the rude tempest of sin and find ourselves so adjusted to Jesus, as to be counted among his children.

2. Remember Him in His Consecration.

Jesus Christ came indeed, to save sinners but his life is full of the richest and most helpful of lessons on real life. He has taught us how to live to a purpose and how to devote our life to a cause. Shut your eyes and be still for a moment and think of how with untiring patience, fidelity and consecration he pursued one great purpose, allowing nothing to divert him from it. He did not allow trials and hardships to move him from his purpose for the truth must be taught and man must be saved, even though the price was blood. Let some great purpose fill your heart, and then consecrate yourself to it as did your Lord.

3. Remember Jesus Christ in His love for Man.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Jesus not only died for those who loved him but those who smote and rebuked Him. He counted not His life dear unto Himself but sealed His love with His blood. The measure of man's love for a cause is shown in what he will do for it. Do you love your league, your church? Then you will make some sacrifices for them, both of money and time.

4. Remember Jesus Christ in the sympathies of His life.

In Christ was a heart heroic yet tender. He was ever touched by our infirmities. Heart-broken and with tear-stained cheeks, Mary and Martha stood by their brother's tomb, and Jesus stood with them, weeping for very sympathy. No man to-day ever sorrows and weeps alone; though all others forsake him and deny him, Jesus remembers him. A lonely widow went out of the City of Nain, following the dead body of her only son, who was her support, and Jesus met them. His sympathies were stirred; and by

power divine He changed that mother's tears of sorrow into tears of joy by speaking her son back to life. He thus robbed the grave and blessed a human life. To a weary, tired and burdened world Jesus said: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." To-day broken hearts are all about us, and the black cowl is everywhere—go in the spirit of the Master, help this old world to bear its burdens of sorrow.

5. *Remember Jesus Christ and His Spirit of forgiveness.* Had you been in His place, with the winds and lightnings of God in your fists and with more than twelve legions of angels at your command, the earth would long ago have been turned into a great burying ground, seamed and scarred by the plunging lightnings. He was buffeted, and they spat upon Him; rough hands nailed Him to the rude cross, yet he prayed, saying: "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do. When you are inclined to strike back at those who taunt and mock you, remember Jesus Christ. When you are inclined to stop speaking to people who treat you badly, and withhold from them the right hand of fellowship, think of Jesus Christ and how He forgave others.

6. *Remember Jesus Christ in the Strength of His character.* Adam was innocent in his created state but had no character. There is no character, humanly speaking, without trial and temptation. Through all the tempestuous trials of His day Jesus went unmoved. He was strong enough to overcome them all. The one great temptation of Satan is to make us think of ourselves and the one great work of the Holy Spirit is to show us the things of God. The devil says, Think of yourself; Jesus says, Deny yourself and follow me. Jesus was strong enough to put behind him every appeal of Satan, and He can strengthen us. Lift up now your heart to God and ask Him to make you strong to endure life's trials and overcome the wiles of the devil.

7. Remember that He has planned salvation for you.

8. Remember that the Holy Spirit seeks you and woos you that He might win you to God.

9. Remember that Jesus Christ became a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief for our sake.

10. Remember that He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

11. Remember that when Peter kept his eyes on Jesus he could walk the hurtling waves; so if you keep Jesus in your mind you will conquer the world, the flesh and the devil.

Pittsburg, Pa.

Sunday School Helps

Lesson V—Aug. 2nd, 1903. Title—Samuel Anoints David (1 Sam. 16:1-13.) Golden Text—"Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." (1 Sam. 16:7.) Time—B. C. 1045. Place—Bethlehem.

After Samuel told Saul God had rejected him from being king over Israel, Saul confessed he had sinned in transgressing the commandment of the Lord. But the mere act of confessing sin, without being sorry for it, and renouncing it, will avail nothing. Esau and Judas repented of their sins, but it did not lead to reformation of life. They went from bad to worse. There is a line, seen or unseen by us, beyond which we pass and there is no return. We are tending to a goal, and when it is passed probation ceases. Saul had been tried and proved unworthy, weighed and found wanting. The lesson for to-day tells how God found another king for His people.

I. *Worshipping God (1-5).* 1. *The command.*

(1) *A mild reproof:* "How long wilt thou mourn for Saul?" It is not known how the Lord spoke to Samuel: likely by dream or vision. The prophet's affection for the king, love for his country, and hatred for sin, caused his grief. We should be true to the land in which we live, love its citizens, and weep over the fallen. (2) *Getting ready:* "Fill thine horn with oil." Horns were the drinking vessels of all ancient nations. Every traveler was supposed to carry one with him. The anointing oil was composed of olive oil, myrrh, cassia, cinnamon, and sweet calamus. We should get ready before setting out on a journey, or beginning any great work. Haste betrays ignorance. The Lord does nothing hurriedly. (3) *Making the journey:* "Go to Jesse the Bethlehemite." From Ramah the home of Samuel, to Bethlehem, the residence of Jesse, was about ten miles. The father of David is the only person in the Bible by the name of Jesse. Ruth, the Moabitess, was his grandmother, and Rahab, the Canaanite, his great grandmother. There was much Gentile blood in his veins. Jesus was after the flesh related to both Jews and Gentiles. Jesse was no doubt well known to Samuel. He seems to have been a man of wealth and influence. God is constantly saying to us go to this or that one and convey to them his message of love. Soul-saving is a hand to hand work. (4) *Stating his business:* "I have provided me a king from among his sons." The Lord still retained the right to appoint a ruler over Israel. Saul was the choice of the people, but God approved their decision. David was chosen by the Lord, but the people received him. The reign of Saul was a complete failure, but that of David was a grand success. The people make many blunders, but God makes no mistakes. Christ is our King, chosen by the Lord, and received by many.

2. *The excuse:* "How can I go? If Saul hear it he will kill me." The sacred historian has not concealed from us Samuel's weakness. The Bible records the vices, just as it does the virtues, of its heroes. This proves its inspiration. Samuel did not wish to stir up the wrath of the king. Saul was likely at this time possessed of an evil spirit; if so, he was liable to do any insane act. There was no doubt some foundation for his fears. God does not reprove him. When the Lord has not condemned, let us keep silent. Samuel is one of the purest characters in the Bible. He never before or after this showed fear. This act whispers of waning faith. He who asks to be excused from any part of God's work is a weak, timid saint.

3. *The remedy.* (1) *Concealment:* "I am come to sacrifice." This plan is of the Lord, therefore it is good. God devises nothing but that which is right. It is a religious, and not a political contrivance. He does not go as a ruler to execute judgment, but as a priest to offer sacrifice. The Lord's messengers should be peace-bearers. Samuel was instructed to tell but half his mission. Secrecy is a part of God's plan. Concealment is not falsehood. No man should ever tell an untruth, yet he is not on all occasions obliged to tell the whole truth. Concealment for a noble purpose is justifiable. It is often done in war, in medical treatment, politics, and family government. (2) *Guests:* "Call Jesse to the sacrifice." This religious feast was for him and his family, yet others were invited. Jesse and his household were no doubt believers in, and worshipers of, the true God. The gospel feast is for all, and every one is bidden to it. (3) *Work:* "Anoint unto me whom I name unto thee." We will never go wrong when following divine guid-

ance. But divine guidance is not conscience, or reason, independent of the word of God. This order was executed. (See below.)

4. *The obedience:* "And Samuel did that which the Lord spoke." (1) *There was excitement* when he reached Bethlehem. The elders of the town trembled. I infer that they had not been living godly; that they knew Samuel to be a great prophet; and that they feared lest he should call down upon them the wrath of heaven. What he was to that people. Jesus is to us—a prophet to teach, a judge to rule, and a priest to sacrifice. (2) *The command:* "Sanctify yourselves." They were to prepare themselves for the worship of God by washing, changing of raiment, and fasting. We should approach the Lord with hearts, emotions, and desires, sanctified to do his service.

II. *Choosing the king (6-13).* 1. *The rejected sons of Jesse.* (1) *Man's method of choosing a king* is by "looking on the outward appearance." The physical giant was envied among the ancients. The sons of Jesse were no doubt fine looking and intelligent. Samuel, like all other men, thought he knew a man when he saw him. When Jesse's oldest son came, he said: "Surely the Lord's anointed is before me." He was greatly mistaken. Appearances may deceive. We should not judge according to appearance, but we may exercise righteous judgment. (2) *The Lord's method of choosing a king* is by looking on the heart. Man chooses from outward fitness, God from inward ability. Man judges by the body, God by the soul. The heart here is the man, the body is the residence. The heart is the thinking, reasoning, willing agent; the body is matter acted upon. The heart is the only agent by which we can correctly judge. We know not the hearts of others, therefore we are not fully competent to judge them. It is not the good face, or clothes, or station, or membership, that makes the saint, but the good heart.

2. *The accepted son of Jesse.* (1) *He was inquired after:* "Are here all thy children?" God is ever asking about the people. He would be told of their whereabouts, and state of mind. He inquires through his word, Spirit, gospel and church. (2) *His occupation:* "He keepeth the sheep." A noble employment, and a type of the great "Shepherd and bishop of our souls." They that fill well their place are the ones that go higher. (3) *He was called:* "Send and fetch him." He seems not to have been thought of before. He was no doubt in Jesse's opinion, the one least likely to become the head of the family and nation. God calls into His work those best suited for it. (4) *His appearance:* He was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. He was at this time about twenty years of age. Ruddy means red, and likely refers to his hair. Countenance refers not to the eyes alone, but to the entire face. His features were even and expression frank. He was no doubt fine looking, but it was beauty of soul that caused the Lord to select him. (5) *He was consecrated:* "Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brethren." Jewish tradition says he whispered in his ear the meaning of the anointing. It is likely his father and brothers understood not what Samuel had done. This anointing was not to set up a king in opposition to Saul but to point out his successor. Christ is the anointed of God, and we are the anointed of Christ. It was a type of the Holy Spirit. (6) *As a result of this anointing* the "Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward." This could not have been if his heart had not been right. The Spirit gave him courage and strength.

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Evil Consequences of Wild Talk

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them to act uprightly, think virtuously, and feel humanely. The curse of moral aberration has been displayed anew, in the last ten days, by two persons following the same profession, but living on different continents, and occupying widely-divergent social positions. Similar circumstances were at the base of each man's utterance.

"The first was that of Rev. C. H. Thomas, of Belleville, Illinois, spoken after the death, by mob law, of a colored school teacher. He was guilty of the crime of assassination. The Negro preacher advised his hearers to sell their coats and get guns. If acts of rashness could be located on a graduated scale of provocation, there is far more reason in the preacher's words than in the violence of the mob. Yet, an armed company of citizens does not lead the way to a peaceful solution of troubles that are founded largely on race prejudice. Such language savors of revolution, and predicts greater ills, although one feels almost compelled to condone its utterance under the stress of surrounding circumstances.

"The second person above referred to is the Rev. Reginald John Campbell, the successor to Joseph Parker as pastor of the City Temple, London, who is now visiting in the United States. If he is the author of language attributed to him by the daily press, the pulpit which he fills should be draped in mourning so long as it is defiled by his presence. Speaking of the burning of a Negro at Wilmington, Delaware, who was accused of a dastardly crime, he is reported to have said: 'If I had been near, I would have taken a hand in it myself.' How a man with any sense of decency, the majesty of law, or respect for the sacredness of human life, can come to our shores in clerical garb, suggestive of a holy office, and make such revolutionary remarks, is hard to conceive. We can almost imagine his position shrinking to fit the smallness of the man. He has placed himself below the level of the liquor dealer who furnished \$5,000 bail for the one accused of leading the mob.

"The great sorrow of it all is that both of these men will have their following. We do not desire that our country become more corrupt by being reduced to a breeding-ground of social lawlessness. Every obstruction possible should be placed in the way of such unwise advice."

Veterans of the Spanish-American War

The veterans of the war waged by the United States government against Spain on behalf of Cuba held their annual reunion in Detroit, Mich., during the week that the Epworth League Convention was there. It was attended by such distinguished personages as Gen. W. R. Shafter, president of the society; Gen. Joe Wheeler, Maj.-Gen. A. R. Chaffee and others. The veterans had the presence and association of a large force of regulars and there were drills, sham battles and a magnificent street parade. We saw a small number of colored veterans of both wars who participated in the parade. All seemed to fare about as did their white comrades. The only one from the far South whom we recognized was Lieutenant Carmouche, of Louisiana.

The drum corps which led the division of the procession composed of Grand Army veterans had in it an old fifer and drummer of the sixties.

They are showing their age quite a good deal, but still have the fire in their bones.

The White Man's Country

A paragraph of the address of the National Press Association, composed of colored editors, which recently met in Louisville, Ky., reads as follows:

"We resent the oft reiterated statement that this is a 'white man's country.' It was made in its inception and development by all of its people, irrespective of race, and the Federal Constitution specifically places all of its citizens on equality before the law. With our heterogeneous population of all the races on the globe, if distinction and abuse of race on account of race should ever become a fixed policy of the government, the disruption of the government would be inevitable. God has created no one race to lord over any other race, for 'of one blood made He all mankind.'"

Thinks He Ought to Help.

In remitting the price of a subscription to the SOUTHWESTERN the postmaster of a Mississippi town tells the editor why he decided to pay for the paper when he can read it without cost as it passes through the office. In this he sets an excellent example to hundreds of others who are now reading their neighbor's paper. He says in his letter:

"Enclosed find postal money order for \$1.25, for which please send me your valuable and newsy paper for one year. It is the best colored paper I have read. Your editorial in answer to the *Times-Democrat* on the Afro-American Council is fine. You are an able representative of the race, one of whom the race should be proud. I have been reading your paper for some time, having free access to it every week in my office. But after carefully considering the matter and knowing the great good you are doing for the race, I concluded that I ought to help support such a good paper."

A white man of Whitehall, N. Y., who was accused of assaulting a young white girl 16 years of age, "narrowly escaped lynching" last week, but, as usual, he escaped. This is why there are more such crimes credited to Negroes than to whites, because one gets the advertising that comes through a lynching, while the other almost always narrowly escapes and has a legal trial. And because they are frequently acquitted an excuse is found for lynching Negroes. Every man should have the same chance to prove his innocence.

When our government first became interested in the Philippine Islands it was greatly embarrassed about telegraph communication with them. First, because Admiral Dewey had seen fit to cut the only cable that reached the islands, and, second, because even with that they could only be reached by means of foreign connection and in a roundabout way. After the islands became the property of the United States it was determined to construct a direct line across the Pacific Ocean and this has been done by the Commercial Pacific Cable Company. The line was completed and opened for business July 4. President Roosevelt exchanged messages with Gov. Taft of the Philippines and then sent a message west round the world to Mr. Clarence H. Mackay, the president of the cable company, who was seated with President Roosevelt in his house at Oyster Bay, N. Y. The message was received in twelve minutes; Mr. Mackay's reply was sent east around the world and was received by the President in nine and one-half minutes. The quickest time ever made before in sending a message around the world was fifty minutes.

In Italy the four Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles have been published in the Italian language for circulation. They are sold at four cents a copy in paper cover, and six cents a copy in cloth. This volume of the Gospel and the Acts were printed by the Vatican press and issued under the authority of the Pope.

The *Western Christian Advocate* says: Rev. L. G. Adkinson, D. D., president of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., visited Chicago last week, and officiated at the wedding of his nephew, Henry M. Adkinson, to Miss Inez D. Rice. Both parties are graduates of the Chicago University. Mr. Adkinson is the son of Judge E. W. Adkinson, who began the practice of law in Aurora, Ind., and has for many years been connected with the Chicago bar. He is the superintendent of the New England Mining and Milling Company, Bingham, Utah.

Leading colored men of the State of New York have called a convention to convene at Saratoga Monday, August 3. Their purpose is to do what they can toward checking the encroachment upon their rights as citizens. We think this a commendable movement and trust that among other things they may impress the colored voters of the state to so conduct themselves whenever they are called upon to vote that they may prove to the people of this country that they are not for sale, but prefer to vote to maintain their rights and privileges as American citizens.

In the Home Mission notes sent the SOUTHWESTERN we find the following:

The superintendent, Rev. W. H. Riley, having been assigned by the Lexington Conference, to a charge in Indianapolis, the Colored Training School was transferred from Cincinnati to Indianapolis, where there is a population of 30,000 Negroes. Sentiment is crystallizing around the thought expressed by Mrs. Robinson in permanently locating the Training School at Atlanta, Ga., if land for a building is proffered. Here a force of high-grade teachers is offered us in the theological professors of Gammon Theological Institute. Our ever ready and generous friend, Mr. Geo. O. Robinson, promises that at any time the society is willing to begin the opening of a school there, six months afterward he will give the sum of \$500 toward its maintenance.

The *Houston (Tex.) Post* makes the following reference to President Dogan's address at the Prairie View commencement: "On Tuesday morning, Rev. M. W. Dogan, president of Wiley University, at Marshall, Texas, delivered the annual address to the graduates. This address was declared by those present of both races best fitted to form an opinion, to be the equal of any address given on any similar occasion on the subject, which was, 'The Varied Aspects of the Negro Problem.' It is no exaggeration to say that it was replete with good sense, logic, wit and kindly humor. Dr. Dogan is himself a representative of the best type of the educated Negro. In him, education has not destroyed the individuality of the man of the race. At the same time he is a man of unmistakable culture, character and efficiency, and his address made a most helpful impression. The directors, as well as faculty, students and visitors were emphatic in their approval of its sentiments of good will between the races; of the necessity of honest, hard work; of the value of character and efficiency."

Bishop Hartzell received \$4,000 as a special gift for his work in Africa and he divided it up according to the needs of different interests.

Personal and General

As we go to press it is announced that Pope Leo XIII is dead.

We are sorry to learn that Rev. W. McKenzie, of Wallisville, Tex., is in poor health. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

The degree of D. D. has recently been conferred upon Rev. C. I. Withrow, pastor of the August Street M. E. Church, Stanton, Va.

Mr. William L. Amos has been chosen the lay delegate from Booneville Church to the lay electoral conference to convene at Baton Rouge, La., next winter.

The beautiful little town of Heppner, Ore., of about 1,300 people, was nearly destroyed recently by a cloudburst, and about 300 people are reported dead.

Mr. Ira D. Sankey, the famous singer, who accompanied Moody during his evangelistic tours through this country and parts of Europe, is hopelessly blind.

Hon. W. D. Johnson, editor of the *Kentucky Standard*, is a candidate for election to the Legislature of his State and the SOUTHWESTERN wishes him success.

Among those who passed through the city on Tuesday of last week enroute to the Epworth League Convention at Detroit was Rev. W. J. M. Price, pastor at Natchitoches, La.

Rev. Stephen Duncan, presiding elder of the Alexandria District, was in the city a few days last week on business of importance. He reports the district in a prosperous condition.

Joseph H. Augustus, who has been visiting his parents at Boyce, and friends in Alexandria and Pineville, has returned to his home in Opelousas. He gives pleasant incidents of his trip.

The announcement comes that Miss Met Vaux Merrick, a talented colored Philadelphia sculptress of Parisian education, has had five of her works accepted for exhibition at the Paris Salon this year.

The Epworth League and Sunday School Convention of St. Joseph District, recently held at Independence, re-elected Prof. E. B. Tompson as president for the third year. The convention was a success.

The cornerstone of Cokesbury College, the first educational institution of American Methodism, was laid by Dr. Coke at Abingdon, Maryland, June 5, 1785. The building was destroyed by fire in 1795.

Mr. Lloyd Wheeler, Miss Mabel, his daughter, and Miss Beulah Roots, all prominent colored citizens of Chicago, sailed from New York June 23 for Europe. They will visit the principal cities during their trip.

Rev. P. O. Jamison, of the Upper Mississippi Conference, has been seriously ill at his home in Yazoo City, Miss. Latest reports indicate that he is now much improved and hopes soon to be able to resume his work.

St. Paul Church, Dallas, Tex., is rejoicing over the fact that the church reported for the second quarter \$858, making a total for the two quarters of \$1,150. The number of accessions are 108. Rev. M. C. Cavenas is the pastor.

Thomas Williams, colored, was one of the eighteen graduates of the Jersey City High School this year and the only one to win a prize. This was a gold medal, the gift of Dr. Benj. Edge for the highest average in all commercial studies.

We have at hand a printed program of the Epworth League and Sunday School Convention to be held at Danville, Ark., from July 30 to Aug. 2, 1903. M. H. Foster, district president; M. N. Langston, presiding elder.

We note from the program received that Prof. George Stephens, of Morgan College, Annex, Lynchburg, Va., was the orator of the day at the bi-centennial held July 4 at John Wesley M. E. Church, Salem, Va., of which Dr. J. R. Davis is pastor.

The New York Colonization Society has appropriated \$1,000, beginning May 1st, to support Prof. A. P. Camphor, president of the College of West Africa, and \$500 toward the support of Mr. J. B. McGill, superintendent of the St. Paul River Industrial School.

Dr. Charles M. Lewis and Miss Birdie Washington, both of Marion county, Texas, and former students of Wiley University, were married at Union Chapel M. E. Church, near Jefferson, Tex., June 24, 1903. Dr. M. W. Dogan, president of Wiley University, officiated.

For some reason the Friars of the Philippines object to Gov. Taft as Governor of the islands and prefer Gen. Leonard Wood in his stead. According to the record they have made in those islands they are not the people to have what they want in this particular. Give them what they need.

District Attorney J. Ward Gurley was murdered in his private office in the Macheca building the morning of July 20 by Louis W. Lyons, a former client, who blamed the lawyer for losing his damage suit in court. The assassin then attempted suicide, but he will recover to answer for his crime.

We learn from two or three of our exchanges that just previous to Dr. Ernest Lyons sailing for Monrovia, Liberia, Africa, where he goes as the representative of the United States government, he was united in marriage to Miss Clara Backus, of Wilmington, Del., who accompanied him to his post of duty.

Miss C. A. Wallace, formerly of Summerville, S. C., but for a number of years a teacher in the public schools of Austin and San Antonio, Tex., passed through the city this week enroute from San Antonio, Tex., to Chicago, Ill., where she goes to visit her brother, Mr. D. R. Wallace, of that city. Miss Wallace spent two days in this city as the guest of Mrs. I. B. Scott.

Rev. J. M. Harris, B. A. L., pastor Burns M. E. Church, Kansas City, Mo., read a book review before the M. E. preachers of that city, on the recently published book, "Beyond Death," by the Rev. Dr. Hugh Johnson. The review was highly complimented by the members of the Alliance, and said to be one of the most concise and analytical of the year.

It is gratifying to learn that Dr. P. A. Cool, formerly president of Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., is meeting with such excellent success as pastor of Fowler M. E. Church, Minneapolis, Minn. But the fact is the Doctor is a success wherever he goes. When he went to this church in October, 1901, it was \$24,000 in debt and the membership was fewer than 200. At a recent rally the entire debt was provided for and Methodism rejoices.

There will be in Jackson, Miss., July 25-26, a great assembly of Trustees of Comfort Colored Charitable and Industrial Institution for boys and girls of the State of Mississippi. This will be the great founding day of the Orphans' Home and

Old Folks' Blind Asylum Hospital. A program will be rendered the 25th; sermons, addresses, etc., the 26th. A grand concert will be given the night of the 24th, at B. B. Hall, city of Jackson, for the benefit of the Orphans' Home.

It is said that among the staunchest friends and most enthusiastic supporters Rev. W. J. M. Price, pastor at Natchitoches, La., has is Prof. John G. Lavis, of that place, who became interested in the church in this way: Prof. Lewis is not a Methodist but one of the leading citizens of his city and of the State. Brother Price paid for and sent him the SOUTHWESTERN for one year. After reading the paper a year he subscribed and paid for it himself the next year without solicitation. Not only so, but when the annual conference assembled at Natchitoches, the Professor gave Brother Price \$10 to assist in entertaining that body and has shown his interest in the cause in other ways as well. Brother Price credits it all to the SOUTHWESTERN.

News Notes

Cleveland has about 100 millionaires.

The United States has granted 3,500 patents to women.

The number of opium smokers in the United States is estimated at 1,000,000.

The Methodist Episcopal Church South gained in membership last year 18,506.

There are ten colored justices of the peace in office in Plaine county, Oklahoma.

In Indiana the Legislature abolished saloons within one mile of military homes.

Mr. J. C. Grove, a colored farmer of Edwardsville, Kan., is said to be worth \$190,000.

The importation of kerosene for drinking is an important trade in Peru, Bolivia and France.

The lower house of the Georgia Legislature defeated the child labor bill by a vote of 89 to 75.

The colored population of Washington, D. C., is said to be 80,000; and some place it as high as 90,000.

The National Association of Colored Dentists held their third annual session in Washington last week.

European mail can now be despatched to the far East by means of the great Transsiberian Railroad.

There were about 600 opium dens in Manila at the time of the American occupation; many are yet running.

Master Glenn B. Peck, of Watonga, Okla., four years of age, is said to be the youngest telegraph operator in the world.

The fourth annual session of the National Negro Business League convenes in Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 19, 1903.

Great Yarmouth, England, has the narrowest street in the world. It is Kitty Witches, which is only 55 inches wide.

Dr. Torrey and Mr. Alexander, during their evangelistic tour of the world, witnessed the conversion of 30,000 people.

A colored man of Florida made the first shipment of canteloupes from that State recently and realized \$1,200 from them.

The colored farmers of the United States run and operate 746,933 acres more land than is contained in the great State of Georgia.

Gen. O. O. Howard, of Eastern, Ky., is the highest officer now living of those that took part in the great struggle of the Civil War.

Jackson, Miss., has two Negro drug stores, three doctors, three lawyers, fifty school teachers, seven ministers and fifty business houses.

Mr. Ernest Tidrington, a bright young colored man who, it is said, has already made his mark as an orator and race leader, has been appointed deputy sheriff at Evansville, Ind.

Booker, Tex., is the name of a thriving little town in Texas, whose population and the surrounding country is composed entirely of colored people. The postmaster and all of the town officers are colored. The town was named for Dr. Booker T. Washington.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

PROGRAM OF THE BATON ROUGE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The fifteenth session of Baton Rouge District Conference will convene at Donaldsonville, La., Aug. 19, 1903, at 4 p. m. All general conference officers, presidents of institutions of learning, presiding elders, pastors and laymen are cordially invited. Religious opening exercises, the presiding elder and Rev. J. H. Rylander. "Echoes from the Presiding Elders' Council," Rev. Henry Taylor, presiding elder; Address of Welcome on behalf of the city, the Mayor; On behalf of the Church, Miss Florence Tasker; Responses, H. A. McClellan and Prof. H. J. Edwards; Introductory Sermon, Revs. E. J. Harrison and J. D. Banks; Annual Sermon, Revs. George Johnson and J. E. Rolax; Closing Sermons, Revs. Cornelius Spears and C. E. Bradford; Missionary Anniversary, conducted by Rev. G. G. Logan, D. D. "The Needs of Superannuated Preachers, their Widows and Children," Sam'l Green and Sam'l Bell; "Is it Wise to ask for an Enabling Act at the next General Conference?" B. J. Reddix, D. J. Price, E. H. Hall and John Tutson; "The Congregationalist Plank in our Methodism, by the manner of electing lay delegates," H. A. Sorrell, C. L. Poche, C. C. Lunn and Jas. Gears; "The Forward Movement," D. J. Price, E. B. Richards, Prof. J. A. Reddix and J. T. Harrell; "What the Superintendent Can do in aiding to increase the Missionary Collection," B. R. Jackson and the Superintendents of the district; "Bishop Merrill's Proposition," J. H. Rylander, A. B. Harris, D. S. Kilbourne, Allen Lusterand and Chester Cannon; "Reminiscences of the International Epworth League Convention 1903," E. H. Anderson, state president; Epworth League Anniversary conducted by Rev. I. G. Penn, A. M.; Sunday School Anniversary, by Rev. R. E. Jones, B. D.; "Southwestern," by Revs. I. B. Scott, D. D., E. H. Clark, A. B. Venable, P. C. Colton and H. J. Robinson; "Ought an Active Local Preacher be continued for more than four consecutive years?" J. V. Taylor, Alex. Adams and R. Sensely; "Why is the Negro Race Divided in this country?" Thomas, T. J. Johnson; "Was the Negro created inferior?" Profs. H. J. Edwards, J. A. Reddix and Miss Millie Daville; "The best way to get men to become and live Christians," Chas. Barnes, Wm. Harrison and Peter Wright.

Committee—J. H. Rylander, chairman; E. B. Richards, P. C. Colton, C. Spears, S. Green, C. C. Wright and D. J. Price, secretary.

H. TAYLOR, Presiding Elder.

J. H. Carter, Ocean Springs, Miss.—A group meeting of the Shubuta District Epworth League was held at this place May 29, 30 and 31. Rev. R. N. Jones called the meeting to order and in well chosen words greeted the members and delegates. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. H. L. Kennedy, pastor. District President Rev. R. N. Jones was formerly introduced to the meeting by Hon. Thomas I. Keys, president of the local chapter. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Thomas I. Keys and J. H. Carter. Rev. Jones responded in a masterly way. Routine business was transacted, after which Delegates D. L. Riley, of Handsboro and E. Davenport, of Biloxi,

read papers. The subject assigned to Ocean Springs was opened by E. D. Smith, followed by Rev. J. B. Brooks, of Pass Christian, J. C. Carter and T. I. Keys, of Ocean Springs. Proper resolutions were passed by the meeting at the Saturday night session. Sunday was the closing day and a glorious triumph for league work. During the meeting \$15.96 was collected. Sunday night Rev. R. N. Jones preached a powerful sermon. Many persons came forward for prayer and one joined the church. A committee of ladies tendered the delegates and friends a reception. Refreshments were served in abundance. Much credit is due the local chapter, through its president, Hon. Thomas I. Keys, and the good people of the town for the success of the meeting.

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The fifth session of the East Tennessee Conference Annual Epworth League Convention was held in Christiansburg May 21, 1903. Many of the brethren were present and made good reports. Rev. W. E. Mitchell, presiding elder of the Pulaski District, organized ten new chapters on his district this year. Quite an amount of literature has been purchased from the book concern and put in each chapter. Among the many visitors were Prof. Chas. L. Marshall, principal of Christiansburg Industrial Institute, who addressed the convention, and Prof. Long, of the same school, who made some timely remarks and extended an invitation to the convention to visit the school. Rev. I. R. Hill had a good paper on the importance of taking the SOUTHWESTERN. Rev. W. T. Anderson, the conference president, presided over the convention with much care and ability. The convention unanimously elected Rev. Anderson delegate to the international convention. The next annual meeting will be at Johnson City, Tenn.

THANKS TO BISHOP C. C. M'CABE.

I take pleasure through the columns of the SOUTHWESTERN to thank Bishop McCabe for his contribution to our church here during a recent rally for our old standing church debt, which is quite annoying to Rev. Cavines and our faithful members. The man who holds the notes has been threatening to foreclose the claim of \$1,500. In the meantime, the property is worth fully \$3,000. In the recent rally the good Bishop sent Sister Y. A. Newson \$5. The rally netted for the debt \$509.93. The good people worked well in both clubs.

L. H. RICHARDSON, P. E.

P. C. Colton, Pastor, Donaldsonville, La.—St. Peter church is alive. On Thursday night, April 23, the members and friends, under the auspices of the King's Daughters, gave a grand pound and surprise party. They brought many good things in the line of groceries. Mr. A. B. Martin, one of our influential and prosperous barbers of the city, represented the King's Daughters and their friends. Mrs. L. J. Shallowhorne represented the pastor and family by responding in their behalf, after which refreshments were served in the annex, and many kind words and pleasant smiles exchanged. The church is moving on in perfect peace and harmony.

We are working hard to meet the financial obligations at the same time the spiritual condition is being continually watched. On Tuesday night, May 26, Mrs. Lucile J. Shallowhorne was elected a lay delegate to the Annual Conference. On Monday night we are having a grand Japanese fair.

W. L. Williford, District Steward, Roberts, S. C.—Ollo charge has three churches. Our parsonage is at Deep Creek. We have six acres of ground there. It is under cultivation. Our house and lot are nearly out of debt. Sunday, May 25, was a grand day at Deep Creek. We elected the writer a lay delegate to the Annual Conference. We had a good Sunday school. The pastor, Rev. W. B. Bowers, preached a soul-stirring sermon. The Lord's Supper was given to a large number; also a good collection was raised for pastor. The pastor has bought a nice horse and buggy.

R. Howze, Pastor, Shubuta, Miss.—My second quarter was held May 16 and 17, S. A. Cowan in the chair. Reports from the officers showed the work was in a prosperous condition. The meeting was a spiritual blessing. The elder preached two able sermons to large congregations. Paid presiding elder, \$16.45; pastor, \$67.63; other collections, \$23.31; total raised this quarter for all purposes, \$107.44; 65 members have been received in full conviction this quarter and three on probation; 65 partook of the Sacrament.

G. W. Smith, Pastor, Yazoo City, Miss.—The entrance day of our new St. Stephen M. E. Church of Yazoo City, Miss., May 17, was indeed a grand occasion. Dr. R. E. Jones, field agent of the Sunday School Union, was with us, and preached the entrance day sermon, to the full satisfaction of all present. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the following divines made short speeches: Drs. J. M. Weems, pastor of M. E. Church South; C. E. Conningham, pastor of the Presbyterian church; A. J. Russell, pastor of the A. M. E. Church. Also Revs. P. H. Davis, S. Jossel, Wm. Payne and J. C. Houston. At the night service, after some suitable remarks by Rev. S. Jossel, the church was turned over to the trustees. Rev. J. C. Houston preached a forcible sermon. The collection as reported by the class-leaders for the occasion was as follows: G. Miller, leader of class No. 1, \$222.40; Wash Rose, 2, \$182.80; M. B. Burgman, 3, \$193.65; L. M. Newman, 4, \$151.75; V. N. Nelson, \$210.95; G. M. Husband, 6, \$120.70; M. Dean, \$224.85; F. Bostic, 8, \$100.60; Mrs. L. Ross, 9, \$73.50; A. Williams, 10, \$100; E. Phipps, 11, \$63; B. Watson, 12, \$43; from committees and Sunday school, \$76; total amount collected, \$1,761.65. Much credit is due to the earnest work of all our members and friends of St. Stephen church, and especially to Mrs. B. E. Woolfolk, Mrs. Josie Gibbs, Mrs. M. Wright, Mrs. N. Carter and Mrs. Madkins, for the heroic manner in which they worked during the rebuilding of our new church, as well as to the liberal contributions of many of our white friends. The church will cost \$12,000 when completed.

D. C. Quaw, Flemingsburg, Ky.—May 16-17 our first quarterly conference met with Presiding Elder Blam A. White in the chair. The presiding elder preached and administered the Lord's Supper to 94 communicants. We closed

the day with \$46.40. On Monday night we had an old-fashioned love feast; 75 testified to the cleansing blood of Christ. Our new pastor, Rev. P. T. Gorham, and wife are doing well. He is a good speaker and a good pastor.

L. C. Allen, Pastor, Burlingame, Kans.—Our first quarterly conference was held by our presiding elder, the Rev. H. South. Rev. South was deeply impressed with the work which had been done at this charge since the Lincoln annual conference closed, especially of the parsonage which was much needed and was built since he was here. It is a house of four large rooms and nearly completed. I am occupying it with much comfort. The work was all done by me, which relieved the church of a bill at low estimate of \$40. The building when completed will stand the church \$200. The elder was well pleased with the Sunday school and the work of four wide awake teachers, together with the superintendent. We have 40 scholars. The elder preached able sermons and closed his quarter Monday night with a love feast. Paid him his claim in full, \$7.

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N. J. Rost, Cohutta Circuit, Ga.—Our second quarterly conference convened at Chickamauga, Ga., May 3-4, with V. D. Jenkins in the chair. The officers were present with written reports. The elder preached to us Sunday night a very strong and soul-stirring sermon. He gave a lecture on the doctrine and the work of the M. E. Church. We need more such lectures. We cannot be a loyal Methodist until we know her doctrines. We paid elder \$12; pastor, \$35; raised for benevolent \$15. Paid on new building \$42; raised this quarter for new church building \$31; total raised for the quarter, \$123.

S. J. Jenkins, Pastor.—Rev. A. Phillips, presiding elder, held our quarterly meeting. Rev. Gipson was with us. Sixty-eight partook of the Lord's Supper. Raised for the presiding elder, \$15 and for the pastor \$22 and secured two new subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. This paper is one of our studies. It is better to have on our work than preachers. It stays with us and preaches for us all the time for \$1.25 a year. The best way to get help is to have our people read the church paper.

Sardis, Miss.—The first Sunday in May we had a grand time. Rev. S. M. Jackson of the A. M. E. Zion Church, preached for us. Rev. Slate, our pastor, preached at night. We had a good crowd. Collection \$5. The second Sunday we had class, all of the leaders being present but one. The Sunday school and Epworth League are doing nicely. Collection \$1.20. The third

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Sunday was a grand day. Collection, \$3.55. We are moving along nicely at Spring Hill. We are doing all we can to make a round report by the annual conference. We have two churches to finish this year. Rev. J. A. Slate is the right man in the right place. We have paid the pastor this year \$29.40.

Stewards—J. H. Blankly, chairman; D. W. Talbert, S. M. Harnan, W. N. Dickens, J. A. Y. Dickens, secretary.

L. F. White, Itta Bena, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference convened May 16 in Samuel Chapel M. E. Church. The presiding elder, J. W. Winbush, was in the chair. Nearly all the brethren were present with good reports, which showed the work on the advance. On Sunday the presiding elder preached two very able sermons to a crowded house; 103 partook of the Supper of the Lord. Five children were baptized and joined the church by certificate. Collections during the quarter, \$122.50.

A. J. Pine, Starkville, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference was held by Presiding Elder I. W. Davis. The reports showed that Rock Hill is alive again. The elder preached two sermons that will not be forgotten soon. We paid elder \$13.65. Rock Hill circuit is growing every day.

T. J. Johnson, Pastor, Lettsworth, La.—Brother Wm. Wilcox and Lue Alexander led in bringing many pounds of groceries to the parsonage, also a small purse, for which we are very thankful. Our revival closed with 16 converts, 12 accessions, 4 were baptized. The members and people say it was the best meeting held here for years. Rev. Ephraim Harrison preached a strong sermon. God has blessed us at this place. We are alive spiritually and financially. We hope to raise all of our apportionment.

Edward L. Gilham, Pastor, 11th St. M. E. Church, Columbus, O.—I was appointed to this charge by Bishop Walden. Came here nine weeks ago and found a beautiful, cozy new brick church, erected by Rev. H. W. Tate, with an indebtedness of \$4,359.05. There is also a comfortable parsonage. We have one hundred and nine members. Have had seven additions. Went to work at once and have succeeded in raising \$362.63 in our state rally yesterday, making a total of \$591 since

conference. Our second rally has already been planned for and we hope on the last Sunday in July to raise \$500. The congregations are increasing, the members are greatly encouraged and I feel that the Lord is blessing my labors among this people.

R. S. Hammond, Pastor, Collins, Miss.—We held a rally here last Sunday, May 31, for the purpose of erecting our church. We enjoyed a glorious meeting, succeeded in raising \$10.85. The persons who gave \$5 or more are as follows: Rev. A. C. Buchanan, \$9; Bro. J. C. Coats, \$9; Mr. Noah Smith, \$20; Mr. Scott Heard, \$5. Many white friends contributed freely.

B. W. Kirtley, Pastor, Owensboro, Ky.—Our work is moving along nicely. Received 12 in the church since conference. Our people are intensely interested in the erection of a new edifice, which is to be Gothic style and inclined floor; main auditorium 40x60 feet; lecture room 24x40 feet, including library; pastor's study will be in the second story of tower, entrance through balcony. Sunday, May 24, was our first quarterly meeting. Our presiding elder, Rev. Joseph Courtney, D. D., was with us and preached acceptably. Collection \$142.75.

D. L. Kilbourne, Dennis Mills, La.—On the night of the 27th a storm reached the parsonage, with many sweet things. A lecture was given them by the pastor. The party was led by P. J. Rudison, Sisters A. and L. Robinson and Sisters Alice Dreyer and Lizzie Tillis, Misses Emer and Ada Morgan, Sisters Manurva and Kate Stevenson, Allen Finly, Joe Morgan, Johnnie Robinson, Allen Stevenson, Napoleon Thomas. We have four converts since the quarterly conference.

W. S. Golna, Houma, La.—We take this method to thank the many friends who joined with the converts and the young people of the church and town to give the pastor a storm party, which visited the parsonage on the 27th of May. It was led by Miss Ada Hardie, Miss Malle Sansbertie, Miss Josephine Johnson, Vinone Hardie. The table was filled with many pounds.

Rev. T. F. Robinson, Many, La.—I extend my heartfelt thanks to the good people of Bayou Scie, Fort Jesup and Many for the many pounds they gave to the pastor and family. I thank Brother Thos. Woodphin for a pair of trousers that cost four dollars, also one pair of shoes, cost \$3.75. I thank Brother H. H. Broach for his liberality and Brother Thos. Holden for making the family some very exquisite presents. Thank Brother J. J. Haskin for many pounds. May the Lord bless those faithful people for their liberality.

Jas. Jordan, Pastor, Hockley, Texas.—My second quarterly conference was held at Rose Hill May 30 and 31. Our presiding elder, J. E. Bryant, could not be with us, but he sent Brother M. Reddick. About all the officials were present with encouraging reports. Brother Reddick gave us good service and on Sunday preached excellent sermons. Raised for missions this quarter, \$23.15; for presiding elder, \$15.15; for pastor in charge, \$61.45; total raised this quarter, \$99.75. We have not forgotten the SOUTHWESTERN nor Wiley University. Mr. Ed Clarke, our spokesman for Wiley, is sparing no time in

arranging that we may make a full report for Central Building. Mr. M. W. Jordan, district Sunday school superintendent, was with us in the quarter and said some good things and plead for the model Sunday school. The Lord is blessing us without measure.

W. H. Milo, New Orleans, La.—The fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. B. M. Hubbard, D. D., of Mallieu Chapel M. E. Church, was celebrated May 25, and also the celebration of his birthday. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The guests were entertained highly and all present seemed to enjoy the evening. The following program was rendered: Mrs. Wm. H. Milo, master of ceremonies; prayer by Brother E. Etienne; anthem by choir; paper by Miss L. G. Williams; remarks by J. T. Jordan, J. Dixon, A. Simms, A. Thomas, W. H. Milo, A. Mix, J. Mason and E. Etienne; duet by Misses Thomas and Williams; solo by Mrs. B. M. Hubbard. Brother Isaac Bates, chairman of committee, presented the pastor a fat purse and numerous presents. Rev. Hampton James responded. Refreshments were served by Kings Daughters and stewardesses.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Bates, A. Forshee, K. Moore, A. Jackson, F. Schaeffer, committee.

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Joseph H. W. McCoomer, Louisville, Ky.—I came to this work immediately after the adjournment of conference, found a neat little church built by Rev. W. C. Statesman. The 35th Street M. E. Church has put on new strength. We raised in our rally for the benefit of trustees \$3,000. The first Sunday in June was our first quarter, which was very promising indeed.

A. B. Britton, Shubuta, Miss.—We met with the misfortune of having the "Little Zion" M. E. Church on the Shubuta Circuit destroyed by fire May 23. It is not yet known how the fire started. We are earnestly preparing to rebuild at once. The strength of the un-

fortunate church lies mainly in about 15 brethren who subscribed \$50. As this is a farming district and times a little hard with us just now, we ask in the name of the blessed Christ the sympathy and aid of all who feel disposed to help us out of our trouble. Send all contributions to the pastor.

A. R. Rutledge, Pastor, New River, Fla.—We are told, he who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror. May 31 was our rally day for a bell for our church. We collected the full amount asked for and have ordered the bell. Also one soul was happily converted and added to our church.

S. E. Johnson, Pastor, New Iberia, La.—We are glad to say the Lord has led us this far and success is ours. On Monday night our fair closed. After each faithful worker had been rewarded the president of the trustee board presented the pastor, Rev. T. J. Johnson, with a fine straw hat on behalf of the board and on Thursday, after services, 140 persons visited the parsonage. They brought some choice refreshments with them. It caused us to feel more at home. We all had a nice time. We made \$119.75 at our fair. This caused great rejoicing among the people. Three old notes were redeemed. We have one more to take up. Rev. Thos. McCary spent some time in our revival. The Lord blessed us with some converts. Rev. D. H. Young, of Rayne, spent a few days with us preaching very acceptably to this people. He has not as yet recovered from the death of his mother. We tried to help him all we could.

Frank Constant, D. S., Navasota, Tex.—The second quarterly conference of Lee Tabernacle was held May 17, but owing to a big revival the business part of the conference was postponed until June 1. Rev. J. E. Bryant, A. B., presiding elder, was on hand. He gave a grand lecture on the duties of officers of M. E. Church. On May 31 Rev. W. Hartley Jackson, pastor, closed a revival meeting with 65 conversions, 73 accessions. He baptized 42 by sprinkling, 2 by immersion; 115 communed. Paid the elder \$26.50; pastor, \$48.56; missions, \$50; Wiley Central Building, \$18; other causes, \$20.

E. Holden, Pastor, Hawkins, Texas.—Our second quarterly conference convened at Center M. E. Church May 30 and 31, with Rev. O. I. Jones as presiding officer. All leaders made very good reports. Owing to bad weather the crowd was not as large as we had hoped. The doctor preached a good sermon. Collection for presiding elder, \$7; for pastor, \$15; missions, \$4.25.

Rev. Jesse Price, Memphis, Tenn.—I just closed a week and a half protracted meeting, with fair results; 9 converts, 40 joined the church. Rev. H. B. Hart, of Winona, Miss., rendered us good service. He is one of our young men. Rev. G. G. Logan has been with us and preached with much acceptability. Centenary church is much



Conference Notices

DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS.

Dallas, Corsicana, Texas.....	July 21-26
Tupelo, Okolona, Miss.....	July 22-26
New Orleans North, New Orleans, La.....	July 22-26
Meridian, Enterprise, Miss.....	July 22-26
Oklahoma, Muskogee, I. T.....	July 22-26
Greensboro, Leakville.....	July 22-29
Holly Springs, Grenada, Miss.....	July 22-26
Tupelo, Holly Springs, Miss., and E. L.	July 22-26
Waycross, Waycross, Ga.....	July 23-28
Aberdeen, Brooksville, Miss.....	July 28
Nashville, Sparta, Tenn.....	July 28-29
Griffin, Jonesboro, Ga.....	July 29
Kilmichael, Miss.....	July 29-Aug. 2
Anniston, Attala, Ala.....	July 29-Aug. 2
Jackson, Yazoo City, Miss.....	July 29-Aug. 2
Starkville, Kilmichael, Miss.....	July 29-Aug. 2
Augusta, Ky.....	July 30-Aug. 2
Fort Smith, Danville, Ark.....	July 31-Aug. 3
Greenwood, Ebenezer, Miss.....	July 31
West Tennessee, Humboldt, Tenn. Au. 3	
West Tennessee, Brownsville, Tenn.	Aug. 3
Palestine, Palestine, Tex.....	Aug. 4-9
West Tennessee, Humboldt, Tenn.....	Aug. 5
Atlanta, South Atlanta, Ga.....	Aug. 5
Monroe, Mt. Nebo, La.....	Aug. 5
Vicksburg, Fayette, Miss.....	Aug. 5
Alexandria, Booneville, La.....	Aug. 5-9
Topeka, Fort Scott, Kan.....	Aug. 5-9
Waco, Calvert, Texas.....	Aug. 5-9
Cumberland River, Cherry Valley, Tenn.	Aug. 5-10
Rome, Cave Spring, Ga.....	Aug. 6
Rome, Cave Springs, Ga.....	Aug. 6
Waynesboro, Statesboro, Ga.....	Aug. 6-9
Huntsville, Huntsville, Tex.....	Aug. 11
St. Louis, Farmington, Mo.....	Aug. 11-15
Gainesville, Cartersville, Ga.....	Aug. 11-16
Huntsville, Athens, Ala.....	Aug. 12
LaGrange, Meansville, Ga.....	Aug. 12
Shreveport, Shreveport, La.....	Aug. 12
Clow, New Lewisville, Ark.....	Aug. 12-16
Louisville, Cloverport, Ky.....	Aug. 13-16
Lexington, Parsons, Tenn.....	Aug. 18-23
Marshall, Mineola, Tex.....	Aug. 18-24
Austin, Georgetown, Tex.....	Aug. 18-23
Baton Rouge, Donaldsonville, La.....	Aug. 19
Birmingham, Mantua, Ala.....	Aug. 19-23
Ohio, Oberlin, O.....	Aug. 19-23
Sedalia, Sweet Springs, Mo.....	Aug. 19-23
West Nashville, Dickson, Tenn.....	Aug. 25
San Antonio, Seguin, Tex.....	Aug. 25-31
New Orleans South, Jeanerette, La.....	Aug. 26
Forrest City, Marianna, Ark.....	Aug. 26
Enpora, Miss.....	Aug. 26-30
Pine Bluff, Clarendon, Ark.....	Aug. 26-30
Paris, Clarksville, Tex.....	Aug. 26-31
Austin, Georgetown, Tex.....	Aug. —
Navasota, Caldwell, Tex.....	Sept. 1-6
Ocala, —, Fla.....	Sept. 9
Houston, Kendleton, Tex.....	Sept. 17-30
Little Rock, Little Maumelle, Ark.....	Sept. 24-27
Alexandria, Roanoke, Va.....	Sept. —
Greenville, Gunnison, Miss.....	Sept. —
Palestine, —, —.....	Sept. —
Austin, Georgetown, Tex.....	Sept. —

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Walton Brown, Pastor, Pittsburg, Tenn.—Our second quarterly conference was held May 23 and 24 by Rev. O. I. Jones, A. M., our presiding elder. He preached two excellent sermons. We raised \$150 during the last three months. Paid the presiding elder in full. We have two splendid Epworth Leagues; the one at Stephen Hill, a point two miles from town, has been chartered and is far beyond the average. The Woman's Home Missionary Society is doing well. Mrs. R. L. Hanson, the president, knows how to make the society go. She is an untiring worker.

John D. Wilson, Pastor, Gretna, La.—Sunday was a grand day with us. We the trustees under the leadership of our president, John Livers, waged a battle with the following result: John Livers, 75 cents; Harry Brudan, \$5; George Wisberg, \$1; Dave Hampton, \$1; Matilda Mitchell, \$1.50; Ferginner Willis, \$1; Teaner Jackson, 50 cents; Hanner Mason, 25 cents; public collection, \$2.25; total, \$13.25.

G. C. Parker, Smithland, Ky.—Brother John Wesley Love, a member of Mt. Zion M. E. Church, of this city has always been a friend to the missionary cause. Last year he purchased a hen and dedicated her to that cause and realized one dollar and fifty cents from her eggs and chickens. This year he bought four or five more hens for the same purpose and has already turned into the missionary treasurer about two dollars from them. He contemplates raising six or seven dollars off them this conference year.

Aberdeen, Miss.—At the recent session of the Lincoln Conference, Rev. Warren McDonald, of the Upper Mississippi Conference, and the able pastor of Aberdeen, was appointed by Bishop Hamilton to Arelmore, I. T., and since has been transferred by Bishop Mallalieu. He is now in his new field of labor. Brother McDonald has ever been a strong and faithful member of both the Mississippi and Upper Mississippi conferences; was an able leader of the Mathes conference long before the division in 1890. He has been a successful presiding elder in each conference and has and was holding at the time of his transfer the most prominent charges. The conference manifested its appreciation of his ability by electing him to the general conference in 1892.

Whereas, we the members of the Upper Mississippi conference, are loth to part with him on account of his ability, experience and his thorough knowledge of our church polity, yet we are proud he has gone to a field where he is needed most and where he can assist in achieving new territory for our Christ. We feel that Lincoln conference will be as proud to receive him as much as we regret to lose him.

W. H. WHITLOCK.

D. F. Vance, Austin, Tex.—The following missionary program was rendered at Simpson Tabernacle M. E. Church on the fifth Sunday in May: Song by the choir; prayer by Rev. D. F. Vance; paper, on Mission Work, by Miss L. N. Nichols; duet, Misses C. L. Pryor and Malsie Wilson; Home Mission Work, Mrs. F. Spann; song by choir; address by Prof. Jas. A. Stout; bass solo, H. M. Mason; select reading,

Miss Julia Ennis; collection by Mrs. Viney Forehand and Mrs. D. F. Vance. Collection \$6. Miss A. J. Williams, our president, deserves much credit for the manner in which she conducted the exercises.

Miss Leona Stubins, New Caney, Tex.—On May 24 we had a baptism. We had visitors from several places and the home people. The following are the names of those baptized: Mrs. Annie Williams and Miss Lottie Lewis, of this place. There were 50 colored people and as many whites present. We had a sermon from Rev. H. O. Watson. My father, Mr. Isham Stubins, attended the quarterly conference at the Spring.

John Tutson, Pastor, Deer Ford, La.—On May 18 the faithful members and sinner friends gave the pastor and family a surprise party, led by Sister Lizzie Carter, Oliver Branch, Jesse Smith, G. C. Carter, C. A. Smith, Peirly Smith, Walker Carter, Sue Bankston, Josephine Smith and many others. They presented the pastor with 22 pounds for which he thanked them and asked them to call again.

G. Orange, Pastor, Minter City, Miss.—Recently a party, composed of a host of friends and members, came to the parsonage laden with many good things, for which we are very grateful. The storm was led by Sisters Mary Gray, E. S. Beasley, Maria White, Sallie Johnson, Anna Evans, Ida Wharton, N. M. Melton, Samuel Howard, Joe Cooper, S. J. Gordon, L. W. White and many others. The list is too long to publish in full.

H. A. Read, Vandalia, Texas.—Free-hope is a great charge. Our pastor, Rev. J. P. Belcher, is equal to the charge. He is a great preacher. Our quarterly conference convened on May 23-24, Dr. F. Parker, presiding elder, in the chair. Full reports were read. The conference was a success. On Sunday Dr. Parker preached as never before. The popular pastor of Clarksville, Rev. Jas. O. Gilmore, preached a great sermon for us. Collection for presiding elder \$16.50; pastor, \$28.

J. A. Tatum, Pastor, Rockport Circuit, Miss.—My work is still alive and I am not yet discouraged, for the Lord has his mighty arm all around us. When I began my work here we had no house or place in which to preach. Now we have three regular appointments, one very good building and two other buildings. We can only fall when Jesus is not with us. Our membership is still increasing Methodism is shining. Though my work is young yet it is growing. I am working for souls, Methodism and the Southwestern. On the night of May 21 a storm visited the parsonage and left 75 pounds of groceries. The storm was led by the following persons: Jos. Hays, Sister Alice Taylor, Mrs. Rignial and daughter, Johnny Hayes. Baptist and sinner friends assisted in the party.

D. Harrison, Pastor, Bell Rose, La.—I have just closed a very successful revival. Five precious souls brought to Christ on the 23d of May. On the 2nd of May we were greatly surprised with a storm party. Mrs. Dora Wilson, a friend to our Methodism, was captain of one; the steward sisters captain of the other. Many thanks to the steward sisters for presenting a fine bobinet bar and safe to the parsonage to

make the pastor and family comfortable.

The Epworth League and Sunday School Convention convened at Marlin, Texas, June 8, with Prof. W. H. Hawkins in the chair. Miss Permella J. Kelly was elected secretary and Mr. A. C. Wilson assistant. Hon. H. M. Bryden, Mayor of Marlin, and J. W. Spiney, the city attorney, were introduced and the city attorney addressed the convention on behalf of the city. Dr. Rufus Childs made the welcome address on behalf of the citizens. Prof. A. L. Patterson responded. Helpful subjects were discussed and good papers read. Many visitors were present. Prof. N. H. Hawkins, Mr. B. J. Henry, Prof. A. L. Patterson, Rev. E. L. Jackson and Mr. A. C. Wilson were elected delegates to the convention to meet in Detroit, Mich. The convention meets in Waco next year. Prof. N. H. Hawkins, president; Miss Permella J. Kelly, secretary; Mr. A. C. Wilson, assistant secretary.

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Dr. D. A. Williams, East Hampton, Conn., says if any sufferer from Kidney and Bladder Disease will send him their address he will mail them free of all cost, some of the remedy they are looking for. The ONE that will cure them.

Conference Notices

NOTICE.

To the Epworth League Presidents and Sunday School Superintendents of the Gainesville District: Dear Co-Workers—Our Sunday School and Epworth League Convention will be held in connection with the district conference at Cartersville, Ga., Aug. 11-16. The Sunday School and League Convention will be the first two days, so

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we ask all presidents, superintendents and delegates to be present Tuesday, Aug. 11. Let us bring better reports than ever before. Report blanks are in the hands of Mr. B. A. Johnson, our corresponding secretary. They will be sent to each president. Let all the Group presidents be present with reports. We want to make this the greatest convention in the history of the district, financially and spiritually. Let us have an effusion of the Holy Spirit the remainder of this year, and always afterwards. Let no Sunday School or Epworth League delegate fail to bring 25 cents for expenses. All members of the District Cabinet are requested to be present with good reports. The program will be in the hands of each delegate soon, and we hope you will do your best with the subject assigned you. The good people of Cartersville are looking forward to our coming. May God bless you in your work. Yours truly,

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PROGRAM SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

The twenty-first session of the Shreveport district conference will convene at the St. Paul M. E. Church, Shreveport, La., Aug. 12, 1903. Introductory sermon at 7:30 p. m., by Ferdinand Thomas; alternate, F. T. Robinson. Literary exercises: First day—"A Model Class Leader," D. G. Pharris; "The Duty of Local Preachers to the Church," J. R. Williams; "Best Method of Raising the Presiding Elder's Quarterage," Jno. McKee; "Best Method of Conducting a Revival," Jas. Robinson; "Natural Depravity, How Overcome," S. A. Mason; "Is Not Singing a Part of Divine Worship?" A. H. Banks. Second day—"Best Method of Conducting Prayer Meetings," C. M. Angum; "Can a Man Be Mistaken in His Call to Preach?" G. W. O. Gilbey; "Is a Death-Bed Repentance Reliable?" J. W. Lewis; "Lynching an Epidemic, and Its Remedy," T. H. Monson; "Results of Strong Drink, and Its Remedy," W. C. Turner; "Unity of the Ministry," D. M. Seale; "Gambling, and Its Effect On Young Negro Men; How to Restrain Them," David Shelby. Third day—"The Pastor and the Home," Wm. Ector; "Young Men, and Why More Are Not Saved," Irven Henderson; "The Needed Qualifications of a Pastor," J. D. Brightop; "The Future of the Young Man in the Methodist Church," C. Johnson; "Pastoral Manner," S. P. Branch; "Epworth League, Its Relation to the Church," Ferdinand Thomas; "The Future Minister of the Methodist Church," F. T. Robinson; "Family Worship, Its Benefit," J. H. Wise. Fourth day—"How to Increase the Benevolent Collection," R. H. White; "The Pulpit and the Press," E. P. Harris; "Attitude of Men to the Christian Church, How to Strengthen Them," A. J. Proctor; "The Sunday School As a Missionary Society," Thomas Williams; "Class and Class Leaders," H. J. Wright; "Social Evils, Its Remedy," J. O. Brown; "Southwestern Christian Advocate," J. H. Mann; Missionary Sermon, A. J. Proctor, alternate, Thos. Williams. Local preachers may write upon sub-

jects of their own selection. All presiding elders and representatives of the church are invited to attend.

J. O. BROWN, Secretary.

NOTICE.

The West Tennessee District Conference will meet at Brownsville, Tenn., Aug. 8-9, 1903. Each pastor on the district and each district conference representative is requested by Presiding Elder Moore to be present with reports. The Epworth League and Sunday School Convention will be held in connection with the district conference. Programs for the conference and convention will be sent each pastor. Let each pastor see to it that 25 cents is sent from his League and Sunday school to help defray the expenses of the conventions. I am requested by Presiding Elder Moore to say that this will be one of the most expensive conferences held on the district on account of church building at this place, and he wishes each pastor and delegate to bring 50 cents as their part of the expenses. Dr. I. B. Scott, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN; Dr. R. E. Jones, field agent of the Sunday School Union Society; Dr. J. P. Wragg, agent of American Bible Society; Dr. M. C. B. Mason, secretary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, are expected to be with us, and other prominent visitors. Reduced rates on the certificate plan will be granted all visitors on condition that fifty secure certificates. Let each pastor and delegate secure certificates at the point from which they start. Your brother, D. T. Burch, secretary of the district conference and president of the district league.

NOTICE.

To All Members and Visitors of the Birmingham District Conference to Convene at Mantua, Aug. 19-22: Arrangements have been made for reduced rates on the certificate plan. Buy your ticket to Eutaw, Ala. The agent will give you a certificate and you can return at one cent a mile. A special car will leave the Birmingham Union depot at 6 o'clock on the morning of Aug. 18th. Rev. G. G. Logan, field agent of the Missionary Society, will be present. The roll of each charge will be called. Let all pastors come prepared to report their benevolent collections. Your brother,

B. G. SMITH, Presiding Elder.

NOTICE.

To Epworth League Presidents of the Local Chapters of the Vicksburg District, Mississippi Conference: You are expected to elect delegates to attend the District Epworth League Convention which will convene the first day of the district conference, Aug. 5. The convention meets in Adams Chapel M. E. Church, at 8 p. m. Dear pastors, please attend to this matter and let us revive our League work on the district. Yours truly,

S. H. CANNON,
District Secretary.

NOTICE.

C. H. Monroe, Bennettsville, La.—To Those Who Will Attend the Alexandria District Conference, Which Will Convene at Booneville, Aug. 5: Those coming over the Southern Pacific railroad should get to Cheneyville, La., Tuesday, Aug. 4, and there will be wagons or hacks to take them to Booneville. Be sure and get to Cheneyville Tuesday, otherwise it will be difficult to get to the seat of the conference without walking. Those who will

come over the T. & P. railroad should get to Cheneyville Tuesday morning or Bunkie. All arrangements have been made for transportation. Follow instructions given. We are preparing to have a grand time. These woods are full of good, loyal people.

NOTICE.

Ebenezer, Miss.—To all who expect to attend the District Conference at the above named place: You are hereby notified to be at Lexington, Miss., the 27th of July. We will convene that day and no other. F. G. WILSON,
Pastor.

NOTICE.

South Atlanta, Ga.—The Atlanta District Conference convenes Aug. 5th.
E. H. OLIVER.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Batesville, Aug. 9-10; Sulphur Rock, Aug. 15-16; Jacksonport, Aug. 22-23; Newport, Aug. 29-30; Little Rock, Wesley Chapel, Sept. 6-7; Little Rock, White's Chapel, Sept. 12-13; Little Rock, Roch Street, Sept. 7-8; Marche, Sept. 19-20; Little Maunselle, Sept. 26-27; Roland, Oct. 3-4; Hot Springs, Oct. 11-12; Sweet Home, Oct. 17-18; England, Oct. 24-25; Lonoke, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. The third round is near, brethren; let every pastor plan to report every cent of their benevolence at the district conference, Sept. 24-27. Don't fall on any line. The SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE must have your prayerful attention. The church desires that we support our own paper and we can do it. Let every man say yes, and we will. God's call to this holy cause means soul saving. I am yours,

W. R. R. DUNCAN.

NOTICE.

Program of the Epworth League and Sunday School Convention of Clow District, to Meet at the M. E. Church of Holly Springs, Ark., Sept. 3-6, 1903: The annual address, by T. R. Wamble, president; Rev. G. N. Johnson, first vice-president, "The Spiritual Work-Heart;" Prof. A. D. Jacques, second vice-president, "Mercy and Help"—Hand; Miss Virginia Seats, third vice-president, "Literary Work—Head;" Rev. C. W. Sampson, fourth vice-president, "Social Work—Feet." Paper on "Mission" by Prof. A. D. Jacques. Report from the corresponding secretary, Miss Alice Sampson; report of finance, Mrs. G. N. Johnson; superintendent of Junior League, Mrs. H. L. Jacques. Please let all come with a good paper on each subject. The presidents will collect and bring all that is due on each department. The watchword, "Arkansas for Christ." T. R. Wamble, president; Miss Callie Wesson, secretary.

NOTICE.

To the Pastors of Vicksburg District—Please bring money or vouchers for money raised for Missionary Society to the district conference. Dr. Logan will be there, and will want to know exactly what has been raised. Make a strong pull to have all your money by Aug. 5. I remain yours faithfully,

R. P. THIELKELD, Presiding Elder.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

San Antonio Mission, July 9-13; San Antonio, St. Paul, July 11-13; Ben Allen, July 11-13; Lavonia, July 18-19; Floresville, July 25-26; Goliad and Beeville, Aug. 1-3; Cologne Circuit, Aug. 8;

Cuero, Aug. 8-9; Yorktown, Aug. 10; Gonzales, Aug. 15-16; Gonzales Circuit, Oct. 22-23; Seguin and Olmus, Oct. 24-30; Belmont, Sept. 5-6; Devine, Sept. 12-13; Pleasanton, Sept. 19-20; Kerrville, Sept. 19-20; Del Rio, Sept. 19-20. Dear brethren, please note the above dates and if I should change any of them I will notify you in time. Yours for the Master.

HARRY SWANN, Presiding Elder.

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Montgomery, Sept. 12-13; Mobile, Warren Street, Sept. 19-20; Wesley and Theodore, Sept. 26-27; Tensaw, Oct. 2-4; Pensacola, Fla., Oct. 10-11; Flomaton and Century, Oct. 12-13; Brewton and Pollard, Oct. 17-18; Castleberry and Sparta, Oct. 24-25; Evergreen and Sandbar, Oct. 30-Nov. 1; Pine Grove, Nov. 7-8; Troy and Inverness, Nov. 14-15; Union Springs, Nov. 21-22; Abefoli and Brown Grove, Nov. 28-29.

A. W. MCKINNEY,
Presiding Elder.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Dublin and Tutwiler, July 18-19; Dahomy, July 25-27; Indianola, Aug. 1-2; Moorhead, Aug. 5; Doddsville, Aug. 6; Baird, Aug. 8-9; Greenville Circuit, Aug. 12-13; Tribbett and Arcola, Aug. 15-16; Ruleville, Aug. 15-16; Belzona, Aug. 22-23; Shepard Town, Aug. 25; Itta Bena, Aug. 29-30; Webb, Aug. 29-30; Bedford, Aug. 29-30; Bobo, Sept. 5-6; Clarksdale, Sept. 5-7; Shelby, Sept. 12-14; Gunnison, Sept. 19-20; Coahoma, Sept. 19-20; Tunica and Lula, Sept. 22-24; Greenville, Sept. 25-27; Stephensville, Sept. 29-30. My Dear Brethren: Please remember that each one of us must measure up to our responsibility. You are hereby urged upon to report all benevolence raised in full at quarterly conference. Hold revivals in every church upon your charge. See to it that each official member subscribes and pays for the SOUTHWESTERN. We must do our part in securing subscribers for our church paper. Yours for success,

J. W. WINBUSH,
Presiding Elder.

Lock Box 216, Winona, Miss.

NOTICE.

The West Tennessee District Conference will meet at Humboldt, Wednesday morning, Aug. 5th, at 9 o'clock, instead of Aug. 3rd, at Brownsville. A grand missionary meeting will be held Friday night, Aug. 7th. Dr. G. G. Logan, Missionary Field Secretary, and Dr. J. A. McMillan, Conference Missionary Secretary, will be the speakers.

J. A. W. MOORE,
Presiding Elder.

356 Calhoun St., Memphis, Tenn.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Warren and Johnsville, Aug. 8-9; Dermott, Aug. 15-16; Luna, Aug. 22-23; Morrell during week Aug. 25-26; Clarendon, Aug. 29-30; Dumas, Sept. 5-6; Avery, Sept. 12-13; Marvell, Sept. 19-20; Wabba, Sept. 26-27; Altheimer, Oct. 2-4; St. James, Oct. 10-11; Hensley, Oct. 17-18; New Edinburg, Oct. 24-25; Pine Bluff Circuit, Oct. 31-Nov. 1. Dear

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Brethren: Please push every interest of the church and let each preacher make a round report at conference. We want to raise every cent for missions apportioned to the district. Let us raise a dollar for each member. The pastors will please have each league president send for the new constitution and re-organize each league at once. I was elected district president at our last convention, July 3. Let us make the league go.

W. H. HIGGINS, Presiding Elder.

NOTICE.

Starkville, Miss.—All delegates attending the district conference to be held at Kilmichael July 29-Aug. 2, can go for one and one-third rate on the certificate plan, providing that fifty persons secure certificates. This is on the Southern railroad. Get certificate at starting point to Kilmichael and you can return for one cent a mile plus 25 cents. Yours,

GEO. W. BAKER, Pastor.

NOTICE.

Forest City District, Brinckly, Ark.—The District Conference, Epworth League and Sunday School Convention will convene at Mariana, Aug. 26-30. Dear brethren, as you know we have lost five of our best paying appointments in the last two years. During the spring our district was under water six weeks and the work has been retarded on all lines. Now, brethren, we must work like heroes and bring up every dollar of our benevolence. I expect each charge to report two-thirds of their benevolence at the district conference. Those who pledged subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN, make good your pledges. Dr. G. G. Logan will be present. We also invite our editor. The program will be published later. Yours for the church,

B. J. GRIFFIN.

NOTICE.

To the Huntsville District.—Dear brethren and leaguers of Huntsville district, you need not be surprised at my appearance on any date between now and the time of district conference which will convene at Huntsville, Tex., Aug. 11-17. As district league president of Huntsville district, I desire living work. Yours submissively,

J. N. HOVEX.

Livingston, Tex.

NOTICE.

The South New Orleans district conference will meet in Jeanerette, La., Aug. 26, this year. The Sunday school convention will meet in connection with the district conference.

W. R. BUTLER, Presiding Elder.

THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY

Sister Betsy Williams, aged 31 years, died June 22. A dear mother, a devoted husband and three children survive her. A few days ago Mr. G. W. Owens, once a member of Fairview church, was shot and killed. A wife and child mourn his sad and awful death.

J. W. LEWIS, Pastor.

Sister Carrie Wheeler died June 20. She was a member of our church. Sister Wheeler died in Anniston, Ala. Her remains were interred in the cemetery here.

WM. PENNY, Pastor.

Nashville, Tenn., 53 Maple St.—Sis-

ter Ophelia Bugg, sister of Dr. H. W. Key, died suddenly June 23, of a second paralytic stroke, at the residence of her brother. She had been a faithful Christian over 50 years. The remains will be interred in Mt. Aariat, this city, by the Good Samaritan Order, of which she was a member.

C. E. ALEXANDER.

Houma, La.—Brother Lawer Williams, born July 17, 1879, died June 13. He was converted April 23, on his sick bed, and baptized.

M. S. GOINS.

Vaughan, Miss.—Sister Ann Dallas died at her home, May 25, aged 44 years. She was a faithful member of our church. The funeral was conducted by A. D. Smith, assisted by Rev. Saul McClinton.

Brother Philip Bernon died at his home, April 29, aged 75 years. He was a faithful member of our church. He died in peace.

A. D. SMITH.

St. Martinville, La.—Sister Madiest Gant, a faithful member of Mallalieu Chapel M. E. Church, is dead, aged 60 years. Nine months ago her husband, Brother Henry Gant, a preacher, died. They were the oldest members of our church. They leave two sons and three daughters.

J. H. PIERRE,

Pastor.

Scoobe, Miss.—Sister E. B. Edwards, a faithful member, died June 6. I buried Mr. Jordan Theadfood and Mrs. N. Banks in Kamala Settlement. One died on the 9th and the other on the 11th.

P. R. CRUMP, Pastor.

Zachary, La.—Lewis L. Moore, aged 1 year, died June 22. He joins his mother, who preceded him a few days ago.

E. H. CLARK, Pastor.

Bastrop, La.—Brother Wade McDonald died June 7th, aged 75 years. His funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. M. White and Rev. J. Hutchinson.

T. P. NORRIS, Pastor.

Union Grove, Miss.—Sister Mary Sims, one of the oldest members of Union Grove, after many months of sickness died May 17. The funeral was conducted by J. T. Cannon.

Mrs. Lillian Tyler, wife of Rev. W. J. Tyler, of the Washington Conference, died at Bedford Springs, Va., July 1. Rev. D. W. Hays, D. D., presiding elder, and Rev. W. A. C. Hughes, Ph. D., of Lynchburg, officiated at the funeral, which was largely attended.

Natchitoches, La.—Mrs. Ann Murdick, a faithful member of the M. E. Church here, died on the 7th inst., aged 72 years.

W. J. M. PRICE, Pastor.

Pulaski City, Va.—Clark's Chapel M. E. Church.—Death has visited our membership and summoned Sister Maria Rasbey, the wife of Brother Cicero Rasby, an exhorter. She died July 2, aged 58 years. Sister Rasbey was converted in early life and lived faithful to the Master and church. The obituary was delivered by Brother H. L. Troilinger (white). The funeral was preached by Brother A. I. Weems, assisted by the pastor and Rev. Louderback, of the Christian Church. Heaven has gained a precious jewel; we will meet her again.

J. M. WATSON, Pastor.

Rev. N. N. Sidney, Brandon, Miss.—The angel of death has once more

broken our ranks. Brother Robert Evans, after many weeks' suffering with fever, died in full triumph of faith. Later on Brother William Henry Proctor heard the roll call in heaven, and he answered to his name. And last but not least, Sister Mollie Beal, the wife of Brother Manuel Beal, our most excellent class-leader at St. James M. E. Church, died as she lived, a faithful Christian and a devoted mother. Her place in our church can not be filled. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Jackson, Miss.—Mrs. Emma Fitzgerald, a zealous Christian and faithful member of the M. E. Church for many years, died the "death of the righteous" June 9. Funeral services conducted by Rev. G. W. Smith, D. D., R. P. Threlkeld and the writer, her pastor.

WM. McMorris.

Luling, Tex.—Sister Nancy Reed, aged 51 years, wife of Rev. Lee Reed, departed this life June 30. She lived a faithful member of the M. E. Church 29 years. Her illness was long and her suffering great, but she said to her pastor, "Don't doubt me; all is well." She leaves a husband, four children, one sister, a brother and a host of relatives and friends. Our hearts go out in sympathy for the bereaved family.

J. W. STONE, Pastor.

Houma, La.—Brother James Woodruff, one of the converts of Wesley M. E. Church, after two weeks' illness, died July 2, with full faith in the Lord.

Brother James Johnson, one of the founders of the Duloc M. E. Church, died July 3, as he lived, a soldier for Jesus. He leaves one son, 2 daughters and many grandchildren. His age was said to be over 100 years. His funeral was preached by Rev. Thompson, of the Baptist Church, assisted by the writer.

M. S. GOINS.

Handsboro, Miss.—On June 3 I was called to Biloxi to see the last of my sister, Mrs. Sarah Pead Walker, who died June 3, aged 38 years. She was a good sister and a faithful member of the M. E. Church, which she joined when 9 years of age. She leaves a father, mother, five sisters and four brothers to mourn. We will see her again. The funeral was conducted by our former pastor, Rev. J. B. Brooks.

MARTHA RANKIN.

Bridgeville, Miss.—Sister Nancie Funches, a member of St. James M. E. Church, died June 13, 1903.

W. N. G. LIFSCOMB, Pastor.

Bell Circuit, Miss.—Sister Frances Campbell, a member of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, died recently, aged 44 years. She professed a hope in Christ 23 years ago, and lived a true Christian, a faithful and devoted mother and wife. The church will miss her. She leaves a husband, a father, one grandchild and a host of other relatives and friends. Our loss is heaven's gain. Rev. N. B. Blackman officiated.

Gallatin, Tenn.—Mrs. Callie Randolph departed this life June 24, aged 54 years. She was a faithful member of Key Chapel M. E. Church for forty years, and was when able to attend, always at the Sunday morning service. She leaves one brother, two sisters and five children. She was a good mother and a loving wife. May her children meet her in the sweet by and by. The funeral was preached by the writer, assisted by Rev. Peter Vertrees.

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H. PRimm, Pastor.

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Handsboro, Miss.—I desire to return thanks to the sisters and friends of both races for their sympathy and kindness to the family of Mrs. Sarah Read Walker, at the time of their bereavement. I thank the Biloxi people with all my heart. May God bless you all.

MARTHA RANKIN.

A CARD OF THANKS.

Houston, Tex.—We wish to thank Drs. Mason, Jennings, Rev. D. E. Skelton, Mrs. Mason and other members of St. John's Church, Cincinnati, for their kindness in looking after our brother and son, Jeremiah Gulbreath. Hoping to meet some of you in the near future that we may again show our thanks, we pray for your spiritual and financial success. Yours in Christ,

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UNITED FOR LIFE

Pellon, S. C.—Mr. Garfield Daniel and Miss Pulie Robertson were married at Pellon, S. C., Sunday, July 5. B. F. Gandy officiated.

Natchitoches, La.—At the residence of the bride, on the 9th inst., at 8 p. m. I joined in the holy bonds of matrimony, Mr. Marshall Crump and Miss Martha Smith.

REV. W. J. M. PRICE.

Meridian, Miss.—On June 24, Mr. I. P. Earle and Miss Lillie Fikes were joined in wedlock, in the St. Paul M. E. Church.

June 28, Mr. William Louis and Miss

Mary Rodgers were united in marriage.

June 29, Mr. John Noyles and Miss Mary Saloane were happily united.

June 22, Mr. Wm. McClaurem and Miss Minnie Simpson were married.

July 1, Mr. E. Bryant and Miss Mammie Arrington were married. We wish these young people success in their new life.

A. J. McNair officiated at these ceremonies.

Josserand, Texas.—Miss Emma Churchwill was married to Prof. H. S. Smith, of Willis, Tex., at the M. E. church, June 25. Rev. C. Davenport officiated.

Gallatin, Tenn.—On June 29, at the home of the bride, Rev. James Martin and Mrs. Martha Calley were married. Brother Martin is a local preacher in Key Chapel. H. PRimm, Pastor.

Bell Rose, La.—At the residence of the bride, July 2, Miss Rosana Dabney and Mr. Jimmie Henderson were married. Rev. David Harrison, pastor, officiated.

Luling, Tex.—Mr. Chas. J. Johnson, of Austin, Tex., and Miss G. L. Spicer, of this place, were happily united in the bonds of matrimony, at 9:30 p. m., June, 17 at Wm. Taylor Chapel, M. E. Church. The writer officiated, assisted by Rev. H. Swann.

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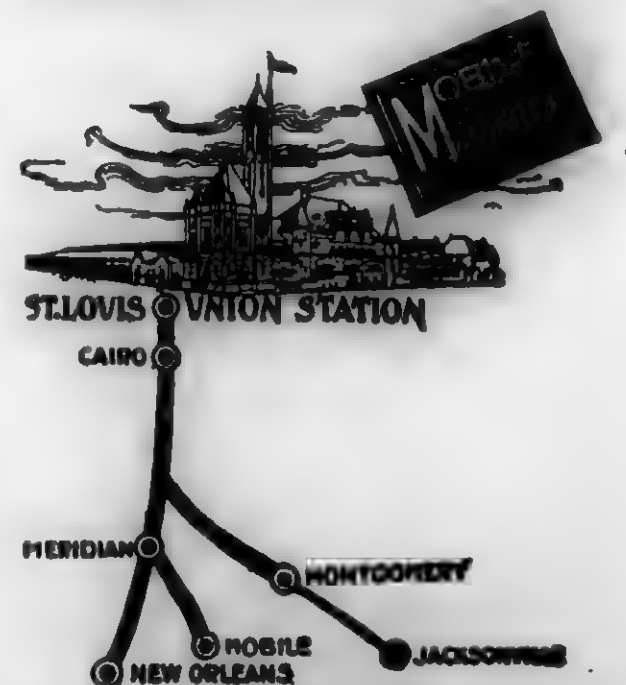
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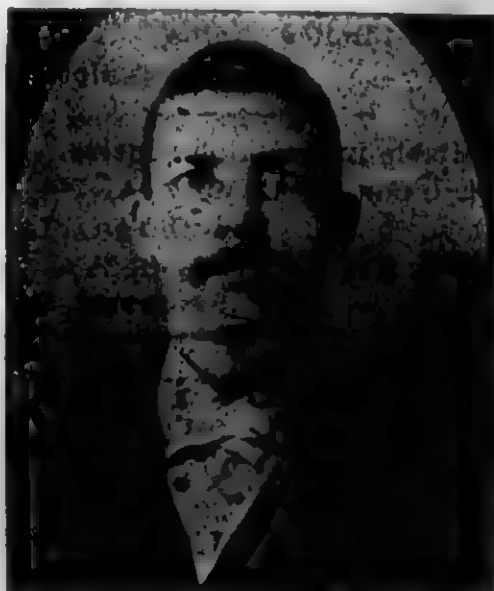
CRESCENT CITY NOTES

New Orleans, La.—Whereas, in the providence of God, our dear brother and fellow-workman, Alex. M. Jones, has been taken sick and the nature of his illness being such as to have necessitated his removal from his home, he it resolved by this Sunday school, in regular session, that we invoke the Divine protection upon him and that we pray for his speedy recovery. Mrs. E. L. Bolden, superintendent Haven M. E. Sunday school; Miss Cornelia Haman, secretary.

At the home of the bride's mother, Tuesday evening, July 14th, Mr. Stanford L. Parker, of Laurel, Del., and Miss Louise E. Alton, of this city, were united in holy wedlock; Rev. J. A. Tircuit officiated. The bride was beautifully dressed in white chiffon, elaborately trimmed with Valenciennes lace and narrow white satin ribbon. Miss Emma B. Smith, maid of honor, wore a blue chiffon trimmed with cream lace and inserting; Little Miss Cephronia Stones, a cousin of the bride, acted as flower-girl. After the ceremony a reception was tendered the couple. The bride received quite a number of excellent presents. Mr. and Mrs. Parker left that night by way of the L. & N. Railway for their future home, Laurel, Del. We wish them much success.

J. A. TIRCUIT.

At Williams Chapel, July 14, Mr. Lawrence Johnson of Arkansas and Miss Josephine Marshall, of Louisiana, were married by the pastor, Rev. C. W. Reeves.



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Mr. Daniel B. Smith, of Houma, La., and Miss Rebecca M. Hall, of this city, were joined in holy wedlock, June 30, at the First M. E. Church. The pastor officiated.

Mr. Cyrus O'Neal died June 19, aged 49 years.

Miss Azama Reed died June 20, aged 18 years. Services were conducted at the church.

Allen Patterson, infant boy of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Patterson, died June 28.

J. A. TIRCUIT.

Pastor First Street M. E. Church.

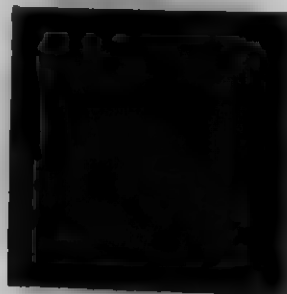
Good Samaritan City Mission, D. S. Smith, Pastor.—On the night of the tenth the following parties gave the pastor a pleasant surprise: E. Smith, E. Cannon, Sister Thomas, Sister Alexander, G. Address, Sister Pullum, F. Lee, M. Logan, J. Lee.

Rev. R. E. White, Benson, La.—Sunday was a grand day at Pleasant Valley M. E. Church. We celebrated Wesley's bicentennial. A fine program was carried out by the Sunday School, after which the writer spoke on the early life work of John Wesley. At 3:30 the pastor delivered a sermon on education. Raised for benevolence \$5.40.

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Editorial Notes

Cling to your prodigal child, not alone by your thought and your words, but by your prayers and your tears. Make a business of saving your children.

What shall be done with the wayward boys of the race? Let every mother and every home go into the business of cutting off the source of supply. Keep their heads in the other direction.

The Breathitt county, Kentucky, feud continues to operate at the old stand. Three persons were shot during the past week and the civil authorities did not dare attempt to arrest any one. The military authorities made the arrests; but even after those accused of crime are arrested it is next to impossible to convict them. That part of America needs attention.

Sow and reap is the law of nature. By that law even this country must abide. The mob spirit only a few months ago sacrificed the life of the President, and many other innocent persons since. More recently the comptroller of the state of Texas was murdered in his office by a former employe of the department, and only a few days since the district attorney was killed in his office in this city, without any opportunity to protect himself.

A Negro whom the local Democratic paper of Indianola, Miss., calls "Will," conveys the mail for that bitter little city to and from Heathman, which is four miles away. The United States government gave them Mrs. Minnie Cox, an intelligent colored woman, to handle their mail free of cost to them, but because some white person wanted the job she had to surrender it. But still the Negro is in it and conveys the mail to the white postmistress now paid by the citizens. As it seems to us, the prejudiced gain very little in the changed conditions.

An exchange calls attention to the fact that the members of the company of militia who fired on the mob at Evansville, Ind., are being persecuted for their devotion to duty. Several men belonging to the militia have been driven out of employment. Members of labor unions have threatened the merchants, for whom members of the militia were working, that unless the men were discharged, their business would be greatly injured. And some of the merchants have dismissed these members from their employ. The question for the people of this country to face is, shall our system of government be preserved? The disposition of many seems to be to crush out the organized forms of government altogether and substitute therefor anarchy, pure and simple.

Importance of Business Reciprocity with Those Who Employ Negroes

We have no sympathy with the boycott when it is carried to the extent of dictating to others how they shall use their money or enjoy the privileges of life. We are opposed to the bull-dozer and to the spirit he usually manifests. But we are in favor of a fair exchange on any line agreeable to those concerned, that is to say, we favor reciprocity. This in its every day sense means being neighborly. If my neighbor shows a disposition to help me in any way, the only honorable thing for me to do is to meet him half way, or at any rate to evince some spirit of appreciation. We are led to this line of thought by the fact that we learn of persons who are constantly canvassing merchants and other business men who employ Negroes, asking that they be displaced by whites. We are told that in some cases when the employers decline to do so, they are threatened with the boycott in their business. This may or may not be true. If it is true, the least the Negro ought to think of doing is to show his appreciation of those who help the race by employment, by giving them his patronage on all legitimate lines. But even tho it is not true, it can but help him to patronize those who employ his people or otherwise show themselves friendly to the race. There was a time in some parts of the South when merchants employed Negro clerks with the thought that it would attract the patronage of their fellows; in some cases it is evident that this worked well. But in others, sad to say, those who made the venture were greatly disappointed. They finally concluded that the black man takes no notice of such things and that therefore they will attract him as readily with all white clerks as otherwise. Situated as we are in this country, there is no denying the fact that the Negro must protect his interests in every legitimate way. It is the merest folly to speak of force on any line except as that may be applied by the individual who decides to meet force with force; but according to our mind peaceful methods are always in order and should be used for all they are worth. We verily believe that had the Negro used his patronage to advantage along the lines herein indicated, he would have dozens of young people at work in stores and other enterprises where he may not now have one. Say what you will, but the commercial spirit is to a very great extent ruling this country and those who have minds to think and to plan for their own welfare ought to do so. If they do not they have no one to blame but themselves. There are hundreds of our young people who have nothing to do simply because we make no openings for them; we have few commercial or other business enterprises of our own because we give our patronage to the opposite race and while we do not question the right of any man to do this, we nevertheless feel that self-preservation ought to dictate to a class of persons as it does to the individual, and lead them to do that which will eventuate in what is best for theirs and for themselves.

Not only is it due to the black man to pursue this course for his own protection, but it is due also to the man who tries to help him; for it is evident that in times like the present there are few persons who show their friendship for the Negro but that they must sooner or later suffer the consequences. Under such circumstances to whom should they be expected to look but to those for whom they have sacrificed their interests? The Negro has to have employment in order to live, and he must have friends in order to secure it. Therefore we feel that there is nothing out of place in urging business reciprocity with those who extend the helping hand in any way.

Give Your Pastor a Vacation

Perhaps nothing so stimulates the laborer to renewed and more diligent effort than the proper appreciation for service rendered. In these days every employer is aiming to get the best results out of those engaged in his service. In order to do so he is not only supposed to be paying as good wages as his business will allow, but as a rule he is making every reasonable and legitimate concession so as to give evidence of interest and sympathy on his part. Among other things in the higher avocations the rule is to give a vacation. The government grants this as well as the private corporations. Many an employee looks forward with pleasure to the time when he can have a slight let-up in the affairs of his daily life. As it seems to us, the Church ought to be no exception on this line. In fact, many churches do grant vacations to their ministers and provide them the means to justify the expense of an outing. Up to the present this is not done by any considerable number of our colored churches, and the result is the pastor grinds away from conference to conference without any extra time that he can call his own. We recognize the fact that there are reasons for this—reasons on the part of the pastor as well as the congregation. One is that the financial affairs of the church are not sufficiently organized to run successfully without the presence of the pastor and therefore he feels that he must be on hand. Another is that not a few congregations are controlled by the spirit that manifests itself in a desire to have the pastor constantly on hand and grinding like a galley slave. We say the congregation, when perhaps we ought to say that the officials that represent the congregation, some of whom seem to have no sympathy nor appreciation for the man who serves them. How long this may be so we have no means of knowing, but if this word of exhortation may be the means of hastening the day that shall witness a change, our purpose in writing it will be fully served.

Another massacre of Jews has occurred at Ofranin, Morocco, which is said to be nearly as destructive of life as was that of Kishineff. The Jewish quarter of the town, it is said, was completely destroyed. The houses, shops and stores were pillaged and then razed to the ground.

Our Contributors

The Duty of the Negro Educator to the Race

BY B. F. D. BOYD.

In the creation and development of all things animate there is a central organism, a life-giving source from which all subordinate parts receive their strength and power of action.

In the case of the human being the heart is the main and vital organ which, after pumping the venous blood into the lungs to be cleansed and oxydized, sends it to even the most minute and remote parts of the body, invigorating and building up anew every tissue: thus any affectation of this principal organ is felt throughout the entire being, which fact justifies and necessitates a healthy condition of the heart at all times.

The cerebrum and the medulla-oblongata are the seats of thought and action. From these centers nerves both sensory and motor extend throughout the body to the periphery of each limb. Through these media impressions are received and the power to act given. Any affectation of these centers is equally or more vital than that of the heart.

What the heart is to every other blood vessel even to the smallest capillary, what the brain is to each nerve cell and nerve fiber, such should be the relation existing between the Negro educator and the laity of his race.

He should be the source of our moral, intellectual and financial progress, setting forth examples by which the entire race is to be lifted to a greater level in the scale of civilization.

His leadership is to be recognized and respected by all, his authority and opinion consulted in the affairs of both church and state.

Any act upon the part of him however great—however small—wields a mighty influence for good or for evil over the whole race.

With such responsibilities resting upon him, with such a charge given into his care and keeping, it is a duty imperative for our educators first of all to be good men and good women, thoroughly prepared for the work before them, ever awake to the best interest of the race, ready to condemn and avenge the wrong—to magnify and exalt the right, willing to sacrifice self-interests for the well being of the race, exemplifying by a noble and useful life ideals worthy of imitation, having implanted within themselves those virtues of true greatness which were spoken of by the Savior when he said, "Whosoever of you will be chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

From time immemorial the learned of all tribes, races and nations have occupied the leadership of the masses of said tribes, races and nations looking to them for guidance and council.

Oft times those who are capable and whose duty it is to direct, shrink from the responsibility and the incompetent rush to fill their places.

Moses after spending forty years developing and receiving instruction, when called of God to lead out of bondage the Israelitish host swerved from duty's path, offering many add trivial excuses, and it was only after various signs and wonders had been shown him and the assurance that the Almighty would be with him, did he consent to go.

The tedious, yet magnificent mission he fulfilled is too well known to be recounted here.

The Negro educator, leader and modern Moses has a greater mission to perform, he has a greater

conflict to engage, a nobler victory to gain. Many and strong are the foes he has to conquer.

In times past a check has been placed upon our wheel of progress by some, who having espoused the leadership, proving imposters to our trust and Judases to our common weal. Slavery has left its cursed stain of vice upon us; intemperance has gained a mighty foothold; society, composed largely of our more intelligent church members, has by the social glass, the card party, the two-step, the ragtime, and other kindred evils become almost hopelessly corrupt.

The eradication of such evils becomes in part the duty of the Negro educator, and he will be held accountable in a greater or lesser degree for the future condition of the race he represents.

His duties are neither confined to nor do they end in the schoolroom, but he has access to our private domiciles. Our youth coming under his influence are by precept and example to have implanted within them principles of honesty, truth, and right. The heads of the family are to be taught the absolute necessity of the sanctity of marriage and the purity of the home.

The social realm must be penetrated by him and his influence exerted to overthrow its long practiced vices and place in their stead the establishment of Christian virtues.

Even the sacred desk must be cleansed of all impurities and hand in hand with the man of God he must take hold of the Sunday school work, the work of the church and all auxiliaries there of instructing the laity in the true principles of Christianity and arranging suitable, wholesome and helpful entertainment for the younger generation.

It is of the highest importance that he be awake to our best interests, financial and political, attending all primaries, frequenting all voting precincts, establishing our cause, legislating against the enemies of the race, and demanding our rightful franchise.

He must instruct the masses how and for what to vote, neither send nor follow, but lead them to the polls, and see that they vote for their best interests and that each ballot cast counts for not less than a whole vote.

With such a crusade on foot and hovering above us the blessed assurance of the presence and assistance of a just Redeemer, already we behold the dawning of a brighter and a better day.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.

Color and Conditions at Vicksburg

BY W. F. WATERS.

Vicksburg is an attractive city. In point of physical, political, and social location she is not where she once stood. The Mississippi once daily washed her feet, but the war measure of Grant was transformed into a peace measure of Congress and a canal is the result, turning the current of the river from the city. Forty years ago the guns of Grant were thundering about the city and a forty days seige with all its attendant horrors was upon her. Today Vicksburg is still a city besieged, but how different is the conflict!

A new issue is to the fore—the labor question. The common labor of Vicksburg and most that is skilled is performed by negroes. They work on the same walls with the whites and get their same \$4.50 to \$5.00 a day as the white men get. They are even preferred in many trades. They are willing workers, not quick to quit, do not demand unreasonable things. Tho they belong to the unions, they think of the interest of those who employ them. White men and black meet in the

same halls to legislate on labor. But the union is growing discontent. There is a painters' union to which Negroes are not yet admitted, and it looks as tho they will not be. Black men cannot work on any union job as painters. If they are employed union men, black and white, will quit. Then a strange condition will obtain—Negroes will quit a job because other Negroes are seeking to earn a livelihood; they will close the door of hope in the face of their brothers in black. Ye gods! what strange things industrial conditions conjure up! But here a bright star shoots across the dark skies of the South. Some day, soon or late, in the mad rush for gold in the great commercial developments of this section, the question of color and prejudice will be swept aside. Will the black man be ready to face the next issue?

Colored men here run many important enterprises for themselves as well as for white men. At a sawmill black men are doing all the work. A change of black labor for white would mean an increase in wages of nearly a hundred per cent. Among the enterprises being successfully run by colored men are The Lincoln Savings Bank, advertised on page 16 of this paper. Col. W. E. Mollison, whose career in Mississippi is known throughout the state, is its president; Hon. T. G. Ewing, Jr., cashier. Both are lawyers with a large and paying practice. They occupy offices on the same floor with the bank. Their office equipments are a first-class law library, typewriters, long distance telephone and other modern office fixtures, giving one the impression that the firm is ready and able to take care of the large business constantly being entrusted to it. The bank has an authorized capital stock of \$10,000. Its stockholders and depositors are among the best citizens of the state, white and colored. One drugstore, run by Drs. Proctor & Proctor, is doing a profitable business. Drs. C. Henri Woode and W. J. Walker are prominent physicians and have all the practice they can attend to. Mr. W. H. Jefferson owns an undertaking establishment on Main street, with a stock of about \$15,000, and on South Washington street one may read the sign, J. S. Mayfield, watchmaker and jeweler, diamonds, watches, clocks and jewelry.

Vicksburg has a population of about 14,000, with a colored majority out of which not more than 130 avail themselves of the franchise. Those who now might vote if they would, constitute one-fourth of the city's strength in political matters. I am informed on good authority that here neither the municipal nor county government has any restriction, for a great number of years, been placed in the way of the registration of colored men. Yet, in this city, like in many others, with much opportunity for civic development, the colored man creates not a ripple on the municipal sea.

It is evident to any one that there are two supreme needs of the colored people in the cities (country included) where colored population predominates in numbers or balances or approaches a balance—namely, wise political and efficient labor leaders. The "Missouri compromise" did not save the union; the "Atlanta compromise" will not save the black man; neither will religion, education and wealth alone; he must participate in civic affairs or else never come to full manhood.

"Advantages of a Student in an Industrial Home"

(Written by Miss Florence E. Thomas, representative of class that graduated from the Adeline M. Smith Industrial Home, Little Rock, Ark.)

The influence of the home is felt in every sphere

whether that influence be good or bad. And as woman is responsible for this home influence, it is necessary for her to be educated along every line that will be the means of exalting and purifying the home life. After the emancipation schools were established for the freedmen that they might receive a higher education to fit them to take their places as freemen, among the intellectual men of the world. But what about the women of this emancipated race? What was being done specially to elevate, and purify the home life of those who had come forth from the lowest depths of servitude, degradation, ignorance, and vice? Absolutely nothing; the manhood of the race was being exalted, while the womanhood was left without care. Yet no race can rise higher than its women. So the progress of this race must have been very slow. Some noble women realized the importance of educated and refined women as queens of the homes of any race to make that race great. And in view of this fact they organized a society for the purpose of carrying on the work among the women of the race. This society is known as the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. And the institutions established by these noble, and generous women are known as industrial homes, where the women of the race may receive every instruction in the duties pertaining to the life of a true Christian home. Woman has always been the crowning point of every work. In the morning of creation, after God made man, and beast then he made woman to crown his glorious work. No work is complete without the influence of woman. So it has happened through all the ages. What wonder then to crown the work of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, the Woman's Home Missionary Society began its work to build up the home life, as well as the intellectual life of the race. To see how well the plans of this society have succeeded trace its movements from its beginning down to the present. In connection with nearly every school of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, the Woman's Home Missionary Society has an industrial home to train the girls, in the work of home-making. Many of these institutions were founded by generous people, who desired to see the race advance. Our Home just across the way was founded by the now sainted Mrs. Philander Smith, as another star to illumine the state, and purify its homes. These Homes stand for the complete education of the home life in every detail. The women who established these Homes, who have their interest ever before them, and who are contributing each year for their maintenance, realized that it was not all of an education to have the head educated, but that the hands and the heart must also be educated to elevate any race. The girls in these industrial homes are taught everything that pertains to exalted womanhood and Christian education. During these years the society has endeavored to purify the home life through the girls who are being trained in these homes year after year in the things that go to make useful lives. The principles that underlie sublime, pure, noble, beautiful and chaste womanhood are taught and practiced in these Homes. They have done more for the elevation of womanhood among our people than any other institution. The girls who become students of them receive benefits that those on the outside do not. The Bible is the foundation on which we build. We receive instructions in the Bible daily, and are taught to take it as our guide. Then too we have the advantage of hearing the most experienced men and women of both races, whose lives have been

spent in the service of God for the uplifting of humanity. Among the first to visit us during the past seven years was our beloved Dr. Bowen, he preached our Baccalaureate sermon and delivered our Annual Lecture; and who has also come to honor our last occasion with his presence. Then came our never forgotten Bishop Merrill, whose parting advice to us was "be good girls, that covers it all." Next comes Bishops Derrick, Holiday, Hood, Clinton, Walden, Drs. Scott, Thirkield, Mason, Weakley, Lasby, Hammond, Burrows, Ma Veety, and a host of others. Yet we have not forgotten the women whose names must crown the list. Among the women are Mesdames Arter, Baylis, Harper, Falles, and Williams. And while these Homes are elevating and purifying the womanhood of the race they are also ennobling and exalting the manhood of the race. As it is with a nation, so it is with a race, neither can rise above its women. Therefore, it is all the more necessary that the women of the race be pure and refined, in order that those who come from the homes to become leaders of the race, and to mold the sentiment for the race, may be as strong and noble as the leaders of any other race. No nation and race whose homes and women are debased and neglected has ever been able to rise to the highest heights of civilization, and to maintain the heights to which it has risen. Look back if you will and trace the nations that once stood so high on the ladder of fame on account of their power, learning, and wealth, and that have passed out of existence, backward in history. You will find that those nations neglected their homes and are still neglecting them. It is truly said that men owe all they become to their mothers, and wives. We often hear those who stand high in Church and State say, all that they are and all that they hope to be they owe to their mothers and wives. Then can we who have these golden opportunities, which so many have not, afford to sit idle and spend our time in amusements when the destiny of a whole race is resting upon us? I say a thousand times, no. While we have so many opportunities for the development of our moral, intellectual, spiritual, and home life, let us as young women go forth from Adeline Smith Home to lift our race higher to God and to brighten the world. Never in the history of the world has the position of women, whether she is white, or black, been so exalted and honored as it is today. Christianity has done for woman what the sunshine and rain do for the flowers. Christianity has lifted woman from the lowest and most obscure position to the noblest and purest, that of the queen of the home. Then shall we not honor God for this crowning work of Christianity by living beautiful Christian lives? Shall not we who leave the consecrated walls of Adeline Smith Home go forth to bless humanity and exalt womanhood? God forbid that we should live to any other purpose. Let us be women in every sense of the word, or we shall have lived in vain. We have a better chance than those who have gone before us. We are encircled by the glorious civilization of the twentieth century, in which woman is proving herself man's equal. Oh sisters, lift up your heads and behold your wonderful work. Can we afford to stand by and see women of other races become queens of their homes, and builders of their races while our race demands chaste and refined Christian women to make pure and happy homes? No we must be up and doing that the labors of those who work for our success and the purpose for which our home stands

may not be set at naught. God and the race are calling for a pure and consecrated womanhood. So dear classmates, as we go forth from the protection of our beloved institution, let us ever stand up for the principles of pure Christian womanhood. Let us ever stand up for our beloved Home. Let our prayers, aim, and life-long work be for the uplifting of our race, and the blessing of humanity. Let us go forth to make the world better. To the ones who remain to become stronger women, may you always stand for the right, be an honor to your homes as you go out each year, guard their interest as your life—for thus it is. To our beloved Matron we must now say good-bye. Long have you watched over us with patient and loving care; you have been to us all that a mother and friend could be, while here you have been our advisor and comforter, in every way, and as we bid you farewell we realize that we are saying farewell to one of our dearest friends, one whom we love and honor. But we are not lost to you; wherever we go we will take your teachings and your true and noble example of Christian womanhood. Our prayers shall always be for you. Long may you live to gladden hearts and to show forth the power of God.

Lansing, Ark.

Illness of Rev. P. O. Jamison

The Rev. P. O. Jamison, pastor of the Vaiden Circuit, Upper Mississippi Conference, was stricken down on his work with slow fever, several weeks ago, and had to be brought home. His members and officers, especially Brother S. Benjamin, when he stopped seven miles in the country, the first two or three weeks he was sick, manifested great interest in, and did all they could for him while there; and for which he is thankful.

But as he continued to get worse from time to time while in the country, it was found necessary for Dr. L. T. Miller and Brother G. M. R. Husbands to go and bring him home. Brother Jamison said that he was indeed grateful to the railroad officials for making everything so pleasant, and others who so kindly assisted Dr. Miller and Brother Husbands in transferring him from train to train, while en route home.

Prof. J. C. Cook, assisted by the other local preachers, promised to look after the work until his return. When he reached home he was met at the depot by a great many of his friends, who were anxiously awaiting his arrival. He was taken home by his friends, where for the past two weeks he has had the close attention of Dr. Miller, and is now convalescent.

He wishes to serve notice on his many friends in his conference that he is still in the ring for the General Conference, though at first he thought his time on earth was about out.

Yours,

G. W. SMITH.

A Good Word

BY BISHOP B. F. LEE, LL. D.

Editor SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE:

Arriving at my home some time ago, not finding your paper where I expected to find it, I asked for it, hurriedly saying: "I don't believe I read it the week I spent at home in early spring. I believe they have cut it off; possibly because I have not paid. This, if true, is an act based upon misunderstandings; I paid full subscription at first, but it was returned to me by mail." * * *

I had misjudged; the ADVOCATE had not been "cut off," my family assured me. And we are all

very thankful. No manlier, wiser or more satisfying journal than the SOUTHWESTERN comes to our home. The courage required to maintain so pure a newspaper spirit, so correct bearing, so brave advocacy of man's rightful claims on man, such wise leadership to those who rely upon the minister, the teacher, the editor, cannot receive too great consideration.

You have our confidence and our sympathy, brother. "Fight the good fight." "You'll overcome some day."

WILBERFORCE, Ohio.

Life of Faith

THE MEMORY GUILD

NO SWEETER WORLD.

"I will not leave you desolate," John xiv:18, R. V.

BY THE REV. W. T. SLEEPER.

No sweeter word than this can find a tongue,
When strength and courage fail with harp unstrung—

"I will not leave you desolate;"—

A precious word which poets love to sing,
To trembling age a word most comforting—

"I will not leave you desolate."

When loving friends and social joys depart,
And troubles come to overwhelm the heart—

"I will not leave you desolate;"

When night is coming on that hides the sun,
And weary limbs remind you "day is done"—

"I will not leave you desolate."

O blessed word! I hear it once again—

The service ended—as a sweet "amen"—

"I will not leave you desolate;"

Ling'ring while until the Father call,
I catch the vanishing recession—

"I will not leave you desolate."

Newton, Mass.

Nuggets from Dr. Torrey's Address

The larger giver is always the mighty prayer.
When you listen to the poor, God will listen to you.

What is an idol? An idol is anything you put before God.

A disciple is one who learns to follow and follows to learn.

There is wonderful power in true prayer offered by the right man.

The chief difference between consecration and true repentance is that in repentance we give up our bad things, while in consecration we give up our good ones. The bad ones are given up for God. The good are given up to God.

The true theology of conversion is to quit sin and serve God. It is introduced by repentance, which means to be sorry enough for sin to give it up. It is perfected by faith, which means to believe that when I do what God says, He will do what He promises.

Science analyzes a flower under the microscope; tells of its petals, stamen, ovules, calyx, anthers and pollen. The bee merely sucks the honey out of it. He can not tell you the names of its parts, but he knows that it is sweet and satisfies his longings. Who, by thinking, can find out God? But the humblest and most ignorant soul, by faith can find the honey in the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley.

What the World Wants is More Sunshine

The following extract from a sermon delivered recently by Rev. J. L. Tyron at All Saints Episcopal Church, Attleboro, Mass., is so beautiful and so pertinent to these vacation days that it is reproduced as a sort of guide for the next three months:

"Wanted, cheerful men and women, with more hopefulness and laughter! We have enough long and sour faces, enough of chilling looks and exclusive manners.

Look on the bright side at all times. Believe, in the darkest hour of sorrow, that there are brighter days ahead. Believe that something, if not everything, is coming out right in the end.

Prophecy success. There are enough people in the world to criticise and to see objections without us. We are needed to pour sunshine on the path of endeavor and woe. Don't have any doubt about it. Don't use that wise and cautious but hopeless phrase: 'Well, I don't know.' That is the favorite of all the throwers of cold water upon acts of faith, and you must not be classed with them.

We are altogether more solemn than we need be. We could wish that the evangelists had written more of the cheerful side of Jesus than they did.

And we want more laughter. With all the presence of public and social duties, the exacting requirements of the schools and the long hours in the shop, taken together with the care of invalids and the aged, with the troubles caused by wrong-doing, and the hardships brought upon us by our own selfishness, we do not get all the laughter that belongs to us. I doubt if the dinner table is always the scene of refreshment that it ought to be; in the nature of things, made up as some of us are, perhaps it cannot be; we touch on the peculiar and sensitive points of disposition when we least think of doing it; we get into heavy debates and even hot disputes when we least intend to. But where Jesus reigns, there should be the cheery, sparkling word and the overflowing soul.

They of the sunny South have a way of giving you the impression that you are the only person in the world, the honored guest to whom everything is due. You grow eloquent under the warmth of their hospitable greeting. The doors of your Puritan heart swing open, and out come the compliments with a grace that shows you to be of the same sort of humanity, though you did not know it. You think how joyous existence can be. You forget your troubles and wonder why your round of labor should seem the imprisonment and the tragedy that you make it.

Hopefulness, laughter and cheer! Scatter them wherever you go like roses on your path. Give them in place of grudges and throw them out instead of hints. Exchange them for insinuations and substitute them for complaints. Take them to your shopmates in the morning and bring them back to your loved ones at noon. Furnish them in the office and put them in the mail. Carry them to the sick and leave them with the unconsolated. Everywhere and always, with your Christian geniality, warm up the cold streets and hearth-stones of the world."

Woman's Dominion

Cold cream rubbed around the nails will counteract the tendency to crack, and will keep the skin around the nails soft and fresh looking.

A bright little fellow was turning over the dusty leaves of the family Bible, when suddenly he asked his mother, "Mother, is this God's Book?" "Yes." "Why, then," said the tiny little fellow, "hadn't we better send it back to God, for we never use it?"

I could not ask for you a greater gift than that in the future, when the autumn time of life shall come, you may have the springtime in your heart. There is only one life where the new never becomes old, where the love is

always kept fresh, and is always a first-love with increasing freshness; and that is having the One Who says: "I am the life!"—*Margaret Bottome.*

Dainty Perfuming

A thumb nail size bag of one's favorite perfume powder is put by many dressmakers in the sleeves of all their bodices under the shields. This is a dainty way of using perfume. Wetting the finger in cologne and drawing it over the eyebrows is harmless and agreeable, besides having a most soothing effect.

A Novel Kitchen Carpet

Take any old carpet that is whole, but too shabby for use, clean thoroughly, and tack it down smoothly on the kitchen floor. Then make a good, thick boiled starch of flour and water. Rub a coat of this starch into the carpet with a whitewash-brush, and in about twenty-four hours, or when the starch is thoroughly dry, give it a coat of paint—any color desired. Dark red is a desirable color for a kitchen. When the paint is dry, give a second coat, and you will have a cheap and durable floor covering, equal to linoleum, at about one-fourth the cost. By giving it a coat of paint once a year, it will last for years.—*Woman's Home Companion.*

Don'ts for Mother's of Boys

Don't keep nagging your boy.

Don't treat him as a hardened criminal if you discover him in sin.

Don't forget that by treating your boy like a gentleman you will do much toward making him one.

Don't deny your boy the healthful, restraining influence of plenty of outdoor sports and athletics. There is a whole sermon in the phrase "muscular Christianity."

Don't make his room a sort of shop for all odds and ends of furniture too shabby or too old-fashioned to be used anywhere else in the house.

Don't be above apologizing to your boy if occasion arises. He will honor you for it.

Don't have a thing in the house too good for him to enjoy and share with you, and don't make him use the back stairs in order to save the front hall carpet.

Don't shut him entirely out of the confidential talks concerning home, business and neighborhood affairs, but teach him to respect the confidence.—*Selected.*

Too Busy to be Kind

"I sometimes think we women, now-a-days are in danger of being too busy to be really useful," said an old lady thoughtfully. "We hear so much about making every minute count, and always having some work or course of study for spare hours, and having our activities all systematized, that there is no place left for small wayside kindnesses. We go to see the sick neighbor and relieve the poor neighbor, but for the common, every-day neighbor, who has not fallen by the way, so far as we can see, we haven't a minute to spare. But everybody who needs a cup of cold water isn't calling the fact out to the world, and there are a great many little pauses by the way which are no waste of time. The old-fashioned exchange of garden flowers over the back fence, and friendly chats about domestic matters, helped to brighten weary days and brought more cheer than many a sermon. We ought not to be too busy to inquire for the girl away at school, or to be interested in the letter from the boy at sea. It is a comfort to the mother's lonely heart to feel that somebody else cares for that which

means so much to her. Especially we ought not to be too busy to give and receive kindnesses in our own home. May no one be able to say of us that we are too busy to be kind.—*The Young Woman.*

Mothers, Speak Low

I know some houses well built and handsomely furnished where it is not pleasant to be even a visitor. Sharp, angry tones resound through them from morning till night; and the influence is as contagious as the measles, and much more to be dreaded in a household. The children catch it, and it lasts for life, an incurable disease. A friend has such a neighbor within hearing of her house when doors and windows are open, and even Poll Parrot has caught the tune, and delights in screaming and scolding, until she has been sent into the country to improve her habits. Children catch cross tones quicker than parrots. Where mother sets the example, you will scarcely hear a pleasant word among the children in their plays with each other. Yet the discipline of such a family is always weak and irregular. The children expect just so much scolding before they do anything they are bid; while in many a home where the low, firm tone of the mother or the decided look of her steady eye is law, they never think of disobedience either in or out of her sight.

Oh, mothers, it is worth a great deal to cultivate that "excellent thing in a woman," a low, sweet voice. If you are ever so much tired by the mischievous pranks of the little ones, speak low. It will be a great help to you to even try to be patient and cheerful, if you cannot wholly succeed. Anger makes you wretched and your children also. Impatient, angry tones never did the heart good, but plenty of evil. You cannot have the excuse for them that they lighten your heavy burdens any; they make them only ten times heavier. For your own sake, as well as your children's sake, learn to speak low. They will remember that tone when your head is under the willows. So, too, would they remember a harsh and angry voice. Which legacy will you leave your children?—*New York Chronicle.*

Young Friends

KEEP A-TRYING.

Say "I will!" and then stick to it—
That's the only way to do it.
Don't build up a while and then
Tear the whole thing down again.
Fix the goal you wish to gain,
Then go at it, heart and brain,
And, though clouds shut out the blue,
Do not dim your purpose true
With your sighing.
Stand erect, and like a man
Know "They can who think they can."
Keep a-trying.

Had Columbus, half seas o'er,
Turned back to his native shore,
Men would not, to-day, proclaim
Round the world his deathless name.
So must we sail on with him
Past horizons far and dim,
Till at last we own the prize
That belongs to him who tries
With faith undying;
Own the prize that all may win
Who, with hope, through thick and thin
Keep a-trying.
—*Saturday Evening Post.*

The Rule of Three

Three things to govern—Temper, tongue and conduct.

Three things to love—Courage, gentleness and affection.

Three things to hate—Cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude.

Three things to delight in—Frankness, freedom and beauty.

Three things to wish for—Health, friends and a cheerful spirit.

Three things to avoid—Idleness, loquacity and flippant jesting.

Three things to fight for—Honor, country and home.

Three things to admire—Intellectual power, dignity and gracefulness.

Three things to think about—Life, death and eternity.—*Selected.*

The Bright Face

There is nothing that conduces more to the happiness of the home than to find a bright, sunny face looking into ours as we enter the door. If the light of love shines, it lightens the load and brightens up the outlook. The bright, sunny face in the home is a power for good that can not be estimated. There is nothing like the cheerful, happy frame of mind which it helps to bring about.

So, dear ones of the household, wear happy, sunny faces, and see what wonders they will work when there are fretting, anxious cares and uncomfortable people about to deal with. Many annoyances come every day; none of us are exempt from them. The vexations of life are necessary to discipline us. Let us be sure that, in the end, they make our faces to shine.—*Selected.*

Looking Out for Mother

One matter which all young girls should consider, which is perhaps almost hackneyed, and yet never unnecessary, is the question of reverence; all that is implied by the injunction to honor our parents. To honor them is not only to obey them. It goes further and deeper than mere obedience.

You cannot possibly understand the love that your mother bears you; it is a law of nature that you should not understand. It is like no other love, peculiarly interwoven with every fiber of her being, not to be comprehended by any daughter of you until the day when you perhaps hold your own children in your arms. You must take it on trust. But remember that this love of hers makes her actually conscious of every touch of hardness and coldness in your voice; she misses the kiss that you are in too great a hurry to bestow; she winces at the argumentative voice with which you labor to get your own way; she dreads unmistakably to lose your affection and respect. Do not grudge the tender word, the long caress, even if you feel a little impatient of it all the while. You will long for it with a heartsick longing when it can never be yours again. And remember that hardness is one of the faults of youth; you should strive against it as much as you strive against your faults of bad temper, or inaccuracy, or sloth. Be hard on yourself if you like; that will not hurt you. But you may regret all your life that you have been hard on anybody else.—*The Watchman.*

The Closed Door

I remember it so well. It was one morning many years ago, when I was a very little child. I had been disobedient at breakfast time, and papa had said to me gravely and sadly: "Carrie, you must get off your chair and go and stand outside the door for five minutes."

I got down, choked back the sob that rose in my throat, and without turning to look into papa's face, I went outside the door, and it was shut against me.

The moments seemed very long and silent. I remember well how my tears dropped down on the mat, I was so grieved and shamed. The five minutes were not nearly over, but the handle of the door was partly turned, and Jonnie's curly head peeped out. Both his arms were around my neck in a minute, and he said: "Carrie, go in; I'll be naughty instead of you." And before I could say a word he had pushed me in and shut the door.

There I stood, with my eyes on the floor, and feeling so red and so uncomfortable, not knowing whether I might go up to the table; but papa took me by the hand, and led me to the table, and kissed me and put me on the chair; and I knew I was forgiven, just as much as if I had borne all the punishment; but oh! how I wished that Jonnie might come in!

When the five minutes were up, he was called in, and then papa took us both—me, the poor, little naughty child, and Jonnie, the loving brother—and folded us both in his arms, and I sobbed it all out—the repentance and love and gratefulness—while we were held close to that loving heart.

And now that I look back to that little scene, it seems a typical one. For the years went by, and I found myself outside another door, separated from the Father, sin having come between my soul and God, till I saw one who loved me come and take my place, and put me into his place of nearness, and I was forgiven for Christ's sake; and I knew the fullness and freeness of that forgiveness, for our Father drew me close to his divine heart of love, and there with the Lord Jesus, my sin bearer, I found "joy unspeakable and full of glory."—*Monthly Record.*

Educational

Annual Meeting Freedman's Aid Board

The annual meeting of the board of managers of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society took place on July 14-15. Bishop J. M. Walden, president of the board, presided. The report of the treasurer, H. C. Jennings, made a favorable showing of the financial condition of the society. The conference collections show an advance over those of last year which were in excess of those of any year since 1893. A carefully prepared statement of the investments of the society was also presented in printed form by the treasurer.

The reports of Secretaries Mason and Thirkield disclosed a prosperous condition of the schools under the care of the society. There has been a general increase in attendance showing an advance over the large total of 10,339 pupils for 1901-02. The schools also show an advance in receipts over those of previous years, through firm and systematic methods adopted for the collection of tuition, room-rent and board. A large number of conversions in the schools is reported as the result of earnest religious work during the year. Over \$20,000 has been put in the industrial work during the past two years, and the results, especially at Claflin, are gratifying. Here a new industrial plant at a cost of \$25,000 has been dedicated. Two new buildings at Grant University, at a cost of about \$50,000, have been completed during the year.

During this quadrennium the advance in cash appropriations to the schools has been marked. From a total of \$66,600 appropriated to the schools in 1899-1900, there has been an advance to \$102,545 appropriated for the current year. The total advance in these appropriations during

the years 1900-01 and 1903-04 show a total of over \$105,000. There has been a decrease in administrative and fixed expenses of fully 25 per cent.

Notwithstanding this large advance in appropriations for the schools, the debt during the past three years has shown a constant decrease. The debt statement for 1900 was \$154,478.98. The indebtedness as shown in the report at the close of the fiscal year is \$88,012.94. The decrease during the last year is \$22,236.76. Over against this debt are annuity funds received by authority of the General Committee during the past three years to the amount of \$64,108.50. These funds are invested and sacredly held and are gradually becoming available for the liquidation of the debt.

A large amount of routine business was transacted in the election of teachers, and provision for the work of more than 40 schools under the care of the society. The Rev. Dr. J. M. Manker was elected to fill the Chair of Practical Theology in Grant University of Theology, at Chattanooga. Rev. S. A. Peeler, A. M., B. D., was elected principal of Cookman Academy, Jacksonville, Fla. The old property at Cookman has been sold under the authority of the board. A superior site has been selected and plans adopted for two commodious school buildings, work on which will begin shortly.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, John M. Walden; first vice-president, R. S. Rust; second vice-president, W. F. Boyd; third vice-president, C. L. Greeno; treasurer, H. C. Jennings; recording secretary, W. B. Sellers.

The following members were in attendance during one or more sessions of the meetings of the board: Bishop Walden, Levi Gilbert, J. D. Walsh, J. Courtney, H. C. Jennings, J. M. Shumpert, A. J. Nast, John Pearson, C. Golder, D. W. Clark, W. H. Hickman, H. C. Weakley, G. B. Johnson, C. L. Greeno, I. D. Jones, W. F. Boyd, H. A. Schroetter, D. D. Thompson, C. W. Bennett, D. D. Woodmansee, J. A. Patten, D. L. Aultman, M. C. B. Mason, W. P. Thirkield, W. B. Sellers.

W. B. SELLERS,
Recording Secretary.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

Doctor and Mrs. Sherrill at Home

DEAR DR. SCOTT:—I suppose a great many people in America and especially in Arkansas would be proud to see and hear Dr. Sherrill, who recently returned from Africa. Dr. J. C. Sherrill has been in our city a month, if not more, but owing to the state of his health he has not been able to do much. Dr. and Sister Sherrill have been quite feeble since their arrival. At this writing he is quite ill and under the treatment of a doctor, and doubtless will not do much speaking until he has regained strength and rest. The pastor of our church here, in the person of Rev. S. McDarnold, and his membership gave Dr. Sherrill and family some few days ago a very excellent banquet. At this entertainment Dr. Sherrill spoke and when he was through he left us hungering for more, because he fed us with rich thought. He also spoke the next night for the writer and his people in our Second church, at a royal entertainment, and then preached two sermons the following Sunday. This, I think, is the cause of the attack from which I mention he is now suffering. There is no doubt but should this good young man's health hold up he will lay

the burden of Africa upon the hearts of the people wherever he might go. I close, hoping and asking the prayers of all in behalf of Dr. and Sister Sherrill. Yours truly,

J. W. LEWIS.

FORT SMITH.

Foreign Missions

The percentage of illiteracy in Fiji, thanks to the labors of English Protestant missionaries, is less than in most European countries; and the church attendance averages better than in any part of the United States. Last year the native church of Fiji, with an average church attendance of 94,000, contributed \$25,000 to foreign missions. The first missionaries, in 1835, were nearly all put to death by the fierce natives. The Wesleyan Missionary Society has now taken Fiji off its mission roll as an aided field.

One small village on Kucheng district in China, where there were no Christians at the beginning of the year, now reports that there remain only four of the thirty families who have not accepted the gospel. A patient returning home from the Kucheng Methodist hospital was heard to say: "It is impossible for one to go to the hospital and not become a Christian, because everybody is so good to you and everything is done for your comfort." One place to which the gospel was carried this year has now seventy probationers and a Sunday attendance of 100. At another point the new converts have already undertaken the full support of their pastor and have raised \$300 toward building a chapel for which they have given in addition a splendid site. One hundred and thirteen thousand people heard the gospel last year from the lips of Bible women in the Foochow conference, China. During the year new work has been opened on the Yenping district at two walled cities of 20,000 each. Already these two churches are nearly on a self-supporting basis and there are great prospects of fruitful results in both places.

The Transforming Power of the Gospel

The power of the gospel to awaken dormant faculties, and to inspire with new life those who are degraded intellectually and morally, has been witnessed in all Christian lands. But cases of this kind come more frequently under observation in uncivilized and pagan communities, where the light of divine truth breaks suddenly upon souls sunken in ignorance and sin. Our missionaries frequently report such cases. Rev. Mr. Kilbon, of Amanzimote, sends an account of one of the graduates from their theological school who, when he came to them five years ago, was barely able to spell out the words of his Bible. His mind was wholly untrained, and it was difficult for him to take in much or to give out what he had taken in. Little was expected of him, and he was frankly told that he could never expect to be given a certificate of graduation from the theological school. But he stayed on, supporting himself almost entirely. He was not turned away largely because he came from a purely heathen district, to which he might possibly return and be of some service. But filled with a new love and a great purpose, his powers awoke. He has proved himself a diligent and hard worker, both with brain and muscle, and has given all his teachers great satisfaction; so that Mr. Kilbon can say, "We seldom have had greater pleasure in handing a certificate to one who has pursued a course in the school than we had in giving one to this young man." So in all lands, among all classes of people, the gospel of Christ awakens

mind and heart, and inspires to a stronger and purer life.—*The Missionary Herald*.

The Bible in Heathen Lands

If the Bible can only be placed in heathen darkness, it will gradually send forth its illuminating beams and scatter the thick clouds, bringing in the blessed day of gospel glory. This has been demonstrated again and again. One instance is that of the mountain village, Hazark. A Turkish New Testament found its way to an apprentice near Broosa. For some time he read it secretly. Being convinced of its truth, he followed it as best he could. Becoming aroused to the duty of sharing his pearl of immense value with others, he began to preach it to his townsmen. Others became interested and convinced. Thus, without foreign missionary or teachers, a Protestant community was formed. The word of God did its own execution. Every time we contribute to Bible Society work we are sending divine light into the dark parts of our own country or into distant lands. Surely there can be no truer missionary work than that of giving the Bible to the world.—*Zion's Herald*.

Epworth League

TOPIC AUGUST 9th:

Stir up the gift of God which is in thee.
Scripture reference, 2 Tim. 1: 6-8.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday—Man's gifts to Christ. Matt. 2: 1-15.

Tuesday—Christ's gift to man. Jno. 4: 1-14.

Wednesday—Gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2: 1-4.

Thursday—Evil men love gifts. Isa. 1: 21-24.

Friday—Christ refused the gift of satan. Matt. 4: 8-11.

Saturday—God giveth Daniel wisdom. Dan. 2: 14-23.

The theme to-day is founded upon a passage of scripture in second Timothy, which it is well to remember is the last recorded message of St. Paul. With incomparable zeal and burning enthusiasm, he had done his work and was now at the end, with both shadows and flashes of light playing about him. In the light of his earnest and laborious life and his close fellowship with and love for Timothy, it is not strange that his last recorded writings should be penned to him. In this final letter he speaks mainly of three things. The first thing he expresses concern about is the conduct of Timothy, and this phase of the subject occupies about one-third of the epistle. Then his interest broadens to the church and he speaks of the future and present prospects of the church. Finally he has a word to say about himself. Thus it appears in these closing days he thought of himself last. Here is a lesson in self-abnegation which we leaguers ought to learn. And this is the way Paul had given himself to the world: wholly forgetful of himself. Now in this final letter to his son in the gospel he calls upon him to stir up the gift of God which is in him.

1. *Preparing for high duty.* Paul felt anxious for Timothy and the church, and was expecting large things of his son in the gospel. He knew that Timothy had received the qualification and equipment, but he had been apart from him for some time and did not know how the tides of his life were running. He therefore told him of his grandmother and mother and then assured him of his belief that he too had a like faith received by the laying on of Paul's hands, and then he called upon him to stir up the gift of God which was in

him. Large work lay before Timothy and he shall fail without the stirring up of the best there was of him and in him.

2. *Five considerations.* Paul lays before his son in the gospel, five considerations by means of which he hopes to wake him up to the tremendous importance of stirring up his best life. He tells him first of the beautiful traditions of the family; then of the sublime character of the gospel which has been entrusted to him; then he refers him to his own example and teaching; then he tells him of Onesiphorus and his courageous devotion, and finally he points him to the sure hope of salvation, with eternal glory reserved in heaven, through Jesus Christ. This is just like Paul. He piles up argument upon argument so there is no getting away from his persuasive power. Any one of the considerations laid down were sufficient to stir the soul of Timothy. Thousands of our youth to-day would rise up to exalted lives if they were to stop and ponder the magnificent Christian heroism displayed by their fathers and mothers, and the thought of what Christ has reserved in heaven for them.

3. *Did Timothy need the injunction?* Yes. Just as young men need it to-day. Timothy was just like many a young Christian worker to-day. He had evidently cooled off in his zeal and devotion for the figure that Paul uses means literally that he shall fan his gift to a flame. This implies that he had slackened in his devotion. Young men to-day cool off in their devotion to the cause of Christ and need to be waked up again.

4. *One gift is power.* Jesus said to his bewildered disciples, "Ye shall receive power." This they got on the day of Pentecost. They were made strong and courageous where before they were weak and fearful. They were made strong to stand their ground. The battle for the cross could not be won by cowards. Deserters are the greatest peril of any army. That's why men who run from the field of battle are shot. Discipline of the army must be preserved and the ranks kept unbroken, or disaster must befall the army. Our churches and leagues are to-day languishing and dying in many places because our sympathies run away with our good sense and we let so many weak and dying ones together with deserters drag our chariot wheels in the mire. If you want life in your churches and leagues, prune them up, when every effort has been made to revive them and you have failed.

5. *Another gift is Love.* This is what gave Jesus Christ to the world: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Love is the propeller that drives all the wheels of Christian industry. Love is the background of our courage and leads us into the spirit of self-sacrifice. Love makes us obedient to God and sympathetic with our fellows. "Love: What a volume in a word; an ocean in a tear; a seventh heaven in a glance."

6. *Another gift was faith.* From doubts and shadows a man rises up to faith when the Spirit brings light into his soul. From the mists he comes into the clearing where the vision clarifies and Jesus Christ becomes a living presence. Stir up your faith, ye that are dreaming in the midst of life's struggles.

ARROW POINTS.

1. Learn that life is real and serious.
2. Wake up all your energies for life's work.
3. Throw your whole self into your work.
4. By a close walk to God let the Spirit energe all your graces.

PITTSBURG, Pa.

Sunday School Helps

Lesson VI—Aug. 9th, 1903. Title—David and Goliath (1 Sam. 17: 38-49.) Study—32-54. Golden Text—"If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31). Time—B. C. 1063. Place—valley of Elah, fourteen miles southwest from Jerusalem.

About the time David was anointed king, the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit possessed him. David was called to play on the harp, and if possible drive away the "blue devils." He played and the evil spirits departed from Saul. David returned to Bethlehem, and for some time kept his father's flocks. After a while the Philistines made war on the Israelites. Saul collected an army and went out to fight them. The two armies were encamped on two mountains: the valley of Elah was between them. A champion of the Philistines came down in the valley every day to defy the army of Israel. He was about ten feet high, wore a helmet of brass, and a coat of mail. His armor weighed about two hundred pounds. The staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam. He called for a man of Israel to come down and fight him. Saul and the children of Israel were filled with fear. About this time David went from Bethlehem to carry some parched corn and loaves of bread to his brothers in Saul's army. He saw Goliath and heard his challenge. He said to Saul: "Let no man's heart fail because of him: thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine." The king discouraged David, but he would not hearken. He told how God had delivered him out of the paw of the lion, and He would protect him from the hand of Goliath.

I. *Arming David (38-40).* 1. *The work of Saul:* "And Saul armed David with his armor." The king was much larger than David. This armor was probably buckled up, or possibly it belonged to Jonathan. (1) He put a helmet of brass upon David's head. This the "crown prince" did not need, for his head was already covered with hope, the helmet of salvation. (2) He also armed David with a coat of mail. That is, a coat of scales. It was likely a loose shirt, made of small plates of brass, that overlapped one another like the scales of a fish. This David did not need for his entire body was covered with the "breastplate of righteousness." (3) David girded Saul's sword upon his armor. This "blade" was likely large and unwieldy. He had no use for it. The word of God—here the divine impression made on his mind—is the sword of the Spirit, and all the youthful warrior needed. When thus armed he began to walk, but soon found he could not use them to advantage. He had never before worn such armor. It was in his way. He cast it off. We should never fight with weapons with which we are not familiar.

2. *The weapons of David.* (1) He took in his hand his staff. This was not to fight with but to deceive Goliath. The shepherd's rod was used as an instrument of correction, and of support. It may represent the law and the gospel: the one slays, and the other makes alive. (2) He selected five smooth stones out of the brook. He knew God would give him the victory, yet he did not know just how many stones he would need. Their smoothness enabled them to pass straight, and without noise, through the air. The smooth words of the gospel often slay unto sin and make alive unto God. (3) David had his sling in his hand. The sling was a leather thong, broad in the center and narrow at the ends. In using it a stone was placed in the middle, the ends were held to; it was flung over the head, and then one string let go. A skilled warrior could thus throw a

stone with great force and exactness. These instruments prove that David was trusting in the

II. *Going into battle (41-47).* 1. *Goliath.* (1) *His approach:* "He came on and drew near to David." A man bearing his shield went before him. Goliath was great in his own eyes, but little in the eyes of the Lord. His appearance sent fear, dread, and terror through the heart of his foes. Woe unto a man when all men fear him. He will soon be killed. (2) *His spirit:* "He despised David." He felt for him a haughty contempt. He thought there would be no glory in killing such a foe. Those who think very highly of themselves usually put a low estimate on others. Pride goes before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. (3) *His words:* "Am I a dog?" Am I the most worthless of all the lower animals? It is likely David kept his sling out of sight, and Goliath saw only his staff. He supposed this was all the youth had with which to fight. This shows tact on the part of David. He threw the champion off his guard. Goliath "cursed David by his gods." Not all that passed between them has been put on record. The words of this curse are not given. It is likely he called down all the maledictions of all the gods of the Philistines upon David. He also said: "Come to me and I will give thy flesh to the fowls of the air." He hoped to kill David and leave his body in the field to be devoured by vultures and jackals. Such boastful language was then, and is to-day, very common. David soon indulged in a similar expression. That which we are going to do, and that which we really perform, are often very different.

2. *David.* (1) *His spirit:* "I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts." Goliath came, trusting in his sword, spear, and shield; but David met him in the strength of Israel's God. He was not self-confident, but "looked above the hills from whence his help cometh." He felt that he could do all things through the Lord who gave him strength. (2) *His faith:* "The Lord will deliver thee into my hands." It is well when entering upon any great work to believe we will succeed. Yet something more than faith is necessary to success. David had perfect confidence in God, yet he used all his wisdom, skill, and strength to execute his plan. Great is the mystery of free will and free grace. (3) *The effect on others:* "All this assembly shall know the Lord saveth not with sword and spear." The assembly means both armies. They would know the Lord saved, because weakness would triumph over strength. Every advantage seemed to be on the side of Goliath. But the race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong. Victory is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

III. *The conflict (48-51).* 1. *The meeting.* When the dialogue was over, Goliath arose and came to meet David with great pomp and gravity. He no doubt thought he would make quick work of the young man. As he drew near David ran to meet him. There was no cowardice, timidity, or unbelief in the heart of the youthful warrior. 2. *The engagement.* David placed a stone in the sling, and threw with such skill and force, that it struck and buried itself in the Philistine's forehead. This was the only exposed vital part. The champion fell forward to the ground. David ran, drew the giant's sword, and cut off his head. This was a complete victory. It looked as though David did it all. Yet I clearly see the hand of God back of it. It was a typical victory and shows how the people of God will finally triumph over the world. As a result of this victory the Philistines fled, and the Israelites pursued with a great shout. Many Philistines fell. Saul slaid his thousands, but David his tens of thousands.

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May It Be So

United States Senator C. M. Depew, of New York, who is now in Paris, France, is reported as saying in a recent interview that before sailing from this country a prominent Tammany Democrat of New York City said to him: "I detest the President for the recent action he has taken with regard to the Negroes, but I admire it immensely as one of the finest political strokes ever conceived. Up to Mr. Roosevelt's strong stand in the matter of Negro appointments we Democrats had begun to drive in the wedge among the organized Negro Republicans in the North. We flattered ourselves that by the time of the next election we should so successfully have divided the colored voters of the North that the Republicans would be amazed at the result. Now, what does it amount to? There isn't a Negro in the North that won't vote the straight Republican ticket, and there isn't one who would sell his vote for a million dollars."

While we desire to have our brethren of the North feel free to vote as they may think it wise to do, we nevertheless hope they are far beyond the selling point. There is no doubt that they could make and hold many friends for the race if they pursue the course indicated.

Mob Violence in Illinois

Danville, Ills., has just disgraced itself by an outburst of mob violence. A colored man named James Wilson was accused of assaulting a farmer's wife, tho he claims not criminally, and a mob was formed to lynch him. While going to the jail to secure the prisoner they came upon John D. Metcalf, colored, and in an altercation he killed Henry Hatterman, a young white man. Tho arrested and placed in jail, Metcalf was taken from the jail and lynched, his body being burned afterward. An effort was then made to secure Wilson, but without avail, Sheriff Whitlock and his deputies fired on the mob, wounding more than twenty, and cowed them so completely as to save the prisoner. The militia was called out, four companies in all, but no further trouble has occurred. With a few more such conscientious sheriffs as this one, mobs will take time to think, in spite of their fury. Danville is well up in the state, but in the mining region, and of course the labor question is largely responsible for the bitter feeling against Negroes.

Louisiana has just furnished a sensation in the lynching of a Negro woman named Jennie Steer, accused of poisoning a white girl named Lizzie Dolan, on a plantation near Shreveport. No motive is assigned. It is said that the woman had attempted to poison the girl twice before. Now it is thought that if the woman had not been murdered she might have thrown some light on another crime committed in Shreveport last spring, but it is too late.

Bishop Thos. Bowman is now 86 years of age. His birthday was July 16.

The Epworth League Convention

The International Epworth League Convention which has just closed in Detroit, Mich., was without any doubt a great meeting. In the first place the attendance was great. There is of course always a large number of persons who go to such meetings for the sake of the trip, attracted by the reduced rates. But independent of these there were upwards of 25,000 Leaguers. Aside from the numbers indicated by the actual registration, the throngs which literally possessed the city showed that an immense crowd was there. Then, too, the meetings were unusually well attended. Persons interested in the exercises soon found that if they desired seats where the meetings were held, they must be on hand from one-half to three-quarters of an hour before the time to begin. To be late meant, as a rule, to stand, and at times to be crowded out entirely.

Then again the meeting was great in the interest manifested. Everyone seemed to be there for a purpose. This was, as we have just said, shown by the way the meetings were attended. Note-books were plentiful and thousands were writing as diligently as though they were preparing a report for some great daily newspaper. They literally hung on the words of the speakers. Even the early morning prayer meetings were far more popular and hence better attended than heretofore.

In the third place the meeting was great in spiritual fervor. Sometimes an audience would find its tongue and ejaculate the familiar Amen, but for the most part approval was manifested by the clapping of hands. To us this was the one feature of the meeting that was unmethodistic. Somehow we delight in the old-time, familiar Amen. It evinces the spirit of union, the kindling of the flames. It not only indicates that some one is how we delight in the old time, familiar Amen. It evinces the spirit of union, the kindling of the flames. It not only indicates that some one is awake, but it arouses others. Now and then it could be heard and it never failed to help the audience and the speaker as well. Nevertheless the spirit of the gathering manifested a search for light and power. They were "waiting" and "working" and "watching", and were rewarded.

We feel confident that every League Chapter that had one or more active representatives present will be greatly quickened and encouraged. To our readers we desire to say particularly, that more than once we were led to exclaim, "If these people are so greatly concerned for their future and the future of their young people, what ought to be the feeling of our Negro Leaguers and members?"

The Death of the Pope of Rome

Pope Leo XIII, the head of the Catholic Church, is dead. He was elected to the position which he has held for a quarter of a century, in 1878. He was born March 2, 1810, and was 68 years of age at the time of his election. He is declared to have been a man of great learning and unquestioned piety. His family name was Giovacchino V. Pecci, and his birthplace Carpineto, Italy. Tho he bore no official relation to the various governments of the world, he seems to have been greatly respected by all. His death occurred Monday, the 20th inst., at 4:04 p. m., following an illness of about two weeks. His successor will likely be chosen in the early part of next week.

E. A. Batson, who was under death sentence for the murder of the Earle family, near Welch, La., will not hang. His sentence has been commuted to imprisonment for life. The Board of Pardons so recommends.

Epworth Leaguers at Detroit

Such immense crowds!

Such splendid enthusiasm.

The meetings were a spiritual uplift.

Dr. George Elliot's address of welcome was a perfect little gem.

Sight-seeing was a secondary business; they went to worship and to learn.

We have never seen so little manifestation of race prejudice; the fact is, we saw none.

The Clafin University quintette was always in demand. The boys know how to sing, too.

Several of the colored speakers and those who were to participate otherwise were absent. Too bad!

Dr. J. F. Berry was the popular leader and was received with applause whenever he appeared at the meetings. He knows how to make things go, and they go.

The singing was invariably interesting and inspiring. All the congregational singing was out of the souvenir program. All the leaders did good service.

Prof. I. Garland Penn presided at one of the great meetings in the tent and made a magnificent presiding officer. The audience seemed not to notice his color.

Bishops Mallalieu, Goodsell and Hamilton were all absent. Dr. M. C. B. Mason took ill unexpectedly and could not attend. Many expressed regret that they were not present.

Denver, Colo., made a characteristic western fight for the convention of 1905 and got it, too. Denver has a population of 175,000, and tho not a great city, thinks she can do great things.

The attendance on the convention was said to have been larger than ever before and that of the different meetings far beyond what the leaders had hoped for after their experience in California.

Bishop Galloway handled the great audience at "Tent Ontario" as tho it was his own property. History will record him as one of the great orators of Methodism. But he is more than that, he is a great man as well.

The platform meeting held at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Sunday afternoon, was thoroughly enjoyed by the great audience there assembled. The speakers were confined to five minutes' time and made an excellent impression. The music was also a feature of much importance.

Dr. J. J. Tiggert, editor of the *Quarterly Review of the Church, South*, spoke out bravely in favor of the proper treatment of the black man in America. He thinks there is too much done in a way that discriminates against him and not enough to help and encourage him.

Here is a conundrum: In Atlanta, the new Carnegie building, supported by public taxation, is rigidly closed against the Negro, while, as Prof. Du Bois, of Atlanta University, says: "In all things that degrade and drag down there is no color line. Facilities for drinking and gambling are as wide open for black boys as for white; and while the city has not seats enough in her school-houses for half her black children, she has ample provision for them in her jails." The conundrum is, why does Atlanta close the door of elevation and open only that of degradation?—*Central Christian Advocate*.

We sympathize very greatly with Rev. Dr. J. M. Hill, general manager of the publication house of the A. M. E. Zion Church, and his wife, in the loss of their young daughter, Miss Mary Emma Eliza. May they find comfort in trusting a sympathetic Saviour.

Personal and General

Mrs. Blaine, widow of the late Hon. James G. Blaine, is dead.

Bishop Walden is announced to be present at the Palestine District Conference, to convene at Palestine, Texas, Aug. 4-9.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Logan, pastor Trinity M. E. Church, Houston, Tex., has sent us another batch of twenty cash subscribers.

Prof. and Mrs. R. S. Lovinggood, of Austin, Texas, write us that they are the happy possessors of a fine boy. We congratulate them.

Rev. K. Roberts, of Kenolia, Miss., informs us that Wesley Chapel Church was recently burned to the ground. He asks the assistance of friends in rebuilding.

Rev. J. C. Roberts, pastor of Mabry Street M. E. Church, Knoxville, Tenn., returned July 12 to his field of labor after an extended vacation trip through the New England states.

Rev. W. R. Smith, presiding elder of the Lexington District, Tennessee Conference, has been seriously ill for some time. It is to be hoped that he may soon be restored to health.

The people of Ruffin, S. C., were favored July 4th with a fine address by Prof. S. Rufus Youngblood, A. M., of Orangeburg, S. C. He is one of Claflin University's able professors.

Dr. R. J. Bingham, senior Book Agent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, elected a year ago by the General Conference, has tendered his resignation, to take effect at once.

The members and friends of Samuel M. E. Church, Itta Bena, Miss., presented the pastor, Rev. L. F. White, a purse of \$53. Another company promises to do as well in August.

Rev. Wm. Bartley, pastor Tabernacle Church, Galveston, Tex., is enjoying a richly deserved vacation of thirty days, granted him and provided for by his church. He is at Windsor, Ontario.

E. T. Oglesby, alias "Florida Pat," who killed Stella Marden (both colored) in Washington last March, and then disappeared, is now in jail at Mississippi City. He is charged with seven murders.

We learn with regret that Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Sherrill, D. D., who recently returned from Africa, are sick at Fort Smith, Ark. Rev. S. McDonald, pastor, asks for them the prayers of the entire church.

Dr. W. W. Foster, Jr., president of Rust University, will supply First Church, Temple street, Boston, Mass., this summer, while the pastor takes his vacation. The Doctor has served this congregation before.

Rev. G. A. Delande, pastor of the M. E. Church at Texarkana, Tex., took the examination recently for a teacher in the public schools of the state and made a percentage of over 90. He was awarded a first grade certificate.

At the time of the Lagrange District Conference at Meansville, Ga., August 12-23, there will be held a District camp meeting, at which time many strong and prominent speakers are expected to be present. There will also be conducted an Educational rally.

Rev. H. A. McClellan, of Baton Rouge, La., closed a successful rally recently in which \$425 was raised and paid on the church debt. This leaves a balance of only \$103.40 on the original debt of the splendid brick edifice occupied by the congregation of Wesley Chapel.

The teachers of Tangipahoa parish, Louisiana, have organized a parish association. The officers are: H. G. Jenkins, president; J. W. Jackson, vice-president; Mary O. Simms, secretary; Emma N. James, corresponding secretary, and Rev. A. M. Lang, treasurer.

Mrs. Minnie Gilmer, wife of Lieut. D. J. Gilmer, now of the Philippines, came to the city last week from Bay St. Louis, Miss., and spent a few days with Mrs. William Robinson, 2427 Iberville street. Mrs. Gilmer expects to leave this country for the Philippines about the middle of August.

A note from Rev. D. E. Skelton, pastor St. John's Church, Cincinnati, informs us that Dr. M. C. B. Mason is slightly indisposed, but his physician expects him to be able to be out at an early day. The Doctor is a conscientious and faithful worker; he is sadly in need of rest and recreation.

Miss Mamie Brooks, daughter of Rev. Dr. W. H. Brooks, pastor of St. Mark's Church, New York, was among the graduates for the present year of the Girls' Technical High School of that city. Miss Mamie is an accomplished and an attractive young lady. She was one of the three colored pupils of the class.

While attending the recent International Epworth League Convention, Rev. T. J. Johnson of this state, preached for the Tanner A. M. E. Church, of Windsor, Ontario, and his sermon is highly spoken of. Rev. G. W. Arnold, of Mississippi, gave the same church an hour, and the congregation seemed much delighted with his services.

A missionary convention similar to the one held in Cleveland last fall, is to be conducted in Philadelphia, Pa., October 13-15 of the present year. It is to be known as the Eastern Missionary Convention of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the New England and Middle Atlantic state. Bishop Foss is chairman and Bishop Andrews is chairman of the program committee.

Zion's Herald says: "Bishop Mallalieu has been quite ill at his home in Auburndale for several days. An inquiry elicits from Mrs. Mallalieu the following, received Tuesday morning: 'My husband was taken ill two weeks ago to-day with hepatic colic, and for ten days suffered greatly. He is now slowly improving, sits up a short while, but is not able to see or talk with friends, as his strength comes very slowly. We notice, however, a gain each day.'"

Judge Jones, of Alabama, who presided in the trial of those men indicted for enslaving unfortunate Negroes of that state has shown himself a brave and conscientious official, deserving of the commendation of good people everywhere. Somehow we feel that there is a large number of such men in the South, and that eventually they will be forced by that class who stand out against law and order to declare themselves in favor of justice and human rights.

The session of the New Orleans North District Conference, just closed, is said to have been in many respects the best ever held on the district. There was an unusually large number of visitors, prominent among whom were Dr. G. G. Logan, Missionary Field Secretary, and Bishop E. Cottrell of the C. M. E. Church, who thrilled the conference with a timely, practical and fraternal address. Presiding Elder Marshall is highly pleased with the result.

Major Taylor, the bicyclist, is still riding in excellent form in Australia. Recently he won the Sir E. T. Smith stakes at Adelaide, Australia, for which he was decorated with the blue ribbon by Lady Smith.

News Notes

Pope Leo's private fortune exceeds \$5,000,000. According to a recent report there are 4,702 lawyers in Chicago, Ills.

George W. Bean, the only colored postman in Syracuse, N. Y., died July 7.

Last year South Carolina had 224 homicides. Two hundred are credited to whisky.

Detroit, Mich., is a city of 339,590 souls. Of this number about 20,000 are Negroes.

It is estimated that the strikes in New York City are costing \$660,000 a day in wages.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra received a royal welcome in Dublin, Ireland, last week.

Baltimore is said to have more Methodists in proportion to the population than any other city in the world.

A mob lynched a colored man in Ruleville, Miss., last week, for seriously wounding two white men five years ago.

J. W. Pace, in Montgomery, Ala., was sentenced to five years' imprisonment for peonage. Ten others received the same sentence.

The grand jury at Mattoon, Illinois, declares that "card playing known in social parties as progressive euchre, for prizes, is a species of gambling."

The Goins Bros., near Cedar Keys, are successful manufacturers of turpentine. They have been in the business a number of years. They are Negroes.

At Basin, Wyo., recently, a mob stormed the jail and took therefrom two condemned murderers (white) and lynched them. During the attack on the jail a county officer was killed.

The first installment of coins for the Philippines was shipped from the Philadelphia mint to New York last week and placed on board a steamer bound for Manila by way of the Suez canal.

Printed programs are out announcing that the second semi-annual session of the West Nashville District Conference will convene at Dickson, Tenn., Aug. 25-28. A. Philips, presiding elder. W. Ellison, secretary.

We have received a printed program of the Navasota District Conference, Sunday School Institute and Epworth League Convention, which is to convene at Caldwell, Texas, Sept. 1-6. Rev. J. E. Bryant, A. B., presiding elder.

The murder of the boy at Kishineff, with which the Jews were charged and which was the immediate cause of the massacre at that place, was committed by a gardener, according to his own confession, assisted by the boy's uncle.

During a violent windstorm during the Christian Endeavor Convention at Denver, Col., the great tent, which contained 8,000 people, was blown down. A slight panic ensued and a few were injured, but none fatally, which was extremely fortunate.

President Roosevelt has issued a civil service order, eliminating old age as a disqualification for eligibility to appointment to the position of laborer in the government departments. The order puts old soldiers on an equal footing with younger men in applications for positions as laborer.

There will be held in Atlanta, Ga., in the Central M. E. Church, Sept. 2, 3 and 4, a Bible conference under the auspices of the John C. Martin Fund, Dr. W. B. Rankin, secretary in charge. These meetings have been held in a number of places for the past three years and all found extremely profitable to those who attended. There will be a number of prominent speakers present, and all persons interested in raising the moral and intellectual standard of the ministry are invited.

As indicative of the kind of man Gov. Durbin, who has shown himself such a conscientious official, was even before he was elected Governor of Indiana we reproduce from the *Michigan Christian Advocate* the following item:

"The Governor of Indiana is defendant in a lawsuit. The plaintiff is a saloon keeper. The facts are: 1. The Governor was in command of a regiment raised for service in Cuba. 2. It was encamped near Jacksonville, Fla. 3. The commanding officer to protect his men closed up a saloon that was near. The case is a claim for damages sustained by the saloon keeper. The verdict better be one the plaintiff will never forget. 'We like that Governor.'"

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

T. Larkins, Abbeville Circuit, La.—We thank Misses Ida and Pearl Jackson, F. H. Washington, F. L. Morris, Mrs. Lizzie Jackson, Elizabeth Lavigne, Saffronia Lavigne, Kate Narmon and others.

Mrs. M. Pitts, Recorder, Rev. M. L. Jackson, Pastor, Wesley Chapel, Nesho, Mo.—This conference year has been a great blessing to us. We, as members can say that the Lincoln conference did the very best thing for Wesley Chapel when it transferred Rev. M. L. Jackson to the Central Missouri Conference and then appointed him as our pastor. Our church has been growing stronger since his arrival. Rev. Jackson found this church in bad shape. We had no Sunday school and no congregation, but by the help of God, the pastor and his dear wife, who is a power in the church, have built up a good congregation and a nice Sunday school, and the church is now alive spiritually and financially. Sunday, July 5, we had a great rally and basket meeting; at 9:30 a. m., class-meeting; 11 a. m., Rev. Jackson preached a powerful sermon; 3 p. m., Rev. W. M. Leatherman addressed the audience; 8 p. m., Rev. Lively from Granby preached. A collection was raised at each service, which amounted to \$107.30 in cash. This sum will almost free our church from debt. Rev. Jackson is preparing to have another rally at his other charge (Newtonia) the 19th of July. We are praying for his success. He is the right man in the right place with a loving, helpful wife.

J. W. Simpson, Pastor, Advance, N. C.—The second Sunday in June Children's Day was observed at Wesley Chapel. The people are sparsely settled here, with a very few Sunday school children, yet we raised at this point \$6.68. Sunday, June 30, Wesley Day, was observed at Piney Grove. The people gathered from far and near and at 11 o'clock they assembled in an old time "Methodist Holy Ghost Meeting." In the afternoon the program was rendered and a collection was raised which amounted to \$37.57.

J. I. Garrett, Handsboro, Miss.—A rally at Riley Chapel on the pastor's salary took place July 5, with following results: Fannie Riley, \$15; Mary Hart, \$11.21; Martha Rankers, \$8.62; L. M. Jackson, \$8.70; Kade Thompson, \$6.56; Hannah Gant, \$6.30; Belle Whittington, \$4.35; Harriet Hand, \$3.80; S. A. Camps, \$6.30; Rosa Boyd, \$4.50; Lettie Jackson, \$1.00; J. L. Riley, at the table, \$10.62; Daisy Tuggle, \$6.05; Emma White, \$4.60; L. Bailock, \$2; Della Ray, \$1.20; A. Tuggle, \$1.85; total, \$103.66.

G. W. Shaw, Reporter, Rev. J. C. McGhee, Pastor, Oxford, Miss.—The Abbeville Circuit is doing a grand work this year. Raised on Children's Day, \$78.40. Rev. J. C. McGhee is doing a noble work. The Masonic Lodge of Oxford, Miss., will lay the corner stone under St. Peter July 24. Rev. H. Williams, presiding elder of the Holly Springs District, will hold his quarterly meeting in the new church Aug. 6-7.

J. C. Houghton, Reporter, Warrior, Ala.—The Birmingham District Epworth League and Sunday School Con-

vention convened at Warrior, Ala., July 3. The first day's session was presided over by Rev. B. G. Smith, our beloved presiding elder, during the absence of Prof. W. C. Davis. Miss Susie Robinson was elected secretary. The first day many strong papers were read and discussed. Among the most distinguished visitors were Prof. R. G. Robinson, B. L., president of Central Alabama Academy, M. M. McKinney, of Huntsville, and Rev. E. B. McCauley. Prof. Robinson made a strong and eloquent speech in the interest of the school. The first night of the convention Rev. E. B. McCauley preached an able sermon to the convention. The second day Prof. W. C. Davis, the president of the District League, arrived and delivered his annual address, which showed his scholarly ability. Rev. B. G. Smith read an excellent paper, which showed care in the preparation. On Saturday night Rev. Haywood Adams preached a good sermon. Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the presiding elder preached a grand sermon. At night Rev. E. L. Gary preached to a very large congregation. This sermon closed the services of the convention, and every one went away delighted.

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H. L. Kennedy, Ocean Springs, Miss.—The second quarterly conference was held June 20-21. Although our presiding elder, Rev. S. A. Cowan, was ill during the month of May, he was with us and preached one of his best sermons at 3 o'clock. Paid presiding elder, \$11.10; pastor, \$103; total collection this quarter, \$162.60. The Gulf coast camp meeting will begin here August 20 and continue to Aug. 31. Trains No. 5, 6, 2 and 3 will stop at the Camp Grounds. Round trip tickets will be sold from Aug. 20 to 31 at one and one-third fare, good until Sept. 1. Special arrangements will be made for all ministers who attend the meeting. They and their people are invited. This is the old Camp Ground located two miles east of Ocean Springs, Miss., where our people have held camp-meeting for 20 years.

Austin, Tex.—Rev. J. S. Medlock, of Simpson Tabernacle, has proven equal to the emergencies. He has accomplished more good in every department of the church than has been known for several years and is loved by his members and host of friends. It is thought by them that he will in the near future prove to be a man and a minister of profound tenacity in every engagement. The church is alive spiritually and financially.

Rev. E. P. Geiger, Ph. B., Pastor, Miss Marie B. Winfrey, Secretary, St. Louis, Mo.—The first quarterly conference of the St. James M. E. Church convened June 28-30, Rev. C. M. Keeton, presiding elder, in the chair. Reports showed the church to be improving. Five accessions this quarter. Raised for all purposes this quarter, \$234. All claims were met. In addition the church has been substantially covered and neatly papered.

Spartanburg District M. E. Church, South Carolina Conference.—It is interesting to travel over a district making comparisons and noting the successes and failures of the people of all churches and of no churches. Three

times this year we have visited officially Newberry and Saluda, Ninety-Six, Greenwood, Greenwood Circuit, St. Luke, Reidville, Wellford, Greers, Campobella, Pascolet, Spartanburg Circuit, Taylors, Lee's Chapel, Cowpens, Gaffney, Gaffney Circuit, Blacksburg and Mountain View. At Newberry the Easter and Children's Day exercises were largely attended and the collections were better than usual. The same report is received from all the above charges. These charges are improving spiritually and financially on all lines. Cowpens, Campobella and the Gaffney Circuit are leaders in keeping presiding elder's claim paid up to date. Those which rank first in material improvement are: Newberry, Ninety-Six, Greenwood Circuit, Wellford, Blacksburg and Mountain View. We have not forgotten Yorkville, Yorkville Circuit, St. James, Clover, Rock Hill, and Catawba Junction. Twice have we visited them. Yorkville and Catawba Junction boast of a clear record in the District Stewards' collections. The evidence of their good work is, newborn souls brought into the service for Christ.

R. L. Hickson.

W. McKenzie, Pastor, Willisville, Tex.—We had a grand time on Children's Day and will be ready to enter our new church the fifth Sunday in August.

G. W. Baker, Pastor, Starkville Circuit, Upper Mississippi Conference.—The following officers were elected and approved July 6, 1903: For president of New Prospect Epworth League, Bro. J. H. Austin; 1st vice-president, John H. Thompson; 2nd vice-president, Miss Augusta Harris; 3rd vice-president, Dacater C. Rogers; 4th vice-president, Miss Evelina E. Baker; secretary, Miss Rosa Lee Thompson; treasurer, Miss Alice Henry; librarian, Miss Ada Montgomery; president of the Austin Junior Epworth League, James Henry. Our league is alive, with Brother J. H. Austin, our leading colored merchant of Starkville, as president.

John Tukon, Deerford, La.—Our second quarterly conference was held on June 29 by Rev. H. Taylor, presiding elder. The officers were present with good reports. Paid the pastor \$39.40; paid presiding elder up in full and had something left for the pastor. We had three good sermons preached to us after the quarter by Revs. E. H. Clark, C. C. Spears and J. E. Rolax.

Mrs. L. A. Richie, Reporter, Pelham, Tex.—We observed Children's Day here June 28 at 3 p. m. Preaching at 8:30 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. George Waters. We raised for missions \$15.91. The pastor, with the assistance of W. C. Carruthers, the president, is putting new life into the Epworth League. On June 4 the league gave a social and raised \$5 for the parsonage. The league at Antioch June 16, came in wagons and buggies, bringing many good things to the pastor and family. We are moving along nicely in all of our church work. Our pastor is alive to every interest of the church. With God to lead, we are determined to go forward.

H. H. Hinton, Nolensville, Tenn.—Our third quarterly conference was held at Mt. Pisgah M. E. Church June 27-28, with the presiding elder, M. Williams, at his post. The brethren present gave encouraging reports. Raised

for all purposes this quarter \$162.85. Paid presiding elder in full \$17.05; pastor \$124. We are expecting to raise all of our benevolent claims before the District Conference.

Mrs. Jannie Hayes, St. Joseph, Mo.—Our quarterly meeting, held June 21-22, was an encouraging success in every particular. Dr. J. Will Jackson, our esteemed presiding elder, was with us and preached two able sermons. Rev. B. D. Dixon, our highly esteemed pastor, is putting forth heroic efforts to build up our Methodism in this great city. Our only hindrance has been the inconvenient out-of-the-way place and location of our church. A move is now on foot, supported by Bishop Hamilton, to change the location, and with cheering prospects of success. Rev. Dixon deserves unstinted praise for his untiring labors. On Tuesday night, the 23rd, Dr. Jackson preached in South Park, this city, where Rev. Dixon is working to build a new organization of our church. The school house was well filled and at the conclusion twenty stood for prayer. This quarter the presiding elder's claim was met in full—the first time, however, in a long while, and we feel that we are being blessed.

Rev. M. White, Vicksburg, Miss.—The rally at Westley Chapel M. E. Church for the Church Extension Society was a great success. Total amount raised, \$477.50. This was done by great sacrifice on the part of both pastor and people.

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I have berries, grapes and peaches a year old, fresh as when picked. I used the California Cold Process. Do not heat or seal the fruit, just put it up cold, keeps perfectly fresh, and costs almost nothing; can put up a bushel in 10 minutes. Last year I sold directions to over 120 families in one week; anyone will pay a dollar for directions when they see the beautiful samples of fruit. As there are many people poor like myself, I consider it my duty to give my experience to such and feel confident anyone can make one or two hundred dollars round home in a few days. I will mail sample of fruit and full directions to any of your readers for nineteen (19) 2-cent stamps, which is only the actual cost of the samples, postage, etc. FRANCIS CASSY, St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. C. I. Nelson, Little Marmelle Charge, Little Rock Conference.—This charge is alive. Our pastor, the Rev. D. H. E. Harris, is a wide-awake preacher, and knows how to push things. He is loved by all. The benevolent collection stands far in advance of any previous years. Rev. W. R. R. Duncan, D. D., presiding elder, was with us June 27-28, and preached two able sermons. Many hearts were made glad. Raised for all purposes this quarter \$91.

Zebulon, Miss.—This work is moving along under the leadership of Rev. W. M. Lester. This is his second year here. He is the right man in the right place. On Children's Day, the second Sunday in June, at Rocky Point, he raised \$3.55 and at Soule Chapel \$9.02; total, \$12.57. Two other churches have not yet reported.

R. Sewell, Greenwood, Miss.—Children's Day was a success on the Webb Charge. Raised at the two churches, \$30.60. Thus we have raised our benevolence in full. We have paid Rev. Winbush, our presiding elder, up to date. The work is in good shape and we are looking for a great harvest this year. Pray for us.

A. C. Wilson, Reporter, Marlin, Tex.—Our first meeting of the Epworth

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League and Sunday School Convention convened in Marlin June 8-6. The meeting was called to order by the president, Prof. W. H. Hawkins, of Mexia. After the devotional exercises, Miss Permella J. Kelly was elected secretary, with A. C. Wilson, of Marlin, as assistant. Then the roll was called. Hon. H. M. Bryden, mayor of the town, and the city attorney, J. W. Spivey, were introduced to the convention; the latter delivered an excellent address in behalf of the city authorities of Marlin. A vocal solo was rendered by Miss C. A. Foster, of Calvert. Rev. J. H. Swan, in a few well-chosen words, responded to Hon. J. W. Spivey's address. Song by the convention, "More About Jesus." Then came actual business. All of the subjects were discussed. Prof. Hawkins was re-elected president. Dr. R. S. Childs, M. D., of Marlin, delivered the welcome address in behalf of the citizens of Marlin. It was thoroughly appreciated. The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Prof. W. H. Hawkins, Mexia; 1st vice, O. C. Carol, Waco; 2nd vice, Miss Amanda Terrel, Maysfield; 3rd vice, Miss Spronia Kirkpatrick; 4th vice, Miss C. A. Foster, Calvert; secretary, G. M. Malory, Marlin; treasurer, Miss Della Jackson, Groesbeck. We were sorry indeed that Prof. R. S. Lovingsgood and the president of Sam Houston College could not be with us. Waco was chosen as the seat of the next convention. The Sunday School department convened Friday morning. The meeting was called to order by its talented president, Miss L. L. Stamps, of Waco. A. C. Wilson, of Marlin, was elected secretary, with R. B. Davis, of Waco, as assistant. Then came roll call. A. C. Wilson delivered the welcome address to the Sunday School Convention; the response, by Prof. B. J. Henry, of Waco, was enjoyable. Several interesting papers were read. Friday night was a high time for the young people, thanks to the management of Miss L. L. Stamps. Misses C. A. Foster, Jackson and Permella Kelly sang, to the delight of all. The presiding elder, Rev. A. Brown, was on hand. He is unfailing in his interest for the church. Our beloved pastor, Rev. E. L. Jackson, is the right man in the right place. He has raised \$74 for missions. Raised for all purposes during the convention \$105. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: President, A. C. Wilson, Marlin; vice-president, Miss Lena Dow,

Waco; treasurer, E. A. Durham, M. D., Calvert; secretary, Miss Permella Kelly, Mexia; assistant secretary, R. B. Davis, Waco.

A. B. Venable, pastor, Clinton, La.—We had a grand time on Children's Day. The program was successfully managed by S. B. Nobles, our superintendent. We raised \$3. Our second quarterly conference convened July 4-5. Our presiding elder was with us, and gave a grand lecture to the officers and members on their "Duties as Members of the Church." The officers presented reports, which showed improvement along all lines. The presiding elder preached a wonderful sermon and administered the Sacrament to 53. Many came forward as seekers. We received two into full membership and baptized several adults and children. We are planning now to complete the Macedonia Church. The Sunday school has improved 50 per cent and the church is spiritually and financially alive. The Epworth League is being revived with Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson as president. Officers have been re-elected for the year. Paid the presiding elder his quarterage in full. Paid the pastor \$47.15; quarterage, \$16.40; raised this quarter for all purposes, \$117.95. I am going from house to house, trying to get all the subscribers I can for the paper.

C. L. Dunn, Pastor, Lafayette Charge.—The fourth Sunday was another one of those high days with the good, loyal Methodists of Lafayette. Our Sunday school, over 100 strong, with Miss Eliza Nesbo, our faithful and ideal superintendent; Miss Estelle Parish, our most talented organist and faithful Sunday school co-worker, is bound to make our church the center of attraction. Our Epworth League, with Miss Eula Meadows as president, continues to make the "Wheel Go." Sister Hattie Black, president of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, keeps the missionary fire burning weekly. The faithful young ladies who worked so laboriously to raise our missionary money are as follows: Misses Lucy Ida Meadows, Sallie Garlington, Jennie Black, Aldine Mott, Dorcas Appleby, Effie Finley, Mary Lee Smith, Annie Spense, Willie Bessie Mitchel, Pearlina Frost and Bessie Whitlow. Each one of these girls brought in \$1; total, \$11. The same day we had a branch rally. The following captains were successful in raising \$37.43: Sisters Hattie Black, Ida Brook, Julia Marable, Fannie Johnson, Cella Ingersol, Patient Gresham, Laura Wright, Ora Mott, Pollie Smith and Fannie Walker. Total amount raised \$48.43.

Y. T. Frederick, Pastor, Rome, Ga.—Floyd Circuit has taken on new life. Children's Day was held at Freeman's Chapel June 14. Collection, \$10.15. The exercises at New Hope June 28 were nicely conducted. Collection \$11.30. The charge, with its small membership of about 75, has raised more benevolent money in these two collections than for several years before. We are \$5.50 ahead of last year. One of the three churches has not held its exercises yet. Our second quarterly conference, held June 6-7, was a success. Elder V. D. Jenkins preached a good sermon. Two were converted and joined the church. Four converts have been added to the church this year. Paid the presiding elder \$8.16 this quarter. Brother Linzie Freeman, one of our officers, died June 29. We have lost two of our good members this

year. Sister Sarah Johnson, the wife of Brother Berry Johnson, who is a class-leader and superintendent of Glendale Chapel, died happily March 30.

John H. Wise, Pastor, Scarborough.—The good people of John Wesley Chapel greatly surprised their pastor with a lot of good things, in the line of groceries and a small purse of one dollar and thirty-five cents. The band was led by Sisters Fanny Nicholson, Silva Williams, Lily Franklin, Winnie Borgan, Georgiana Marston, Crecy Belton; Brothers Charles Nicholson, J. E. Edwards, T. Tukes and a host of others. They are invited to call again. I trust that this year will be a year of great gathering of souls for the Master.

Ida C. Williams, Recording Steward, Beulah M. E. Church.—Our second quarterly conference convened June 23, with C. D. Shallowhorne, presiding elder, in the chair. The officials were present with well prepared reports, each showing an advance on all lines. We have in S. McGruder an excellent pastor. He is the right man for this place. We have raised a considerable amount of our benevolent assessment, and are doing our best for the church and pastor. This is a very small charge. Our Sunday school is in a good condition. The presiding elder in his remarks said that for five years he had not witnessed a grander quarter than this one. We are happy over our work and pastor.

SPECIAL OFFER OF

THE METROPOLITAN RELIEF ASSOCIATION. To encourage emulation and development of talent that lies dormant in our young people who are eminently qualified, The Metropolitan Relief Association makes the following offer:

1. To the person writing best poem on the subject Benevolence, \$10.30, as follows: \$5 cash, one year's membership to the Metropolitan Relief Association.
2. To the person writing the second best poem on subject of Benevolence, \$5.10, as follows: \$2.50 cash, 6 months membership to the Metropolitan Relief Association.
3. To all other contestants who write a poem on the subject of Benevolence, correctly spelling and punctuating every word and sentence, etc., will receive one month's membership to the Metropolitan Relief Association.

The contest ends Sept. 15, 1903. The winning poems will be reproduced in the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE; also a short biography of winning persons. The merit of the poems will be decided upon by a committee of leading representative men. The following gentlemen have kindly decided to act as judges: Dr. I. B. Scott, editor SOUTHWESTERN; Dr. J. T. Newman, Ph. D. LL. D., surgeon to Flint Medical College; Dr. A. E. P. Albert, M. D., D. D., physician to Metropolitan Relief Association; F. B. Smith, A. M., attorney at law; Dr. I. E. Mullon, A. M., M. D., physician to Metropolitan Relief Association; Prof. A. Brasier, secretary to judges. Send in your name and address and we will send you card explaining the conditions of the contest.

Address Prize Dept. Metropolitan Relief Association, 1423 Canal St., New Orleans, La. Enclose stamp for reply.

J. G. Monroe, Aberdeen, Miss.—On the 9th inst., I was appointed pastor of St. Paul M. E. Church, this place, succeeding Brother McDonald, who has been transferred to Indian Territory. I am in the midst of a loyal people who do all they can to make the pastor comfortable and to add to the prosperity of the church. Pray for our success.

Rev. N. N. Sidney, Brandon, Miss.—Children's Day at Wesley Chapel M. E.

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Church was a success. Collection, \$14. Our new church, St. James, is now completed. Raised on the day we entered as follows: Class No. 1, E. Beal, \$14; 2, W. Jackson, \$10.10; 3, M. F. Sanders, \$5.25; 4, J. Proctor, \$5; 5, C. Proctor, \$5.25; 6, E. F. Miller, \$6; 7, E. A. Proctor, \$5.05; 8, D. F. Hill, \$7; public collection, \$3.35; total, \$60.

Frank Constant, District Steward, Navasota, Tex.—Rev. M. W. Dogan, Ph. D., president of Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., made a visit to Lee Tabernacle M. E. Church. On the 6th Rev. W. Hartley, pastor of Jackson, with his faithful church workers, had the occasion worked up to a high pitch. Prof. A. E. McMillan, church chorister, rendered a beautiful program. Rev. J. E. Bryant, A. B., P. E., made the welcome address. Rev. H. C. Smith (white), invoked Divine blessing upon the large audience. He gave \$1 to the collection. The theme of Dr. Dogan's lecture was "Live Issues of the Day," and he made it lively for one hour. This closes Rev. Jackson's fifth ovation to Dr. Dogan, and from a financial view, the best. Collection \$13. Pray for us.

Rev. Daniel W. Shaw, D. D., Pastor, Pittsburg, Pa.—The Warren M. E. Church is progressing most satisfactorily, as shown by reports at the first quarterly conference just held. There had been sixteen additions during the quarter, the organization of a new church and about a thousand dollars raised. Dr. Shaw has made a remarkable record at Pittsburg. In two years and three months seventy-nine members have been added, a new church and Sunday school organized, \$2,000 paid on all debts and interest, and a total of \$7,800 raised. The officers and people are standing loyally by the pastor and they are happy in each other's confidence. Plans are now maturing for the purchase of a church home for the new organization.

Rev. F. White, Pastor, North Vernon, Ind.—This is my first year on this work, and we are praying that it may be a successful one. Our membership is between 25 and 30. Sunday was Children's Day. We were well entertained by the children. The neat little sum of five dollars was raised.

\$3 a Day Sure Send us your name and we will send you a trial package absolutely free, which will show you that you can be cured. The free trial packages alone often are enough to cure. Just sit down and write me for it today. Mrs. Cora B. Miller, Box No. 44 Kokomo, Ind.

Conference Notices

DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS.

West Tennessee, Humboldt, Tenn. Au. 3
West Tennessee, Brownsville, Tenn.

.....Aug. 3
Palestine, Palestine, Tex.Aug. 4-9
West Tennessee, Humboldt, Tenn.

.....Aug. 5

Atlanta, South Atlanta, Ga.Aug. 5

Monroe, Mt. Nebo, La.Aug. 5

Vicksburg, Fayette, Miss.Aug. 5

Alexandria, Booneville, La.Aug. 5-9

Topeka, Fort Scott, Kan.Aug. 5-9

Waco, Calvert, Texas.Aug. 5-9

Cumberland River, Cherry Valley,

Tenn.Aug. 5-10

Rome, Cave Springs, Ga.Aug. 6

Waynesboro, Statesboro, Ga.Aug. 6-9

Huntsville, Huntsville, Tex.Aug. 11

St. Louis, Farmington, Mo.Aug. 11-15

Gainesville, Cartersville, Ga.Aug. 11-15

Huntsville, Athens, Ala.Aug. 12

LaGrange, Meansville, Ga.Aug. 12

Shreveport, Shreveport, La.Aug. 12

Clow, New Lewisville, Ark.Aug. 12-15

Louisville, Cloverport, Ky.Aug. 13-15

Lexington, Parsons, Tenn.Aug. 13-23

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La.Aug. 19

St. Joseph, Glasgow, Mo.Aug. 19

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West Nashville, Dickson, Tenn.Aug. 25

San Antonio, Seguin, Tex.Aug. 25-31

New Orleans South, Jeanerette, La.

.....Aug. 26

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Pine Bluff, Clarendon, Ark.Aug. 26-30

Paris, Clarksville, Tex.Aug. 26-31

Austin, Georgetown, Tex.Aug. —

Navasota, Caldwell, Tex.Sept. 1-6

Ocala, —, Fla.Sept. 9

Houston, Kendleton, Tex.Sept. 17-30

Little Rock, Little Maumelle, Ark.

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Alexandria, Roanoke, Va.Sept. —

Greenville, Gunnison, Miss.—

CONVENTIONS.

Gainesville, Cartersville, Ga.Aug. 11-16

Starkville, Eupora, Miss.Aug. 26-30

Forest City, Marianna, Ark.Aug. 26-30

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Clow, Holly Springs, Ark.Sept. 3-6

Fort Smith, W. H. M. S., Van Bu-

ren, Ark.Sept. 3-6

Mrs. Rev. J. T. Leggett, president of

the Lexington District Woman's Home

Missionary Society, was with us re-

cently, and made an interesting talk

on the work of the society. An auxil-

iary was organized with the following

as officers: President, Mrs. Spencer

Easton; vice-president, Mrs. Archie

Goode; recording secretary, Mrs. Wm.

Butler; corresponding secretary, Mrs.

Melvin Goode; treasurer, Mrs. Fannie

Brandon.

A. Reid, Edwards, Miss.—Elder

Threlkeld held our quarterly confer-

ence June 27-28. The brothers were

present with well written reports,

showing the work to be in a good con-

dition. Forty-four partook of the

Lord's Supper. The elder preached

two good sermons. We are alive.

The second day of July there came

a storm, which brought many good

things to the parsonage that were very

acceptable. Many thanks to the good people of Edwards. Call again.

(Received July 5, 1903.—Ed.)

Jas. I. Gilmore, Pastor, Clarksville, Tex.—We had a glorious Easter. The collection was \$53. We have just closed a revival and the result is 30 additions. The church is spiritually alive. We feel very much indebted to Rev. J. P. Belcher for the able assistance rendered. Our second quarterly meeting was held May 3-4. The Rev. Dr. Parker, presiding elder, preached two soul-stirring sermons at 11 a. m. and at 3:30 p. m. At 3:30 p. m. the Rev. Dr. L. S. Barton (white) of the M. E. Church South, preached a strong sermon. We want him to come again. Total amount collected this quarter, \$251.30. Pray for us.

Rev. W. A. Smith, Pastor, Palestine, Ark.—Our second quarterly conference was held on June 20-21, with Presiding Elder B. J. Griffin in the chair. Officers were present with good reports. We have raised for all purposes \$131.87 this quarter. On Saturday night the Epworth League, under the leadership of Brother H. S. Haynes, gave the presiding elder and pastor a grand reception in honor of their faithfulness. Sunday was a high day in our Zion. We had two accessions this quarter. Our motto is, "Work it up, pray it up and pay it up."

R. G. Smith, Pastor, Smithton, Mo.—This is our second year here. Since conference we have raised for all purposes \$88. On the 27th of June, at the morning service we raised \$37. We have papered our church and painted it on the inside.

J. A. Landry, Berwick, La.—We observed the third Sunday in June as Children's Day. Collection good, \$17.75 and one yearly subscriber for the SOUTHWESTERN. I have pledged to secure five this year. I have raised an my benevolence for this year and have paid the presiding elder in full for the second quarter. Raised during the quarter, \$112; paid the pastor, \$34.

E. H. Hall, Bayou Goula, La.—On May 28, about 10:30 p. m., Rev. E. H. Hall and wife were aroused from their slumber by singing. The door was opened and a host of members and friends walked in with 75 pounds of choice groceries. A few minutes were spent in prayer by the pastor and then all returned to their homes. The pastor invites them to call again.

About 11:30 o'clock on the evening of June 11, unexpectedly to the pastor and wife, a storm party struck the parsonage with about 40 pounds. The cheerful givers were Sister Sarah Wil-

B. J. Lewis, Secretary, Avery, Ark.—The Epworth League and Sunday School convention of the Pine Bluff District, Little Rock Conference, convened in Dumas, Ark., July 2-6. Brother G. W. Wagner, our president, being absent, Rev. W. H. Higgins, presiding elder, was elected, and after devotions, which were conducted by Rev. J. C. Adams, we immediately proceeded to business. We had reports and delegates from nearly every charge. The convention was favored with a visit by Rev. G. G. Logan, field agent of the Missionary Society. He set every heart on fire by his lecture on Friday night of the convention. The church made no mistake when it appointed Dr. Logan to look after the mission-

ary work in the twenty colored conferences. We were also favored by a visit from our state president, Prof. Jacques, who made the speech of his life on league work. I want to say here is one of the coming young men of the church, who is sacrificing his means and time to make the Leagues in the state go. The spirit attended our session from start to finish. Total collection for all purposes, \$60.

G. W. Brown, Pastor, Lenoir, N. C.—The District Conference convened here July 1st. Rev. M. M. Jones, presiding elder, was present and conducted the devotional services. Hymn No. 798 was sung; prayer by Rev. S. McDonald; scripture lesson, 1 Cor. 13. At 9 a. m. the business of the district was taken up. R. W. Winchester was elected secretary. Every interest of the district was carefully looked after and plans well laid for future development. Rev. Jones is an ideal presiding elder. Rev. I. Wells, presiding elder of the Wilmington district, was present, and his lectures were both instructive and edifying. We were delighted with the presence of Dr. C. C. Jacobs, field agent of the Sunday School Union. Logical and eloquent were his addresses, and the conference was greatly helped by them. Reports showed the work to be in a growing condition. At the close of the service Sunday night quite a number came forward and expressed a desire to be saved. The next district conference will meet on the Mt. Pelah Charge, at a point known as Rock Hill. Get ready to come.

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W. H. Higgins, Pine Bluff, Ark.—My dear brother, the reason you do not have better success on your work is this; your people do not take the SOUTHWESTERN. I want each preacher to try this plan. Put the SOUTHWESTERN in every member's home for one year, and then if you don't get better salaries and raise more benevolence than ever before, I will pay for it. The SOUTHWESTERN is a power for good in any home. It will make husbands, wives and children better to read the SOUTHWESTERN regularly. It has been coming to my home 25 years. I could not be without it.

J. H. Pierre, St. Martinville, La.—Presiding Elder S. Duncan held his second quarterly conference at this place, Mallaleu Chapel, July 3-5, and was highly received by pastor and people. Elder Duncan was pleased with the work that has been accomplished, as shown by the reports. The pastor

was presented with \$1.50 worth of fresh groceries and a summer suit of clothes. We are all praying for Wesley Chapel M. E. Church of New Orleans in her trouble. We trust that all things may work for better under the management of Rev. W. R. Butler, pastor.

Rosedale, Miss.—Dr. I. B. Scott, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, delivered a lecture which was highly appreciated, at Hartsell Chapel, June 14, on "Responsibility," and preached an able and forcible sermon to the delight of all present. Many white friends remarked that it was the best sermon they had heard by a colored preacher. Pearl Gladest Edwards, the baby of Prof. and Mrs. H. J. Edwards, was christened. Mr. Henderson Brown and Miss Fannie Edwards were sponsors. Dr. Scott assisted Rev. Green in the christening. Fourteen subscribers were secured for the SOUTHWESTERN. A. THOMAS.

N. Collier, Hickory, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference was held May 30-31. We have added 7 members to the church, raised \$24 benevolent money, paid the presiding elder \$14.50, and pastor \$105.64. Total for the quarter, \$144.14. Our Sunday school is doing good work.

W. H. Morris, Batesville, Ark.—The Junior Leaguers under the management of Mrs. Addie B. Morris, with Miss Martha Pinket as organist, gave an enjoyable concert Thursday evening, June 18, after which refreshments were served in the parsonage yard. The members and friends of the church manifested their appreciation of the efforts by their large attendance. Many a mother's heart was filled with pride as about forty children marched into the church, headed by Miss Dora Wag-

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ner, and the rear was brought up by little Lillimae Morris. A nice sum was realized for the benefit of the church and parsonage. If the Juniors can do so well, may not the Seniors follow suit?

J. M. Watson, Pulaski Circuit. May 17th, Max Meadows raised \$12.11 for the repairing of the church; the 24th inst Clarks Chapel raised \$52 towards building a parsonage. June 13-14 our quarterly conference was held at Clarks Chapel, with W. E. Mitchell, presiding elder, in the chair. Paid presiding elder in full, \$12. Total raised in cash this quarter, \$147.69. On the 21st Max Meadows had a successful rally; raised \$13, and for children's fund \$5. The pastor and people are working to make this a successful year.

Monroe, La.—I am forwarding to the commissioners appointed by the Advisory Board of the 20th Century Christian Educational and Industrial Congress of Louisiana, to be held in the city of Alexandria, La., Sept. 4-6, 1903, their certificates which vest them with authority to appoint auxiliary commissioners in their several districts of the state, to act in co-operation with the Advisory Board. It is desirable that we arouse the entire Negro population of the state to the importance of this Congress and that they encourage it with their attendance. It is especially desired that all exhibits of our race, mechanical, mineral, industrial and in fact of every class worthy of representation and all of such as are accepted and exhibited at this Congress, will also be forwarded and exhibited at the St. Louis Exposition. The officers of the Industrial Congress are leaving no stone unturned that will materially aid in making this assemblage a race success. His excellency, the governor, Hon. W. W. Heard, has given his promise of his and other state officers' moral and other support and encouragement, by their attendance and good words. The officers would feel proud to see at least ten thousand of the race, from every walk of life, in attendance at Alexandria on Sept. 4 to 6. Particular stress should be placed on the minds of our farmers of the lessons and advantages to be gained by their attendance. With greeting, yours fraternally,

C. D. SHALLOWHORNE, Pres.

J. B. LAFARGUE, Secty.

Advisory Board—H. B. N. Brown, G. W. Davis, J. B. Lafargue, Chas. D. Shallowhorne.

J. H. Brandon, Pastor, Lavonia, Ga.—My second quarterly conference was held at Royston. We raised \$17.10. Dr. G. W. Arnold, presiding elder, preached two wonderful sermons. Paid him in full, \$12, and \$5.10 to pastor. The presiding elder declared that it was the best quarter that he had held on the Lavonia charge and this is his third year on the district and my first year on the charge.

Miss S. O. Brown, Shelbyville, Tenn.—The memorial services of the late Rev. D. C. Ransom were held in Scott Chapel May 24, under the management of the writer. An interesting programme was rendered.

A. C. Morrell, Hahnville, La.—The Feast in the Wilderness, given at St. James M. E. Church, Hahnville, May 16, was a success. Raised \$129.05. This will settle all old debts. Too much praise cannot be given Mrs. C. D. Crockett for her successful manage-

ment. A small purse of \$5 was presented her. The burden is lightened and the church is alive under the administration of Rev. C. D. Crockett.

Centerville, La.—At the close of the public school, May 29, Miss Helen T. Butler, the daughter of D. J. Butler, won the prize in the examination, in the following studies: Grammar, arithmetic, history, geography and physiology. The prize was a silk umbrella, with the head of handle, gold.

J. W. McKinzie, Pastor, Sublime, Tex.—After a hard fight of four weeks against sin and Satan, the result was 26 conversions and 9 accessions, making 35 added to the church. The faithful members of my church and those of the Missionary Baptist manifested great power in this revival. The future is bright for a glorious harvest.

J. H. Greer, Pastor, Warren, Ark.—Our church here was torn down about five years ago and moved three or four times. Everybody told me it was useless to try, that the old M. E. Church was dead and buried! But I went to work with our few members. We had not a dollar. My wife and I began with our subscription book and canvassed the town. We succeeded in raising \$40 in money and \$35 in material. June 14 was our cornerstone laying; we raised \$41.50. I have only been at work here five weeks and have raised on church, \$156.50. Prof. H. P. Strong was with us in our rally and preached two able sermons. Brother Carmarkel and wife, of the A. M. E. Church, cared for Prof. Strong. My wife and I have made many friends since we have been here. Our church is completed except ceiling it.

I. L. Massey, Pastor, Tullahoma, Tenn.—On the second Sunday in June I visited Hillsboro, my old work, now in charge of Rev. W. L. Lillard. My wife was with me. We spent the night with Brother Alfred Patton. Rev. Lillard and his good people can and will make anyone feel at home. The writer preached. The Children's Day program was carried out to the letter. Collection, \$6.90. On the third Sunday we held Children's Day at Tullahoma. Raised \$2. On Aug. 7 we have planned to start our camp meeting at this place, and we hope to have a good time and do much good for Christ and His church.

T. P. Norris, Pastor, Mt. Nebo, Bastrop, La.—Our second quarterly conference was held June 19, Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, presiding elder in the chair. Reports showed \$185 had been collected for all purposes. Sunday was a high day. The presiding elder preached one of his strong and able sermons. Three children were baptized.

A. J. Seales, Guthrie, Oklahoma Ter.—The first session of the Church-Extension Board of Lincoln Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Oklahoma District, convened at Newman Chapel, Oklahoma City, O. T., June 16, 1903. In this connection, Rev. H. T. Canady held his church extension anniversary. An appreciative audience assembled to witness the unique program which had been arranged for that occasion. The songs, essays and speeches were in keeping with the spirit of the occasion. We thank God for the success which He has given us and earnestly pray for a continuation of His blessings.

Conference Notices

NOTICE.

I have secured reduced rates on the "certificate plan" for the District Conference. Pay full fare, secure your certificate and return at one cent per mile, plus 25 cents.

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CONVENTION.

Clow District Cabinet officers: President, T. R. Wamble, Clow, Ark.; first vice-president, Rev. G. N. Johnson, Clow, Ark.; second vice-president, Prof. A. D. Jacques, Box 54, Lockesburg, Ark.; third vice-president, Miss Virginia Seats, Centre Point, Ark.; fourth vice-president, Rev. C. W. Sampson, Clow, Ark.; recording secretary, Miss Callie Wesson, Centre Point, Ark.; corresponding secretary, Miss Alice Sampson; superintendent of Junior League, Mrs. H. L. Jacques, Lockesburg, Ark. Committee on Mission—President, Prof. A. D. Jacques; vice-president, G. S. Turner; secretary, Miss Isabelle Whitmore; treasurer, Mrs. Lizzie Murphey. Dear league workers, I take this opportunity to urge all to be up and doing to meet the convention at Lockesburg, Ark., Sept. 3-6. Let each show how well he can drill the young people who are to be the future church.

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LITERARY NOTES

The Vir Publishing Company announces a new devotional book by Sylvanus Stall, D. D., soon to appear. During the ten years of his editorship of the *Lutheran Observer*, Dr. Stall won special distinction as a writer of devotional literature.

Lhasa, the sacred city of Tibet, is built on Mount Potala near the mouth of the river Indus. Until recent years almost nothing was known of the city and its people, save that foreigners were rigidly excluded from within its walls. To Ushe Narzumof, a Kalmuk pilgrim, who twice cleverly managed to elude the vigilance of the guards, the world is indebted for pictures of this forbidden city, and for much valuable information concerning it. The story of many futile efforts to accomplish similar ends and of Ushe Narzumof's final success will be told in the August *Century*.

The watchword of the Methodist Church has always been: "The best of all is, God is with us." This sentence, repeated thrice with uplifted arm, was John Wesley's last distinctly audible words. Methodist organization, John Wesley's personal traits, his wisdom as a religious leader, his days of triumph, and his peaceful death are the chief topics of the concluding chapters of Professor C. T. Winchester's *Life of John Wesley in the August Century*. Book publication of this new condensed biography of the great religious leader is announced for the fall. There will be another "Pa Gladden" story in the August *Century*, "The Tramp."

The August number of the *Woman's Home Companion* begins with a keen article by William Allen White, on

"The Typical American Girl." There is a wealth of short stories. The departments are given over to summer matter. Altogether the number is especially suited for summer holidays. Crowell Pub. Co., Springfield, Ohio; one dollar a year; ten cents a copy.

The *Chautauquan* for August is a civica number. It presents a comprehensive list of helpful articles on almost every phase of civic development. Articles on The Remodeling of Chautauqua; Rural Improvement; Public Libraries; Factory Betterment; Parks; Forestry; Junior Civics and Sanitation, are supplemented by a series of signed editorials on different phases of the uplift idea, and a full bibliography of permanent and current literature on improvement subjects. The number is copiously illustrated.

Lippincott's *Magazine* for August provides a feast of fiction for idle days. The opening novel, by Elizabeth Duer, is called "The Green Dragon." There is not a dull paragraph in it. An adventure story by William Le Queux is a rousing good one. Edward Boltwood's sketches of Western camp life are well liked. "Cupid in the Horse-Camp," is one of his best. Churchill Williams' tale of a strike at the Sampson Steel Mill, called "The Siren," is most graphic and interesting, showing what one man can do against many. The verse of the month is up to the usual high standard.

"The Souls of Black Folk" is the title of a most interesting book by Prof. W. E. DuBois, of Atlanta, in which he contends for the spiritual and intellectual uplifting of the Negro as opposed to the purely practical and material theories advocated by some. He puts a great deal of feeling into his writing that will carry conviction to those who read it. A. C. McClurg & Co., publishers; price \$1.20 net; for sale at book stores and at this office.

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THE FICTION McCLURE'S FOR AUGUST.

The fiction number of McClure's for August is a triumph. The leader is a delightful little story of child life by May Kelsey Champion. "Murnane and the Illinois," by Willis Gibson, is a rattling fine tale of a race between two Mississippi packets in the good old days. "Colonel Lumpkin's Campaign: the platform of a reformed captain of industry," is probably the best satire on modern methods of high finance

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that has yet appeared. "A Side Light on the Sioux," by Doane Robinson, is a finely told episode of the Sioux uprising of 1862, splendidly illustrated.

The *Delinquent* for August is an excellent midsummer number. It presents a charming array of fashions, as well as numerous other features of deep interest to women, and stories and articles of a high literary standard. Lillie Hamilton French writes entertainingly about some of her city neighbors, the antitheses of society who almost rub elbows; on the one side is the unpolished workaday world of the lowly east side, on the other the charm and grace and beauty of the world of wealth and fair women. Side by side, but unknowing and never understanding each other, these people live their lives through, having in common only human interest. She writes of some of her friends of both these worlds. The pathos of the lives of some and the beauty of others is very impressive.

The little tale called "Another Man's Excuses," by E. Spence de Pue, in the August *Lippincott*, is the narrative of an act of devoted friendship which saves a man and wife from shame and does no harm to the man who fathers the offending letters.

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THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY

Sherrill's Ford, N. C.—Sister Alice Monday was called from labor to her reward June 18. The funeral service was conducted by the pastor on the 20th, and the remains were interred at Mott's Grove. She was the loving wife of one of our local preachers, M. T. Monday. The church will miss her, for she was a faithful worker.

July 1st our Heavenly Father called Sister Susa McCombs home to rest from her labors. W. M. CRAWFORD.

H. H. Broach, aged 53 years, died July 6, at his home in Bayou Scie, La. He was a devoted husband and father and a faithful Christian member of the M. E. Church for 33 years. He was licensed a local preacher 18 years ago and has filled every office in the church. He was superintendent of the Sunday school for 20 years. He died in the fullness of faith. When asked by his pastor if he was trusting in the Lord, he said, yes.

He leaves a wife and nine children to mourn his loss, and a host of friends. We sympathize with the family.

The funeral was conducted by T. F. Robinson, pastor, assisted by Rev. J. W. Lemis.

REV. GEORGE WASHINGTON PATTON.

Rev. George Washington Patton, who departed this life June 25, at Moberly, Mo., was born in Williamson county, Tenn., Nov. 24, 1847. He professed a hope in Christ and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church about 33 years

ago. He received license as a local preacher at Milltown, in the Nashville District of the Tennessee Conference. Rev. Patton was married to Miss Harriet Night, who now survives him, in the year 1865. In 1879, the year of the great exodus of the colored people from the South, he emigrated to Kansas, and with his family made Topeka his home. Joining the Kansas Conference in the year 1882, he became a member of the Central Missouri Conference when the colored work of the Kansas Conference was joined to it. His health had been perceptibly failing for at least a year, but he stood at his post. He was a lover of books and almost a constant reader. When he laid his armor down he was as buoyant with enthusiasm and as aspiring for intellectual progress and ministerial success as when he first entered the ministry. His life was one of brotherly love and Christian fellowship with all men. He loved his children, and did all in his power for their education. It appears that he anticipated the end from the beginning of his physical decline, and, like a Christian soldier, as he was, he stood unfaltering, with a resignation sublime and beautiful. Several weeks before his dissolution he spoke calmly and assuredly of his approaching departure, and communicated to his wife his desire that the writer have charge of his funeral and that the sermon be preached from Tim. 4: 6-7. He said to his wife a few hours before the end came: "Death has no terrors for me." With a smile of serene peace he fell asleep. His was the rest that remains to the ting of telegrams the writer did not receive the intelligence in time to be present at the funeral. The services were held in the church of which he was pastor at Moberly, Mo., June 27. The discourse was delivered by the Rev. George W. Reeves, of Glasgow, Mo., assisted by ministers of the city. The remains were taken to Topeka, Kas., for interment. The deceased leaves a wife, one girl and seven boys, to mourn his loss. A host of friends weep with them that weep.

J. WILL JACKSON.

Lawrence, Miss., Lake Charge.—Last Monday evening, July 20, our beloved pastor, Rev. N. Cannon, died in the full triumph of faith. The bereaved church is in mourning. His remains were taken to Meridian for burial.

H. L. WATKINS.

Clarksdale, Miss.—Brother James Love, a local preacher and a class leader of Magnolia M. E. Church, departed this life July 17. He leaves a wife, one little boy and a host of friends. His funeral was attended by Rev. A. B. Blewitt.

NELSON McNEILL, Reporter.

Jeanerette, La.—Sister Mary Jones, a faithful member of St. Peter M. E. Church for over 27 years, departed this life on July 12. She expressed her willingness to go, saying, "I am going to a better home than this." She leaves one relative. M. T. FAIRFAX, Pastor.

Moss Point, Miss.—Death has again entered the home of Mr. Emmett Walker and taken their beautiful little 8-months-old boy. Mr. Walker and wife have the sympathy of all.

R. N. JONES.

Hernando, Miss.—Sister Anna Cummings, a faithful member of Stephenson Chapel M. E. Church, the Epworth

League and Sunday school, died June 22. Sister Cummings suffered several months with the dreaded disease, consumption. Her remains were taken to her old home, several miles away, and laid with those of her relatives. The funeral was postponed.

JNO. WESLEY JONES.

Sister Hiram Rive was born Aug. 20, 1832, and passed into the great beyond July 6, 1903, at the age of 76 years, 10 months and 16 days. Her death was beautiful, the peaceful ending of a useful life. She was married to Hiram Rive in 1861. To this union was born nine children, five of which survive her. Her husband preceded her nine years ago. Sister Rive united with the Methodist Church under the pastorate of Rev. J. W. Hughes, over thirty years ago. Never did a link drop from the mystic chain that will be more sadly missed. Through her prayers and sweet Christian life she won all her children for Christ. Her son William is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bowling Green, Mo.; Charley, principal of Clinton School, Louisiana, Mo.; Hiram, principal of a school at Canton, Mo. Her daughter, Pinkie, lives with her brother in Bowling Green; Emma is married and lives in Jacksonville, Ill. Servant of God, well done; thy glorious warfare is passed. The battle is fought, the victory won, and thou art crowned at last. The writer conducted the services July 9, assisted by Rev. Taylor, of Bowling Green, Mo. Text, Rev. 14: 13. After the funeral services a large concourse of friends wended their way to the Elmwood Cemetery, where she was laid to rest.

R. H. SMITH, Louisiana, Mo.

Prairieville, La., Mt. Zion M. E. Church.—Death visited us July 16 and took from our midst Sister Annie Berry, aged 29 years. She had for 13 years been a member of the M. E. Church. She leaves a mother, brother and sister, but their loss is heaven's gain. The funeral was conducted by Rev. E. V. Taylor, assisted by Rev. J. Edward of the Mt. Gilliam Baptist Church.

A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

From the St. Paul M. E. Sunday school, Shreveport, La.—Miss Marcelite Thomas, of the senior class of our Sunday school, after having suffered for several weeks was called from our midst Wednesday, July 15, 1903, at 7:15 p. m., aged 15 years, 11 months and 15 days. She was buried from St. Paul M. E. Church the following day. Marcelite was of a sweet disposition, an energetic worker of her school, who always assisted in any thing that was for its upbuilding. She was scholarly and was beloved by all who knew her. A bright flower just budding into womanhood. We know that "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure." We commend her mates and relatives to Him who doeth all things for the best. Rev. H. J. Wright, the pastor, conducted the funeral services, assisted by Rev. J. O. Brown, Rev. Stubbs and Father Armstead. Mr. W. J. Walker presided at the organ, and the choir sang the sweet songs the deceased sang before death. W. J. Walker, Carrie Williams, H. J. Wright, committee.

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Mr. Robert White to Miss Lulu Edwards took place at the home of the bride's parents July 8. The bride is a member of the Baptist Church and a student of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute. The groom is a friend of the M. E. Church. An excellent wedding supper was served. We wish the couple a happy and prosperous life. The ceremony was performed by S. H. Nevils, pastor, Shellmound, Greenwood district.

Anguilla, Miss.—Mr. Tom Howard, a worthy young farmer, was joined in holy wedlock to Miss Georgianna Nailer by the pastor, Rev. A. Holland.

Milford, Tex.—Mr. J. F. Gibson, of Italy, led to the altar Miss Josephine Wright, of Milford. Both of the contracting parties are of high standing. Mr. Gibson is a member of Lacy Chapel M. E. Church, class leader, steward and trustee, also a delegate to the electoral conference, while Miss Wright is a member of Pilgrim's Rest M. E. Church and Sunday school secretary. Mr. Homer Thomas, of Pelham, and Mr. Jessie Sims, of Italy, were "best men," and Misses Minnie Malone and Bertha Wright, bridesmaids. Miss Josephine Ford, of Waxahachie, presided at the organ. The church was beautifully decorated and packed to its utmost capacity. Mr. Gibson owns a home at Italy, and here the couple will reside. Rev. T. D. Huff, pastor of Milford, Tex., officiated.

Olivier, La.—Mr. Eligha Butler and Miss Rachael Green were united in holy wedlock. We wish them success. W. D. Riffin officiated.

Shreveport, La.—At the home of the bride, in this city, Miss Mary Lou Stephens and Mr. Foster Johnson were married on Wednesday, July 15, 1903,

at 8 p. m. The bride was and is one of the faithful members of St. Paul M. E. Church, and we very much regret to lose her. The couple left the following morning for Beaumont, Tex., where they expect to make their home. We wish for them a life of prosperity and much peace. Rev. H. J. Wright, pastor of St. Paul M. E. Church, officiated.

Lebanon, Tenn.—Mr. M. E. Hill and Miss R. S. Bynum were happily united in holy wedlock at the home of the bride. Many friends were present. The bride was the first vice-president of our Epworth League and the teacher of our first Bible class. She is a splendid worker in the church, and we are proud of her. We wish them a long and happy life. Rev. B. F. Anderson officiated.

Rev. B. F. Cloud and Miss Dora Lomice were happily united in marriage at the home of the bride's sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Borthy. Rev. Cloud is our second vice-president of the Epworth League and also Sunday school superintendent. We wish them success. Rev. B. F. Anderson officiated. Mrs. ELLA AVRETT, Reporter.

Tullahoma, Tenn.—On July 18, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dickson, Mr. John Holaway was married to Miss Maggie McClain. Mr. Holaway is one of the best young men of our city, and the bride is from one of our best families. J. L. Massey officiated.

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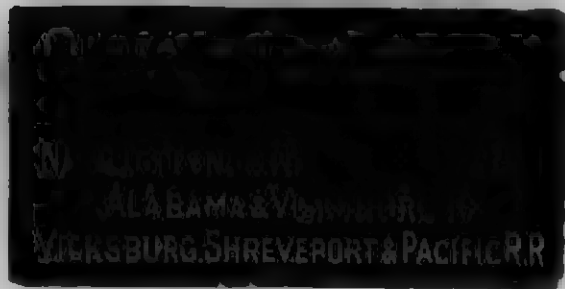
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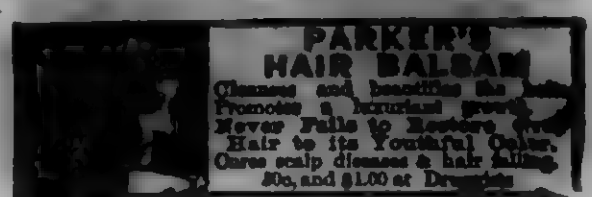
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11:10 a. m. N. Y. Fast Mail, Daily.....	
8:50 a. m. Mobile and Coast, Lim. D.	7:30 p. m.
10:50 a. m. Coast Lim., D. ex. Su.	8:40 p. m.
10:50 a. m. Coast Accom. Daily, Ex.	
Sun. and Mon.	
Coast Accom. Daily, Except Sunday	
7:40 a. m. Coast Accom. Mon. only.....	
8:25 p. m. Su. and Wed. Excursion.....	7:40 a. m.
Queen and Crescent.	
No. 1, Limited.....	8:10 p. m.
No. 2, Limited.....	9:10 a. m.
No. 3, Pan Amer.	
Special.....	8:45 p. m.
No. 4, Local.....	8:45 p. m.
No. 5, Local.....	8:45 p. m.
East Louisiana.	
Daily, Except Sunday.	
No. 7.....	8:45 a. m.
Sunday and Wednesday Excursion.	
No. 8.....	8:45 p. m.
Illinois Central.	
7:55 p. m. Chicago Limited.....	9:25 a. m.
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7:55 p. m. Louisville and Cin. Lim.	9:25 a. m.
10:00 a. m. Fast Mail.....	7:15 p. m.
10:00 a. m. St. Louis and Chicago.....	7:15 p. m.
7:50 a. m. Northern Express.....	5:30 p. m.
9:35 a. m. McComb Accom.....	8:50 p. m.
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Yazoo and Mississippi Valley.	
Memphis exp.	10:40 a. m.
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Valley Express.....	8:00 a. m.
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Southern P. line.	
11:30 a. m. Local.....	4:55 p. m.
8:00 p. m. New Orleans and Houston.....	7:05 a. m.
8:50 a. m. Pacific Coast Express.....	9:00 p. m.
8:45 p. m. Sunset Limited.....	11:55 a. m.
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8:10 p. m. Texas and Ft. Worth Ex.	8:15 a. m.
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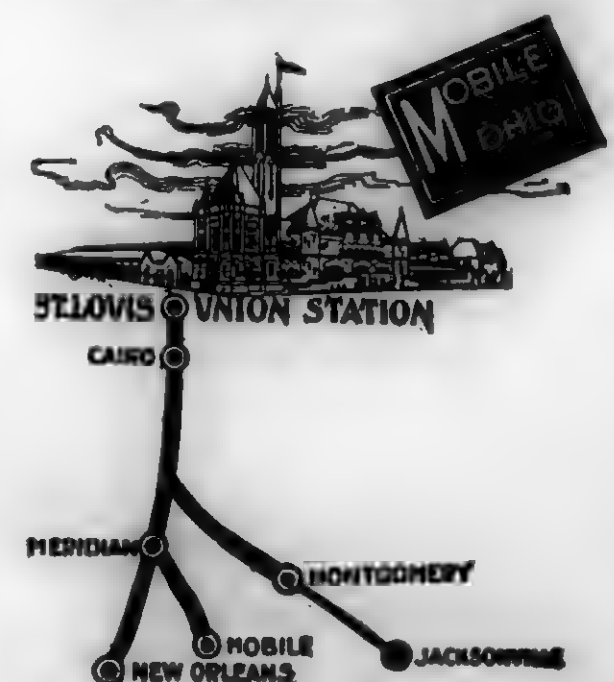
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Lost Friends

ENQUIRY.

Information wanted by Tony Foster of the whereabouts of my son, Luke Foster. Left home eight years ago. Was in Central America when last heard from. He is the younger of four brothers: John Foster, William Foster and Frank Foster. Address
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ter, Thomas Bridges. His father's name was Jacob Moore; mother's name was Grace. He had seven brothers, Robert, David, Jacob, Daniel, Isaac, Andrew and John. Also four sisters, Elnora, Eliza Ann, Priscilla and Frances. Any one having information concerning his people, please address him as above, or write to Rev. C. T. Lewis, Dayton, O.

ENQUIRY.

I wish to inquire for my sister. I have not seen her for twelve years. Her name is Isabella Bell. We were raised at Starkville, Miss. There were five children, three boys and two girls. She was the youngest. Our mother's name was Rachel Montgomery. Mother and my oldest sister, Laura Nails, and my brother Murray Bell, left Starkville about 12 years ago, and went to Brookston, Texas. My mother and oldest sister left Texas and started to Africa with my brother-in-law, Henry Nails. My youngest sister, Isabella Bell, came as far as Vicksburg with them. She had one girl (Laura) that was very bright. This was the last account we heard of her. Brother Henry Nails died in South Carolina and mother and sister Laura returned to Honey Grove, Texas, where they now live. I hope every reader of the SOUTHWESTERN, especially the pastors of the M. E. Church, will do all they can to help me find my youngest sister, Isabella Bell. Wm. Bell, P. C. Box 135, Amory, Miss.

CRESCENT CITY NOTES

Brother Henry Marshall died July 23, 1903, in the full triumph of faith. His funeral was attended from Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, of which he was a member, by the Rev. Wm. Davis.

Brother Charles Vincent, a member of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, aged 60 years, died July 22, in the full triumph of faith. His funeral was attended at the above named church by the Rev. William Davis.

The rally at Union Chapel M. E. Church Sunday, July 19, was well attended. The collection for the day was good, \$29.65 being realized. Rev. W. F. Waters, assistant business manager of the SOUTHWESTERN, gave a short, interesting sermon at 11:30 a. m. The SOUTHWESTERN was not forgotten.

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Editorial Notes

Christ is the only perfect and hence the only safe model.

Do not wait to see what is going to be done; turn in and help do it.

Turn about and face the current, rather than drift with it and destroy yourself and others.

Be sure that your religion is of little or no service to you unless you find yourself longing to have it of service to others.

Your silence when a good cause needs and deserves your endorsement is interpreted to mean opposition. Speak out for the right.

The Christian should be a tonic to and give tone to society, rather than to surrender to all of its weakness and positive violations.

Dr. M. J. Wheatland, of Newport, R. I., has treated successfully two millionaires (white) of his city. That is not so bad in these days, when so many things are being said against the Negro.

The Christian religion has no successful competitors; you are prompted to feel that the secret societies and other organizations are going to destroy the Christian Church because you are weak yourself. You need spiritual attention and relief at once.

"Get rich quick" is the spirit underlying the peonage system of Alabama and other Southern States guilty of its practice. Already the wages in the rural districts are down to a point that should gratify the most avaricious employer, but it does not. Persons who are not satisfied to employ grown men and women at 50 cents and 75 cents per day, and pay that in trade on which they make an enormous profit, are certainly hard to please, for they do not lack much of getting them for nothing. Even the fines imposed on some of the ring-leaders of Alabama by Judge Jones' court are not sufficiently large to secure the blood money that this band of robbers should be forced to disgorge.

While we do not agree with them, we can easily see why Senator McEnery of this State and others of his class claim that the best reason for believing the Negro an inferior is that he never resents anything done against him. Such a conclusion is prompted from the action of that class of Negroes represented by what is called the "Industrial Congress," that held a meeting in Memphis, Tenn., and condemned the Northern press for speaking out on behalf of the Negro of the South. If there is such an organization, and if it did take such action, we pity it and the race for which it claims the right to speak. The Negro never needed friends, North and South, more than at this very hour.

Besmirching the Negro a Necessity

We have no desire to plead for the criminal Negro; he is of no service to us or to his race. If those in authority were to apply to this editor to know what should be done with him we would say unhesitatingly, give him a fair trial and let him suffer the consequences of his misdeeds. But while we are not specially concerned for this class of the race, we are concerned for the better element who would be affected to some extent by them in any case, but who just at this time are being made too largely to bear the consequences of their misdeeds. It would be useless to hold that no Negroes assault innocent females, for that would be equivalent to claiming that they are better than white men; such a claim is as unnecessary as it is unreasonable. The fact is, if the criminal Negroes were presented to the public gaze in the same way that the criminal white man is we should have no just grounds of complaint—but he is not. Two men, one white and the other black, guilty of the same offense, are not presented to the public in the same way by any means; for even tho the offense of the white man be more heinous, the greater prominence is given to that of the black. We speak especially now with reference to the manner in which reports of such occurrences are published in Southern newspapers. Take for example the *Daily Picayune* of this city, which is ordinarily considered a conservative paper, and previous to the present campaign against the black man, gave him about as fair showing as any paper in the South. In its issue of August 4th it devotes fully a column on its first page with glaring headlines to crimes charged against Negroes, whereas in the same issue the report of the white man charged with entering the room of two little girls on the Parish Model Farm, near Lake Charles, and caught in the very act of assaulting one of them, is published on the last page of the paper without any special effort at advertising. The man thus accused was arrested, of course, and will be tried for his crime, but the outside world will know little, if anything, about the occurrence; the country will not be startled by a brutal lynching, and the race to which he belongs will suffer but very little in its reputation for his misdeed. Why not deal thus with Negroes? We could give other examples of this disposition to advertise what is said against the Negro, but what we have pointed out is sufficient to remind our readers of instances that have from time to time come under their observation. At any rate, the principle difference is in the heralding given the two classes.

Now the question which presents itself to our mind is this, why is there such a systematic effort being carried on in certain quarters to hold the Negro up to the public gaze? First, we would call attention to the fact that most of the serious outbreaks of the last few weeks have been in the border States, or those of the North in

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The Question Answered

Dear Mr. Editor: I see you are after 3,000 additional new subscribers by Oct. 31st next. Do you really expect to get them? Yours, —

We desire to say we most certainly do expect every one of them. Our reason for being so hopeful is, First, because we have received about five hundred already and the canvass is hardly fairly started; and second, the way the brethren of the conferences redeemed their pledges of subscribers made at the last session of their conferences convinces us that they mean business. All have not responded yet, but what some have done leads us to believe the others will do almost to a man; Third, the apportionments made by us to the districts and by the presiding elders to the charges are so light, that is to say the number of subscribers asked of each charge is so small, that few, if any of the pastors will fail to secure them. They want the paper to be self-supporting, and it is now too near that point to surrender.

Shall Free Speech be Allowed

It would seem that those colored citizens of Boston who do not approve of Mr. Washington's views as to industrial education are still after him. If reports published in the daily newspapers be true, they went to a colored church in that city, where he was announced to lecture, and made an attempt to interfere with the meeting, which resulted in a serious disturbance and caused their arrest. Mr. W. M. Trotter, editor of the *Guardian*, is mentioned as a leader in this deplorable affair. We certainly trust it is a mistake, and that Mr. Trotter and his friends have been misrepresented. In these days, and just at this time, when the race is suffering so much in the public eye, such an occurrence is especially deplorable. We see nothing whatever to be gained by it either for them or their people. No matter how objectionable or injurious Mr. Washington's views are, he cannot be stopped in that way, nor the influence of what he may say checked. We dare say that if the gentlemen concerned were to hear of a meeting held in some Southern city in the interest of the race being broken up by Southern white men they would be among the first to protest. They would cry out justly for free speech; they would claim, and that justly, that their people are not fairly treated. But are we to ask the white man to be more tolerant of us than are we toward our own men? There are places in the South where free speech would be interfered with, still we do not expect such in the large cities even of this section. But this in Boston, and by colored men, is as it seems to us, a very poor example for the whites, either North or South, in their relation to the Negro. Mr. Washington's views are not endorsed universally by either race in the South, but he is doing a great work for his people and for the country, and he is thoroughly respected by all. There are people who travel throughout the country and denounce the Negro most bitterly, but no one ever interferes with them in Boston. We again declare our regret that this deplorable affair even occurred, and express the hope that these gentlemen's zeal for their people may take some less objectionable turn.

Our Contributors

The Soul a Spiritual Entity

BY ASA THOMPSON.

There are many ideas advanced by theorists in trying to account for the origin and being of the human soul. But all these ideas can be grouped under two general heads: First, the idea of the soul's spiritual origin and nature; second, the idea of its material nature and origin. The great body of Christians believe that the soul of man is a spirit, separate and distinct from the material substances that compose the body, and point to the Supreme Wisdom, above and beyond matter, as its origin. While the skeptic and evolutionist—yes, and the fool, who said in his heart there is no God—believe that the soul is a part of the body, and gets its being from the earth, air and sea. The touchstone of their philosophy is what the fool has said in his heart, there is no God, and there is no power or intelligence outside of material substances from which the soul could get its being.

The skeptic and his school of philosophers in their reasoning attribute sensibility, intelligence and the power of will to dumb, inanimate matter, and claim that the soul with all of its faculties, is nothing more than the activity of particles of matter. According to their theory, consciousness, judgment, and reason are nothing more than matter in motion. But in denying the existence of the Supreme God, and claiming that the mind and soul are attributes of matter, the skeptic has deified every grain of dust, and peopled the world with millions of little Gods. The power and intelligence that he attributes to these little atoms belong only to a God! The heathen, groping about in ignorance and superstition, bows down and worships his god of wood and stone, but the learned skeptic worships a god less noble than the god of the heathen. His god is the invisible atom, too small to be seen beneath the most powerful microscope; a million would have room to congregate upon the point of a needle. Yet the skeptic ascribes to each one of these little things an infinitude of wisdom and power! And, according to his theory, man is a compound or aggregation of these little god-like particles of matter.

Take care! Beware, kind reader, how you tread upon the dust under your feet! Every time you set foot against the ground you tread upon the heads of a countless number of these little gods. The skeptic tells us that they are sentient, and are the substance of which our souls are made. The theory of the skeptic and his school of reasoners becomes absurd and unreasonable when followed to its logical conclusion. If one atom of matter in all the universe has the instincts and powers of the human soul, then every particle of matter has the same power, and the world becomes a writhing mass of sentient beings. If, on the other hand, consciousness, intelligence and the impulse of will is the effect of the contact and movement of particles of matter within the brain, then the world and all space outside of the small sphere of a man's head becomes filled with chaotic darkness and utter confusion.

Instead of the mind being the result of the action of particles of matter, it is, in reality, caused by the action of the soul upon these particles of matter. Or, to be more exact, the soul of man operates upon the physical forces generated within his body, just as the engineer controls and directs the force and energy generated within the steam engine. The body, with all of its phys-

ical forces and energies, is an instrument to be operated upon by an Intelligence that is not a part of the material substance, and, the will power that emanates from the soul and dominates the physical energies. The body is a center of physical forces, controlled by a spiritual power, every atom in the body is vibrant with a force and energy that is an impulse of God's will, and the soul, the Child of God, entering the body, takes control of these forces and executes its own designs. From this we learn that the soul is a spiritual entity, and Power that cannot be encompassed by the material world.

The death of the body is a new birth to the soul, the material substances that wrap it about fall like scales from before its eyes as it enters into the sunlight of God's presence. Do you ask what evidence we have that the soul is immortal? Then I point to the earth and the stars overhead, and answer that the soul of man shall live as long as the power and wisdom of God shall hold these worlds in their places.

Gainesville, Ga.

Negro Graduates

(We take from *The Outlook*, published in New York, the following, which throws much light on many of the wild statements made against the negro these days.)

About six weeks ago a southern correspondent wrote us calling our attention to a letter in *The Washington Post*, by Mr. Gordon McDonald, a lawyer of Montgomery, Ala., the spirit of which is indicated by the following extract from it: "Living in Montgomery, a county adjoining Macon, wherein Tuskegee is situated, I speak whereof I know in saying that for one genuine, hard-working husbandman or artisan sent into the world by Washington's school, it afflicts this State with twenty soft-handed negro dudes and loafers, who earn a precarious living by 'craps' or petit larceny, or live on the hard-earned wages of cooks and washwomen whose affections they have been enabled to ensnare. The girls graduated from this school are taught to scorn hard work, while their poor mothers toil over the wash-tubs and cook-stoves, that their daughters may be taught music and painting, and to rustle in fine dresses in a miserable imitation of fine ladies."

This statement was contrary to the opinions entertained at *The Outlook* office, and contrary to incidental information obtained from various sources, among others a personal visit to Tuskegee Institute by one of the staff; but the letter appeared in a reputable paper, and was signed by its author. *The Outlook*, therefore, sent a representative to make inquiries as to the facts, that it might give the results to its readers. The representative called upon Mr. McDonald, who was at the moment unable to give any definite information. He declared that he had known many graduates of Tuskegee brought into court upon criminal charges, though he could not give names; that his wife could give the names of women graduates who had been taught to scorn hard work while their poor mothers toiled over the wash-tubs and cook-stoves, and he promised to furnish names and details at a later interview. A second interview brought no results. A third one brought this information: "My wife mentioned one old woman thus afflicted, but does not wish me to reveal her name, for fear of hurting the old woman's feelings. But there are hundreds of such cases here, of which everybody in Montgomery is aware. It is a matter of common notoriety. I cannot give their names, but every one knows about them." But no in-

formation was furnished as to Tuskegee graduates brought before the courts under criminal charges. A fourth interview produced no better results. Then our representative decided to investigate the court records for himself. As a result, the names of three men were given to him, one indicted September, 1897, for burglary, one in April, 1897, for grand larceny, and one in April, 1903, for robbery. But on going back to Tuskegee for the purpose of identifying the persons whose names were thus given, he discovered that none of them had been students at the Institute. The result of *The Outlook's* investigation, then, is this:

Mr. McDonald thinks he knows of one old woman whose daughter is idle, but declines to give her name for fear of hurting her feelings. On this information he bases his statement, "I speak whereof I know in saying that for one genuine, hard-working husbandman or artisan sent into the world by Washington's school, it afflicts this State with twenty soft-handed negro dudes and loafers."

Our representative, however, did not stop his investigation here. He went carefully through the catalogues of Tuskegee Institute, and made a note of every man and woman who had received from that Institute an academic diploma or industrial certificate, whose residence was in the City of Montgomery. He also made a note of many others who have received neither certificate nor diploma, but who have pursued their education at that Institute. He found that there were residing in the City of Montgomery thirty-eight ex-students of Tuskegee, graduates and others. He personally investigated the present condition of each one of these ex-students, and he has sent to us his report concerning them. From his report we take at haphazard his account of the conditions of a dozen of these ex-students. The other accounts are equally creditable:

J. W. P., class of 1889, is farming. He controls 150 acres, owns five head of cattle, and teaches school six months in the year.

J. T. learned sewing and dressmaking at Tuskegee. She lives with her brother on South Ripley Street, working at her trade, and has all the work she can do.

Mrs. W. T. is the wife of a man employed in J. P. Adam's store. They have a good home, the attractiveness of which attests her good qualities as a housekeeper.

W. L. has been employed for the last two or three years by the Montgomery Carriage Company, one of the largest firms of Montgomery.

A. C. P. has an excellent reputation as a carpenter and contractor in Montgomery. I found him at work on the inside of a fine house on South Perry Street, and at another time I found him overseeing a contract on a large house at Highland Park, a fashionable suburb of Montgomery. He has a good home on Jeff Davis Avenue, and owns considerable other property.

P. M. is at work as drug clerk in the drug-store of Dr. A. C. Dungee. He graduated from Tuskegee in 1902. While at the school he worked in the hospital, and much of the time had charge of the drug-room. He is studying medicine, and has already spent a session at Meharry College, Nashville, Tennessee.

R. C. I found hard at work in a shoemaking shop, to which he had come directly from the Tuskegee school shop four months before. He

is the fourth man this employer has had from Tuskegee. Two of these men are now back at the school, at work in the shop, and the other has a shop of his own at Camp Hill, Alabama. When I asked the proprietor in regard to C.'s character, he said, "He is as steady as a clock."

Mrs. B. N. C. graduated in the class of 1887, and her home has been in Montgomery most of the time since then, although her work at times takes her away from the city. She is a trained nurse of excellent reputation and wide experience, and has been frequently employed at Hill's Infirmary. When I inquired for her, she was taking care of a private case. She owns two good houses on Union Street and on High Street, both of which I saw. She also owns a vacant lot.

F. S. T. is a rural mail carrier from the Montgomery post-office. He received his appointment about a year ago. He owns his home.

I. M. A. graduated in the class of 1889, and since then has taught continuously in the city schools of Montgomery, being at present employed in the Day Street school. I visited her school, and am satisfied that she is an unusually competent teacher.

Mrs. I. S. W. graduated in the class of 1893. Her husband is a prosperous pharmacist, and they have an unusually good home on South Jackson Street. One has only to go into this house to see that Mrs. W. is a model housekeeper.

S. T. I. found in charge of Mr. M. C. Scott's dairy. This establishment was milking 164 cows when I was there, with 96 more dry and heifers in pasture. Mr. Scott has had several men from the Tuskegee dairy school before this one. When I asked if they had given satisfaction, he said: "Every man that the Tuskegee school has recommended to me has been thoroughly satisfactory." In my presence at the time of the visit, he gave an order for two more men from the school as soon as the approaching vacation would set them at liberty.

O. L. C. is working and earning \$5 a week. He owns a home worth \$1,000, two vacant lots, and a horse and buggy, cows, hogs, etc. He has worked as a printer at the State Normal School. He is a barber.

Not one of these ex-students but is earning his living by his industry, if it be allowed that a wife and mother who is taking care of her home and her children earns her living. Nearly all of them are financially independent and laying up money. Many of them have accumulated property. To consider such lives as are here recorded failures appears to us a very great compliment to the negro race.

The Outlook expresses its sense of obligation to Mr. Gordon McDonald for having incited it to make this investigation, and it requests the Washington "Post" to give to its readers the results ascertained by us.

Conference Division Settled

I wish to answer a letter in a recent issue of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, where some good Brother is anxious to divide the Louisiana Annual Conference. I would like to inform our good Brother, Rev. D. J. Price, that the Bishops and the leading members of the Louisiana Annual Conference have settled that question two or three years ago and that the question of the division of Louisiana Conference was set aside for 20 years. While he

may say that the Conference is too large, we have nothing to divide. We have only eight (8) charges in this conference that we may call first class and on down. The other charges belong to the third and fourth classes.

Dear Editor, it seems to me that some of our good Pastors are never satisfied. Some of us are running from District to District and from charge to charge, disturbing Pastors and people, preaching about general Conference and division of Conferences. It seems to me that we, as Pastors, should remain on our work where the Bishop has appointed us to and serve that people well and the Blessed Master would smile upon our work. A good Christian minister can accomplish much good in hard work and faithful prayers, but not in kicking all the years long. If a good Christian minister wants to be seen by the Church let him live close to God, the Church will see him and know also, but he cannot be seen by kicking. No one will shoot with a kicking gun. Let us run the Church of God by Faith and works and not by kicking.

Faternally,

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Prepare for the National Business League

The National Negro Business League, which holds its fourth annual meeting in Nashville, Tenn., August 19, 20 and 21, is attracting the attention of the negro business men and women in almost every State in the Union. Delegations are preparing to go from every Southern State, and from nearly every State east of the Mississippi river, as well as from many of the Western States. Many of these delegations will go in special cars. Massachusetts, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia are among the delegations that are making these special arrangements. Other States, we hear, are also planning to do likewise. Hon. J. C. Napier, of Nashville, chairman of the committee on arrangements, writes that many delegates have already written his committee for accommodations. Some of these States will likely arrange "State Headquarters," as did the Illinois delegation at Richmond last year.

The exhibit of photographs of negro business men and women and of their places of business will be larger than ever before. Those who have not done so, should send photographs both of themselves and their places of business to President Booker T. Washington at Tuskegee, Ala., not later than August 10th. They should not be carried to the meeting, but instead, sent to Tuskegee. The photographs should be as large as possible, and not framed. Those who had exhibits at Richmond last year should add to this collection, so as to fill the large space which will be set aside for each State.

As our readers know, the Tennessee General Assembly has granted the use of the Legislative halls for the meeting, and every prospect is that the coming meeting of this splendid organization will be the most successful of its series.

Brookhaven District Items

W. F. WATERS.

The Brookhaven District Conference convened July 8-12, at Florence, Miss., Springfield M. E. Church. Rev. Melville Cooper, the pastor, entertained all satisfactorily. He and his gracious wife are enthroned in the heart of Florence. They have done excellent service for the community.

The report of Rev. A. Davis, the presiding

elder, showed that he has been very active since the Annual Conference. Bro. Davis is a tactful president.

Revs. W. McMorris, of Jackson District, J. C. Hibbler, presiding elder of Meridian District, W. P. Morrison, of Natchez, A. C. Morris of the Baptist Church of Florence, and L. W. Manaway were visitors to the Conference.

The people greatly enjoyed sermons preached by the following brethren: Revs. J. C. Hibbler, L. W. Price, P. H. Rembert, M. P. Horton, A. Jackson, W. P. Morrison, I. S. Thomas, H. J. Jordan, W. N. G. Lipscomb, and A. M. Trotter. Rev. L. J. S. Bell preached at the Baptist Church on Sunday.

Much interest was manifested in the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. The District pledged to do full duty toward securing the 3,000 subscriptions by October. Pastors, local preachers, laymen, and even the women, promised to send in from 3 to 10 each.

Bro. J. C. Hibbler, our loyal friend, made a strong speech, on Friday night, in the interest of the paper.

Rev. J. N. Cooper was so much interested in securing subscribers that he gave seven dollars himself for others.

Rev. L. J. S. Bell took prominent part in all the services.

The grounds were crowded but the deportment of the people was remarkably fitting.

Rev. L. J. S. Bell was elected reporter to the SOUTHWESTERN.

I was the guest of Mrs. L. V. Cooper, the queenly wife of Rev. Cooper, and most delightfully entertained.

Conference at Enterprise

The Meridian District Conference which has just closed at Enterprise, Miss., was the greatest session the District has convened. Much enthusiasm abounded throughout the session. Over a hundred and twenty-five dollars was realized. Many good sermons were preached. Rev. W. H. Smith preached the Annual Sermon to the Leaguers. It was eloquent and inspiring and was greatly enjoyed by all.

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Brown delighted all with their manner of entertaining the Conference. The people of Enterprise deported themselves well in every way. They are a cordial, generous community.

On Sunday, at 11 o'clock, Dr. J. C. Hibbler swayed the audience present at will with his masterly sermon, "The Gospel of Methodism." At 3 o'clock Rev. R. B. Anderson set the house on fire with his unique sermon on "The Eagle stirring Up Her Nest." Others who preached acceptably before the Conference were: Revs. E. H. Morgan, R. L. Brooks, N. Collier, P. R. Crump.

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Brown, in charge at Enterprise, have accomplished remarkable things during these six months. They have built two good churches, raised the full benevolent apportionment and greatly strengthened the membership.

Interest in the SOUTHWESTERN—well, it simply knew no bounds! The late call for 3,000 new subscribers is the watchword throughout the District. At this session it gave a list of 77. It now carries the banner among the District Conferences. Since the issue of the call at Meridian, the District has sent in about 150 subscribers. If every District will do as well the paper will be self-supporting by October. Three cheers for Hibbler and his loyal men!

Mesdames C. L. Brown and E. L. Smith ren-

dered successful service to me in the canvass for the paper. Of course all pastors stood right by the cause.

Mr. H. C. Deer, a prominent white citizen of Enterprise and a friend to all worthy interests, added his name to our subscription list.

Rev. D. B. Watkins held a very interesting Epworth League session on Saturday. Miss Lillian B. Griffin spoke welcome to which Rev. A. J. McNair responded. Brother Watkins was appointed as Conference reporter to the SOUTHWESTERN.

Life of Faith

THE MEMORY GUILD.

FOR LEARNING BEST HYMNS.

BISHOP H. W. WARREN.

God is love. He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him. David (in the twenty-third Psalm), Miss Waring and John all sing to the same keynote. There is a swing and ring to the rhythmic melody of this hymn that will sing itself in the heart forever. The author is rightly Letitia. Read No. 510. Note the charming simplicity of language, the perfect trust in life, and its jubilant assurance at life's end.

PERFECT PEACE.

In heavenly love abiding,
No change my heart shall fear;
And safe is such confiding,
For nothing changes here.
The storm may roar without me,
My heart may low be laid,
But God is round about me,
And can I be dismayed?

Wherever he may guide me,
No want shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me,
And nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh,
His sight is never dim,
He knows the way he taketh,
And I will walk with him.

Green pastures are before me,
Which yet I have not seen;
Bright skies will soon be o'er me,
Where darkest clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure,
My path to life is free,
My Savior has my treasure,
And he will walk with me.

—Miss Anna Letitia Waring.

A Rule for Happiness

Make a rule, and pray to God to help you to keep it, never, if possible, to lie down at night without being able to say, "I have made one human being at least a little wiser or a little happier or a little better this day." You will find it easier than you think and pleasanter. Easier, because if you wish to do God's work God will surely find you work to do; and pleasanter, because in return for the little trouble it may cost you or the little choking of foolish, vulgar pride it may cost you, you will have a peace of mind, a quiet of temper, a cheerfulness and hopefulness about yourself and all around you, such as you never felt before; and, over and above that, if you look for a reward in the life to come, recollect this: What we have to hope for in the life to come is to enter into the joy of our Lord. And how did he fulfill that joy but by humbling himself and taking the form of a slave and coming, not to be ministered to, but to minister and to give his whole life, even unto the death upon the cross, a ransom for many. Be sure that unless you take up his cross you will never share his crown; be sure that unless you follow in his footsteps you will never reach the place where he is. If you wish to enter into the joy of your Lord be sure that his joy is now,

as it was in Judea, of old, over every sinner that repenteth, every mourner that is comforted, every hungry mouth that is fed, every poor soul, sick or in prison, who is visited.—CHARLES KINGSLEY.

Help for Daily Living

Our need for God's help for the meeting of the petty vexations and the minor trials of our every day life is as real as it is for the supremest struggle of our being in the final conflict with the arch enemy of our souls. And as to the relative measure of God's power requisite for our aiding, who shall say what is much of what is little for God to do? God is as ready to aid us in one time of need as in another. We can depend upon him alike when to us our requirements seem great or seem small. He will help us also in our daily living. He knows your need. It seems to you that no one can know it, it is so vast. He knows it better than you do yourself. The multitude of your own aspirations are not present to you, are lost to you, but he has caught them all in his own vessel. And will see to it that all are duly fulfilled. He knows your need, your bodily and your social need, your intellectual need, your spiritual need, your need to-day, your need yesterday and your need to-morrow. And he knows it that he may supply it.—GEORGE BOWEN.

At the Close of the Day

At the close of each day we should go to Jesus and tell him of all that we have done or tried to do during the day. We must not forget to tell him about the day's failure. Did we lose our patience? Did we yield to temptation? Did we neglect to speak for our Master the word we ought to have spoken? Were we unkind to any one?

At many a setting sun we come, weary and sad, with empty hand. Sometimes we are tempted to stay away from the Master and make no report. Let us tell him all.

That is the kind of an evening secret prayer that will bless us. It will make us very watchful all day if we remember that we report to Jesus all we say, or do, or fail to do; it will keep us in more intimate relations with him.—DR. J. R. MILLER.

Woman's Dominion

Pineapple lemonade is refreshing and prepared with very little trouble. Pare and grate a ripe pineapple; add the juice of four or five lemons, and a syrup made by boiling together for a few minutes two cups of sugar and the same quantity of water. Mix and add a quart of water. When quite cold strain and ice.

The Atmosphere of Dwellings

Here are valuable suggestions for keeping the air of the house pure:

Plenty of sunlight.

A dry cellar at all seasons.

Frequent inspection of plumbing.

Open war against the feather duster.

A thorough daily airing of each room.

Shaking and brushing clothing out-of-doors.

Opening windows at night; discarding weather strips.

The use of stained floors and rugs in preference to carpets.

Daily airing and occasional beating of mattresses and blankets.

Removal from bedroom at night of all clothing worn during the day.

Little furniture and no uncovered vessels containing soiled water in the bedroom.—Delineator.

What a Woman Can Do

Women who have not the crown and glory of motherhood must use their strength for this world's bettering. I knew one who had been ill in bed for thirty years, much of the time in severe pain, unable to use even her hands. How could she reach the outside world? Where there is a will there is a way. People of affairs were glad to spend an hour in her room now and then, for it was a suburb of heaven. No means of peace brought the Holy Spirit more surely to the soul than did her whispered words of counsel, prayer and praise.

Woman has the home-making instinct. Give her half a chance, and she will use this power most beautifully for the Master. I used to know a woman whose only child died in infancy, and she mothered twenty-one waifs and strays. They were all set at work, and they were soundly converted. It was amusing to hear them tell where they first found the Lord's love. One stood at the sink washing dishes. Another knelt in the manger after he had fed the horses. A third was saved while Uncle Austin was praying at the family altar. Surely those people were home missionaries of the right sort. When our Lord came to the door in the person or one of the least of His little ones, they took Him in; hungry, they fed him; naked, they clothed Him. I am afraid in heaven I shall hardly catch a glimpse of those dear, plain, farmer people, they will be so near to the throne.—Jennie Fowler Willing.

A Laundry Lesson

The old-time housekeeper would have none of the labor-saving mediums in the laundry, but a progressive housekeeper is constantly learning new and easier methods. They know that anything which necessitates less rubbing on the washboard is a saving to the clothes, a saving of labor, and of strength, for it is not the use of clothes that wears them out so much as hard rubbing. The evening before wash-day, sort over your clothes and put the white things to soak over night, the fine ones in one tub and the coarse ones in another. The next morning put on your boiler and fill it two-thirds full of water, then make a good suds and add one tablespoon of turpentine and let come to a boil. Wring the clothes from the water in which they have been soaking; shake out loose and put in the boiler, the nice ones first and let boil ten or fifteen minutes, then rinse in clear water and again in blueing water. By this method of washing very little rubbing is necessary unless clothes are badly soiled. The coarse clothes may be boiled in the same water when the fine ones are removed. The turpentine is excellent for removing paint and fruit stains from clothing and is good for setting the color in cotton fabrics. Ripe tomatoes rubbed on a spot of iron rust will frequently remove it without a second application. Another remedy for iron rust is to lay on a generous coating of salt and over this squeeze the juice of a lemon until wet, then dry in the sun.

If a dress or waist is good it is well worth re-coloring, which is easily done by dipping the garment in Diamond dye for cotton of the desired color, but the remaining color should be boiled out in a strong suds first and when the work is well done the garment is often prettier than when new.—M. H. Shelbyville, Ky.

Young Friends

SOMETHING EACH DAY.

Something each day—a smile,
It is not too much to give,
And the little gifts of life
Make sweet the days we live.
The world has weary hearts
That we can bless and cheer,
And a smile for every day
Makes sunshine all the year.

Something each day—a word,
We can not know its power;
It grows in fruitfulness
As grows the gentle shower.
What comfort it may bring
Where all is dark and drear!
For a kind word every day
Makes pleasant all the year.

Something each day—a thought
Unselfish, good and true,
That aids another's needs,
While we our ways pursue;
That seeks to lighten hearts,
That leads to pathways clear;
For a helpful thought each day
Makes happy all the year.

Something each day—a deed
Of kindness and of good,
To link in closer bonds
All human brotherhood.
Oh, thus the heavenly will
We all may do while here;
For a good deed every day
Makes blessed all the year.

—Southern Churchman.

Candor will lose you some friends, but not as many as deceit.

If I Were You, My Boy

I would learn to be polite to everybody.
I wouldn't let any other boy get ahead of me in my studies.
I would never make fun of children who are not well dressed.
I wouldn't get sulky and pout whenever I couldn't have my own way.
I would see if I couldn't get people to like me by being civil to everybody.
I would try to see the little things that I could do to help my mother, and do them without being asked.
I wouldn't conclude that I knew more than my father before I had been more than six miles away from home.—*The Sunday School Evangelist.*

For Little Girls

Some one has suggested a few things that every girl can learn before she is 12 years of age. Not every one can learn to play, or sing, or paint well enough to give pleasure to her friends, but the following "accomplishments" are within the reach of everybody:
Shut the door, and shut it softly.
Keep your own room in tasteful order.
Have an hour for rising, and rise.
Never let a button stay off twenty-four hours.
Always know where your things are.
Never let a day pass without doing something to make somebody comfortable.
Learn to make bread as well as cake.
Never go about with your shoes unbuttoned.

Saved by Prayer

"Good-bye, Harry; remember that mama will always pray for your safety."
These were the last words Harry heard as he went out of the gate toward the railroad station to take the train for New York. The words kept ringing in his ears as the train passed rapidly out of the village and new scenes came to his

view. At the station in New York City, his uncle was waiting for him.

In a few days Harry was at work in the new, grand store of his uncle. There he became acquainted with young men of his own age who seemed friendly, invited him to join in their excursion parties in the evening, and visit them at their homes. Before the first week was ended he had visited three of the boys of the city and taken a trip over to Jersey City, where several other boys took a trip on their bicycles. Harry had brought his wheel with him and enjoyed the trip over the new country very much.

After they had gone a distance, they stopped for refreshments, and he soon found himself standing at a bar in a saloon.

"What will you have, Harry?" he heard one of his new friends inquiring.

"I'll take a glass of lemonade, if you please," answered Harry.

"Pretty good joke, Harry; but you don't get such stuff here; we are all going to have beer; I'll order one for you, too." And before he could think of an answer, the bartender had placed it before him.

Harry felt a lump in his throat, but with a fixed determination, answered:

"No, I do not drink."

"Pshaw!" exclaimed one of the young men, "you are not temperance, are you?"

"A glass of beer cannot hurt you; it is healthful," said another.

"I promised mother," replied Harry, "that I would not drink anything that might make a drunkard of me, and if I never begin, I shall never have to stop; no one has ever become a drunkard who refused the first glass; but many drunkards who meant to stop after they had tasted beer or liquor 'just once,' no, I shall not drink."

It was a long speech for Harry to make, but he thought of his mother's prayer, and resolved that she should not pray in vain. He expected the boys to ridicule him for his remarks. When Tom Ankers, the young man who had worked next to him at the store, therefore took him by the hand, and with emotion said, "Thank you, Harry; my mother used to tell me the same thing; she thinks her boy has never brought the intoxicating cup to his lips; I promise you that from to-night on I shall try to keep it," it surprised Harry greatly.

But his surprise increased when one of the other young men came forward and said, "I promised my present employer that I would never again enter a saloon to drink, when he saw me in one the last time, and he told me he could not keep young men in his employ who were addicted to the drink habit. I wanted to keep my promise, but always was afraid to refuse when in the company of others."

"Boys," said Adam Wagner, "this is the first time I ever took a drink. My father died a drunkard and I have often heard him say that the first glass was the opening of a life of misery. He often asked me to leave all intoxicating drinks alone; I mean to do so after to-day, and you fellows must help me to keep my promise."

"We shall, we shall," replied his friends, immediately.

"But tell us, Harry," said the young man who had spoken after Tom; "how was it possible for you to refuse? Didn't you expect us all to laugh at your remarks? What gave you such courage in this hour of danger?"

Harry told them the story in his simple, truthful manner, concluding with the words:

"Boys, my mother's prayer saved me."

"Harry," said Adam, "when you write home again tell your mother about the occurrence this evening, and be sure and say that we were saved by her prayer.—*New York Observer.*

Educational

Sunday School Lessons.

In certain quarters much has been said about the right kind of lessons to be used in the Sunday school. Some have suggested one kind, and others have urged the adoption of something very different.

This important matter was discussed in a most thorough manner recently at the third annual meeting of the Sunday School Editorial Association, held June 16-18, 1903, at Clifton, Mass., where the members of the association were the guests of Mr. W. N. Hartshorn, the chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Sunday School Convention. * * *

At the meeting of these editors the question of having different passages of Scripture for different sessions of the school, excepting the beginners, who cannot read, was presented and debated, as was also the advisability of having an advanced course. The brief but emphatic answer to these questions was the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

UNIFORM LESSONS.

"Resolved, That with great appreciation of its value, we cordially indorse the International Uniform Lesson System."

This was an emphatic indorsement of the present International Uniform Lesson System, and was the result of a careful and very exact study of the actual condition of the Sunday school world. It was not the opinion of mere theorists, but of practical workers who for years have been in close touch with Sunday schools throughout the United States and Canada. After these years of consideration they believe most heartily in the International Uniform Lesson System, with its one lesson from the Scriptures for the school but with a graded treatment to suit the capacity and need of each particular grade in the school. * * *

The Uniform Lesson has great value for spiritual purposes, and at the same time has great value in an educational way, but something more is needed, and that needed something may easily be supplied. To meet this need the Sunday School Editorial Association adopted the following:

GENERAL PARALLEL LESSONS.

"Resolved, That in addition to the Uniform we also favor the use of General Lessons (commonly called Supplemental Lessons) which shall not interfere with the present Uniform Lessons but shall be used in the same sessions with the Uniform Lessons, and shall present facts about the books of the Bible, biblical geography, biblical history, doctrines and similar matters relating to the Bible, and which may be graded so that with great simplicity for the younger scholars they may pass to a profound treatment for advanced or adult scholars."

Supplemental is not a good title for these lessons, for strictly speaking they do not supplement the lesson. Additional Lessons would be a better title, but General Lessons is the best of all, because the lessons are of a general character, as the resolution reveals. Such General Lessons need not occupy more than ten minutes in a session, but in these ten minutes a number of important facts can be fixed in the memory, and,

with a little study at home, in the course of a year the pupil will have gained considerable information, and in the course of six or ten years a vast fund of knowledge, and this general knowledge may be brought to bear upon the regular Uniform Lesson.

In this way there may be graded studies which will not interfere with but which will help in the study of the Scripture lesson of the Uniform System.

As both will be taught in the same session it will be found convenient to give the first place in order of time with the spiritual impression of the Uniform Lesson. As they run together in the same session, and are, so to speak, parallel with each other, the General Lessons might be styled General Parallel Lessons.

Ten minutes could be given to the General Parallel Lessons and thirty minutes to the Uniform Lesson. That would make only forty minutes, which is not more than an average recitation period in a secular school, and the young people in the Sunday school take about three such periods in a single session in a public or other secular school. In addition there could be interjected a five-minute Doctrinal Lesson based upon two or three questions from the Church Catechism. Then having, first, the General Parallel Lesson, second, the Doctrinal Lesson, and third, the Uniform Lesson, only forty-five minutes would be required, and that could be gotten out of a session an hour and a half long, or out of a session only an hour long. * * *

LONGER PERIOD FOR CLASS STUDY.

To secure the requisite time the Sunday School Editorial Association recommends a lengthening of the time for the lessons, as follows:

"Resolved, That, in order to make this plan a success, we recommend that the study period of the Sunday school be made sufficiently long to allow intelligent instruction in such lessons."

This may easily be done by less waste of time in the opening, closing, and miscellaneous exercises, and by greater promptness at every stage of the session. Certainly it seems very unreasonable where a Sunday school has a session of an hour and a half that only about twenty-five or thirty minutes are devoted to study. No session should be shorter than an hour and a half, but if only an hour is covered by the session it ought to be possible to compress the opening, closing, and miscellaneous exercises into fifteen minutes. * * *

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Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.-C. Conference

The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society, at their July meeting, appropriated \$1,000 to aid in rebuilding the church at Sapporo, which was destroyed by fire during the night of April 25th.

Although there are many Student Volunteers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, we are not able to secure enough missionaries for our foreign fields to supply the urgent need of reinforcements. We want for North and Central China each, two men; for West China, one man, a teacher; for Foo Chow, a medical man; for Hinghua, two men, one a printer; for Korea, one man; for Mexico and Chili, each, one teacher. The work suffers for lack of men. Let those who have a call to the service of God in the

foreign field, make application at once to the Missionary Rooms, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has just put forth a handbook for 1903. This book of thirty-six pages is full of interesting and necessary information concerning our missionary enterprises.

There is a full explanation of the administration of the business of the Society, with the names of its officers and the members of the Board of Managers, as well as the same facts concerning the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and the National City Evangelization Union. Pastors will find in the handbook an explanation of the manner in which appropriations are made, the rules governing special gifts, a description of the Station Plan of giving, and the conditions upon which "World Wide Missions" is sent. The finances of the Society for two decades are given, with a detailed statement of the manner in which every dollar of missionary money is expended. The handbook contains a survey of domestic and foreign missions, describing the size and condition of each foreign country, and the work our Church is doing in each—such as the number of workers, the names of the presiding elders' districts, and the names of the principal institutions owned by the Methodist Episcopal Church.

There are many other interesting features of the book, tastefully arranged, appropriately illustrated, and printed on fine calendered paper. It will be sent for 10 cents, net, postpaid, upon application to The Methodist Book Concern or its depositories.

Secretary Wm. M. Bell of the Home, Frontier and Foreign Missionary Society of the United Brethren in Christ, has been authorized by the Board of his Society to turn over to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the interest and good will of his Society in the German Conferences, on the one condition that this Society will accept the work as it is and make provision for its care dating from April 1, 1903. The Mission of the United Brethren in Germany has eleven churches or appointments, and nine church buildings. Six of these buildings include rooms for a parsonage, and three charges have both church and parsonage. The number of members is approximately 1,000. The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society approved the union of the United Brethren in Christ in Germany with the Methodist Episcopal Church in that country, provided:

First, that the General Committee approves and makes the necessary provision for its support.

Second, that our Conferences in Germany approve of said union.

Mr. Chas. J. Grotts, of Urbana, Ill. (a student in the University of Illinois), has been appointed by the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society to our Industrial Mission at Kolar, India, to assist Rev. W. H. Hollister, and it has approved the appointment of Mr. B. M. Jones, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, to Burma, in place of Harry C. Heath, who was appointed in June, but who resigned the appointment.

The board authorized Dr. H. L. Canwright, in charge of our medical work in Chentu, Sze Chuen Province, West China, to accept the offer of the Viceroy Ts'en of 1,000 taels now, and 100 taels per year hereafter, toward a new hospital building, provided the acceptance involves no com-

promise of the missionary character of our medical work.

The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society approved the appointing of Mr. G. W. Guthrie and wife, of Promise City, Ia., to take up press work in Lucknow, and of the Rev. Titus Lowe and wife, of Braddock, Pa., for work in Southern Asia.

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

Topic August 16.

Endure Hardness as a Good Soldier. 2. Tim.

2:3, 4.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday. The Gallant Soldier. Judges 11:29—

33.

Tuesday. Fearful Soldiers. Judges 7:1—3.

Wednesday. God Assuring His Soldier of help.

Judges 6:33—40.

Thursday. Some Hardships of Paul. 2. Cor.

11:24—33.

Friday. Imprisoned for Preaching. Acts 3:

19—26; 4:1—4.

Saturday. How to Run the Christian Race.

1. Cor. 9:24—27.

"No Cross, no Crown" is one of the oldest of truisms. Its truthfulness is so patent that no one ever asked for proof. Its truthfulness seems written in all human endeavor and inwrought into the fabric of organized nature. When Paul called upon Timothy to endure hardness as a good soldier, he used a figure easily understood and withal very impressive, for the life of the soldier was familiar to all for the soldier was in evidence everywhere. The conquering legions of Rome had gone everywhere and army outposts were planted in every province. The Roman soldier was the police of the world. We as Christian soldiers are called upon to-day as Paul called upon Timothy, to endure hardness and keep free from the entanglements of this life. For all of this there are good reasons, which we may study.

1. *Because hardship develops character.* Difficulties crosses and trials may be termed the chemicals that crystalize character. If we are to have character it must be developed in the midst of trials and temptation. And character is all there is of us that counts for anything. Some people are always looking for an easy place. Preachers leave their charges, Sunday school teachers their work, church officers their post of duty, because somebody tried to give them a hard time. Somebody talked and they felt hurt and quit their task. Poor soldier that, that quits the battlefield because somebody shoots at him. What are soldiers for but to be shot at? Did you think that Christ's soldiers was different in this respect from Uncle Sam's soldier? You will learn better if you stay in the field long enough. Stay, Stay! and develop the character of a Christian hero.

2. *Develops Vigilance.* Years ago in a quiet Ohio town I was the solitary watchman to guard the town while others slept. The work of watching had for months been uneventful, but there came a turn in affairs one night, when robbers swooped down upon the town, blew up a safe and made good their escape in the midst of the wildest riot of excitement. This had a wonderful effect upon the watchman and led him to double his vigilance; night by night made double the number of rounds formerly made, that no place should be left ungarded. Thus it happens when the Christian soldier has had a real con-

flict with the forces of evil, and has what Paul calls hardness, he is aroused and becomes more vigilant than ever.

3. *It develops Sympathy.* "One touch of Nature, makes the whole world kin," says the lines of a popular song. So we can say one touch of experience puts the whole world in sympathy. Did you say your burden was intolerable. Look-out on life's highways and there go others bowing beneath their load, with face toward the earth, and for very sympathy you forget your own burden and take up the burden of another. Having borne burdens and endured hardness yourself you can sympathize with others who are suffering.

4. *It develops Loyalty.* Men do not suffer for shadows and dreams. Phantasmagoria does not cause men to suffer and bleed. There must be something real, back of that for which men endure hardness. When bivouaced in defense of his country, he thenceforward can be trusted to be loyal to it. So when men and women have suffered for the Church and Christ they can be trusted to be loyal.

5. *The Crown road is paved with hardness.* "These are they which came out of great tribulations, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them." If there has gotten a man into heaven who did not have tribulations and hardness, it is a new thing since the closing of the book of Revelations. The broad easy way leads to death; the narrow hard way leads to life, to crowns and scepters.

6. *Legal contest required.* Paul declares that he that warreth in spiritual warfare, must not entangle himself with the affairs of this life, and further, if he strive for masteries he must strive lawfully or he will not be crowned. If in the ancient games a contestant should be found taking an unfair advantage of another, he would still lose his crown if won in the contest. Men who think the way to get up, is to pull somebody else down, find at last every rung of the ladder broken under their own feet. If you hope to go up in honor and place and standing go up on your merits and not over the dead body of another. I know a man who wanted to get another's place on a Conference Board of Examiners, and by the vilest and most contemptible means he succeeded in having his name put in the place of another, but by some strange and inexplicable providence his name has stood in the list with no assignment of work for two years. Thus the *honor* is only an empty sound.

Dear leaguers, be loyal to the Master and endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, and strive lawfully for masteries.

Pittsburg, Pa.

Sunday School Helps

Lesson VII—Aug. 16th, 1903. Title—Saul tries to kill David (1 Sam. 18:15-16.) Golden Text—"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1.) Time—B. C. 1003. Place—Jerusalem.

When the Philistines saw their champion had fallen they fled. The Israelites pursued them with a shout. Many were killed and wounded. The Israelites returned and spoiled the tents of the Philistines. David brought the head of Goliath to Jerusalem. He was presented to the king. His bearing before Saul was such as to win the heart of Jonathan. He loved David as his own soul. David was not suffered to return

to his father's home. Jonathan made a covenant with him and gave him his robe, garments, sword, blow and girdle. Jesus divested Himself of the glories of heaven when He came to save men. Yea, more, He clothed Himself in the filthy rags of humanity that He might win some.

I. *The folly of the women (6-9).* Verse 5 should be studied with third division. After the Israelites returned from the slaughter of the Philistines Saul and David visited a number of the chief cities. The women came out singing, and dancing, and playing on musical instruments. They answered one another in their song and dance, saying: "Saul hath slain his thousands and David his ten thousands." Saul was filled with wrath at this saying, and desired to know what more David could have except the kingdom. He kept his eye on David from that day forward. Note—Dancing was at first a religious ceremony. The most ancient dance of which we have any account is that of the Jews. With them it was confined almost entirely to the women. When both sexes danced they kept in different companies. Miriam led the women in the dance at the Red Sea. The daughters of Shiloh came out annually to dance at a feast unto the Lord, and the sons of Benjamin caught wives from among them. When the ark was brought up to Jerusalem from the house of Obed-edom, David danced before the Lord with all his might. In Ecclesiastics we are told of a "time to mourn, and a time to dance." The daughter of Herodias danced before Herod and others. When the elder son returned from the field "he heard music and dancing." The Egyptians, same as the Jews, had their solemn dances. The principal was their astronomical dance, of which the sacreligious dance around the golden calf was an imitation. The Greeks had the dance of the Curates, invented by the Cretans; the dance of satyrs invented by Bacchus; the memphatic dance, invented by Pryrrhus; the rustic dance, invented by Pau; the ball dance, invented by Comus; and the dance of innocence, which was performed by young women; they had also the nuptial dance. Dancing passed from Greece to Rome, and from Rome throughout all Europe. The manner of dancing to-day cannot be justified by Scripture. All leading branches of the church to-day condemn dancing as carnal, immodest, and immoral. Dancing was one great means by which Nero corrupted Rome. Dancing dishonors Christ and the church. The best and most devoted Christians do not dance. Dancing is one of the favorite amusements of the vile. The world has no confidence in the piety of dancing church members. No godly person danced in Bible times except as an act of religious worship. Dancing is a companion vice with drinking, and many other sins. Dancing dissipates the mind, corrupts the heart, and sears the conscience. The ballroom dress is an innovation of harlots. The liberties indulged in dancing are nowhere else allowed in decent society, and under other circumstances furnish grounds for divorce. Dancing brings virtue into close communion with vice. Men do not choose to dance with one another, nor with their own wives and sisters. The confessional, and police reports, show that a very large portion of abandoned women were ruined in connection with the dance. No one would like to meet death at a dance, and in a ball dress. Those whose souls are filled with the joys of salvation have no desire to dance.

II. *The madness of Saul (10-11).* He was possessed of an evil spirit. It came upon the day

following that upon which the women sang and danced before David and himself. When Saul was anointed king the spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he was numbered among the prophets. This spirit remained with him as long as he walked with the Lord. But when he did wickedly the spirit of God departed from him, and an evil spirit was permitted to possess him. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he (the unclean spirit) walked through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he returned to his house from whence he came out. He found it swept and garnished. Again he went out and found seven other spirits more wicked than himself; they entered in and dwelt there, and the last state of that man was worse than the first. Saul had likely become discouraged. Evil spirits love best to dwell in hypochondriacs. The human heart knows no vacuum. If the Spirit of the Lord does not fill it the spirit of Satan does. Saul "prophesied," or acted the prophet, "in the midst of the house," or before the people. He was completely possessed by a foul demon. He raved like a madman. He probably uttered impassioned cries, fell prostrate on the floor, and breathed forth inward ravings like one holding communion with an unseen world. Evil spirits are not vicious habits, but they may produce them. They are not diseases of the mind, but they may cause such afflictions. They are created spirits, fallen from their own steadfastness, while in a time of probation, and now dwelling in the ruins of man with man's own spirit. They are not a part of man, but may enter into and be cast out of him. They have knowledge and strength, and are intensely vicious. 2. *David endeavored to comfort Saul by playing on the harp before him.* Thus he hoped to drive away the "blue devils." Music has great power over man. Satan is a bitter enemy to music. It often drives from the heart its weight of sorrow, and fascination of evil thoughts. It revives the affections and improves the understanding. Usually those who love music are gentle and honest in their temper. The singing of the Gospel has won many souls to our Lord. Music inspires courage: Wellington came near losing the battle of Waterloo by one of the bands ceasing to play. David was the coming king, yet he could do any humble service for Saul. When the king was sick David wore sackcloth, humbled his soul with fasting, and prayed for him. We should love our enemies. 3. *Saul tried to kill David.* He threw his javelin with all his strength, hoping to tack David to the wall. But the prince by stepping aside was not harmed. Saul here possessed by an evil spirit, striving to take the life of David, controlled by the Holy Spirit, is a striking figure of the world arrayed against the church.

III. *The exultation of David (12-16).* 1. *Saul was afraid of David.* He had no doubt learned by this time that the Lord had departed from him and was with the son of Jesse, and that fighting against him was fighting against God. Saul's rashness and wickedness cost him his crown. Many souls have sacrificed the kingdom of heaven for a few fleeting pleasures. 2. *Saul removes David from his court,* and made him captain over a thousand men. This he did to get David out of his sight, for he hated him. He likely hoped he would be killed in battle. The bad do not enjoy the society of the good. 3. *David obeyed promptly.* He went out and came in before the people. He behaved himself wisely. God gave him wisdom and an understanding heart. The Lord, who alone is a majority, was with him.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

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The Banner District Conference

After all there is much satisfaction in carrying the banner. The brethren of the Shubuta District, Mississippi Conference, feel that way, hence at their recent session at Moss Point they went in to secure the banner, and did so. They gave the SOUTHWESTERN sixty-four cash subscribers during the session and propose to greatly increase the number in the next few weeks. Rev. S. A. Cowan, the presiding elder, made the most sincere efforts to push the matter and was loyally assisted by the brethren of his district. We sincerely trust that the other district conferences may do as well. But if they do not accomplish as much at the conference, we certainly hope they may at any rate do their very best while there and arrange plans to capture the banner while the effort is being made to secure 3,000 new subscribers.

Among the visitors at the conference were Rev. Drs. J. M. Shumpert, R. E. Jones, R. P. Threlkeld and the editor of the SOUTHWESTERN. Bro. Cowan presides with perfect ease and yet with the greatest possible care of every interest of the church.

A Good Paying Investment

After paying all running expenses the publishers of the *Michigan Christian Advocate* find that the income of that excellent paper warrants their giving to the two conferences that support it a dividend of \$3,500. It will be given to these conferences pro rata with the number of subscribers from each. We wish all our preachers and all our members would note this fact. It would take in round numbers a \$100,000 endowment to produce an annual income equal to this dividend. That is to say, apart from its religious and moral influence, and over and above all its service to the denomination, the *Michigan Christian Advocate* as a business plant is worth \$100,000 to the Methodist Church of Michigan as an income producer. That feature alone is worth attention.

We would most earnestly invite the attention of the readers of the SOUTHWESTERN to the foregoing. An excellent way to help the superannuates of the church is to increase the subscription list. Not only so, but at the same time all other interests of the church will be helped. No better investment can be made. Will you help?

Without any doubt the Rev. John H. Griffin, pastor of Ebenezer M. E. Church, Washington, D. C., is one of the most remarkable and successful financiers to be found among our ministers. We find in *The Colored American* the following account of the most recent rally: "Ebenezer M. E. Church, corner Fourth and D street S. E., Washington, D. C., held a bee-hive rally the first and second Sundays in July. Thus far they have realized \$1,413.43. Other remnants will come in next Sunday, when the amount will reach their aim, viz, \$1,500. They need only \$86.57 to reach that amount. John H. Griffith is pastor. This is his seventh year."

Besmirching the Negro a Necessity

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which the Negro is politically an influential factor. Not only so, but in at least two of the instances referred to it has been shown that the leader in the uprising was a Southern man. It may be that such incidents bear no significance but we do not believe it. It becomes more and more evident to us each day that the criminal Negro is being used for the purpose of influencing the vote of the country in the coming Presidential election. We cannot believe that the treatment accorded this class of Negroes even at the South as compared with that meted out to whites equally deserving of condemnation is the result of bitterness—race hatred; it is a political manoeuvre pure and simple. That it is studied is shown by the prominence given the items, the persistence in pressing them on the view of the reading public, and the effort to magnify even the most insignificant occurrence. It strikes us that those who push these matters might not consider it contrary to their interests to show the weakness of Republican administration in the class of States principally involved, and force the Negro into such disfavor throughout the North as will injure his standing as a citizen. In addition to what is being done that tends to further convince us of the correctness of this view, is that special correspondents have been traveling in the South and publishing communications in the newspapers of Northern centres to show the deplorable condition of the worst element of the race. A number of such articles have been published in the *Chicago Tribune*, and editorials even have been written along the same line for certain other Northern papers. We do not write this because we hope to check it, but we simply desire that our friends North and South understand the situation. 'Tis not that matters with the Negro are so much worse than usual, but that the necessity for advertising his weakness is so much more urgent.

Entertainment of the General Conference

As already announced in these columns, the commission which visited Los Angeles, Cal., to look into conditions touching the forthcoming session of the general conference, decided in favor of that city. Western railroads have agreed on one fare for the round trip, and it is thought Eastern roads will do as much. *The California Christian Advocate* reports the result of the investigation as follows:

"The Hazard Pavilion was found to be far better than it had been represented. It is a plastered building, has ample capacity, and the acoustic properties were thoroughly tested by Dr. Spellmeyer on the 4th of July at a public function, and found to be entirely satisfactory. The great First Church, two blocks from the Pavilion, will accommodate three of the seven committees; the German Methodist Church, one-half block distant, will accommodate two more; the Simpson Auditorium, will accommodate one more; the Congregational Church will accommodate the other, making seven in all, the required number, and all within a few blocks of the pavilion. The local committee was required to find hotel accommodations for at least one thousand delegates and members of their families, the rate to be \$2 per day. There was no difficulty in guaranteeing excellent hotel accommodations at that rate for two thousand, and we might incidentally remark that Los Angeles can easily accommodate 20,000 guests. The hotels were abundantly satisfactory, and within ten minutes' walk of the Pavilion. The Eastern commissioners visited them and will make a favorable report.

Mr. Story, President of the Chamber of Commerce, thinks that Los Angeles can easily accommodate 35,000 guests at that season of the year. The marvelous hotel facilities were a surprise to the Eastern commission.

"The third point upon which the commission was to pass was the cash guarantee of \$35,000, \$10,000 of which had reference to the cost of halls, and was fully guaranteed by the West Lake Church. The remaining \$25,000 was a cash donation toward the extra cost of the transportation of the delegates. The local committee put into the hands of the general conference commission a certified bank check for \$10,000 and a signed guarantee from the Chamber of Commerce for \$15,000. The transaction was pronounced by Mr. Miller and Mr. Andrus, the laymen of the commission, one of the most satisfactory they had ever seen. Mr. Miller was delighted and emphasized his surprise by saying that had he been subject to heart disease his life would have been in danger by these two financial guarantees. It is understood that the cost of the transporting of the general conference to this coast will be about \$58,000 more than the cost of transportation to a central place like Cincinnati, Ohio. Los Angeles and the coast has now put up \$25,000 of that amount. This, we believe, is without precedent in the history of Methodism. It is needless to say that the commission was overwhelmed with surprise and delight."

Orange Blossoms

Miss Emma L. James, daughter of Rev. Hampton James, pastor of Mt. Zion Church, this city, was united in marriage to Mr. A. R. Murray, also of this city, July 28.

Mr. George Walker, formerly of Franklin, La., now of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Maud F. Bush, of Atlanta, Ga., were married in Chicago Thursday, July 23, 1903. They are to make their home in Chicago.

Prof. R. E. Brown, A. B., one of the teachers of Wiley University, who spent the greater part of his vacation taking special studies in Chicago University, has just been married to Miss Sallie Donegan, A. B., of Huntsville, Ala., who has also been teaching at Wiley. The professor is an alumnus of Wiley University, and Miss Donegan of Clark. After graduating he taught two years at Philander Smith College, and has since taught in his alma mater as Professor of Natural Science.

We had the pleasure of hearing the address of Rev. Dr. G. G. Logan, field secretary of the Missionary Society, delivered before the district conference of the Aberdeen District, Upper Mississippi Conference, in the interest of the cause he represents. It was without doubt one of the strongest and most eloquent addresses to which we have listened for many a day. It reminded us of some of the addresses delivered at the great missionary conference in Cleveland. His audience wept and shouted by turns, seeming to be completely at his mercy. The doctor collected nearly one hundred dollars in cash, and every pastor present pledged himself to advance his collection, in some cases a hundred percent, and in every case far beyond what it was last year.

The True Reformers, who have done so much in advancing the business interests of the race, have just dedicated a new building in Washington, D. C. It has four stories and a basement, and is said to have cost \$60,000. This organization has a bank in Richmond, and more than one successful store in different parts of the country.

The word "Macedonia" in the Bible has been objected to by the Turkish censor at Constantinople. He desires where it occurs in Thessalonians that "the vilayets (Province) of Salonica and monastir" be inserted.

Personal and General

Mrs. Dr. I. Eugene Mullen, of this city, and two of her children, are visiting Mrs. Landry, at Baldwin.

Cardinal Sarto, Patriarch of Venice, was on Tuesday, the 4th inst., elected Pope of the Catholic Church.

Rev. J. T. Leggett, pastor at Princeton, Ind., has had an attack of malaria for two or three weeks, but is now improving.

Rev. J. H. Thompson desires the Epworth League Cabinet officers for this city to meet him at Union Chapel Wednesday evening, Aug. 12, 1903.

Mrs. I. B. Scott and two of the children, Miss Cornelia Belle and Ira B., have gone to Baldwin, La., for a brief visit to Mrs. Landry and other friends.

Mr. Frank N. Higgins, who is an earnest supporter of the SOUTHWESTERN, and a prominent member of St. Paul M. E. Church, this city, gave the office a pleasant call.

Miss Maggie Bowers, daughter of the Rev. F. D. Bowers, of the Louisiana Conference, is now teaching at Beatieville, La., and doing what she can to help the pastor in his work.

Rev. W. R. Butler, who was in the city last week, reports his district in excellent condition. He tarried long enough at home to join Mrs. Butler in the celebration of her — birthday.

Rev. Edward Fields, pastor, Woodlawn, La., has been sick for several days, but we are pleased to know he is now much improved. Mrs. Fields, who has been sick also, is now convalescent.

Rev. Henry Taylor, presiding elder of the Baton Rouge (La.) district, came to the city last week to see his family, and dropped in the office to leave some cash subscribers. Bro. Taylor seems happy and hopeful.

Rev. Stephen Duncan, presiding elder of the Alexandria (La.) district, was in the city last week and reports his work as doing well. After spending a day in the city he left for Booneville, where his district conference convenes this week.

Mrs. A. M. Waters, wife of our assistant business manager, left last week for a visit to Sedalia, Mo., to see her mother and other friends. Sedalia is Mrs. Waters' old home, and she anticipates a pleasant stay among her friends of other years.

Mrs. Hattie Hicks has one of the largest and best stocked hair stores of any colored woman in Chicago. She has eight hundred dollars worth of stock. Mrs. Hicks will enlarge her store early in January to make room for a wax factory, which she will operate together with the hair work.

Mr. Edward Lewis, of this city, who is the colored solicitor of passenger business for the Louisville and Nashville Railway, gave our office a pleasant call this week. He is now engaged in looking after the interests of his road with reference to the mid-summer excursions to Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati and other points. Mr. Lewis desires to notify the colored citizens of this community and of other points along his line that tickets are on sale August 15 at unusually low rates to the points mentioned. He thinks there are good and sufficient reasons why his line should be patronized on this occasion and expects to carry many of the best people to the cities named.

The School Board of the city of Galveston has abolished the commencement exercises of the High School beginning with this year. There is no doubt that much time will be saved in preparation, but really, as it seems to us, there is more in favor than against the well established custom.

Dr. Wiley, chemist for the Department of Agriculture, who has just concluded the first of the tests relative to food preservation and their effects on the human system, says: "The devil lurks in the soda water fountain, and iced tea is simply suicide."

The *Central Christian Advocate* says: It must be that the colored millions are advancing slowly. But will the pessimist be kind enough to compare them with any other race brought into contact with higher civilization, and show like progress in two generations?

"Lyrics of Love and Laughter," is a new book of poems by Paul Laurence Dunbar.



DR. J. A. M'MILLAN, B. SC.

We are pleased to present our readers a picture of Dr. McMillan, who is at present a practicing physician in Brownsville, Tenn. He was born of Methodist parents, who are prosperous farmers in Wood County, Tex., and was converted and joined the church in his early youth. He is a product of the Freedman's Aid & Southern Education Society, having completed his education, both literary and medical, at Walden University. Before beginning the study of medicine Mr. McMillan served three years as instructor at Wiley University, but resigned this position to enter Meharry Medical College. He passed the Tennessee State Medical Board with a high average, and has performed two very technical operations with success. He gives promise of being a surgeon of great skill. The doctor is devoted to the interests of his church, and has for years given considerable of his time in this direction. At present he is the Missionary Secretary of the Tennessee Annual Conference, and it is rumored that he will at some time in the future become a medical missionary to Africa. A year or two ago he married the talented Miss Lizzie B. Dogan, A. B., of Mississippi, and finds in her a companion in the highest sense of the term. The church and race may expect much of this gifted young couple in the future.

News Notes

War has again broken out between Turkey and Bulgaria.

Dr. Samuel Smiles is the oldest living author in England.

Four Alabama companies of militia will be mustered out.

Of the 10,000,000 Jews in the world 4,500,000 are in Russia.

Porto Rico sends \$1,000,000 worth of fruit to this country each month.

It is found that oil can be used for the improvement of public roads.

President Roosevelt is now a life member of the New Jersey Historical Society.

Within the last ten years 30,000 persons have committed suicide in England and Wales.

The *Pacific Christian Advocate* says Bishop Hurst was probably more given to literary labor than any of his colleagues.

In Glasgow, Mont., a white man was taken from jail by a mob and lynched from one of the windows of the courthouse.

A company of New York Negro business men have recently contributed money for two scholarships at the Tuskegee Institute.

Considering the year to be 365 days in length, the death rate of the world is figured out to be 68 a minute and the birth rate 70 a minute.

The Prohibitionists of Kansas have been stimulated by the success of "dry tickets" in many of the recent municipal elections of that state.

Two great cities have just celebrated their two hundred and fiftieth anniversary—New York City, and St. Petersburg, the Russian capital.

The *Chicago Journal* states that 30,000,000 people are living in this country under prohibition, afforded either by state law or local option.

The finest boulevard in the world is to be constructed along the east coast of Florida from Jacksonville to Miami, about 350 miles, along the beach.

The statue of Robert E. Lee, the Confederate general, which is to be placed in Statuary Hall, at Washington, will cost \$10,000. It will be completed in two years.

President Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania railroad, receives a salary of \$75,000 a year, which is more than is paid to any other railway president in the United States.

Miss Ellen Stone, the captured missionary, will probably return to Turkey, the scene of her adventures, according to Dr. Barton, secretary of the American Board.

In Indiana 200 miners forced three bosses and their families to leave the country under threats of lynching because of the discharge of a miner who reported late to work.

Robert Lee (colored), who, by shooting Policeman Louis Massey at Evansville, Ind., is said to have started the riot there, died in the Jeffersonville prison July 31st from the effects of a bullet fired by Massey.

G. W. Conrad, of Richmond, Ind., has been appointed assistant claim agent of the Pennsylvania railroad, west of Pittsburg. He is the only colored man in the United States who ever held such an important position.

Printed programmes are out of the Cumberland River, Tenn., District Conference, which will meet for its second semi-annual session in Dowell Chapel, Cherry Valley, Tenn., August 5th, 1903. H. W. Key, D. D., is presiding elder.

It is said that Sir Thomas Lipton, an Irishman born in Scotland, owns 450 stores in England, two packing houses in America, employs 6,000 coolies growing tea, and has spent two millions of his fortune of fifty millions in trying to lift the cup.

At Sacramento, Cal., July 28, thirteen notorious criminals escaped from Folsom prison, using as a shield from bullets until they had reached the mountains, the head officers of the prison. During the struggle one guard was killed and several injured.

A delightful book about Africa has been written for boys and girls by an African boy. It is called "From the Darkness of Africa to the Light of America." The author is Thomas E. Besolow, Wilbraham, Mass. He is a young prince of the Vey tribe in Africa, who, by strange leadings of God's hand, reached America.

FARM AND FIRESIDE

Gen. C. Marshall Editor

IMPROVING THE LOT OF THE FARM WOMAN.

In considering the opportunities now afforded for broadening the intellectual and social life of rural communities we must not forget that in recent years the women of farm households have been relieved of a considerable burden of drudgery. Two generations ago country women spun and wove the cloth for the garments of themselves and their families and for household use. Now all this cloth is made in factories. The sewing machine removed a share of the drudgery involved in making up cloth for personal and household use, but now the ready-made garments and other articles purchased in the village stores or obtained from cities on mail orders are in many cases better than those made by hand, and their almost universal use has given the farm housewife much respite from severe toil. In regions where dairying is extensively followed the creameries and "skimming stations" have taken away from the farm women the large amount of labor involved in the handling of milk and making of butter. The windmill, gasoline engine, and, in some places, electricity, are bringing running water and accompanying modern improvements into many farm homes. Oil and gasoline stoves and the refrigerator have made the summer labors of the housewife less onerous and the farm home at that season far more comfortable.—A. C. True, in the *Chautauquan* for August.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

Oxford.—This is our seventh year on the Aleaville Circuit; it is the best year of our ministry. We had to enlarge our churches in order to accommodate the congregations, and yet we are crowded. We have four large churches, three Epworth Leagues in splendid working order, and four well-arranged Sunday schools, with 200 scholars. Our Epworth League has raised \$8 of our benevolent assessment; Sunday school raised \$10. Our Children's Day exercises and the celebration of the founder of Methodism were successfully carried out. Raised \$58.50.

A. D. Smith, Vaughan, Miss.—My second quarterly conference was held at New Hope Mission on June 18, Dr. J. M. Shumpert presiding. The officers had written reports. One was baptized. The elder preached a soul-stirring sermon.

A. J. Mitchell, New York.—The Epworth League of St. Mark's held its annual election on Monday evening, June 22. The delegate elected to the Detroit Epworth League convention was Mr. A. J. Mitchell, the ex-president and treasurer-elect. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Brooks, presided at the election.

H. W. Key, Presiding Elder.—The missionary conventions I have been holding have been a great uplift to me, especially the one at Algood. Brother Belcher and his faithful band, white and colored, are worthy of great praise. The leading white people gave us all the assistance possible to make the convention a success. Some of them paid a dollar, as I was trying to get the members to raise a dollar per member for the missionary

cause. Dr. Moore (white), one of the leading merchants of Algood, paid \$3, and said to Bro. Belcher, we will raise every cent the conference apportioned to this charge. So look out for Brother Belcher and his faithful workers. They are in the lead. The following paid \$1 each: Sisters Burge, Robert, Belcher; Brothers James Burdon, Jas. Burgess, Chas. Burgess, Sol Rogers, Clay Smith. Dr. Logan was with us a part of the time during convention and rendered invaluable service. Brother Belcher was sick in bed, but he had the meeting so well in hand that the members carried it on with success. Raised during the convention in subscriptions and cash, \$40 for missionary cause.

L. C. Thomas, Pastor, New Roads.—Many thanks to Rev. J. W. Price and his good people for their many valuable gifts. Among the many we thank Prof. J. W. Thomas for a beautiful silver basket.

R. C. Young; C. H. Blake, Pastor, Hoschton, La.—My second quarterly conference was held June 6-7, Rev. G. W. Arnold, presiding elder, in the chair. Reports were read. We paid the presiding elder \$10; paid our pastor during this quarter, \$20; raised in Easter services, \$7. We had Children's Day June 14; raised \$12.86. Raised \$2.76 for the sufferers in Gainesville, Ga. We have Rev. A. McEver, D. D., from Spartanburg, S. C. Rev. McEver is well prepared to impart the word in its purity. Raised this quarter, \$37.76.

V. E. White, Pastor, Benson, La.—Our second quarterly conference was held on June 19, in Bethel M. E. Church, with Rev. H. Daniels in the chair. Officers had written reports. Rev. Daniels preached an able sermon. A large crowd of white people came out to hear him. On Sunday, the 12th, we had a real pentecostal shower. Five persons came forward to be prayed for. Raised for all purposes this quarter, \$106.15. Collection for the day, \$19.05. Paid presiding elder, \$10.

EMANCIPATION DAY AT CONROE, TEXAS.

All lovers of good citizenship were invited to assemble at Mt. Olive Baptist Church to the praise and thanksgiving meeting at 6 a. m. It was the testimony of all that the service was uplifting. Exercises were held at 10:30 a. m., 2 p. m., and at night. The emancipation proclamation was read by Effie Johnson; the sermon was delivered by Rev. G. W. Hamilton. The other especial features were educational addresses, essays, recitations, declamations, solos and duets. All services were helpful and interesting.

Independence, Mo.—The eightieth session of the St. Joseph District Epworth League and Sunday School convention of the M. E. Church convened in the White Oak M. E. Church, June 17th, Brother E. B. Thomason, of Kansas City, Mo., presiding. Rev. W. H. Wheeler, of Kansas City, conducted the opening services, after which the president made a few brief remarks. Thirty-five delegates answered the roll call. The Epworth League and Sunday School convention were organized by electing Miss Mary Scott, of Mexico, Mo., secretary, and Miss Mattie Hicks, of Sturgeon, Mo., assistant secretary. The convention was characterized throughout with good work, fine papers and reports. Prof. H. L. Billups, of G. R. Smith College, and Dr. I. L. Lowe,

president, delivered fine speeches. A number of other fine papers were read and many visitors were present.

To Relieve Summer Weariness

take HORSFORD'S ACID PHOSPHATE. It relieves the languor, exhaustion and nervousness caused by summer heat. It strengthens and invigorates permanently.

John H. Wise, Pastor, Scarborough.—Our second quarterly conference convened July 11. Our beloved presiding elder presided. All officers presented good reports. Paid presiding elder in full this quarter. We are moving on nicely. Rev. H. Daniels preached a soul-stirring sermon and our hearts were made glad. May God bless him.

S. Tillman, Cade, La.—Presiding Elder S. Duncan held his second quarterly conference here the 2nd, 3rd and 5th of this month. Elder Duncan preached for us a very strong and convincing sermon, the effects of which are evident.

T. J. Johnson, New Iberia, La.—Dr. R. E. Jones spent a few days with us, looking after the Sunday school. We hope he will come again. Rev. D. S. Sloan, the pastor of Hubertville, is quite sick.

J. Butler, Pelahatchie, Miss.—On the fourth Sunday in June at Lynnwood Mission, we had a rally for the improvement of the church. We raised \$30. The following brothers rendered good service: Rev. P. Thomas, pastor Baptist church; Rev. I. D. Devricks, of the Baptist Church; Rev. M. Butler and Rev. S. Jossel, of the M. E. Church. We ask your prayers for this charge. Yours in Christ.

Rev. R. H. Young, Pastor, Lexington, Mo.—A grand rally was given at the St. John's M. E. Church June 28, and it was a success. Rev. R. H. Young has done extra well in Lexington. He has organized twelve clubs and each member paid \$1. The clubs raised \$63.19; total for the day, \$101.49. We will commence remodeling the church the middle of this month. The church is alive spiritually and financially.

Wm. Harrison, Pastor, Woodland, La.—Our second quarterly conference was held July 6, with the presiding elder in the chair. The officers were present with written reports. Elder Taylor preached a wonderful sermon. Collection was good. June 14 our Children's Day program was carried out. It was second to none. Raised for missions, \$6. After the close of the program Mr. Garfield Norman was joined in holy wedlock to Miss Mamie Seney. Both are members of this church. Miss Mamie is a public school teacher at this place. God bless them.

Huntsville, Tex.—To the churches and friends that aided me when trying to get my son, who was ill in Cincinnati, home: He died before he could be removed. I forwarded on the money that was given me by the following friends and churches: Rev. D. E. Skelton and church, Cincinnati, O., gave generous aid. We are thankful to Rev. W. H. Logan, D. D., of Trinity M. E. Church, Houston, Tex., for \$4, and to Rev. W. M. Bartley and church, of Galveston, M. E. Church, for \$2; Rev. M. N. Dogan, Ph. D., president of Wiley University for \$1.50. We earnestly thank Dr. M. C. B. Mason and wife, Dr. H. C. Jennings, of Cincin-

nati, and Dr. I. B. Scott for their assistance. To the good people of Huntsville, Tex., for their kindness, we are indeed grateful.

My boy was 26 years of age and was a bright Christian from childhood. He died happily June 23. He has left a father, 3 brothers, 2 sisters and a host of friends. Tho' parted, we will meet again.

A. C. CULBREATH AND CHILDREN.

A CARD OF THANKS.

At the seat of our last annual conference Rev. Dr. R. E. Jones kindly consented to ask the ministers and friends to help me in securing an artificial limb and some of the brothers have responded already. I want the other conferences to show how brotherly we are toward each other. I will publish others as soon as they make true their promises. These have already paid: Revs. E. M. Collett, \$2; M. M. Jones, \$1; S. P. West, \$1; S. F. B. Peace, \$1; B. F. Thomas, \$1; D. Brooks, \$1; G. Wells, \$1; N. D. Shambogue, \$1. Please accept my many thanks. Gratefully yours,

S. L. MAYE,

Pastor Randleman Church, P. O. Box 13, Thomasville, N. C.

J. R. Davis, Pastor, Salem, Va.—We are moving on in our work fairly well, all things considered. A new porch is added to the parsonage and we are using electric lights in our church. Our first quarterly conference was a success in every respect. Elder D. W. Hayes, D. D., left no stone unturned. He or the pastor are always paid in full. At our rally on the 28th we realized \$127.63.

Joseph Reddix, Jr., Baton Rouge, La.—The Baton Rouge Opera Company gave an attractive exhibition for the benefit of the organ of St. Mark's Church. The door receipts were \$22. We extend our thanks to the young men. Their kindness shall never be forgotten.

A Free Cure.

For rheumatism, that horrible plague, I discovered a harmless remedy, and in order that every suffering reader may learn about it, I will gladly mail him a box free. This wonderful remedy which I discovered by a fortunate chance, has cured many cases of 30 and 40 years' standing. Mind no one, but write me at once and by return mail you will receive the box, also a most elaborate illustrated book on the subject of rheumatism absolutely free. It will tell you all about your case. You get this remedy and wonderful book at the same time, both free, so let me hear from you at once. JOHN A. SMITH, 1424 Germania Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.

S. T. Miller, Pastor, Petersburg, Tenn.—Presiding Elder Phillips held our third quarterly conference June 7. He preached two able sermons. Reports showed an advance on all lines. Paid presiding elder \$13. We hope for great success.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, Reporter, Hogansville, Ga.—Our pastor, Rev. J. W. Tharpe, came to us from the last Annual Conference and took charge with a zeal which inspired the membership for greater victory than ever in the history of this great circuit. Our parsonage has been renovated at a cost of \$150. It will do for any pastor's family of our conference. Seventy-eight converts have been added to the circuit, and these in our monthly meetings. We hope to have 200 conversions this year. Our third quarterly conference was held July 4-5. Saturday Rev. J. N. C. Coggins, of Grantville, was with us and cheered us with inspiring words. After business, the roll was

Coughing

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Consult your doctor. If he says take it, then do as he says. If he tells you not to take it, then don't take it. He knows.

Constipation delays recovery. Take laxative doses of Ayer's Pills, gentle, purely vegetable.

J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

called for the presiding elder's salary, and \$40 was laid on the table. Sunday morning we had a glorious love-feast. Presiding Elder E. H. Oliver preached an able sermon at 11 a. m. Many came forward for prayer. At night six young men were happily converted and joined the church. Total collection for Saturday and Sunday \$60. God be praised for such men as Rev. Tharpe and Rev. Oliver.

North Birmingham, Ala.—Rev. L. W. Mitchell, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has been a pastor for five years and has built three churches. He will finish the fourth one before district conference convenes in August. It would be well if we had other Mitchells to build missions.

D. J. Betler, R. S., Verdunville, La.—Rev. T. McCary, evangelist of the Louisiana Annual Conference, came here May 20 and preached and lectured to every church save one. The whole place is alive with gospel infusion of the Holy Ghost. Rev. McCary greatly revived this place. He leaves many people who regret his departure from our pulpit.

H. B. Bailey, Georgetown, Texas.—The 19th of June a number of people of Georgetown and all of Bailey's Settlement had a nice time in the country.

S. L. Maye, Pastor, Randleman Charge.—At the beginning of the year we were greatly hindered by smallpox, but now we are rapidly moving on. The sisters of Trinity, under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Alford and Mrs. Nettie Cole, raised the amount required and placed a carpet on our pulpit. The brothers tore away the old stand and we now have one of the latest style. We celebrated Children's Day on the 14th of June and raised \$13.91; \$6.34 was given to the pastor, \$2 to the organist, and \$5.57 for the Children's Day fund. We have only 39 members here, but they are workers. We are now striving to cover our church and are preparing to have a rally soon for that purpose. Several have united with the church this year.

L. C. Thomas, Pastor, New Roads, La.—I grasp this opportunity to thank the people of this place for their liberality in the reception of the pastor and his bride. We were cordially met at

the depot by a number of friends. A grand surprise and reception followed. Many useful and valuable gifts were tendered the bride. We cannot commend New Roads too highly. We ex- year. We are looking up from whence cometh help.

Rev. David Garner, Pastor.—Rev. N. R. Randolph held the first quarterly conference at the M. E. Church of Newton. He delivered a noble and inspiring sermon.

G. H. Pettis, Secretary, Pulaski, Va.—The third session of the Pulaski District Conference convened at Pearisburg, Va., July 8-12, Rev. W. E. Mitchell presiding. Three resolutions were presented concerning the Southwestern, Education and the Missionary Society. Glad to say the benevolent collections are far in advance of last year. We are looking up, whence cometh our help.

R. D. Bethea, Pastor, East Greensboro, N. C.—Our third quarterly conference convened the second Sunday in June. The work for the quarter is as follows: Converts 2, accessions 3; raised for all purposes, \$204.67. The sisters of Bass' Chapel had a rally the second Sunday of July and raised \$11.60 for our new church. Brethren, if we are permitted to meet at conference we will see who shall be near the head.

G. J. Dobson, Pastor, Shuqulak, Miss.—The second quarter for this circuit was held at Mt. Airy, our new church. The quarter was in every way a success. Presiding Elder C. W. Walton made some timely remarks touching the various works of the church. He was at his best on Sunday and preached an excellent sermon. A goodly number bowed at the communion table. Our Children's Day exercise was a grand success. Asbury and St. Peter churches observed the day in union. Little Linnie Jordan, Miss M. J. Locket and Miss Mattie Glaspie won the prizes. Collection \$13.28.

P. W. Clark, Alexandria, La.—Our annual rally is to be held Aug. 23. We, the presiding elder and pastor, want to gather the preachers of the district on the evening of Aug. 20. Bring a crowd with you on Sunday. Each person raising \$7.50 will receive the paper for one year. We wish to make this the greatest of all rally days for our church here. Can you be with us?

R. H. Warren, Pastor, DuKenson Circuit, Texas.—Saturday, July 11, at 12 p. m. a mighty storm struck the parsonage and on opening the door, I was met by Rev. J. D. Oliver, of the A. M. E. Church, who hung around my neck a present of 12 pounds. Mrs. L. J. Crawford led the singing and Miss Arlean Tinans accompanied with her guitar. The following were present: Brothers Mark Tinans, L. J. Crawford, Adam Jack, A. T. Jackson, Richard Johnson, Moses Jackson; Sisters Amanda Tinans, Eliza Jackson, Emma Wilks and Miss Odellia Harris. They left 100 pounds of groceries and 50 cents in cash.

R. B. Anderson, Fort Stephen, Miss.—My second quarterly conference convened July 11-12. The presiding elder, J. C. Hibbler, could not be with us, so the pastor filled the chair. Twenty-one officers were present with written reports. This work is alive on all lines. A goodly number took Sacrament. Be-

nevolent collection, \$8; paid the elder in full, \$11.50; pastor, \$58.16; church, \$12.35. Total raised for all causes this quarter, \$90.01.

B. I. Goff, Gonzales, Tex.—We are alive here and doing our part of the work for the conference and for the boy's hall at Austin. Dear brothers, collect all you can from the church. Let each pastor in the West Texas Conference give \$5. That's what I am going to do. Give Prof. Loving good room and he will do the work. I hope a call will be made at the annual conference and \$5 collected from each pastor. Money is being collected all over my work for Sam Houston College. We have added 26 to the church; baptized 16 children and 14 adults. July 12 was our rally day. Our four clubs reported as follows: G. C. Currie, club No. 1, raised \$42.28, Mrs. Lorrom Going, president; Booker T. Washington Club, \$32.48, Mrs. M. J. Mathes, president; the U. B. F. Club, \$12.60, Mrs. Sarah Hollis, president; the Harrison Club, \$15.80, Mrs. Lula Washington, president; total amount collected \$148.

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The contest ends Sept. 15, 1903. The winning poems will be reproduced in the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE; also a short biography of winning persons. The merit of the poems will be decided upon by a committee of leading representative men. The following gentlemen have kindly decided to act as judges: Dr. I. B. Scott, editor SOUTHWESTERN; Dr. J. T. Newman, Ph. D. LL. D., surgeon to Flint Medical College; Dr. A. E. P. Albert, M. D., D. D., physician to Metropolitan Relief Association; F. B. Smith, A. M., attorney at law; Dr. I. E. Mullen, A. M., M. D., physician to Metropolitan Relief Association; Prof. A. Brazier, secretary to judges. Send in your name and address and we will send you card explaining the conditions of the contest. Address Prize Dept. Metropolitan Relief Association, 1428 Canal St., New Orleans, La. Enclose stamp for reply.

W. B. Scales, Pastor, Greensboro District.—North Carolina Conference No. 1 was held at Newport News, Va., July 2-4, with Rev. M. J. Bullock, presiding elder, in the chair. The work of the district was well conducted. The pastors, local preachers and stewards of the following churches were present, with good reports: Oxford, N. C., Townsville, N. C., Pleasant Ridge, Va., Newport News, Va. The work is in a better condition than for many years past. Rev. J. D. Chavis, D. D., of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., was present and gave a grand address on "Do your best, How and Why." We were greatly blessed on Sunday. Rev. J. D. Chavis, D. D., preached at 11 a. m., Rev. A. Clark at 3 p. m., and Rev. A. W. McMaster at 8:30 p. m. The work at Newport News is leading the district. We found 30 active members on this charge. Paid on pastor's salary, \$102.20; presiding elder, \$21; on

church lot \$41; church rent, \$84.50; benevolence, \$15; parsonage, \$12; total \$226.70. The presiding elder preached Monday at 8:30 p. m. All left for their work Tuesday morning. The conference was well cared for.

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Dr. D. A. Williams, East Hampton, Conn., says if any sufferer from Kidney and Bladder Disease will send him their address he will mail them free of all cost, some of the remedy they are looking for. The ONE that will cure them.

Rev. B. B. Booker, Reporter, Conroe, Texas.—The Epworth League Group-Meeting met at this place July 7-8, with the conference president, Rev. B. M. Taylor, in the chair. Delegates were on hand with papers well prepared. All subjects were discussed fully. The president urged upon all the necessity of the group-meeting of the Epworth League. The following pastors were present: Revs. G. W. Gill, Conroe; Jesse Jones, Willis; B. R. Booker, Montgomery; also Rev. W. A. Fortson, presiding elder of the Huntsville District, who rendered valuable service in the meeting. Our visitors were Dr. Cook, Prof. Porter and Prof. J. C. Pitts, of Jefferson, Tex. The meeting was very enjoyable and on the night of July 8 an Epworth League social was given. Thus ended a good session of the group-meeting at Conroe, Texas.

Wm. T. Trammell, Pastor, Scottsboro, Ala.—Our third quarter has just closed with good results. The presiding elder, W. H. Nelson, preached two very good sermons, after which, assisted by the pastor and Rev. W. J. Harris, he administered the Lord's Supper to about 52. The collections for this quarter for all purposes was about \$42. We are hoping for a good revival here soon. Pray for us.

A. J. Proctor, Reporter, Mansfield, La.—The first session of the Shreveport District conference, Sunday School and Epworth League Convention convened in Wesley Chapel M. E. Church at Mansfield, La., July 8, in a two days' meeting. It was a profitable session. The Rev. H. Daniel presided. Revs. C. Johnson and H. J. Wright, vice presidents; E. P. Harris, secretary, and J. D. Brown, assistant. Revs. D. M. Seales and J. McKee, treasurers; A. J. Proctor, reporter and Miss E. B. Seales, organist. Very interesting sermons were delivered by Revs. D. M. Seales and H. J. Wright. Good papers were read by the following persons: W. C. Chatman, Thos. Jackson, W. J. Walker, Miss E. B. Seales, A. C. Connelly, Mrs. B. C. Murray, H. J. Wright, A. C. Oats and Mrs. Clark, of St. James, Shreveport. The subjects were well discussed. This is the first meeting of its kind ever held on this district and under the leadership of the Rev. H. Daniels, presiding elder, with his painstaking and Christian ruling, great things are looked for. In

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS.

West Tennessee, Humboldt, Tenn. Au. 3
West Tennessee, Brownsville, Tenn.

.....Aug. 3

Palestine, Palestine, Tex.Aug. 4-9

West Tennessee, Humboldt, Tenn.

.....Aug. 5

Atlanta, South Atlanta, Ga.Aug. 5

Monroe, Mt. Nebo, La.Aug. 5

Vicksburg, Fayette, Miss.Aug. 5

Alexandria, Booneville, La.Aug. 5-9

Topeka, Fort Scott, Kan.Aug. 5-9

Waco, Calvert, Texas.Aug. 5-9

Cumberland River, Cherry Valley,

Tenn.Aug. 5-10

Rome, Cave Springs, Ga.Aug. 6

Waynesboro, Statesboro, Ga.Aug. 6-9

Huntsville, Huntsville, Tex.Aug. 11

St. Louis, Farmington, Mo.Aug. 11-15

Gainesville, Cartersville, Ga.Aug. 11-16

Huntsville, Athens, Ala.Aug. 12

LaGrange, Meansville, Ga.Aug. 12

Shreveport, Shreveport, La.Aug. 12

Clow, New Lewisville, Ark.Aug. 12-16

Louisville, Cloverport, Ky.Aug. 12-16

Lexington, Parsons, Tenn.Aug. 12-23

Marshall, Mineola, Tex.Aug. 12-24

Austin, Georgetown, Tex.Aug. 12-23

Baton Rouge, Donaldsonville,

La.Aug. 19

St. Joseph, Glasgow, Mo.Aug. 19

Birmingham, Mantua, Ala.Aug. 19-22

Ohio, Oberlin, O.Aug. 19-23

Sedalia, Sweet Springs, Mo.Aug. 19-23

Columbus, Lagrange, Tex.Aug. 20

West Nashville, Dickson, Tenn.Aug. 25

San Antonio, Seguin, Tex.Aug. 25-31

New Orleans South, Jeanerette, La.

.....Aug. 26

Forrest City, Marianna, Ark.Aug. 26

Pine Bluff, Clarendon, Ark.Aug. 26-30

Paris, Clarksville, Tex.Aug. 26-31

Austin, Georgetown, Tex.Aug. —

Navasota, Caldwell, Tex.Sept. 1-6

Ocala, —, Fla.Sept. 9

Houston, Kendleton, Tex.Sept. 17-30

Little Rock, Little Maumelle, Ark.

.....Sept. 24-27

Alexandria, Roanoke, Va.Sept. —

Greenville, Gunnison, Miss.—

Mont Clair, N. J.Oct. 6, 7, 8.

CONVENTIONS.

Gainesville, Cartersville, Ga.Aug. 11-16

Starkville, Eupora, Miss.Aug. 26-30

Forest City, Marianna, Ark.Aug. 26-30

Forest City, Marianna, Ark.Aug. 26-30

Clow, Holly Springs, Ark.Sept. 3-6

Fort Smith, W. H. M. S., Van Bu-

ren, Ark.Sept. 3-6

Chattanooga, Tenn., W. H. M. S. Oc. 23

the convention 15 charges were rep-

resented and 25 delegates were present.

The convention closed Thursday, July

9, to meet at Marthaville the fourth

Wednesday in May, 1904.

C. A. Taylor, Pastor, Cotton Plant,

Ark.—Second quarterly conference was

held by Rev. B. J. Griffin, presiding

elder. Reports good. The church is

alive; 13 members received this quar-

ter; 65 communion at the Lord's table.

We are looking after every interest of

the church, and the people are caring

for us.

The Knoxville District Conference

convened at Clinton, Tenn., July 11,

1903. The pastor, Rev. E. H. Forrest,

and his faithful members spared no

pains to provide for the comfort of all

who attended. The presiding elder,

Rev. W. F. Marley, presided. The re-

ports showed a decided increase along

all lines of church work. We were fa-

vored with addresses by Dr. G. G. Lo-

gan, field secretary of the Missionary

Society, and Dr. C. C. Jacobs, field

agent of the Sunday School Union. The

conference responded liberally to the

causes represented by these efficient

and Godly men. Dr. Logan received

\$95 for missions and Dr. Jacobs a

handsome sum for the Sunday School

Union. Knoxville Station paid at this

conference more than one-third of the

entire amount paid by the whole dis-

trict for the cause of missions last

year. Merristown follows next in line,

with a grand report. All of the charges

show faithful service on the part of

the pastors and members. We are

striving to place the district in the

line of march to success. Rev. Forrest

has greatly beautified the church at

Clinton. It is the neatest one, in point

of beauty, on the district.

Hattiesburg, Miss.—The first district

conference of the Shubuta district con-

vened at Moss Point, Miss., July 8-12,

1903. Rev. S. A. Cowan, presiding el-

der, was in the chair. Seventeen pas-

tors were present. Paid to pastors on

the district, \$3,228.32; presiding elder, \$360.62; raised for benevolence, \$205; building improvements, \$573.04. Total, \$4,366.98. The following distinguished gentlemen were present: Dr. J. M. Shumpert, of the Jackson District; R. P. Threlkeld, of the Vicksburg District; Dr. R. E. Jones, of the Sunday School Union, and Dr. I. B. Scott, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN. Sixty-eight cash subscribers were secured. Collected during the conference \$57. The following divines preached during the conference: Revs. J. I. Garrett, Armstrong, J. Jordan, A. C. Lacy and Dr. I. B. Scott. On Sunday Rev. J. K. Comfort and Rev. A. M. Quinn. Rev. R. N. Jones, the pastor, and the good people of Moss Point cared for the conference nicely. Dr. C. S. Walters and his wife spared no pains to make things pleasant at his home for the writer, Dr. J. M. Shumpert and Rev. S. A. Cowan, A. M., presiding elder.

D. F. DUDLEY, Conference Secty.

Conference Notices

To the Pastors of the Navasota District, Texas Conference:

Dear Brethren—Dr. G. G. Logan, our esteemed field agent of the Missionary Society, and I, hereby notify each of you that we want to make this his first visit to our district, successful on the missionary collections. Let each of us raise our full assessment and whatever we can over, and so prove our appreciation of this noble Christian man's appointment. Work and the money is what we need in this line. Put your committees to work at once. Bring your mission money or the receipt for same to the meeting at Caldwell, Tex., Sept. 1-6.

W. HARTLEY JACKSON,
District Missionary Secretary, Navasota District.

The Epworth League Convention of Starkville District Conference will be held at Eupora, Miss., Aug. 26, 1903. Each chapter is entitled to elect three delegates, besides the president of the chapter. Let each chapter bring up good reports and \$1 to pay expenses. I am requested by Mr. J. F. Berry, general secretary, to reorganize my district cabinet, so that it will conform with the changes that were made at the recent session of the Board of Control. Come with your hearts filled

with grace and your pockets with money, so we may push our district to the front. G. P. CHILDRRESS, President.
Ackerman, Miss.

NAVASOTA DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Millican Circuit, Sept. 12-13; Brookshire Circuit, Sept. 19-20; Sealy and San Felipe, Sept. 18-20; Waller, Sept. 26-27; Anderson, Oct. 3-4; Caldwell Circuit, Oct. 10-11; Brenham Station, Oct. 16-18; Brenham Circuit, Oct. 17-18; Bellville Circuit, Oct. 24-25; Hempstead, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1; Hockley, Nov. 7-8; Courtney, Nov. 14-15; Navasota Station, Oct. 21-22; Navasota Circuit, Oct. 21-22; Yarborough, Oct. 28-29; Brookshire, Dec. 5-6.

Dear Brethren: I hope for every charge success financially and spiritually. The Bishop, missionary, field agent and the entire church are pleading for the whole assessment on each charge to be raised, and no blank at conference. The time has fully come when every preacher in this great church ought to resolve to do his full duty. Places where our brethren organized well and put every effort for success, are succeeding amid every disadvantage. Will not every brother see that his work succeeds? If we complain when the year is gone that our charge was a poor one, that will help us but very little if any at all. You did very well last year, but the great church is expecting more of you this year. Determine to go to conference to report every cent of your assessment, and many souls converted to God. The God of all peace bless your efforts for good and prosper your cause. Your brother in the work.

J. E. BRYANT.

NOTICE.

To the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the State of Arkansas:

Dear Sisters—Our annual Convention will be held in Van Buren Sept. 10-13. Let each auxiliary get to work at once to raise its \$5 for annual dues to the convention. Send in as good a mite box collection as possible. If you are behind in your membership dues forward that right away to the treasurer, Mrs. Nasmyth, at Adeline Smith Home, Little Rock. Send a delegate if you can, but by all means send in your assessments. May God bless you with your work. Yours,

MRS. A. T. STRICKLAND State Pres.

To the Treasurers of Lexington Conference, W. H. M. S.: Dear Sisters—The annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society will meet in Chattanooga, Tenn., October, 28th, 1903. The time is drawing near. I wrote you a letter in May asking you to please raise \$5 to help pay the expenses of our delegates to and from the annual meeting. Our delegates are our president, Mrs. J. T. Leggett, and our corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. B. Harris. Let us interest ourselves to this extent, that we raise the amount assessed each auxiliary. We should do this much at least to show our appreciation for the work this society has done toward helping some of the ministers of our conference, if not the great work they are doing for our race in the South. Yours for the cause. MATTIE A. SIDDLE, Treasurer Lexington Conference, W. H. M. S., Indianapolis, Ind.

PROGRAM OF CLOW DISTRICT.

Clow District Conference will convene at New Lewisville, Ark., McDonald Chapel M. E. Church, Aug. 12-16. Program will commence promptly at 9

a. m. Aug. 12. After the organization all pastors will hand in their full reports and all other members will come in regular order. At 8 p. m. Rev. C. W. Whitehead will preach the opening sermon. Beginning with Thursday, Aug. 13, different subjects will be discussed, led by the pastors. The general questions will be on church government and the duty of each officer in the church, beginning with the prayer-meeting leader. Special efforts will be made to help the officers of the church. All money collected and not sent to the office must be brought up and sent at once. All money sent, the voucher must be brought to the conference in the following order: The full membership including probationers; the number in Sunday school, with their respective ages; number of members in the Epworth League Chapters; number of charter and name of each officer of the chapter. Please have the chapters chartered. Bring the deeds of all churches and property of any kind. Let the district stewards bring full reports, also class leaders. Sunday school superintendents and Epworth League presidents. Make full and correct statements of all the items required in the discipline. No local preacher can hope to pass the committee on examination unless they have been studying and doing real church work such as the law prescribes for men of their class. It is required that young men, before applying for admission into the conference, should attend some one of our schools. This will be looked after with care. You will not be excused for tardiness, so don't fail to be present the first day with a full delegation. We must do our part in helping bring the SOUTHWESTERN to self-support.

Clow, Ark. T. R. WAMBLE, P. E.

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Dear Brethren—As the year closes, push your benevolent collections. "An increase on all lines," should be the motto of every pastor. Do not forget the SOUTHWESTERN. Put it in every home. Yours for success,

W. A. FORTSON, Presiding Elder.
Conroe, Texas.

All persons attending the Rome District Conference which convenes at Cave Spring, Ga., Aug. 6, 1903, holding properly receipted certificates of the standard form, will be granted a reduction of one-third the first-class limited fare, plus 25 cents. Please get certificates when you buy your tickets.

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PALESTINE DISTRICT, TEXAS CONFERENCE.

FOURTH ROUND.

Bryan Sta., Sept. 4-6; Bryan Ct., 5-6; Franklin, 11-13; East Calvert, 12-13; East Mexia, 19-20; Fairfield, 26-27; Winkler, Oct. 3-4; Jacksonville, 10-11; San Augustine, 17-18; Hemphill, 20-21; Oakwood and B., 24-25; Jewett and B., Oct. 30-Nov. 1; Hopewell, Nov. 2-3; Madisonville, 7-8; Leona, 14-15; Hearne, 21-22; Palestine, 28-29; Palestine Ct., Dec. 5-6.

Dear Brethren—Let us strive to accomplish on the fourth round what ever was not done during the preceding quarters. Let us strive to make a round report at the ensuing annual conference.

To delegates and friends coming to the district conference at Palestine, Aug. 4-9, there will be one and one-third rates allowed on the I. & G. N. railroad and the same on the H. & T. C. railroad. Buy your tickets on Aug. 3 and 4, limited to Aug. 10.

L. S. BLAKENEY, Presiding Elder.

NOTICE.

Brownsville, Tenn., July 22, 1903.

To the Tennessee Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren—You are aware that the "annual conference" is fast approaching and we are in duty bound to bring in a large sum for missions. We want, at the least, fifteen hundred dollars reported at Martin, and urge that faithful and united efforts be made in each and every pastoral charge throughout the whole Tennessee Conference. Many are promising to bring in good reports. Let us not only promise, but bring in every cent that is apportioned. I have written several brethren and am asking that we make our average throughout the conference of not less than \$20 to each pastoral charge. I trust that none will fall short. I shall continue to write and urge and trust my efforts will not be fruitless. We must give more prominence to the missionary work of the church than heretofore. Let each pastor have a revival or missionary enthusiasm. Yours for the church,
J. A. McMILLAN, Missionary Secretary,
Tennessee Conference.

NOTICE.

To the Brethren of San Antonio District Conference of the M. E. Church: Rates have been secured over the following railroads: Southern Pacific, Southern Alabama and Illinois and Great Northern, beginning Columbus, Corpus Christi, Kerrville, Victoria, Giddings, Texas. They are granted on certificate plant one and one-third fare, returning from Seguin, Texas. On sale Aug. 23, 24. Let every preacher see to it that his delegates get their certificates coming to the conference and the president and secretary will see that you get your one-third back.

REV. DR. HARRY SWANN, Presiding Elder.

REV. DR. T. S. McMEERIS, Secretary.

NEW ORLEANS, NORTH DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Gretna, August 21; Haven, August 23-24; St. Charles, August 29-30; Scott Chim, Sept. 1; Thompson, Sept. 2; Mallieu, Sept. 3; St. Mathew, Sept. 4; Slidell, Sept. 5-6; City Mission, Sept. 7; Malden, Sept. 8; Mt. Zion, Sept. 9; Union, Sept. 10; Franklinton, Sept. 12-14; Baltown, Sept. 16-20; Litcher, Sept. 25; Whitehall, Sept. 26-27; La Place, Sept. 28; St. John, Sept. 29; Asbury, Oct. 3-4; Covington, Oct. 7; Mandeville, Oct. 8; University, Oct. 13.

Dear Brethren: Plan for good meetings, and let us push things. Let us have fall revivals and finish taking the benevolent collections.

J. F. MARSHALL, P. E.

OCALA DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Citra, Aug. 7; Hawthorne, Aug. 8; Rochelle, Aug. 11; Micanopy, Aug. 13; Orange Lake, Aug. 14; Reddick, Aug. 15; Fairfield, Aug. 18; Ocala, Aug. 22;

Cotton Plant, Aug. 29; Hernando, Sept. 5; Santos, Sept. 12; Trilby, Sept. 19; St. Petersburg, Sept. 22; Pt. Temple City, Sept. 24; Tampa, Sept. 25; Brodowntown, Oct. 3; Lakeland, Oct. 6; Punta Gorda, Oct. 8; Ft. Myers, Oct. 10; Waldo, Oct. 17; Free Conoon, Oct. 20; Lawtey, Oct. 24; New River, Oct. 27.

District conference, Sunday School and Epworth League convention will convene at Santos, Sept. 9, 1903.

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NOTICE.

To the pastors of the Saint Joseph District Central Missouri Conference: The seat of the district conference which convenes August 19, 1903, has been changed from Moberly, Mo., to Glasgow, Mo. Will the pastors please inform me as to the number of delegates they expect to send from each charge, and what pastors expect to bring their wives, and oblige,

GEO. W. REEVES.

JACKSON DISTRICT, MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

THIRD ROUND.

Forest, Aug. 8-9; Morton, Aug. 11; Brandon, Aug. 13; Clinton, Aug. 15-16; Saratoga, Aug. 18; Taylorsville, Aug. 20; Jackson, Aug. 21-23; West Jackson, Aug. 22-23; Linwood, Aug. 28; Pelahatchie, Aug. 29-30; Lintonia, Sept. 2; Green Hill, Sept. 3-4; Roseneath, Sept. 5-6; Yazoo City Circuit, Sept. 9-10; Yazoo City, Sept. 11-13; Benton, Sept. 19-20; Vaughan, Sept. 21; Madison, Sept. 23-24; Canton, Sept. 25-26; Canton Circuit, Sept. 26-27; Couparie, Sept. 30; Good Hope, Oct. 2; Carthage, Oct. 3-4. Sincerely yours,

J. M. SHUMPERT, P. E.

NOTICE.

All persons attending the district conference which will be held at Fayette, Miss., Aug. 5-10, 1903, must secure certificates from starting point, showing full fare paid to the seat of the conference, and they will be returned for one cent per mile, plus 25 cents. Pastors, please buy straight tickets. We must have fifty delegates.

S. H. CANNON, Sec'y.

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Weathersby, Aug. 1-2; King, Aug. 1-2; Haslehurst and Gallatin, Aug. 8-9; Bridgeville, Aug. 15-16; Bowerton, Aug. 22-23; Barlow, Aug. 29-30; Kennolia, Sept. 5-6; Brookhaven Circuit, Sept. 12-13; Brookhaven, Sept. 13-14; Fernwood, Sept. 16; Chatawa, Sept. 17; Summit and Magnolia, Sept. 19-20;

China Grove and Tylertown, Sept. 23-23; Buford, Sept. 25; Zion Ridge and New Zion, Sept. 26-27; Hub, Sept. 28; Columbia, Sept. 29; Rockport, Oct. 1; Crystal Springs, Oct. 3-4; Crystal Circuit, Oct. 9; Florence, Oct. 10-11.

Dear Brethren: We are asked to raise one dollar per member this year for the conversion of the world. Will you raise one dollar from each member in your church this year? Let us put our district in front along these lines.

A. DAVIS, P. E.

SPARTANSBURG DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Blacksburg, Sept. 22; Catawba, Sept. 26; Campobello, Sept. 16; Clover, Oct. 1; Cowpens, Sept. 15; Epworth, Nov. 1; Greenwood Circuit, Sept. 9; Greens, Sept. 14; Gaffney, Sept. 20; Gaffney Circuit, Sept. 21; Lee's Chapel, Oct. 26; Mountain View and Hickory Grove, Sept. 23; Newberry and Salader, Sept. 6; Ninety-six, Sept. 7; Oak Grove, Sept. 14; Packoiet, Oct. 26; Rock Hill, Sept. 27; Reidville, Sept. 12; Spartanburg, Nov. 1; Spartanburg Circuit, Oct. 25; St. James, Sept. 30; St. Luke, Sept. 7; Taylor's, Oct. 26; Welford, Sept. 13; Yorkville, Sept. 28; Yorkville Circuit, Sept. 28. Yours to "look up and lift up,"

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etteville, Aug. 22-23; Van Buren, Aug. 29-30; Fort Smith (mal), Sept. 5-6; Fort Smith (eb), Sept. 5-6; Dallas, Sept. 12-13; Fort Smith Circuit, Sept. 19-20; Danville, Sept. 26-27; Conway Circuit, Oct. 3-4; Wooster Circuit, Oct. 10-11; Morrilton, Oct. 17-18; Atkins Circuit, Oct. 19-20; Solgohatchia, Oct. 24-25.

Dear Brethren: This is our third quarterly round. Let us prepare to make a complete report at the quarterly conferences of all benevolent claims. Don't wait for the people to inaugurate your plans, but every pastor should put in operation his own financial plans and see to it that they succeed. Remember, it is only he who performs well the task in hand who deserves promotion. The successful man and the one who will be recognized as such by the general church is he who can take a class of contrary, irreligious people, and so manipulate them that he can bring to pass his well laid plans. Let each pastor arrange for a benevolent entertainment on the night preceding the quarterly conferences. I am yours in Christ,

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FOREST CITY DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Forest City, Aug. 1-2; Haynes, Aug. 5-6; Crowdsville, Aug. 8-9; Calwell and Wynne, Aug. 15-16; Park Place, Aug. 18-19; Bledsoe, Aug. 22-23; district conference, Aug. 26; Marrafran, Aug. 30-31; Palestine, Sept. 5-6; Oak Forrest, Sept. 12-13; Brinkley, Sept. 19-20; Cotton Plant, Sept. 26-27; Cotton Circuit, Oct. 3-4; Anoergue, Oct. 10-11; Jonesboro, Oct. 17-18.

Dear Brethren: This is our third round. Push all claims. Do your work like men and remember your pledges to the Southwestern. Yours truly,

B. J. GRIFFIN.

NOTICE.

Notice to West Texas Conference: Dear Bros.: We are in danger of losing our church at Eunis, Texas. The pastor and trustees have sent out by my approval a notice to every pastor of the West Texas Annual Conference asking them for a small collection, which will be acknowledged through these columns. Send the money to me at 115 English street, Dallas, Texas. Please heed the call. Don't do as you did when I was burned out a few years ago at Calvert, Texas. I asked for help, and only two pastors responded, namely, Rev. Cavines and Rev. Waters. Remember, we only have 15 members there struggling with a \$480 debt. The church extension board has donated \$200, which will be applied as soon as the \$280 is paid. Remember, you may need help much earlier than you think.

L. H. RICHARDSON.

THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY.

Altheimel, Ark. — Sister Jinnie Brown, born in the State of Kansas in 1862, the wife of Bro. J. H. Brown, died July 14, 1903. While driving to the funeral of Mr. M. Rice her horse became frightened and she was thrown from the buggy, receiving injuries from which she died a few hours later. She leaves a husband and mother-in-law, sister, a son and many friends. Lodge No. 14 paid their last fraternal regards to their sister. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. J. C. Adams, pastor, as-

sisted by Rev. D. B. Horston, of Pine Bluff.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, the Great and Supreme Ruler of the Universe, has, in His infinite wisdom removed from among us one of our worthy and esteemed members, Sister Jinnie Brown; and

Whereas, The long and loving relations held with her in the faithful discharge of her duties in this society makes it eminently fitting that we record our appreciation of her;

Resolved, That the wisdom and ability which she exercised in the aid of our organization by service, contributions and counsel, will be held in grateful remembrance, and that the sudden removal of such a life from our midst leaves a vacancy and shadow that will be deeply realized by all the members and friends of this organization, and will prove a serious loss to the community;

Resolved, That with deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives of the deceased we express our hope that even so great a loss to all may be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things well. Committee: Esther Algood, Ida B. Manuel, Emma Wagner.

Ocala, Fla.—Sister Corine Bartley, the beloved wife of our city pastor, Rev. W. O. Bartley, died June 19 at 12:35 A. M., after an illness of five months. She was 21 years old, and had been the faithful companion of Bro. Bartley for four years and six months. She was a loving mother and an earnest Christian, and bore her affliction with much patience and fortitude, just before she died. Her dear husband commended her soul to God in an earnest prayer, after which he sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee," at the close of which, without a murmur, she peacefully folded her hands across her breast and passed to the great beyond. Her mother and sisters and many friends were with her when she paid the last debt. Appropriate services were held in Zion M. E. Church, Ocala, Fla., by the Rev. S. A. Huger, presiding elder, assisted by Elders B. J. Shannon, J. E. A. Keeler, R. S. Quartermann and P. G. Gowens. A large congregation attended. The remains were carried to Wingfield, Fla., her home, and on Sunday, June 21, the funeral service was listened to by a sorrowing multitude in Huntsville Church, and the body borne to its last resting place to await the resurrection of the just. She leaves a devoted husband, two little children and a host of relatives and friends.

Rev. J. E. A. KEELER.

William Augustus McGruder, the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McGruder, aged 29 years, died at his home in Harrisonville, Mo., July 11, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. McGruder are pioneer residents of Harrisonville, one of the oldest and best respected families in the town. William died a triumphant Christian. He was a member of the M. E. Church. Many beautiful flowers were sent by sorrowing friends, Rev. G. W. Wynn officiating.

Sister Caroline Brooks was born in the year 1844 and died July 4, 1903. She was prepared to go.

William Nebraska Daniels died July 23, 1903, the one year, 3 months old baby of Bro. and Sister Judge Daniels.

Sister Margaret Williams, the faithful wife of James Williams, to whom she was married Dec. 24, 1885, is dead. She lived a consistent Christian for 14

year. Age 34 years, 11 months and 15 days. She leaves a husband and seven children. W. N. LIPSOMME, Pastor.

Liberty, Tex.—Sister Carrie McLain departed this life July 22. She joined the M. E. Church in 1901, and was a faithful member until death. She was loved by all. Sleep, Sister Carrie, we will see you again. The funeral was conducted by the writer and J. K. Sanders.

G. W. PLEASANT.

State Line, Miss.—Bro. Dolphin Platt, one of the oldest members of this circuit, fell asleep in Jesus July the 23rd. He was 91 years old, and had been a member of the M. E. Church more than 40 years. "Servant of God, well done, thy glorious warfare is passed, the battle is fought, victory is won, and thou art crowned at last."

R. L. CARPENTER, Pastor.

Opelousas, La.—Sister Carine Denton, aged 34 years, died July 23. She was a faithful member of St. Mark's M. E. Church. She leaves a husband, 5 girls, 2 boys, a father and a host of friends. The funeral was conducted by E. C. Goin, pastor.

Little Ranaella Garison, aged 9 years, one of our brightest little Sunday School scholars, fell asleep in Jesus July 19. The parents are members of this church. The funeral was largely attended on the 20th instant at 3 o'clock. Rev. E. Fields conducted the service. Miss J. Jacques, of the city, and Mrs. G. Fields furnished the music.

William, Texas.—Sister Mintie Mimms departed this life in the full triumph of faith. She leaves a mother, one daughter, two sisters and two brothers and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

R. V. DOOKS, Pastor.


Dulac, La.—Bro. James Johnson departed this life at the age of 94 years on July 3, 1903. He leaves a host of friends and relatives. The funeral was conducted by Revs. F. Thompson and M. S. Goins, of Houma; the pastor being absent. The memorial services for Bro. Johnson will be held during the month of October.

N. M. McNEAL, Pastor.

LaGrange, Ga.—Brother Jefferson Greer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Greer, departed this life July 20. He was a zealous, noble-hearted, courageous young man, dearly beloved by all who knew him. He enlisted in the Spanish-American war and served his time faithfully. He received honorable discharge. A few weeks ago he was happily converted, so when the summons came he was ready, and his soul was wafted to the haven of eternal rest. His funeral was attended at Union Chapel M. E. Church by G. H. Lennon, pastor.

Jackson, Miss.—Louis Kossuth Atwood, a young man of 18 years, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Atwood, was accidentally drowned here in Pearl river July 20. Mr. Atwood is a prominent lawyer and a member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife is a faithful member of our church. Eugene Brantley, a member of our church died July 21. His infant child died the following day. Both funerals were attended by Wm. McMorris.

McDonough, Ga.—Sister Blannie Clarke, a faithful member of the M. E. Church for 18 years, passed from labor to reward in full triumph of



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faith July 22. She bade farewell to her husband and children, and went happily home to glory. There was a very large attendance at her funeral, which was preached by the pastor.

McDONOUGH, REPORTER.

Forest, Miss.—Sister Sarah Hall fell asleep in Jesus June 1. She had been sick 10 months. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Her funeral was attended by Rev. N. Toole.

Vicksburg, Miss.—Rev. N. Cannon, the pastor at Lake, Miss., died at his post July 20. Bro. Cannon was one of the oldest preachers of the Mississippi Conference. Faithful in all his ways and successful in all his work. Peace abide thy soul, thou veteran of the cross.

J. C. HIBBLER.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Forest, Miss.—Married, at Homewood, Miss., July 5, Mr. Thomas Anderson to Miss Fanny Collins. At Mars Hill M. E. Church Mr. Dave Bradford to Mrs. Froze Buckley, Rev. N. Toole, officiating.

Harrisonville, Mo.—Mr. Ray Jackson and Miss Estella Davis, were married July 9th at the home of the bride. A large number of witnesses were present. The groom is a member of the M. E. Church, and the bride is a member of the Baptist Church. The service was conducted by

G. W. WYNN, Pastor.

Vicksburg, Miss.—At Paulding, Miss., Mr. Willie Seales and Miss Anna Heard were happily united in the sacred bonds of wedlock at the home of the bride's father, Mr. A. Heard, a very well-to-do farmer in Jasper county. Mr. Seales is a highly respectable

young man. Miss Heard is one of our best young women. We wish them a happy voyage over life's sea. Rev. H. R. S. Erby, the pastor, assisted in the ceremonies. J. C. HIBLER.

State Line, Miss.—At the home of Mrs. E. D. Smith, Mr. Robert McLendon and Miss Hattie Mills were united in holy matrimony July 13. Both are members of the M. E. Church. We wish them a happy voyage o'er life's sea. R. L. Carpenter officiated.

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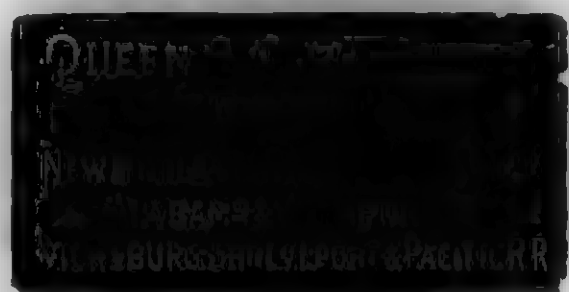
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CRESCENT CITY NOTES

July 27th, at the home of the bride, Mr. Joseph A. Mack and Miss Adele Lewis were joined in holy wedlock. Rev. D. S. Smith officiated.

The second quarterly conference of the City Mission, Rev. D. S. Smith, pastor, was held July 20th. Presiding elder, Marshall, preached an excellent sermon. Rev. Marshall's wife was present and said that she heartily enjoyed the services and would come again. May God bless the elder and his family. Pray for the success of this work.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Rev. Mrs. M. R. Butler celebrated her 22nd birthday at her residence, 1924 Sixth Street, Friday, July 31, 1903. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, Mr. Eaves, Miss J. B. Butler, Rev. W. R. Butler and Mother Thompson.

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The bride is the eldest daughter of Rev. H. James, pastor of the above-named church. She also is a student of the New Orleans University. She was beautifully attired in the latest style and presented a charming appearance when led by her father to the family altar to be given away.

Rev. Joshua J. Obee, pastor Thompson Chapel, officiated.

May peace and prosperity be theirs throughout life.

T. D. Weson, Pastor, Murfreesboro, Ark., Valley Gravel Charge.—We observed "Wesley Day" with an appropriate program. The educational address was delivered by Rev. I. T. Brown. This is a small charge.

LITERARY NOTES

In the August Review of Reviews we have a most interesting character sketch of the late Pope from the pen of that stalwart English protestant, Mr. W. T. Snead. The great wheat harvest in Kansas is described in an illustrated article. The present status of the American labor movement is carefully analyzed by Mr. John R. Commons. The post-office scandal, the lynching craze, and the "peonage" exposures in the South are reviewed by the editor in "The Progress of the World."

We have heard half-tone printer artists remark that the *New England Magazine* was the best example of such work in periodical literature. It surely is a work of art and its contents are in keeping. There is an unusual number of pictures of extraordinary excellence in the August number, especially so, Hanscom Packard's description of Moosehead Lake and its Gibraltar-like headland, Mt. Kineo, with its dozen fine views of Maine woods and mountains. As a contrast to our present strenuousness and preparedness for international trouble it is interesting to read Prof. William E. Griffith's account of "Our War With One Gun," with which single weapon Lieut. Pearson accomplished wonders in Chinese waters some fifty years ago. Equally stirring to the patriotic heart is the account of "The Historic Flags" preserved in the United States National Museum at Washington and shown in pictures from the time of *Le Bonhomme Richard* to San Juan Hill. (America Company, Boston, 25 cents.)

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Our Business Number

For some time it has been our purpose to issue a number of the SOUTHWESTERN containing special reference to and information of the business interests now being conducted by the Negroes of this country. We regret that this has not been done sooner, since the National Negro Business League is to meet in Nashville, Tennessee, the 19th inst. Nevertheless we are sure it will, at least to some extent, serve our purpose to have it appear even at this late hour. We ought to say, too, that we did not realize what a stupendous task it is to give any proper mention of the business interests of the race, until we began to gather material for the purpose. Hence we must say that it is impossible to do more in any one number, even of a paper as large as is the SOUTHWESTERN, than to refer in a general way to what is being accomplished. It is simply gratifying to note to what extent the Negro has gone into business. There has been a general awakening and evidently the business era of the race has begun. For a long time the fathers, many of whom were not educated, attempted something on this line, but comparatively few succeeded. The boys were then in school; now, however, they have taken hold of the work in earnest and are beginning to make it tell. In answer to those who may ask the question what are they doing? we would reply, everything that other people are doing. There are successful stock-brokers and commissioners, bankers, real-estate dealers, grocers, druggists, drygoods merchants and everything else, good, bad and indifferent, that may be named.

We feel safe in saying, that no one can deny the positive necessity for the Negro's taking his place in the business world. One of the first reasons we would give is that it is being more and more impressed upon him every day, that as a race he is distinct from every other in this country, and therefore must prepare to live by himself and for himself. He is not to touch his neighbors at any point except at that of master and servant, and even then in the performance of such duties as are most menial. He need not expect any employment that can be termed a "white man's job." He is given distinctly to understand that if he get above the most ordinary positions he must make them for himself. While on the one hand his being forced into such a position is destroying not a few of the youth of the race, who do not take kindly to the class of work open to them, on the other it is impressing upon the thinking members of the race that they must do something for themselves or die. This brings into view one of the prime reasons for the existence of Negro business enterprises. That is to say, the Negro must not only be prepared to provide for his own necessities,

but he must give the youth of the race something to which to aspire; since others close the door in their face, he must open one of his own accord and on his own responsibility. There is no ignoring the fact that this condition is forced upon him. Again, the influence of the business men of the country is constantly increasing, it dictates the policy of governments and not infrequently restrains the "dogs of war." Hence factories, banks and other business undertakings of equal importance owned and controlled by Negroes will settle many of the vexed questions that

The Race Issue in the Navy

If the occasional glimpses we get of the conditions that prevail in the United States navy are true to the facts, it is not only undeniable that Negroes do not have a fair chance for promotion on shipboard but there is constant muttering on account of the association that is necessary between the races. We do not doubt that there is some restlessness and even dissatisfaction, but in view of the fact that in these times every little thing which concerns the Negro is greatly magnified, we have no idea that there is any serious difficulty on the point of association. And yet it is not entirely unreasonable to suppose that the spirit of the times has reached the nation's navy; especially so when it is a well known fact that there are scores of people to be found who would be only too glad to have it so. Sometime since the report was published that the Navy Department was contemplating the organization of a number of Negro crews for service in the navy instead of mixed crews as is now the custom. We should not object to this if it is the only way to give the Negro a fair chance to enjoy what he may merit. Relative to the matter the daily papers have published the following from Washington, D. C.:

"It is denied at the Navy Department that there is in contemplation a change of policy in regard to the enlistment of Negroes for the ships of the navy. There are now about 500 Negroes, enlisted men, in the navy, and these are serving in the same ships with white men, messing with them. In the army there are four regiments of Negroes, two of cavalry and two of infantry. The line of officers of these regiments, with three exceptions, are white men. Each regiment has a colored man for chaplain. It is said that there is considerable discontent on board war vessels by white men, who say they are compelled to closely associate with Negroes, and that a number of officers of the navy are convinced that the discipline and effectiveness of the enlisted force would be

promoted either by the elimination of the black men or by his consolidation, as is the case in the army.

"It is admitted that the blacks make good sailors, but it is argued that they would be more useful if organized into separate crews, and that this would give them a chance for promotion to petty and warrant officers, which they do not now enjoy. It is probable that the experiment of making up crews entirely composed of black men may be tried, but it is not at all probable that steps will be taken to eliminate the black man from the service."



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now beset the race. Such considerations lead us to hail with delight every evidence of a quickening on commercial lines. We have visited personally such communities as Birmingham, Montgomery, Marion and Mobile in Alabama; Jacksonville, Fla., and numerous towns in Mississippi and other states in which the evidences of progress and commercial standing are plainly to be seen. We have not the least doubt that in a very few years such communities can be duplicated many times in every part of the land. Meanwhile, it is the duty of every one interested in the race to do all he can to help and encourage our business men in every way possible.

Our Contributors

National Negro Business League

BY EMMETT J. SCOTT, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.



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The National Negro Business League, undoubtedly one of the race's most potential national organizations, owes its inspiration to the foresight and wisdom of Booker T. Washington, principal of the Tuskegee Institute. In 1900 Mr. Washington, after consultation with prominent Negro business men and women throughout the country, decided to issue a call for a meeting to be held in Boston, and it was done.

The readers of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE are, no doubt, well acquainted with the successful launching of the Business League and, as well, with the impress which it left upon the people of Boston, and the enthusiasm the meetings created among those who were fortunate enough to be present.

The Business League has not sought any pretentious display in its annual meetings but has been confined almost entirely to the recital by modest men and women of their struggles and of their successes. The purpose of the promoters of the League being to incite by such recital others who may listen, to stimulate interest in business development, and to create among us a group upon which as a nucleus class may be built a foundation which the race must of necessity have if it is properly to take its place among the respected peoples of the country. The subsequent meetings at Chicago in 1901, and at Richmond in 1902, vindicated the wisdom of the organization. In truth it may be said that no organization has created greater enthusiasm among the rank and file of the Negro people nor so thoroughly helped them in the inner growth.

It has been proved, as the promoters of the League asserted at the time, that the slave condition taught the Negro people to distrust each other and took from them everything that savored of personal initiative. The Negro has gone on making commendable and miraculous progress in securing education, in the cultivation of civic and personal virtues, in acquiring homes, in purchasing farms and in building churches. Comparatively nothing, however, until during the last few years—and this without reference to the stimulus of the National Negro Business League—has been done in laying a foundation in mercantile pursuits. This has been true because of the severe competition to be found, and because of the fact that it was an entirely new relation for the black man, that of commercial interest.

At the first meeting of the Business League, a paper of very great value and interest was read by Mr. Andrew F. Hilyer, of Washington, D. C.,

upon the 'Colored American in Business.' Among other things, Mr. Hilyer gave expression to the following:

"In order to secure the latest data upon which to base a study of the progress which the colored population has made, in the skilled trades, in business, in getting homes and in building churches, the United States Commission to the Paris Exposition of 1900 sent the speaker, in February last, as an expert agent, to visit the chief industrial centers of the South and secure this data for the purpose of using the facts collected as a feature of the Negro exhibit. The cities and towns visited were Atlanta, Birmingham, Ensley, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Asheville, Spartanburg, S. C., Columbia, Charleston, Augusta, Ga., Charlotte, Concord, Durham, Richmond, Washington and Baltimore. Reliable reports were received from trained observers in Newport News, Norfolk, Louisville, Tennille, Ga., and Cleveland, O. The total number of places of business conducted by persons of color actually visited was 143, from 131 of which reports were obtained as to the amount of capital invested and the number of persons employed in the business. For various reasons, absence of the proprietor, or temerity, it was not possible to get statements as to the amount of business done annually from more than 79. Often the amount of capital given was lowered; more often it was raised, as the business man had purposely understated his capital, for fear of taxation or of exciting the enmity of rivals. These business enterprises represent the best that persons of color have achieved along business lines in the cities and towns visited. These results corroborate in a remarkable degree the report of the Atlanta Conference, 1899, on 'The Negro in Business,' from which I shall take the liberty to quote very extensively a little further in my discussion. Only those enterprises above a certain standard were solicited; there are hundreds of small shops of various kinds and many other small business ventures in the cities and towns visited that were omitted. The total capital of these 131 establishments was \$831,300, an average of \$6,343 each. They employ 825 persons. The amount of annual sales of the 79 reporting 'sales' was \$457,100, an average of \$5,650. Their capital was stated to be \$425,000, an average of \$5,250 each. Fifteen grocers had capital of \$20,000 and annual sales of \$50,900. Seventeen drug stores had capital of \$24,600 and annual sales of \$50,400. Sixteen undertakers had capital of \$93,300 and their annual business amounted to \$126,000. Three butchers had capital of \$10,000, annual sales \$37,500. These cases are not selected, but include all those in each class reporting 'sales.'

"According to the census of 1890, the latest available official statistics, taken twenty-five years after emancipation, the colored people had representatives in every business listed in the census schedules. It is true that the numbers engaged and the capital invested in some branches were not imposing, yet a beginning had been made in every branch of business in which white persons were engaged. It is obvious to any one who has paid even a little attention to it that there has been a wonderful increase since 1890 in the number of business ventures and capital employed.

"The census of 1890 does not in all cases make a distinction between 'proprietor' and 'occupation.' Yet there are some occupations, like 'hotel keeper,' 'restaurant keeper,' 'merchant,' etc., where it is obvious that the persons enumerated are 'proprietors.' The schedules have been gone over very carefully. I have selected those occupations about which there can be no doubt that the persons

enumerated are 'proprietors.' I find the total number of colored persons of Negro descent in business in 1890 to be 20,020, including the following: 1,172 agents and collectors of claims, real estate, etc.; 13 auctioneers; 114 bankers and brokers; 2,323 boarding and lodging-house keepers; 139 druggists; 666 dairy keepers; 135 dealers in dry goods; 1,829 grocers; 429 hotel keepers; 2,516 hucksters and peddlers; 996 liquor dealers; 390 livery stable keepers; 213 officials of banks, insurance companies, etc.; 291 newsboys; 2,157 restaurant keepers; 231 undertakers; merchants and dealers not specified, retail, 4,490; wholesale, 524; journalists and publishers, 154; builders and contractors, 596; photographers, 190. In addition to these there are 17,480 colored barbers, more than 5,000 of whom are proprietors, 2,510 butchers, many of whom are proprietors of large butcher shops; 718 printers, 10,762 blacksmiths, 61 watch and clock makers, and many other such occupations, in which there are doubtless many successful colored business men and women."

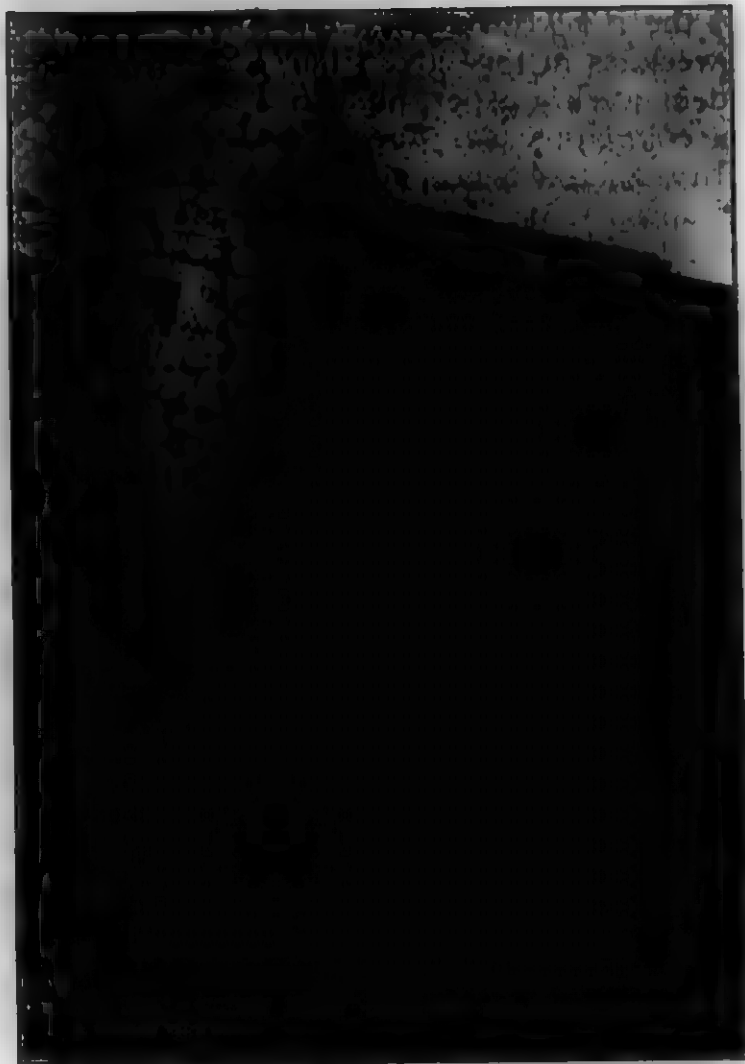
It goes without saying that the resume above is one which is cause for congratulation, not supreme congratulation, of course, because the Negro, like all other people, never does all that he can do. Many millions of dollars have been wasted and many more dollars of hard earnings will be wasted. Nevertheless, there is an awakening along needed lines and there can be no doubt but that, increasingly as the years come and go, the Negro people will more certainly lay broader foundations along lines sought to be promoted by the organization.

It is worthy of note that from the very beginning the League has had the enthusiastic interest and support of the more progressive Negroes of the country. They have traveled long distances during the past three years, as they will during the coming year, to be present at the meetings of the League. They have shown much restraint in keeping down the over-eloquent and irresponsible brother who represents an element found in the average Negro convention. The men and women who have attended the League meetings have talked business "from the shoulder."

Perhaps it is well, referring again to Mr. Hilyer's paper, to remember that his report is based upon the census of 1890. That there has been greater progress during the last ten years than the ten years before 1890 must be apparent and well known to even the most casual observer. It has been the province of the writer to conduct the



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correspondence of the Business League and he has been able to collate a list of nearly four thousand names of men and women to whom reference can be directly made, engaged in every line of business enterprise. As the League grows and its resources are doubled, more and more will the correspondence be broadened and we shall endeavor to have available the name and address, business, capital invested, etc., of every Negro man and woman engaged in business in the country.

A review of the proceedings of the last three sessions of the Business League would prove inspiring to him who would be informed as to the Negro's development along especial lines promoted by the Business League. He will find that the progressive men and women who are engaged in business enterprises and who devote their time and money to the building up of the Business League believe that the mercantile problem is very near the bottom of the Negro problem. As Mr. Booker T. Washington has very tersely remarked, "there is but little prejudice in the American dollar," and when men and women of whatever race produce a better article than any other man or woman can produce they will satisfactorily dispose of it and that they will solve for themselves, at least, their own problem. As an increasing number of black men and women solve their individual problems, increasingly it follows will the problem of the Negro and his relation to his fellows be solved.

In the space allotted for this review, there is but little place for references to personal successes. That some of our men and women have succeeded grandly and almost beyond expectation goes without saying. For instance, a tailor who stands very near the top of his class in Boston is a colored man, Mr. J. H. Lewis. His credit is as good as that of any other man engaged in the same business, and his trade is as representative as that of any tailor in Boston. Mr. Lewis, at the first meeting of the League, gave expression to the following as constituting the creed upon which has been built his entire splendid establishment:

"But what hope has the Negro to succeed in business? If you can make a better article than anybody else, and sell it cheaper than anybody

else, you can command the markets of the world. Produce something that somebody wants, whether it be a shoe string or a savings bank, and the purchaser or patron will not trouble himself to ask who the seller is. This same great economic law runs through every line of industry, whether it be farming, manufacturing, mercantile or professional pursuits. Recognize this fundamental law of trade; add to it tact, good manners, a resolute will, a tireless capacity for hard work, and you will succeed in business. I have found in my own experience of thirty years in business that success and its conditions lie all around us, regardless of race or color. I believe that it is possible for any man with the proper stuff in him to make a success in business wherever he may be. The best and only capital necessary to begin with is simply honesty, industry and common sense."

The coming meeting of the Business League at Nashville will, without doubt, be the most successful of the entire series. * * *

It is pleasant to indicate the interest being manifested not only by the local committee of Negro business men of Nashville, who are arranging the details of the meeting, but the interest of the white people as well; these latter are showing an encouraging interest in the coming meeting, and the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee exhibited its desire for the success of the meetings by the passage of the following resolution granting the use of the hall of the House of Representatives for the sessions:

"Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be, and the same is hereby, granted the colored citizens of Nashville for three days in the month of August, 1903, for the purpose of holding a meeting of the National Negro Business League, which has for its aim the commercial, agricultural, educational and industrial betterment of the colored race." * * *

The League will be guided by and operate under the following rules and regulations adopted at Boston:

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The following rules and regulations were adopted at the session held at Boston, for the government of the National Negro Business League:

1. The name of the organization shall be the National Negro Business League.
2. The object is to inform, as best we may, the world of the progress the Negro is making in business in every part of the country, and to stimulate local business enterprises through its annual meetings and in any other manner deemed wise: to encourage the organization of local business for the purpose of furthering commercial growth in all places where such organizations are deemed needful and wise.
3. Any person engaged in any commercial enterprise, or properly delegated to represent any individual or individuals engaged in commercial enterprise, is entitled to membership under such regulations as may be adopted.
4. The officers of the organization shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, compiler, treasurer, and an executive committee composed of nine members, who shall be elected annually, and shall include the president, secretary, and treasurer.
5. This organization shall hold its meetings annually at such time and place as the executive committee may select.
6. All resolutions shall be referred to the executive committee before being debated in open session.

The National Negro Business League, in session at Boston, recommends:

1. That our people form local business leagues in all the towns and cities of the country where the race is strong enough in number, and such organizations will best promote the interests of the race.
2. That these local leagues send delegates, as far as possible, to the National organization, and keep in close touch during the year with the officers of the National organization.

3. That these local organizations hold meetings monthly as far as practicable.

4. That we strongly urge that everything possible be done in these local organizations to discourage complicated and useless parliamentary machinery, and that parliamentary and technical discussions be avoided, as far as possible, with a view of concentrating time and strength on the real object of the organization.

AMENDMENTS.

The following amendments were adopted at Chicago, August 25, 1901:

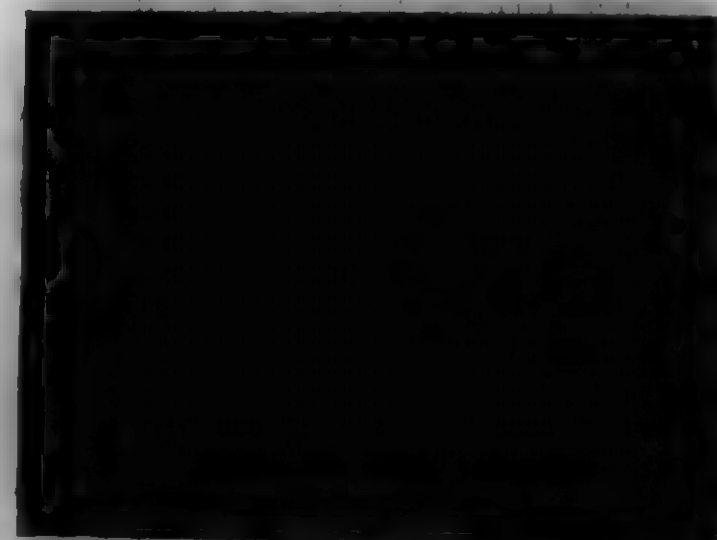
1. Each delegate shall be asked to pay an annual fee of \$2.00.
2. Life membership fee shall be \$25 for an individual or organization.
3. The constitution shall be so amended as to allow a corresponding secretary, a third vice-president and a national organizer.

It is a natural inquiry as to the practical service of the Business League, and as to what it is really doing in the direction of promoting interest in the purposes of the League throughout the country. The following statements and reports are but a few of the many similar ones which can be submitted in proof of the statement that the League is having its impress throughout the country:

Mr. G. Grant Williams, president of the Hartford, Conn., branch of the National Negro Business League, has written as follows of the vitalizing influence of Dr. Booker T. Washington's recent visit to Hartford, showing the direct results growing out of his encouraging speech made at that point, during the course of a magnificent banquet tendered in his honor by the leading citizens of the Connecticut capital. Says Mr. Williams: "Since Dr. Washington's inspiring address here, Cephus Grant has bought a farm in Bloomfield, Conn., and handsomely stocked it. William Albert Jones, an employee at the Boston Branch Grocery Store, has bought a half-acre of ground in Windsor, and is going to build. He lives in one of the poor tenements that Mr. Washington referred to in his talk, suggesting that they be abandoned by our people in favor of neat and wholesome cottages in the suburbs. Robert L. McCombs opened this month at 6 Ford street the finest colored restaurant we have ever had. The community in general has been immeasurably benefitted, and the echoes of Mr. Washington's helpful remarks are still ringing in the ears of the many who attended the great banquet."

The complaint on the part of the enterprising people of Richmond, Va., that the local branch of the National Negro Business League exists in name only will soon cease to be justified if the enthusiastic meeting held last week is any reliable indication of the temper of those who constitute the "bone and sinew" of the ministerial, professional, mercantile and other elements of society in Virginia's historical capital. The work of rejuvenating the League, which performed such yeoman service last year in entertaining the national convention, is in the capable hands of Dr. R. E. Jones, George St. Julian Stevens, Giles B. Jackson, Dr. W. F. Graham, W. P. Burrell, W. H. Anderson, Dr. P. B. Ramsey, and others not less well known. Richmond will give a good account of herself at Nashville.

The Afro-American Business Men's League at Springfield, Illinois, is reported to be in a flour-

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ishing condition. It has a membership of fifty-two, with promise of more at the next meeting. On the rolls are doctors, barbers, bricklayers, carpenters, contractors, grocers and wage-earners of all kinds. Ira T. Smith is president of the League, Edward Lee is vice-president, and J. Edward Thompson is secretary.

Mr. A. DeJoie, Sr., of the firm of Burbridge & DeJoie, leading druggists, has been elected president of the New Orleans branch of the National Negro Business League, with Mr. P. James Scott as secretary and H. Thos. Calloway corresponding secretary. The Crescent City will send an influential delegation to the Nashville meeting.

The colored business men of Greater New York are taking active steps to place their temporary Business League upon a sound and permanent basis. They have set aside the clannish spirit that has militated against the success of such movements in the past, and have agreed that it is wise and just to admit to membership any reputable man, regardless of class and grade of business, if he is desirous of exerting his influence for a broadening out of the race along all channels of trade and will strive to increase the sentiment for home-ownership and the promotion of the co-operative idea in patronage of our own enterprises. Mr. Frederick R. Moore, who has been for several months putting in some energetic work for the National League throughout the East, is chairman of the temporary organization in Greater New York, and will probably be continued at the head of the permanent League.

South Carolina is not permitting herself to be outclassed in the formation of corporations having in view the material betterment of the Negro. The business men of Charleston have long realized the need of a compact body that would take up in an intelligent and earnest way the duty of fostering and building new enterprises among colored people, thereby opening avenue for employment for the younger men and women of the race and to encourage racial patronage in business. To give the local organization increased weight and prestige it will become an adjunct of the National Negro Business League, and have something to say at the Nashville convention of that body. The officers of the Charleston League for the year are: J. P. Seabrooke, president; Robert Wainwright, Jr., vice-president; W. Herbert Hollings, secretary, and J. A. McFall, treasurer.

That the colored people of southwestern Ohio are imbued with the idea that commercial stimulation is the crying need of the race is evidenced by the fact that they have come together and organized a county League at Xenia, the membership embracing the leading business and professional factors of Greene county, in which Wilberforce is located. The officers of the League are: President, A. W. Breckinridge; first vice-president, T. A. Glymps; second vice-president, Rev. O. O. Jones; recording secretary, J. M. Summers; corresponding secretary, Charles Alexander; treasurer, F. T. Lindsay. The president says that every effort will be put forth to make the League one of business in all senses of the word and that delegates will be sent to represent it at Nashville in August.

Persons intending to be present at the meeting of the Business League are urged to send early notice of such intention to Mr. R. L. Mayfield, secretary of the local committee of arrangements, 411 N. Cherry street, Nashville, Tenn. A reduced rate of one and one-third fare has been granted by the Southeastern Passenger Association, Trunk Line Association, the New England Passenger Association, the Central Passenger Association, and the Western Passenger Association, including every passenger association in the country. Delegates are especially urged to request certificates when purchasing tickets.

The colored citizens of Jacksonville, Fla., it is reported, are building and will operate a line of street cars in that city. This movement began when the city council passed the "Jim Crow" street car law.

A Glance at the Business Interests of New Orleans

A committee appointed for the purpose reported the following list of successful Negro business enterprises in the city of New Orleans:

Mr. Z. T. Evans is proprietor and manager of the Coming Mattress Works at 2516 S. Rampart street, the only colored manufacturer of mattresses, bed springs, etc., in the city. He gives employment to 25 or 30 persons every week in the year. He started business eight years ago with the small capital of \$90, under the most adverse circumstances, with practically no machinery. Today he has a well regulated factory, fitted with modern machinery and appliances, valued at \$5,000, and does a business amounting to from \$20,000 to \$25,000 per year. He has a splendid rating by the Bradstreet Agency. Mr. Evans is industrious, unassuming and straightforward in all of his business dealings. Too much can not be said of his worth to the race.

Messrs. Burbridge & DeJoie conduct at No. 1832 Dryades street, one of the largest retail drug stores owned and operated by colored men in the city. They carry a stock of \$4,000 and have an unlimited credit. They have the most elaborate preparations for dispensing soda water, ice cream, etc., consisting in part of a soda fountain which cost \$1,000 and an electrical carbonator which cost \$250. They make their own soda. This splendid establishment is under the management of Mr. Aristide DeJoie, Ph. G., once a professor of pharmacy of Flint Medical College. Mr. DeJoie employs several qualified assistants whom he teaches by example to be cautious and attentive.

Mr. J. A. Hardin, No. 1428 Canal street, whose picture we publish in another column, is president of the Metropolitan Relief Association, the largest organization of its kind south of the Potomac. The Metropolitan Relief Association has its certificate of membership, application charter, etc., recorded in the archives of the office of the Secretary of State of Louisiana, and pays \$300 per year license. This organization has a membership of more than 4,000, gives employment to 20 or 25 persons every week in the year, and still has room for others. Mr. Hardin is a race man, is a member of the New Orleans branch of the National Negro Business League and has been chosen a delegate to represent the local branch in the National meeting at Nashville, Tenn., August 19, 1903. Mr. Hardin is honest, straightforward in all his dealings with men. He is a faithful and fearless officer of the organization over whose destinies he presides. He attributes his success to a great extent to his faithful wife.



DR. J. E. WILLIS.

A Successful Dentist, New Orleans.

Dr. Jos. E. Willis, dentist, No. 1815 Dryades street, is a graduate of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, class '99. He owns his home and enjoys a lucrative practice of more than \$2,000 per year. The Doctor is very dutiful to his patients and spares no time or pains in giving first class work. He is unostentatious, sturdy and gentlemanly.

Mr. P. James Scott, 2244 Dryades street, is editor of the *Weekly Express*, one of the largest colored weeklies in this city. The *Express* is an independent weekly paper, published in the interest of the colored people. The columns are always filled with the latest news and are free from slang and vilification. Mr. Scott is a fearless editor; his editorials are brief and to the point. He is a man of cool judgment and remarkable common sense. Mr. Scott is secretary of the New Orleans Negro Business League.

Dr. A. J. Lopez, 739 N. Broad street, is one of New Orleans' most excellent physicians, a man of thorough training along all lines. The Doctor, besides having an extensive practice, owns a large retail drug store, being situated where he has but little opposition. Prof. E. F. Lopez, Ph. G., has in charge of this well stocked establishment. The Doctor is professor of anatomy in Flint Medical College and special consulting physician to the Metropolitan Relief Association. Prof. E. F. Lopez is professor of pharmacy in Flint Medical College.

Mr. E. A. Grigsby, 345 S. Rampart street, is a tailor and general haberdasher and conducts a first class establishment. Mr. Grigsby is a good man, progressive and upright. He is very modest and highly polished in his manners and thoroughly determined. His decisions always show good business judgment. He has a lucrative trade and employs a number of other persons in his business. He is a prominent member of the Business League.

Mr. L. J. Vaiton, 1410 Canal street, conducts a first class restaurant, soda water, ice cream and confectionery. Mr. Vaiton is progressive and up-to-date. He conducts his business on business principles; serves meats, game, fish, poultry, etc., according to season. He has great hopes for the future of his race, and is always ready to lend his efforts and money to any movement that means elevation. Mr. Vaiton is a prominent member of the Business League.

Mr. E. T. Simmons, 2212 Conti street, has a large trade in the retail grocery business. Mr. Simmons owns six properties that bring in a snug monthly income. He is a member of the Landlords' Information and Protective Bureau. Mr. Simmons is an upright and progressive man and is also a member of the local Business League.

Mr. Oliver Mitchell, 863 Baronne street, is an upholsterer and mattress maker. He also cleans varnishes and repairs furniture.

Mr. J. B. Williams, 2525 Dryades street, owns several wagons and teams, moves, packs and ships furniture. Mr. Williams is a race man and thorough gentleman.

Bernard & Marshall, 1928 Conti street, are bakers and confectioners and do all kinds of pastry and cooking.

Francois Bros. are caterers, carpet and matting layers, 1013 Customhouse street. This firm has been in business for 35 years.

S. Parker Abby, artistic cutter and tailor, 114 Howard street, guarantees all of his work.

Mrs. J. W. Thomas, 1821 Peniston street, manufactures and sells the Magic Hair Grower that is proving a remarkable success as well as a splendid seller. She also handles a "wrinkle cream" and a "freckle eradicant," as well as other preparations for ladies' use. She is meeting with excellent success in a business way.

Mrs. R. J. Smith, 712 Rampart street, supplies for ladies' hair, manufactures her own hair, her own tonic, wigs, switches, etc., and has a large trade. She belongs to the local Business League.

Deguercy's Pharmacy, 1561 N. Claiborne street, has a large stock of drugs on hand, good credit and a very large trade. Mme. Deguercy's business methods are square and up-to-date.

Hope & Johnson, 2400 S. Rampart street, deal in second-hand furniture, upholstering and general renovating. They do a large business.

Jno. J. Winston, plasterer, 2321 Second street, has done over \$20,000 of contract work in the last year.

Mr. Jos. Ray, 1308 N. Rampart street, funeral director and embalmer. Mr. Ray is also a caterer.

B. T. Hatter, 2260 Dryades street, corner of Phillip street, cleans, dyes, repairs and makes to order ladies' and gentlemen's clothes. Mr. Hatter has a large and well patronized, well-stocked

establishment. His wife conducts in conjunction a large soda water and ice cream stand. Mr. Hatter is a prominent member of the Business League.



MADAM M. C. TURNER,

Manufacturer of Face Preparations, New Orleans.

Mme. M. Turner, 1511 Dryades street, is the widow of Burrell Turner, a prominent gentleman of Indiana. At his death, 10 years ago, Mme. Turner came here in pursuit of a living for her little family, where she engaged in her present business on a very small scale, and by her wonderful skill in treating the complexion and straightening the hair by a method known only to herself, which is simply a liquid shampoo, she soon amassed sufficient funds to enable her to branch out on a more elaborate order. To-day Mme. Turner has upon the market the finest medicated complexion and scalp soap known to the dermatologists of America. She has testimonials from the leading physicians of the South praising its merit in skin diseases of all kinds. Her overwhelming success has enabled her to give employment to several persons in the manufacture of this soap. She enjoys a large mail order business and city trade. Mme. Turner is a member of the City Business League and the Phyllis Wheatly Women's Club.

Mr. E. D. Ayles, 953 Howard avenue, corner Dryades street, is a dealer in second-hand furniture, housefurnishing goods and most anything else that will sell. Mr. Ayles has amassed quite a bit of capital and has a good credit and splendid trade. He is a member of the Business League and has been chosen as one of its delegates to the national convention to meet in Nashville, Tenn., this month.

W. E. Roberson, 3007 Howard street, is a contractor, carpenter and builder.

Geo. B. Hunt, 1301 Gasquet street, corner of Franklin, has an up-to-date tailoring establishment.

Mrs. J. A. Hardin, 1428 Canal street, conducts a retail candy confectionery store and news stand. Mrs. Hardin sells all the latest newspapers and magazines, together with all the best novels, new and second-hand school books. Being situated within two blocks of Tulane and Flint Medical College, she has a large trade for medical books and publications. She enjoys quite a large trade of both white and colored. Her motto is "Please the children." She succeeds.

Widow A. P. Boyer & Taylor are among the most successful undertakers in the downtown section of the city. Mrs. Boyer has been in the business for many years, the partnership between her and Mr. Taylor dating back for five or six years. Mr. Taylor is affable and gentlemanly and has shown himself one of the best business men of the city. They also run a line of hacks that have proven a good paying business. They are at 1309 Phillip street.

The SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE is a thorough race paper and has a large circulation. Dr. I. B. Scott enjoys the confidence of all our people.

Miss Camile Green (Green's Pharmacy), 2622 Tulane avenue, has a new drugstore well stocked; also fresh sundries, soda water, ice cream, etc. Miss Green is a registered pharmacist, a graduate of Flint Medical College.

Mr. G. Varnum, 2509 Dryades street, practical hatter, cleans hats, dyes clothes, etc. Mr. Varnum is a progressive young man with a promising

future. He enjoys quite a good trade and is straightforward in his business. Mr. Varnum is a member of the Business League.

Dr. R. Frederick, 1500 St. Peter street, enjoys a large and lucrative practice. He also owns the Climax Drugstore. Dr. Frederick is professor of gynecology to Flint Medical College.

T. C. Terrill, Jackson and Rampart streets, is manager of the International Relief Association, a large company doing a good business, and believes in improvement, moral and financial. He is a member of the Business League.

D. W. Rhodes, Gasquet and Villere, has a large grocery and also conducts an undertaking and embalming establishment in the upper district. Mr. Rhodes is quite a successful business man and is a member of the City Business League.

Geo. D. Geddes, 1722 Erato street, has a large undertaking and embalming establishment. He has the oldest establishment in the city along these lines.

Roberson & Carter, Liberty near Tulane avenue, are practical printers and have a large patronage.



S. E. DAVIS,

Inventor and Cabinet Maker.

Mr. S. E. Davis, 408 Dryades street, is musician, mechanic and inventor. Mr. Davis is well known throughout the United States, having acquired national fame when he presented to the late President Wm. McKinley a beautiful electrical launch which he made himself for the world's centennial exposition at New Orleans in 1884. Since that time he made a beautiful violin gourd-shaped, which he presented to Miss Alice Roosevelt. He received a gracious acknowledgement from both Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt. Mr. Davis has invented many wonderful things in his line.

J. Madison Vance, attorney-at-law, enjoys a large practice. He is a member of the local Business League.

F. B. Smith, attorney-at-law, tho young in the profession, is making a good start.

J. Madison Pierce, attorney-at-law, has a good practice.

I. Eugene Mullen, M. D., has a large practice; he is also physician to the Metropolitan Relief Association.

Dr. J. T. Newman, M. D., Ph. D., has the largest practice in surgery of any colored physician in the city. He is professor of surgery to Flint Medical College.

Dr. P. H. V. Dejoie has a large practice and is a member of the Business League.

Dr. W. F. Jase is a young physician but has a flattering future. He is much loved by the people of Carrollton, where he practices.

Dr. G. H. Roudanez has a large practice.

Dr. L. H. Roudanez practices in the downtown districts.

Dr. C. W. Vance has a large practice.

L. J. Cousin, Ph. G., has a large drugstore.

Mr. Guichard, Ph. G., has a large drugstore.

Mr. Jacob Miller and Mr. Jos. Sarpy conduct up-to-date barber shops. Mr. Miller is a thorough race man and stands for anything that will help the cause.

Life of Faith

Rest of Soul

Christ is the "Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley." Believers are the bees that swarm about the rose, sighing, rejoicing, hungering and enjoying; flitting around it, either with the wings of prayer or the pinions of delight; and there is no end to the humming about this flower, both day and night, in the true Church. From it we derive our honey every day—forgiveness, peace, courage and strength; and its fullness is inexhaustible. Many Christians are, indeed, only working bees; day after day they swim and flutter about the rose, and never properly attain to rest. But how great is their folly!

Observe on a summer's evening how other bees act, and then go and do likewise. Wearied by the heat and labor of the day, they slumber peacefully in the calyx of the flowers. The latter inclose them with their tender petals, and the gentle whispers of the evening zephyr rock the reposing and well-secured insect on its balmy couch. How sweet the rest! So do thou also slumber in the calyx of the Rose of Sharon. Forget thyself in thinking of Jesus. Be he thy all, and his promises and merits the covering over thee, and the pillow beneath thy head. O then, what does it matter if the tempest howls without and croaking night-birds flutter around thee? Soft is thy couch, and the banner over thee is Love.—*Krum-machers Elisha, Christian Advocate.*

Cheerful People

How life is refreshed by the presence of cheerful people—those who manifest constant sweetness of spirit, and who are uniformly joyous! They are graceful because of their very gladness, and beautiful because they are bright. Silken cords of love twisted together draw us whether we will or not. Some people make you forget life's burdens, and the rippling wave of their laughter is as sweet music to the soul; it soothes and quiets. Better than a cloudless day for cheer, sweeter than the flowers for fragrance, pure as the lily, modest as the daisy, sparkling as the mountain streams singing songs clearer than the nightingale, lark, or linnet, their lives are full of rapturous joy, a very song of gladness, a hallelujah chorus, a shout of praise.

Especially is its spirit helpful in old age. It makes even the wrinkles smile. The brow of beauty may fade, but the radiance of sweet contentment makes a perennial halo of glory. "At eventide it shall be light." Brighter than the sparkle of her crown was the luster of the character of Victoria, England's noble Queen—in old age beloved by all for the beauty of her womanhood, and in death mourned by all for the nobility and sweetness of her life. Who does not shun crabbed age, with shriveled-up souls as well as bodies, and living on in perpetual gloom? Such lives have failed to gather any honey for this time of life, and sit repining and morose. Not so those who have met life's duties bravely and conquered its difficulties. To such lives the birds of peace and contentment are constantly singing melodies of perfect harmony. Heaven's portals are not very far distant, and some of its celestial music steals into the life. "Like Moses on the mountain, their faces shine with a radiant beauty; and, like Stephen, 'looking up steadfastly,' they 'see the heavens opened,' and there is their eternal home.—*Rev. A. C. Welch in 'Character Photography,' Christian Advocate.*

Woman's Dominion

Peanut Salad—Two cupfuls of chopped peanuts, after the skins have been rubbed off. Two cupfuls of finely cut celery. Two hard boiled eggs, chopped fine. Mix with the following dressing:

Beat very light the yolks of two eggs, add slowly half a teaspoonful each of salt and mustard stirred together. Continue to beat and add four tablespoonfuls of melted butter and six tablespoonfuls of vinegar. Cook in double kettle, stirring constantly until it thickens. Remove from fire and stir in the two well beaten whites of eggs. Before mixing with salad, add a cupful of whipped cream.

A way to clean gloves with naphtha is highly recommended by those who have tried it. Fill a wide-mouthed bottle or small jar with naphtha and put the gloves in it, covering closely. Leave for forty-eight hours, shaking perhaps once or twice gently, then take out the gloves and hang in the air. The odor of the naphtha dissipates as quickly after this long bath as when the liquid is applied less generously with a bit of silk. As no rubbing of the glove is needed, the objectionable streaks left sometimes after rubbing are done away with, and, most important of all, the absence of all friction during the operation lessens any dangerous possibilities in the use of this easily exploded liquid.

A Little Hint

There are numberless ways in which one woman can show a little attention to another—an introduction given, an invitation to meet a friend whose acquaintance has long been desired or who may assist her in her career, a present of a popular book or song to one who has but small possessions, a gift of flowers to the sick or aged, an unexpected visit to one who has but few friends or who is in sorrow or trouble. So numerous, indeed, are the ways that space will not permit a mention of one-quarter of them here. It is not necessary to be rich to show these little attentions, for the giving of most of them does not depend upon money, but upon kindness of heart, consideration for others, and that charity which all have instilled into them from earliest infancy. For the attentions that are alluded to are but small ones, so little, indeed, that through ignorance they are sometimes spoken of and even thought to be too trifling and insignificant to matter or make any difference whether given or withheld; instead of which the smallest and apparently the most trivial are the ones that have caused most thought.

The Care of Our Young People

Young life is the beginning of that serious and responsible reality we call life. It is the bud from which are to come blossom and fruit. It is the early light which foretells sunrise and midday and sunset and evening. It is the first few steps of a long journey. It is the embarking and the sailing down the bay—the bay that opens into the wide sea beyond.

What young life makes of itself determines very largely what later life and old age are to be. The molds of character are laid during the first twenty years of one's existence. To-day makes to-morrow.

It is a mistake to leave young people to the play and power of circumstances. We must wait for years to mature and for experience to give wisdom, but we are to wait actively. We must assure the boy that he is free and responsible; in a large sense the arbiter of his own destiny, and that while he must trust in God he must put God-trust into will-force. Believing, he must be and

do.—Bishop John H. Vincent, *Methodist Advocate Journal*.

Shortening the Way

The mother was wheeling the baby-carriage and its tiny occupant homeward after an afternoon's visit, while four-year-old Robbie was continually reaching up his hands to push, or running forward to pull, under the impression that he was aiding the progress.

"Why do you let him?" demanded the matter-of-fact aunt. "He is only getting in your way all the time."

"He thinks he is helping, and that makes the way shorter to him and keeps him from feeling tired," answered the mother, softly, as the little fellow ran forward to push a branch out of the way. "It is only like us older ones," she added, with deeper meaning; "we all find the way long when we begin to think we are not needed any more."

It is a truth that every loving heart should take note of, for it is here that the aged or invalid ones of our household are often wounded unwittingly. Mistaken kindness would take away every task, or thoughtless strength is so sure of ability to do it all better and more easily that weak hands are robbed of their accustomed occupations and left idle. Love should be keener-sighted; there is nothing that makes the way so long as a feeling that one is done with usefulness.—*Onward*.

Educational

A Mississippi Industrial School

The Noxubee Industrial School is an institution under charter from the state, in the rural district of Noxubee county, Mississippi. It is an organized effort, the success of which means much for the masses. In Noxubee county alone there are 12,000 colored children, one-third of whom do not appear upon the rolls of the public schools. It is believed by the promoters that in each community where a district school is taught that if the patrons could be induced to buy and cultivate twenty-five acres of ground and take the proceeds from which to extend the term and employ more teachers, the solution of the educational problem of the masses would be made easy. It is this principle for which the Noxubee Industrial School at McLeod, Miss., eight miles east of Macon, stands. It was founded April 7, 1898, by S. J. Hunter and has been uniformly successful. The property consists of 180 acres of land, two small buildings and a good library of 1,200 volumes, magazines and pamphlets.

The course of study embraces the ordinary English branches taught in our common schools, agriculture, blacksmithing, carpentry, sewing, cooking and housekeeping.

The enrollment has reached 350 bright girls and boys, all from the farm. The teachers are Mrs. S. J. Hunter, Miss Mollie C. Shepherd, Mrs. Irene Brown, D. W. Brown and S. J. Hunter. Miss Sadie E. Overton, a teacher now at Clarke, was lady principal for two years, as was also Miss Mina Lucas. Miss Nettie Jones from Wilberforce, had charge of the girls' industrial work. Sumner's words, is the motto of the school: "Moral excellence is the bright consummate flower of all progress." Its maxim: "Educate the head, cultivate the heart, train the hand and you have a ready woman or man."

More Money for Allegheny College

Allegheny College has just received another beautiful gift. Mrs. Hettie F. Ballantyne, of

Pittsburg, gives thirty thousand dollars scholarships in memory of her husband, the late Dr. James Alexander Ballantyne. The income of the fund is to be used to pay the college fees of sons and daughters of the Pittsburg Conference, of which Dr. Ballantyne was for many years an honored member, and also the fees of young men of the same conference who are studying for the ministry.

Dr. Ballantyne was an alumnus of Allegheny College, graduating in 1882. In 1898 the college conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, and in the following year he was elected a member of the board of trustees. It was through his influence that Captain John B. Ford was induced to build for the college the Ford Memorial Chapel. In many ways during his lifetime Dr. Ballantyne showed his love for the college.

The present gift is a beautiful expression of Mrs. Ballantyne's interest in her husband's college, and in the conference which he so efficiently served. The scholarship fund, the income of which becomes immediately available, will not only serve to perpetuate the memory of a most worthy member of the college, an efficient trustee, an ardent advocate of higher education, and a devoted minister of Jesus Christ, but it will most wonderfully help a large number of worthy young people ambitious for a college education.

The industrial department of Rust University will be enlarged this session. Mr. Chamberlain, of New York, will be the general superintendent. He has especial training for this work, and some years of experience. During the past year the students made a Mission chair that sold in Boston, Washington, D. C., Cincinnati, and other places. It is very much desired that friends may be found to endow this department.

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

TOPIC AUGUST 23rd.

Making our lives count.

Scripture reference, 2 Tim. 2: 15; 2 Cor. 11: 23-28.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday—Obedience. Gen. 6: 22.

Tuesday—Going at God's order. Gen. 12: 1-5

Wednesday—Improving opportunity. Gen. 41: 41-49.

Thursday—Routing Israel's foes. 1 Sam. 17: 38-54.

Friday—Esther outwitting Haman. Est. 7: 1-10.

Saturday—Teaching by the wayside. Jno. 3: 3-35.

"How beautiful to be with God," said Frances Willard, as she waved her hand as if in adieu, and then sank into her last sleep. But before that noble life closed, it had touched thousands of other lives and kindled new hope on life's altars where the fires had gone out, and from the place of ease and rest, the quenchless flame of Miss Willard's zeal had pushed hundreds into life's arena where with her, they sought to bless the world, by leading to higher standards and ideals. She devoted her life to the cause of temperance and her life work has won trophies many, and she shall shine as the stars forever more. She set before her the gigantic task of speaking in every town of ten thousand or more inhabitants in the United States. This task she accomplished in 1883, having also spoken in many towns of five thousand. It was her boast that she threw the

utmost ounce of her energy into the tasks she undertook so that when it was done, she felt sure she had done her best. Thus it was that Frances Willard made her life count.

Purpose. If you would make your life count, give it a purpose. Purpose is a sort of an anchor to a life, that holds it steady in the midst of temptations and trials. Like Jesus Christ the life filled with a great purpose can answer all the onslaughts of life and without being turned aside say: "To this end was I born." Purpose, is the steam in the boiler which drives the engine that turns the screw that drives the ship of life to its haven. Purpose thrills and stimulates and energizes in all of life's activities.

Willingness to suffer. No great good has ever been accomplished for the world without suffering. Noah suffered the taunts and ridicule of the wicked for years as he laboriously toiled on the ark. These taunts and jeers were harder to be borne than blows. For a man would rather be stripped than mocked. All the great and good who have accomplished anything for humanity have been great sufferers. The rack, the gibbet, the martyr fire, are but emblems of man's striving to bless and help humanity. The Huguenots and Waldenses in cave and mountain fastness blessed the world with a rugged faith, and taught the lesson how victory comes through suffering.

"Thy saints in all this glorious war,
Shall conquer though they die."

Let the world know that death is not defeat. No man fails who dies in a great cause. John Brown died, but his soul went marching on; amid leaden hail and the thunder of the guns that shook the southern oligarchy from its foundation and sent up the temple of slavery in lurid flame.

Willingness to work. Jesus Christ was the embodiment of industry. Follow him in his journeyings and you will note a life replete with toil. "My father," said he, "worketh hitherto and I work." Everywhere Jesus wrought to answer the needs of humanity. On foot over burning sands and cutting stones he went to his work. Thus in Jesus we have the supreme example of toil. Paul tells Timothy to show himself a workman approved unto God. John Wesley was a marvelous worker. The marvel of his life is not that he did so much, but how he could do it. John Wesley worked incessantly whether in the saddle, the stage coach, on foot or at the desk. Thus it was he made his life count.

Willingness to take hold of the work where you are. I knew a young collegian who had the most flattering ideas of his ability. After graduation he refused two or three small appointments, because he thought they were not commensurate with his ability. Here was a young man who worse than wasted several years of youthful vigor, looking for a big place. Dear leaguers, take hold of the work where you are. Make the little church a large one. Work where you are to-day. Thrust in your sickle. If you are really great the world will find it out and no sort of prejudice can keep you back all the years.

Be good. God's spirit seeketh our hearts. Let Him in. He will renew you in all of your loves and establish you in goodness. Be good, and all your life will be a grand sermon winning and helping others. Thus your life will count for the uplift of others.

Know the truth. If our lives are to count, let us learn the truth. "Sanctify them by thy truth, thy word is truth," said Jesus. You cannot teach unless you know. Make God's Word the book of your most earnest labor. Know the truth.

Pittsburg, Pa.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson VIII—Aug. 23d, 1903. Title—David and Jonathan (1 Sam. 20:12-23.) Study—vs. 1-42. Golden Text—"There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." (Prov. 18:24.) Time—B. C. 1063. Place—Near Gilbeah in Tribe of Benjamin.

Michal, the king's second daughter, loved David and was given to be his wife. Saul was determined to kill David. A second time did he try to smite him to the wall with his javelin. Again David stepped aside and was not hurt. Michal let him down from a window, and he escaped. The king searched for him that he might put him to death. But God was with David. On the feast of the new moon Saul and his sons sat at meat. David was absent. The king asked about him. Jonathan, as David had requested, told for him a *mistake*. We study to-day the love of Jonathan for David. We have only a few of his acts of kindness in this lesson. Other passages should be read in connection with it.

1. **His love** "The soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. It is not certainly known why Jonathan loved David so truly. It was likely his appearance, for David was no doubt fine looking; the work he did in slaying Goliath, and scattering the Philistines; the words he spoke to Saul, and his bearing while in the king's presence, that causes this affection. This was a fellowship of souls. The love of Jonathan was wonderful: "Passing the love of woman." It showed his goodness of heart. He was not jealous. Love produces happiness. He who never loved has lived in vain. Jacob had a like affection for Benjamin. God loves man in the same manner. Jonathan and David made a covenant. They entered into an agreement to love, protect and defend each other. God has entered into a covenant with man. He has redeemed him from sin and death by the atoning sacrifice of Christ. Jonathan gave David his robe, garments, sword, bow, and girdle. These were raiments of beauty and comfort, and weapons of war. They were expressions of love. To wear them was a distinguished honor to David. Those who are saved are the friends of Jesus. He clothes them in robes of beauty and glory, and arms them for the spiritual warfare.

2. **His defence.** Saul ordered Jonathan and all his servants to kill David. Jonathan asked what evil David had done, and why he should be slain. He also reminded the king that he had done many good works. He had slain Goliath and defeated the Philistines. Saul first promised to spare David, but afterwards changed his mind, and decided to kill him. The justice of God is ever demanding our life. But we have an High Priest in the court of heaven who ever lives to make intercession for us. Saul tried to kill Jonathan with his javelin. So intense was his anger towards David that he desired to kill every one who defended Jesse's son. Before this Jonathan had been successful in pleading the cause of his friend, but now all his efforts are in vain. He saw it was useless to speak further for David. When the evil spirit was upon Saul he did not have self-control. He could in one moment speak of his son as heir to the throne, and in the next thrust him through with his spear. No one controlled by Satan can be trusted. Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, produced by the conduct of his father. We cannot bear to see those we love abused. Jonathan realized that his life, and also the life of David, was in danger. He did not resent his father's conduct, but arose and went away. We should not return evil for evil from any one, especially from our parents. Jonathan's

soul was too large for jealousy or revenge. A bad father sometimes raises a good son, and sometimes a good father raises a bad boy.

3. **His report.** Jonathan made a number of reports to David. He fulfilled his obligations to the son of Jesse. In vain is love without service. If we love God we will do His will. This report was made "in the morning." That is, the morning following the events recorded above; it was also the hour agreed upon for this meeting. It is well to begin important duties early in the day. Work before play. We should dig before we shine. We should plan for the future. Knowledge, wealth, and happiness depend upon it. The Lord has so done. They met in the field. It was likely in the open country near Gebeath, about four miles north of Jerusalem. Places are not so important as facts. The company was composed of Jonathan, David and the lad. David was concealed, and the lad was too small to imagine any secret plan. We are sometimes made unconscious workers for the Lord. But if we unknowingly do His will our reward will be just as great. The agreement was simple but effective. It is the simplicity of many things that show their wisdom. When Jonathan called out: "Is not the arrow beyond there?" David well knew Saul meant to slay him. No other information was necessary. It is likely Jonathan shot three arrows in rapid succession, and all passed over the lad's head. The bow was to Jonathan what the sling was to David. The arrows were soon gathered and the lad sent with them back to the city. The word "artillery" formerly meant weapons of art, and is correctly used in this place. It is our duty to help the persecuted if their cause is just.

4. **The meeting and separation.** Salutation: "David fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times." There was no affectation here. David only expressed the feeling of his heart. He felt that Jonathan was his superior and benefactor. As Jonathan loved David, so Jesus loves us, and as David loved Jonathan so we should love our Lord. Affection: "They kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded." This was no doubt the kiss of affection. They likely kissed on each cheek. Harbut says: "Few races do as little kissing as the Anglo-Saxon." But does the doctor really know how much kissing this race does? It has the kiss of salutation, the kiss of affection, the kiss of deception, and the farewell kiss. It seems to make liberal use of all. Their weeping was an expression of sorrow. But it was their love each for the other that caused this grief. David exceeded. But do not wonder at this. He was leaving home, wife, friends, and the sanctuary of God. Separation. "Go in peace." Delay was dangerous. Their precious interview must close. The most trying things must be done quickly lest our heart fail us. Farewells are benedictions. This is a prayer for the peace of the Lord to go with David. Good-by means: "God be with you." "The Lord be between me and thee." That is, may Jehovah stand as a witness between us, and punish the one who breaks this covenant. They were to protect, defend, and help each other, and also aid their descendants. This oath likely caused David in after years to hunt up and take care of Mephibosheth. David "arose and departed, and Jonathan went into the city." His heart was no doubt sad as he went on his solitary way into the wilderness. He was for the time being destined to live in dens and caves of the earth, and to be hunted like a beast of prey. Jonathan returned to the city. He gave up a friend only, but David had parted with all. Many and sad are the separations in this life, but there will be a grand reunion in heaven.

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The Mississippi Primary Election

Perhaps no state election in recent years has attracted the attention of the general public as has the primary elections just held in the state of Mississippi. There are times when an election in one of the doubtful states of the North attract general attention because of its bearing, or at any rate its supposed bearing on the presidential election. But in the case of the recent election in Mississippi the conditions were altogether different. The interest grew out of the fact that the canvass, as made by one of the candidates, involved not only the citizen rights but manhood rights of the Negro of that state. J. K. Vardaman has been anxious to be the governor of that state for several years and as it would seem having little else to recommend him for the position, based his canvass entirely upon the rights of the Negro. Beginning with the idea that the colored schools should have no other support than that derived from the taxation of property owned by Negroes, he eventually drifted into the most bitter and unreasonable denunciations of the race ever listened to by an intelligent people and ever made by one supposed to be in full possession of his reason. The papers of the state did not, evidently, give full reports of this man's speeches, for the papers of distant states do not seem to understand the bitterness of his canvass. The fact is, they could not afford to do so. We have spent considerable time in the state during the campaign and feel safe in saying that no self-respecting colored man could listen to one of his speeches without a feeling of disgust, and yet it was plainly to be seen the speaker was simply bidding for the support of the ignorant class of his own race, who could not be aroused without having the Negro held up before them as a scare-crow. It was utterly impossible to believe that any sensible individual could seriously advocate what he did. That this view of the case is correct was shown by the fact that comparatively few of the best white people of the state favored his election on the platform announced.

There were pitted against him two other candidates, Messrs. Critz and Noel, who are more liberal in their views. The result of the primary election is that Vardaman received 36,649 votes, Critz 35,302, and Noel 22,805. This entitles them to 123, 119 and 24 electoral votes respectively, 134 being necessary to a choice. According to these figures, the combined popular vote of the two liberals is 58,107, as against 36,649 for Vardaman, showing that a majority of the people of the state voted against his election. The law of the state providing for primary elections, requires a majority of all the electoral votes to nominate for a given office, and when no candidate receives this a second primary must be held in three weeks, the contest being between the two candidates who received the highest number of votes. Hence in the second primary Noel will drop out, the race being between the other two. In this it is to be hoped by all right thinking people that Mr. Critz will be nominated. However, no mat-

ter how the election may go, it will take the state of Mississippi a long time to recover from the influence of the wild and unreasonable views set forth by Vardaman against the Negro. For, according to his teachings, the black citizen has no rights, and it is all too evident that the ignorant whites who support this view of the case are ready to live up to the instructions of their teacher.

Because of the high esteem in which Governor Longino is held, many will regret that he failed in his race for United States senator; nevertheless, we think that state has so few men like him we shall expect to hear from him again at no distant day. He served two terms as governor and made a brave and conscientious officer.

Successor of Pope Leo XIII

As announced in our issue of last week, Cardinal Giuseppe Sarto, patriarch of Venice, was on Tuesday, Aug. 4th, elected Pope of the Roman Catholic Church to succeed Pope Leo XIII recently deceased. The conclave composed of more than sixty cardinals was in session four days before their work was accomplished. At first Cardinal Sarto had only four votes, while others had a much larger number, but by the third day it is said to have become evident that he was the only man who could be elected. Hence all eyes instinctively turned toward him and he was notified of what had been determined upon. At first he shrank back and declined, but finally became reconciled and acquiesced. Forty-two votes, which is two-thirds of the conclave, were necessary to a choice, but he was chosen by a unanimous vote. The new Pope is sixty-eight years of age and was born of humble parentage, in northern Italy. At present he is said to have a brother who travels a mail route for less than seven dollars per month. He is a churchman strictly, hence his views touching certain public questions, which rendered some of the candidates for the honor unacceptable to interested European governments, were not known. Beside he had to his credit a reputation for being an administrator and a man of tact. Therefore his election is said to be highly satisfactory to those who know him, and also to those who do not know him, since they know nothing against him. His relations to the Italian throne are said to be most friendly and taken all in all, the choice of Cardinal Sarto seems to give pretty general satisfaction. The new Pope is to be known as Pope Pius X.

Dr. Melden's Successor at Clark University

We learn through Secretary Thirkield that Dr. W. H. Crogman was elected president of Clark University by the Executive Committee of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, which met on August 5th. Dr. Crogman's election was not only a recognition of his long and faithful services extending over a period of 27 years in Clark University, but also a tribute to his high character and his acknowledged ability as a scholar and teacher. We not only congratulate Dr. Crogman on his election at this time, but we congratulate the race with which he is identified. Clark University is one of the largest and best of our schools and his appointment as president shows that the church means to take no backward step in its recognition of Negroes of ability and character, notwithstanding the unfortunate agitations of the day. The Methodist Church knows the Negro and ought to, for no organization in this country has done more in making him what he is. And not only does she know him but she trusts him as has been demonstrated again and again. Among the very foremost in bringing

about these happy results is the grand old Freedman's Aid Society, whose work in building a race has no parallel. But while we rejoice over the advancement of one of our own, we would not forget to drop a word of appreciation for those who have labored so faithfully and are still laboring for our advancement along all lines. God bless them and greatly multiply their kind.

We are expecting great things of Dr. Crogman as well as of the patronizing conferences, and we trust all may unite to show the church that she has made no mistake in selecting this magnificent old Roman for so responsible a task.

The Banner District Again

No sooner had we announced the Shubuta District of the Mississippi Conference, Rev. S. A. Cowan, presiding elder, entitled to the banner, because of having led in the number of subscribers given the SOUTHWESTERN during the conference session, than the Meridian District surpassed it by sending in a cash list of seventy-seven. Our assistant business manager, Rev. W. F. Waters, attended this conference, over which the Rev. J. C. Hibbler presided, and found the conference anxious to take the lead. We have already published an account of their success in this particular. But the brethren of that state are so loyal to the paper that each one is constantly trying to excel the other in promoting its interests. Hence when Brother Waters reached Presiding Elder Shumbert's district conference, he found that body determined to take the banner, and they did so by sending in eighty subscribers. When the editor reached the conference of the Vicksburg District Rev. R. P. Threlkeld, presiding elder, he found them ready for the contest, and though not as strong as some of the others, they determined to secure the banner. This they did by giving the paper eighty-three annual cash subscribers. Since this closes the district meetings of that conference for the present, the Vicksburg District will continue in the lead unless displaced by some other district in another conference. The brethren's labors, however, are not to cease with what they have thus accomplished, for it is their purpose to break the record in what they shall do during the fall canvass. We hope the pastors of all our district conferences will make it a rule to secure and carry to the conference one or more cash subscribers for the paper to be turned over to the committee on the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. W. H. Dammond, C. E., of Detroit, Mich., who is a graduate of the Western University, Pittsburg, Pa., is now engaged as an assistant bridge engineer on the Michigan Central Railway. He was chairman of the committee on entertainment which gave special attention to looking after the comforts of the colored delegates to the Epworth League Convention, and right well was it done. Prof. Dammond was formerly a teacher in Paul Quin College, Waco, Texas, and later in Wilberforce University. He has invented an electrical cab signal for trains, which when properly installed on an engine will prevent the possibility of such collisions as railways are now subject to. The professor has a charming wife and they have been blessed with a bright little boy. We were pleased to spend a pleasant evening in his home during our recent visit to Detroit.

The authorities of the state of Georgia are stirred up considerably because a white female convict was whipped by the prison warden. The governor has ordered an immediate investigation. Wonder what is done when a colored female convict is whipped.

Personal and General

Miss Mamie Wright, of Shreveport, La., is visiting friends in Kansas City, Mo.

There are nearly 650,000 women dressmakers in the United Kingdom of Great Britain.

Mr. Edward H. Carry, a graduate of Tuskegee, Ala., has been made superintendent of all the colored schools in Glynn county, Georgia.

Mr. Louis Atwood, 18 years of age, the son of Mr. A. T. Atwood, a prominent lawyer of Jackson, Miss., was accidentally drowned at that place July 20th.

We learn through Rev. C. Spears that Rev. Samuel Green, pastor at Rosedale, La., has so far recovered from his recent sickness that he has resumed his work.

Rev. Nathan Cannon, pastor at Lake, Miss., one of the oldest ministers of the Mississippi Conference and for thirty-eight years a traveling preacher, died at his post, July 20, 1903.

If it is your purpose to attend the National Business League in Nashville, Tenn., August 19-21, it would be well to notify Mr. R. L. Mayfield, No. 411 N. Cherry street, who is secretary of the committee on arrangements, in order that he may secure you a home.

The *Freeman* of Indianapolis arises to remark as it seems to us with very great wisdom, that, "Mobs are not always due to an immediate offense as so many think; they are due to sentiment that has been growing." And we desire to add we fear the sentiment has not ceased to grow.

Bishop C. S. Smith, D. D., of the A. M. E. Church, who lives in Detroit, entertained Dr. J. W. E. Bowen during the Epworth League Convention, and this editor and his wife had the pleasure of spending an evening very pleasantly in his home. Mrs. Smith is a most attractive and agreeable hostess and their daughter, Miss Susie, is like unto her.

It is understood that Prof. J. B. Lafarge and his associates are hard at work preparing for the Educational Congress to be held at Alexandria, La., September 4, 5 and 6. They are anxious to secure a large attendance of people and are arranging to make the occasion one of entertainment and instruction to all.

Miss Dr. Lucy E. Moten, principal of the Sumner School, Washington, D. C., came to the city last Tuesday and is the guest of Col. and Mrs. James Lewis at their pleasant and commodious home, No. 2415 Canal street. Dr. Moten was an instructor in the Sumner School held at Tuskegee and expects to return to her home by water, taking ship from this port to New York City.

One of the most reliable and at the same time, one of the most successful business men of this city is Mr. William Robinson of No. 2427 Iberville street. For a number of years he has conducted an installment and commission business that keeps him constantly engaged. He makes sales all over the city and no man has better credit in business circles than he. Brother Robinson has an excellent wife and pleasant home surroundings.

During the Epworth League Convention at Detroit, the Louisiana delegation and part of the Texas were quartered at the Walker House in Windsor, over on the Canadian side, where they were well cared for. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith, the proprietors, are experienced entertainers and made things pleasant indeed for all their guests. Their house has well furnished, clean rooms, and the meals served are fully up to the standard.

It is stated that Maggie L. Walker, of Richmond, Va., colored, enjoys the distinction of being the first woman, white or colored, ever elected president of a bank in that section. She was chosen July 28 to head the St. Luke's Penny Savings bank, under the auspices of the Order of St. Luke. The institution will open for business Sept. 1 with \$75,000 deposits. President Walker is widely known. For some years she has been a teacher in the public schools and enjoys the respect and confidence of both races.

The Rev. Abner H. Lucas, D. D., pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Albany, N. Y., has been chosen by the editor, Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Rader, as his associate in conducting the *Daily Christian Advocate*, the organ of the General Conference to be held in Los Angeles, Cal., during May, 1904. Though many hundreds of letters have been received by the editor applying for the position or commending some one for it, Dr. Lucas has been selected without solicitation on his part or that of his friends, but because the editor is well acquainted with his superior fitness for the place.



J. MADISON VANCE, ESQ.

One of the most successful and at the same time one of the most talented lawyers of this city is James Madison Vance. He is the son of a minister and has had a number of years of experience at the bar. His patrons are made up of the members of both races, or perhaps it would be better to say of all races. He is cool and calculating in questioning a witness and a magnetic and eloquent pleader. Mr. Vance is put down as one of the three leading criminal lawyers of the city and has the respect of the judges and his brethren at the bar as well. He is secretary in charge of the legal bureau of the Afro-American Council which is composed of the following list of lawyers:

J. Madison Vance, director, New Orleans, La.
Frederick L. McGhee, vice-director, St. Paul, Minn.

J. C. Napier, treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
Jesse Lawson, financial secretary, Washington, D. C.

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News Notes

Since July 11th all open gambling has come to an end in Washington, D. C.

In Minneapolis, Minn., July 30, the mercury dropped to near the freezing point.

The St. James District of London, although but seven-tenths of a square mile, has 471 policemen.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has banished liquors and playing cards from its passenger trains.

There are 150,000 Negroes in the South who own farms and 28,000 more who partly own their farms.

It is said that in the state of Alabama there are 32,000 white women who cannot write their own names.

The official Chinese *Kin-Pan* is the oldest newspaper in the world. It was founded about 1,100 years ago.

Seven Illinois towns were struck by a cyclone recently. Scores of persons were injured and a number lost their lives.

An assistant in the Congressional Library finds that 2,200 books therein are written by colored people, mostly mulattoes.

The new battleship, King Edward Seventh, the largest in the world, was successfully launched recently. The vessel cost \$7,500,000.

A new rifle has been selected for the United States army, the bullet from which will penetrate twenty-four one-inch pine boards.

A dispatch received recently in Berlin says that on July 27th, in a disastrous flood at Chee Foo, China, 700 persons were drowned.

From Halifax to Vancouver, by the Canadian Pacific railway, is 3,662 miles, and the journey is the longest railway trip without a change in the world.

Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles was retired from active service at the midnight hour of Aug. 8th, as the following day was the 64th anniversary of his birth.

The Chicago Armour Institute of Technology has instituted a four years' course in fire protection engineering leading to the degree of bachelor of science.

A plan is to be tested on Pike's Peak by a Chicagoan to draw electricity from the clouds by means of a magnet and wires, and store it for commercial purposes.

Eight men and one woman have been indicted by a Washington grand jury on charges of defrauding the government in mail contracts. Other indictments are expected.

In Baltimore, Md., of the 78 congregations with 22,535 members, 2,002 probationers and 24,024 Sunday school scholars of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 14 are colored.

Prince Aldabert, third son of Kaiser Wilhelm, according to recent Berlin dispatches, will probably visit this country at the opening of the St. Louis Exposition next year.

The latest fad in the way of a cure for dyspepsia is bread made of sea water. A Philadelphia baker who makes a specialty of this bread gets his sea water from Atlantic City.

We note that a convention of Afro-Americans in Colorado Springs, Colo., has decided to ask Senator Burton to request Pope Pius to remonstrate against lynching in the United States.

The colored residents of the railroad towns of Indiana and Illinois are leaving; great numbers are said to be coming South. A train passed through Evansville recently bearing nearly 300 refugees.

The only suspended electric railway to be found in the world will be opened in a few weeks' time by the German Emperor. It has been built between Barmen, Elberfeld and Vohwinkel and a part of the way over the River Wupper.

In Chicago, July 21st, many persons and horses were injured by the most terrific hail storm that has visited that place for years. For nearly a quarter of an hour great chunks of ice fell, some of which were over an inch in diameter.

The Colored Chautauqua of Carthage, Mo., president, Rev. G. B. Abbott, will be held in the Chautauqua Park of that place, August 28-30. Such prominent men as Prof. J. W. E. Bowen, D. D., Rev. J. Will Jackson and others will lecture.

FARM AND FRESIDE

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The following items taken from *Home and Farm* will prove interesting and helpful to our readers:

Fruit trees that have been lately planted should be attended to. A few minutes only will be required to see if they are firm in the ground and need the dirt trod hard around them again. If they look as though they would die, pinch off all the leaves from the tree, but do not strip from the tree, for the wounds made at the tree will dry the feeble stock; if a part of the stem of the leaf is left on, however, it will not dry out. It may appear a small thing, but it is a very important one. If the tree is as is recommended it will grow; if not it may be lost.

If sprouts appear on new-set trees you can easily pinch them off with your thumb and finger, and throw the growth where it is wanted. If the roots are good you will find a deal of sap sent up from the roots, and top enough should be allowed for the roots to grow. If you dwarf the top of a young new-set tree that is making a rapid growth you are dwarfing the roots. If you allow too much top on a feeble tree you will kill the tree.

Unless the fields are supplied with running water the stock must be provided with water in some other manner. A pond in the field will not do, as it gradually stagnates and injures the milk. By driving a pump at the intersection of four fields the water can be used for each field as desired, as the troughs can be so arranged as to be filled from the pump with a hose or other appliance.

Steers will gain more rapidly on grass than on any other kind of food during this month, provided they are allowed grain at night. Prices have fallen, as is usually the case at this season, and it may be found more profitable to hold them over than to sell, if pasturage is plentiful; but if they are to be fed in the stalls entirely the sooner they are disposed of the better.

Factories for pickling cucumbers are being established wherever the farmers will become interested. Small pickles, not over two and a half inches long, usually bring about 50 cents per bushel, a bushel containing about 800 pickles. The average yield is estimated at 100 bushels per acre, though several hundred bushels may be grown upon an acre. The mildew destroys the vines in some sections, but this is kept down by spraying. The striped cucumber beetle, which cannot be destroyed by Paris green or ordinary insecticides, is a formidable enemy where it makes its appearance. The long green varieties of cucumbers are used. Plenty of manure should be applied. A fertilizer consisting of one part nitrogen, one part phosphoric acid and two parts potash, is about the proper formula for cucumbers. Cucumbers are salted with two quarts of salt per bushel of cucumbers, packed closely in tierces or barrels, and enough brine added to cover them. The brine must be added daily, as evaporation will lower the water in the vessel and expose the cucumbers, which will damage them. Growers can co-operate, form a joint stock company, and sell the pickles on the market, thus securing the largest profit possible from growing them.

The season of ripening, as well as the keeping qualities of fruit, depends much upon the kind of soil in which they are planted. The Baldwin is an apple that delights in soils of rocky situations. It will grow there, perhaps, not as well as in a loam, but will bear as well and become a splendid keeper. The distance of only a few miles will make it a fall apple in one place and a winter apple on another.

July is a very busy month in the fruit orchard. Though it is somewhat late for thinning fruit, it can still be done, with profit, if done wisely. It will be found advisable to remove the surplus, even though it is of good size, since in this way better quality as well as size is insured. Pruning can be done now when field work will permit of it, and budding may be done as soon as the buds are sufficiently matured. All grafts that are growing too vigorously should be pinched back. If any shoots or sprouts come out near the grafts they should be removed, as they draw too much sap away from the grafts and thus check their growth. Even before this time of the year the orchardists should be on the lookout for the nests of the tent caterpillar or the trees will be overrun by worms.

Thousands of tons of grass (and even weeds) go to waste annually along the roadside, which might be easily utilized. A farmer lately made a few movable hurdles, in which he placed sheep, and pastured them along the road, the farm fence forming one side of the hurdle. The hurdles were moved forward daily, and the result was that the roadside was cleaned off wherever the sheep were hurdled, while quite an amount of mutton was secured at a trifling cost. It is worth practicing by others.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

T. P. Norris, Pastor, Mt. Nebo, La.—I wish to express my thanks to the members and friends of this charge for a great many pounds brought to the parsonage on July 14 and hope they will do the same again in a short time.

T. J. Thompson, Marvell, Ark.—Our second quarterly conference was held June 13 by Rev. A. S. Johnson, the presiding elder being sick. The members were present with good reports. Bro. Johnson and Rev. Piggie preached two good sermons. Collection \$8.04.

George Johnson, Pastor, Clinton, La.—The trustees and stewards gave a rally to pay indebtedness of the church. Raised \$823. Mr. B. B. Richard was with us; also the Rev. I. B. Nenable and Bro. William.

Jennie Kemper, Pleasant Hill, Mo.—Conference was held May 16-17. Officers had good reports. We paid presiding elder's claim and raised a nice fee for our pastor, Rev. J. C. Guyton. He is the first preacher to introduce the *SOUTHWESTERN* to us. It is a grand thing to have such a good colored paper. The pastor had a grand rally. Collection \$3.48. The church has just been repaired by the pastor.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, The Rev. J. E. Wilson, D. D., was appointed presiding elder of the Florence district by Bishop Vincent Dec. 6, 1897, and has been reappointed to the same each successive year; and Whereas, His remarkable executive

ability, mature judgment, splendid accomplishments, gentlemanly bearing, companionship and brotherly sympathy have captured the hearts of his brethren in the ministry and the laity, and

Whereas, In support of his financial ability he has raised this district from \$906 to \$1807 in three benevolent collections, the others making corresponding advancement, and

Whereas, According to the discipline of our church, he cannot be re-appointed to the same district for another year; be it

Resolved 1. That the ministers and members of the Florence district deeply regret that his active services as presiding officer will be denied us.

2. That we, together with the entire laity of the district, realize that we have lost the worthiest and best presiding elder we have ever had—indeed there is no better.

3. That our love and reverence for him will follow him wherever the church, through the bishop, shall be pleased to appoint him.

4. That we pray God's blessings upon him, and trust that His grace shall sustain and keep him. May he be spared to serve the church a number of years to come!

5. That a copy of this preamble and these resolutions be printed in the *SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*, the *FREE PRESS EDUCATOR*, and *SOUTHERN REPORTER*; and that a copy of the same be tendered him as an expression of the esteem of his brethren.

Signed, W. B. Thompson, W. H. Reafield, G. W. Cooper, L. L. Thomas, J. W. Maulthie, E. J. Sawyer, J. McLeod, James McEady, John M. Cash and T. V. Sparks.

W. H. THOMPSON, Sec'y.

G. T. Woolon, Pastor, Mound City, Kan.—The Second M. E. Church of Mound City, Kan., had a cornerstone laying June 27. Preaching at 11 o'clock by J. S. Burton, of Kansas City, in the court room, and the cornerstone of the new church was laid at 3 o'clock by H. Allen and J. S. Barton. Preaching all day Sunday. Amount raised, \$24.61 cash, subscription \$30. Total subscription and cash \$54.61. Rev. Burton's sermon Sunday morning was a delight to all. Thank God we are moving on.

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R. G. Riley, St. Michaels, Ind.—The district Epworth League convention of Centreville District met in James M. E. Church, Chestertown, Md., June 24-25, at 12 o'clock noon. R. G. Riley, president, led the devotional exercises, after which committees were appointed, and the regular program was adopted. The pastor, Rev. W. E. Waters, is a wide-awake and energetic man. The whole convention was inspiring. The song service, under the leadership of Mrs. A. C. Brinkley and Mrs. Jessie Waters, was stirring. Mrs. Lula Hynson, of Chestertown, charmed all with her wonderful voice. The Rev. T. B. H. Coleman preached the annual sermon. It was a great message to our young folks. The annual address was by

Prof. J. P. Forester, of the Baltimore custom house. The last address was by Prof. Frank Trigg, principal of Princess Anne Academy. Prof. Trigg spoke of the need of better training for our young people and recommended Princess Anne Academy. Addresses were delivered by Rev. A. R. Shockley, P. E., of Philadelphia District, and Dr. J. R. Waters, P. E., of Saulsbury district. The new presiding elder of this district is Rev. N. W. Moore. He is a graduate of Morgan College, and an eloquent preacher.

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E. D. Cameron, Pastor, New Albany, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference convened at St. Mary's M. E. Church May 14-15. Rev. W. C. Clay, our beloved presiding elder, presiding. The elder pushed every interest of the church to the front, and the quarter was quite a success on all lines. The elder preached excellent sermons. Raised for P. E., \$22.00; paid pastor, \$86.00; trustees, \$178.65; benevolence, \$34.15. Total for the quarter, \$300.80. To Mrs. F. F. Blackwell, our talented Sunday School superintendent too much praise cannot be given for her faithfulness in raising benevolence money. Miss Lillie Jones presided at the organ on children's day. We praise God for the past and look to him for our future success.

P. A. F. Diamuk, Newton, Texas.—My work is in good condition. Rev. W. A. Fortson was with us in our second quarterly. We had a grand

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time. Rev. Fortson made a grand address concerning all lines of the work. We are trying hard to build up our work. We have good people here. Our Sunday Schools are all in good working order. We are doing what we can for His cause.

R. A. Taylor, Pastor, Winnsboro, La.—I found the members here very much discouraged. I also found an indebtedness of \$149.25, which has been on the church since 1900. The church and parsonage were unfinished when I came. There was no fencing around the property, and but 4 members on the circuit. Since I have been here I have succeeded in fencing the property at the cost of \$9.50, and other improvements made. Easter was observed. Raised \$2.00 on mission. P. E. has been paid in part. Pastor has been looked after. We are now planning a rally on indebtedness. Our Sunday School is good under the direction of Miss A. M. Brown, superintendent. She is a great help to our church.

T. B. Blackman, Pastor, Cherry Valley, Tenn.—We had a grand barbecue and rally June 27-28, with good results. On Sunday at 11 A. M. Rev. W. Lee Denton, of North Lebanon, was with us and preached to a crowded house. At 3 P. M. Rev. Swift, of Alexandria, Tenn., addressed a large crowd. At 8:30 P. M. Rev. Mr. Lee Denton spoke again to a large audience. Raised for the church and pastor \$44.00. A committee composed of Sisters Hattie Dowd, Mattie Cruchfeel, Sarah Barby, Mary Alexander, Hattie Antrea and S. Alexander, presented the pastor with a \$7.50 suit of clothes.

J. E. Webb, Pastor, Lacombe, Miss.—Our quarterly conference convened June 27-28, with Rev. V. Trotter, of Mount Jordan, in the chair. He preached two soul-stirring sermons, and many were made happy. We are doing well on this work. Paid pastor \$33.20; P. E. \$11.00. Raised for all purposes this quarter \$67.30.

S. H. Cannon, Pastor, Fayette, Miss.—On June 14 at Pine Grove M. E. Church a class leaders' rally was given. Their plan was to raise \$60.00. Elder Threhold perfected the plan by dividing the amount equally between the leaders, and the sum raised was \$60.00 on pastor's salary. The pastor

was not present, being called away to perform the rites of matrimony between Mr. Day Ward and Miss Mary Ella Gibson. Mr. Ward is a mechanic, of Jackson, Miss., and of high standing. Miss Gibson is one of the leading belles of our town, and also a graduate of the Meridian Academy. They will make their home in Jackson, Miss. All wish them success.

C. L. Walls, Eupora, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference convened June 13-14, with Rev. Thomas W. Davis, D. D., our presiding elder, in the chair. The reports showed the work to be in good condition. The amount raised during the quarterly conference was \$26.20. Entire amount raised during quarter \$88.35. The Sunday School of Eupora came to the parsonage with many good things for pastor and family. They were led by Brother W. M. Ford, the Sunday School superintendent. Near Sunday School, you are always welcome. Come again.

R. F. Long, Secretary.—The preachers' meeting of the Monroe district met at St. Paul M. E. Church Wednesday, June 24, with Rev. Sanders Carroll in the chair. Each pastor spoke encouragingly of his work. The subject discussed was "The Best Method of Studying the Bible." Great good was derived from this discussion. Our P. E. was present and made some interesting remarks. At the close of the meeting Sisters Matilda Grand, Annett Hawkins, Marilla Jackson, Fanny Neighbors, Emily Louis, Nellie Ford, Mary Johnson, assisted by Sisters M. E. Long and Harriet Franklin, served a most delightful dinner, such as represent the quality and quantity of St. Paul's good ladies. May the Lord bless those good and true sisters. Next meeting, St. James, Wednesday, July 22.

S. D. Humphrey, Ferris, Texas.—Our second quarterly conference convened at Palmer June 20, with L. H. Richardson in the chair. Elder Richardson preached a soul-stirring sermon at 11 A. M., and gave one of his grand lectures. We are planning to raise all of our benevolent assessments in full by the district conference. Paid the presiding elder in full.

W. R. Nance, Crawford, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference was held June 5-6, with Rev. C. W. Walton, P. E., in the chair. All officers were present with good reports that showed the charge to be alive. Raised this quarter for the pastor \$60.00; presiding elder \$5.00. Total for quarter \$113.00. SOUTHWESTERN this quarter, six. This charge is in a better condition than it has been in 10 years. Under the leadership of Rev. J. J. Johnson.

C. C. Sapp, Queen City, Texas.—Our third quarterly conference convened June 27-28, with Rev. O. I. James, P. E., in the chair. The conference was well attended. The pastor and all officers made good reports. Many partook of the Lord's Supper. Raised for mission \$18.00; paid the elder his quarterage in full; two subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. We are glad to say that our work is in good condition. We are preparing for a great harvest.

Rev. C. H. Hurd, Pastor, Pearisburg, Va.—On the 18th of June the Ministers' Institute of Bluefield Denison of Pulaski district, East Tenn.,

conference, was called to order by the president, Rev. L. Diggs. Rev. T. W. Russell, D. D., preached a wonderful sermon. After the minutes were read and the roll called we entered into the business of the meeting. The name of the organization was changed from Ministers' Institute to the Ministers' Epworth and Sunday School Council. The program was as follows: The first subject: "When did sin originate," opened by Dr. T. W. Russell; "Was Judas the Traitor an Apostle in the True Sense of the Word," opened by Dr. Johnson; "Is it proper to use the Ritual in Burying a sinner as in burying a Christian," Revs. C. H. Hurd and L. Diggs. Rev. Johnson and his good people made it pleasant for the council. May the Lord bless them. Sunday was a high day here. Raised for the day \$21.37.

T. M. Hunt, West Point, Tex.—Sunday, June 28, was a great day here. Our pastor, the Rev. J. C. Eusan, and Prof. C. L. Eason, of the Departments of Latin and Greek of Samuel Huston College, were with us. Dr. Eusan addressed the Sunday School and preached an able sermon at 11 A. M. He addressed the audience at 3 P. M. Subject: "Is the Negro an important factor in American civilization?" The discourse was pronounced a masterpiece of eloquence and logic by all who heard it. Dr. Eusan was at his best. The evening service was turned over to Prof. Eason. His lecture, "The mission and aim of the Christian College," was a gem. It was highly appreciated by all. Prof. Eason is one of the rising stars of his race. We bespeak for him a bright future. The young men set forth the needs of the race in the simplest and clearest light. They went to the bottom of their subjects and brought out truths and facts both old and new. Truly they are an honor to their race, church and country.

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D. W. Camp, Pastor, Pontotoc, Miss.

—Our work on this charge is doing remarkably well. This is my second year here. Last year my people did remarkably well, but this year is even better. My benevolence is far better than last year. My congregations are larger. My second quarterly conference was held at Nebo on May 30, with great success, Elder Clay being with us. He preached quite a stirring sermon. Our collection was \$22.00, Elder Clay is the right man in the right place. Children's day exercises were held on the second Sunday in June. The program was carried out with great satisfaction. Mrs. Linda Miller rendered us the sweetest of music, and the choir sang to perfection. With the help of our superintendent, Mrs. S. V. Wright, we were able to do more than ever before. Our children's day collection at Pontotoc was \$45.00, and Nebo \$7.00. Our people at Nebo have this year come to the front. Our Sunday School service at Nebo was conducted by H. P. Cameron. Miss Hattie Duke and Miss Maggie Steward were given prizes. Mrs. Wright raised for benevolence \$3.75; Laudie Baker \$4.40; Mrs. O. W. Crump \$1.55; Miss Hattie Duke \$1.17; Maggie Steward \$1.00; Amos Crump \$1.00; Miss Beatrice Bradford \$1.60; Mrs. Dunken \$1.60; The following gave \$1.00: M. Wright, David Bradford, A. E. Bolton, Mrs. Silvia Bradford and the pastor. One subscriber for the SOUTHWESTERN.

W. L. Marshall, Bay St. Louis, Miss.—Our tribe meeting, which convened June 28, was, of course, a success, because the stewards, trustees, members and friends were interested. The amounts raised by captains and friends are as follows: Mrs. Bertha Beears, \$2.16; Mrs. E. F. Rass, \$2.47; Mr. James Hallis, \$12.50; Mr. S. J. Masley, \$21.17; Mrs. C. Charloo, \$1.00; Mrs. J. W. Carr, \$1.95; Mrs. Katie White, \$1.85. Public collection \$11.00. Total, \$54.00. Our people did not pay the pastor up in full, but they did very, very well. We are coming, pray for us.

Wm. S. Jefferson, Pastor, Bridgewater, Va.—Since my appointment to the Rockingham charge I have had plenty to do. My relations with the brethren, both spiritually and officially have been very pleasant. Our efforts have resulted very encouragingly so far, and the work of the charge shows some improvement. The officers and members have concluded to make this the banner year. Our benevolent appropriation is an increase over last year's. We have organized an Epworth League chapter, which is doing a grand work, spiritually and temporally. It has reported one conversion, presented the church with a beautiful set of chairs for the pulpit and chancel, and has pledged \$25 on mis-

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Louisville, Cloverport, Ky. Aug. 13-16
Lexington, Parsons, Tenn. Aug. 13-23
Marshall, Mineola, Tex. Aug. 13-24
Austin, Georgetown, Tex. Aug. 13-23
Baton Rouge, Donaldsonville,

La. Aug. 19
St. Joseph, Glasgow, Mo. Aug. 19
Birmingham, Mantua, Ala. Aug. 19-22
Ohio, Oberlin, O. Aug. 19-23
Sedalia, Sweet Springs, Mo. Aug. 19-23
Columbus, Lagrange, Tex. Aug. 20
West Nashville, Dickson, Tenn. Aug. 25
San Antonio, Seguin, Tex. Aug. 25-31
New Orleans South, Jeanerette, La. Aug. 26
Forrest City, Marianna, Ark. Aug. 26
Pine Bluff, Clarendon, Ark. Aug. 26-30
Paris, Clarksville, Tex. Aug. 26-31
Austin, Georgetown, Tex. Aug. —
Navasota, Caldwell, Tex. Sept. 1-6
Ocala, Fla. Sept. 9
Alexandria, Roanoke, Va. Sept. 9-13
Houston, Kendleton, Tex. Sept. 17-30
Little Rock, Little Maumelle, Ark. Sept. 24-27

Gainesville, Cedar Keys, Fla. Sept. 24-27
Alexandria, Roanoke, Va. Sept. —
Greenville, Gunnison, Miss. —
Mont Clair, N. J. Oct. 6, 7, 8.

CONVENTIONS.

Starkville, Eupora, Miss. Aug. 26-30
Forest City, Marianna, Ark. Aug. 26-30
Forest City, Marianna, Ark. Aug. 26-30
Clow, Holly Springs, Ark. Sept. 3-6
Fort Smith, W. H. M. S., Van Buren, Ark. Sept. 3-6
Little Rock, Little Maumelle, S. S. and E. L. Sept. 24
Chattanooga, Tenn. W. H. M. S. Oct. 28

sion. The Sunday School Missionary Society has eleven dollars in treasury. Our children's day service was rendered at Ames' Church Sunday afternoon. Collection \$8.25. Presiding elder, Rev. John W. Waters, held his first quarterly conference June 13 and preached for us Sunday morning. We shall not soon forget this sermon.

Josserand, Texas.—Our third quarterly conference was held at Josserand July 11-12. We had a very nice time and good reports. Presiding Elder Fortson preached three able sermons. Collection for ministerial support, \$65.90; benevolence, \$45.90. Sunday was a high day with us. We had several accessions to the church.

M. S. Goins, Pastor, Houma, La.—Our second quarterly conference convened at Wesley M. E. Church June 20. The Rev. W. R. Butler, Presiding Elder, was in the chair. The officers had good written reports. Rev. Butler preached one of his best sermons, and lectured to large numbers. Collection very good. For the quarter, \$204.15.

Rev. W. A. Bohannon, Pastor, B. F. Cooper, Clerk, Knobnoster, Mo.—Sunday, July 5th, church-building, rally day, will ever be remembered as one of the greatest days spiritually and financially our blessed Zion has ever seen. Prof. H. L. Billups, M. S., M. Accts., of the George R. Smith College, delivered an address, "World-Wide Methodism," at 11 a. m. Brother Bohannon, our amiable, busy, bustling pastor, preached a most glorious ser-

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mon at 3 p. m. At 8 p. m. an address by Prof. Billups, subject "Efficient Leadership." Total collection during the day, \$126.57, with a membership of about forty. The good people of Knobnoster and adjoining vicinity spared no pains in their untiring and gracious efforts to spread a sumptuous feast, consisting of the latest and best delicacies of the season—indeed, everything was "Methodist measure" running over.

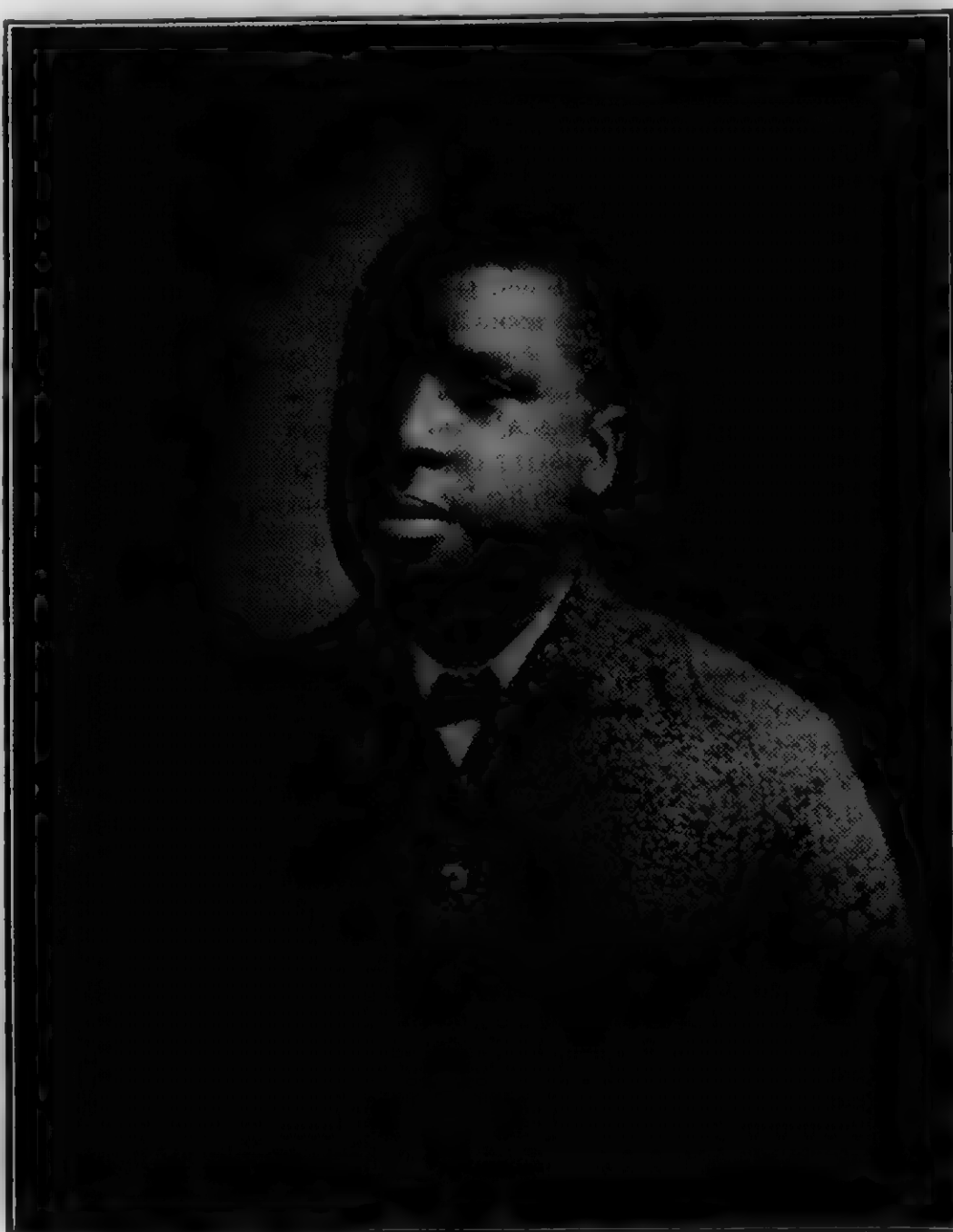
M. Anderson, De Soto, Miss., July 28, 1903.—A grand picnic was given by Bethel M. E. church July 24. We had a grand time. All enjoyed the outing. We listened to a lecture that morning by Rev. J. McRee; subject, "Mistakes of the Negro Race." We had a nice time at the picnic. Our object was to raise money for the church bell. Rev. Jack McRee is in the field as a lay delegate to the General Conference.

Anguilla, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference convened July 18-19 with Rev. R. P. Threlkeld, our worthy presiding elder, in the chair. The officers were present with written reports. The elder preached two able sermons to crowded houses. Raised during the quarter \$15.30. Paid the elder in full and handed the balance to the pastor.

One new subscriber for the SOUTHWESTERN and the promise of three by August 5. We are struggling to cell two churches and build a parsonage this year. Pray that the divine hand may guide us.

A. HOLLAND, Pastor.

G. W. Winn, pastor, Harrisonville, Mo. — Our first quarterly conference convened, and Dr. J. Will Jackson preached a delightful sermon to a well filled house. He is a great man with us. His assessment was paid in full. We have built a nice parsonage, in which we are now living.



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G. H. Lennon, Pastor, R. R. Greer, District Steward, La Grange Circuit.—My third quarterly conference was held at Louise Chapel July 11-12, with the Rev. J. D. Jenkins, presiding elder, in the chair. Many of the officers were present and read good reports. Sunday was a glorious day in our Zion. We had a splendid congregation. Our presiding elder preached a soul-stirring sermon at 11 a. m. The Holy Ghost was with us and many wept with great joy. Our work is in a prosperous condition. Raised for the presiding elder \$16.17; raised by the Stewardess Board, \$6.19. Total amount raised in the quarter, \$22.36. Pray for our success.

R. C. Campbell, Gaffney, S. C.—Our revival, which closed recently, was a great victory for the cause. Conversions, 13; accessions to the church, 53. The Lord be praised.

John H. Griffin, Pastor, Washington, D. C.—Ebenezer M. E. Church of the Washington District Conference held a very successful rally the 1st and 2nd Sundays in July. The amount raised thus far is \$1,413.43. Other reports will come in next Sunday and we hope the amount will reach our aim, viz., \$1,500. We only need \$86.57 to reach the amount.

Rev. S. McDonald, Pastor, Fort Smith, Ark.—Rev. J. C. Sherrill, D. D., who has lately returned from Africa, preached for us one of his soul-stirring sermons, subject, "Having Power with God." The large audience showed their appreciation by their attention. We don't wonder at his success as a missionary. On Thursday night Rev. Sherrill lectured on the "Work and Needs of Africa." For one hour and a half he held his audience spellbound. The church tendered him a reception at the residence of Mrs. Hattie Uiry.



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B. J. Reddix, Pastor, Port Allen.—Mrs. Green departed this life July 20. She was converted whilst ill. Rev. P. W. Clark assisted in the funeral services. At St. Mark's, Sister H. King died in the faith, aged 62. Revs. N. Taylor, R. Brooks and H. A. McClellan assisted in the services.

H. A. McClellan, Pastor, Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, Baton Rouge, La.—The Lord is in the work here. We have 41 converts, 19 reclaimed and 11 from other churches. Every interest of the church is looked after. Our annual finance meeting was splendid: 1st division led by Mrs. Alice Bingham, \$132.75; 2nd division led by Mrs. Ella Bernard, \$277.50; other collections, \$14.55; total, \$425. Paid on indebtedness, \$411; balance due \$103.40. This will be paid soon. Pastor and people rejoicing.

L. G. McDonald, Bullock, N. C.—Our fourth quarterly conference convened July 11-12, with our esteemed presiding elder, Rev. M. J. Bullock, in the chair. The reports showed an advance along all lines. Paid elder, \$9; raised for benevolent purposes this quarter, \$16.44. Sunday, July 12, the elder preached at 11 a. m. His sermon was delivered with great earnestness and power. The Greensboro District, (N. C.) Conference No. 1 convened at Newport News, Va., July 2-4. This conference added much to our work at this point. Dr. Chavis, of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., made a strong address, subject, "Do Your Best." It was well and eloquently delivered, to the delight of all. Thank God for strong men. Sunday was a great day. Dr. J. D. Chavis preached at 11 a. m. Rev. A. Clark, of Pleasant Ridge, Va., at 3 p. m. Rev. A. Y. McMaster, of Oxford, N. C., at 8 p. m. Miss L. P. Lassiter, of Oxford, N. C., gave an address, subject, "The Epworth League," which was heartily received. Miss Lassiter is one of our school teachers of North Carolina. Miss Nancy Gaudin and Mrs. Nelson of Greensboro, N. C., were with us. May God bless the good work. Rev. M. J. Bullock, our presiding elder, preached on Monday night. Additions to the church 6.

MARION DISTRICT, MOBILE CONFERENCE

The Marion District Conference convened in the M. E. Church, Marion, Ala., July 15-20, 1903, with the Rev. G. W. Staples, presiding elder, in the chair. At roll call a goodly number answered. For the sixth time the writer was elected secretary. The session was one of the most interesting in the history of the conference. Two of our field agents, Drs. R. E. Jones, representing the Sunday School Union and Tract Society, and G. G. Logan, the Missionary Society, were present. Both are strong and eloquent speakers. R. H. Cox and Ed. Foster were recommended for reception on trial in the annual conference. The first day of the session was given to Epworth League work and the following officers were elected: President, Dr. N. H. Speight; 1st vice, R. L. Cobb; 2d vice, J. T. Martin; 3rd vice, M. Cornelia Young; 4th vice, R. Bertha McLin; treasurer, F. J. Brown; secretary, Jessie Bank; recording secretary, S. D. Davis; organizer, Mrs. N. H. Speight.

Prof. Walter L. Brown, of Sam Houston College, and Rev. Perry of the A. M. E. Church were introduced to the conference. The pastors promised to bring the full amount of their apportionment to the annual conference. Notes of thanks were extended Dr. Speights and his people for their hospitality. Memoir was held Sunday afternoon in honor of Rev. Jno. L. Speights. Dr. Speights having resigned the presidency of the Marion Institute, Mr. H. A. Clarke was elected. Interesting sermons were preached by the presiding elders, R. L. Cobb, J. T. Martin and O. Nelson.

D. B. V. WALTHALL.

L. H. Smith, Beattieville, La.—Sister Virginia Zilton went among the members July 20th and collected 40 pounds of groceries for the pastor. We are moving along nicely and will send our pastor to the district conference in good shape, if the Lord is willing.

A. W. Randolph, Pastor, Dublin Circuit, Va.—I have just closed my revival at Bell Springs, Va., with 15 conversions and 8 accessions to the church. Rally for the parsonage was a success. Amount contributed, including the public collection, was \$57.45. Paid, for benevolence, \$29.67; presiding elder, \$11.60; pastor, \$108.51. Total raised during the quarter, \$207.23. Rev. W. E. Mitchell, presiding elder, preached two excellent sermons on Sunday, gave a lecture and obtained one subscriber for the church paper.

R. H. Ponton, Belton, Tex.—On July 4 and 5 Dr. N. J. Johnson was with us and held his third quarterly conference. We had a good quarter. The doctor preached for us three good sermons. Collected for presiding elder, \$23.20; our quarterage was \$20; for pastor \$45; benevolence \$9.25; on church repairs \$37. Total \$185.45.



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E. A. White, Pastor, Maysville, Ky.—We have just ended the first round on the Maysville District with phenomenal success and the outlook is very prosperous for a good year. Our district conference, Sunday School Institute and Epworth League Convention was held in Augusta, Ky., July 30 to Aug. 2.

Wm. Perry, Pastor, Heflin Circuit.—Our second quarterly conference convened in New Bethel M. E. Church June 20, with Rev. E. M. Jones, presiding elder, in the chair. Reports showed a marked increase. Sunday was a day of refreshing incident. The presiding elder preached two able sermons which I think will leave a vivid impression on the minds of the people. Raised for pastor this quarter, \$38.93; benevolence, \$8.09; Epworth League, \$5.52; presiding elder, \$7.81. Total for all causes, \$60.35.

Rev. T. Moore, Pastor.—Our quarterly conference was held on the 26-27th, with presiding elder in the chair. Rev. O. I. Jones preached a wonderful sermon. Collection \$8.

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PROGRAMME.

The Clow District Epworth League and Sunday School Convention will meet at Lackesburg, Ark., Holly Springs M. E. Church, Sept. 3-6, 1903. Thursday morning, Sept. 3, at 9 A. M., annual sermon by Rev. H. C. Crump. 10:30 A. M., Love Feast. 11 A. M., Enrollment and organization. 2 P. M., Paper by the Epworth League Presidents, prepared by Miss K. L. Whitmore. 3 P. M., Paper by Miss Mary Felling, Subject, "Can we do without the League?" Mr. J. W. Wesson will present a paper on the same subject. 8 P. M., Welcome address by Rev. C. W. Sampson, responded to by Miss Addie Young.

Friday morning, 9 A. M., "Model Sunday School," conducted by Bros. Sam Young, G. H. Henry, John Johnson, Bunn Willis, M. C. Brown, D. D. Fountain and H. N. Neal. 10:30 A. M., Appointment of committees; reports from Sunday School Superintendents and Epworth League Presidents. 2 P. M., Paper by D. D. D. Fountain, Subject, "How should the home influence help the Sunday following Superintendents: M. C. Brown, Wiley Bridges, W. H. Halt, McScoggins, W. W. Petters, R. W. Halle, and John Donley. 8 P. M., A spiritual service conducted by the pastors and first vice presidents of the chapters, led by Brothers G. A. Hall, J. C. W. Pair, A. S. Miller, W. C. Carter and J. H. Hines.

Saturday, 9 A. M., Opening service, conducted by Revs. G. N. Johnson and T. D. Wesson; first 30 minutes speaking, songs and prayers. 10:30 A. M., the election of officers and reports of

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committees. 2 P. M., Unfinished business. 4 P. M., A reception given by the young people; the arrangements will be made by the committee.

Sunday, 9 A. M., a full attendance at Sunday School. 11 A. M., Preaching. The chapters, with the assistance of the presidents and committees will collect and bring one cent for each member; also \$5.00 for the Epworth Farm. Each Sunday School will bring \$5.00 that we may report to Rev. W. S. Sherrill, treasurer, in full.

All who attend the convention must come with money to help in all of the causes, to subscribe for the Herald and buy some books to prepare yourselves for the work. Those coming must leave home in time to be at Holly Springs, Sept. 2, so that we can open promptly on the 3rd. Bring Bibles and all books that pertain to Epworth League and Sunday School work. "Let the District Rally." T. R. WAMBLE, President, Clow, Ark.

W. H. Robinson, Pastor, Wilson, La.—June 21 was another good day for Wesley Chapel M. E. Church. In our grand rally we raised \$37.75 for building purposes. Brother Dan Allen led the van. His collection was \$10.60. The writer presented the cause of the SOUTHWESTERN and obtained three subscribers. The pastor and presiding elder are trying to put the paper in the home of each member. Rev. H. Taylor will hold his second quarterly conference at this place July 9. As a preacher and a leader of his race Rev. Taylor is loved and respected by all here.

D. H. Martin, Hagan, Waynesboro District.—We entered our new church at this place the second Sunday in April. It is up to date, 40x38, steeple 36 feet in height. Our Sunday School now numbers fifty-seven scholars. Children's day was observed with an approximate program. Total collection \$12.85.

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J. L. Mills, Canton, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference was held the 17th instant, Presiding Elder Shumpert in the chair. Although this is my first year at this point, every

indication points to success. The presiding elder was pleased with the reports of the work. At night Dr. Shumpert preached a soul-stirring sermon to a crowded house. The entire work seems to have taken on new life. The outlook for a good year's work is encouraging.

John H. Everett, Macon, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference was held in St. Paul M. E. Church June 26-28, Rev. C. W. Walton, P. E., in the chair. The reports showed the church to be in a prosperous condition. Added to the church this quarter 17. Raised for benevolence \$60.00. For all purposes \$171.00. Raised during the quarter \$31.10. We had with us Dr. Williams and Rev. B. F. Woolfolk. Elder Walton preached at 11 A. M. and 8:30 P. M. Dr. Williams at 3 P. M.

L. M. Huntley, Pastor, Attalla, Ala.—We are glad to inform our brethren and friends that we are moving along nicely with our work. Sunday was a high day with us. We rallied for the painting of our church. The pastor preached at 11 o'clock, and at 3 o'clock Dr. W. F. Smith, of Hennessee, Oklahoma, stirred the audience to tears by his most excellent sermon, followed by Rev. Dillard, of the A. M. E. Church, at night. The Lord wonderfully blessed us. Collection \$90.00. We are preparing for the conference.

Kingston, La.—Our second quarterly conference convened June 13-14 with presiding elder in the chair. Many of the officers were present with written reports. Rev. H. Daniel preached to a large audience on Sunday. Paid presiding elder in full. Pastor this quarter \$26.50.

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J. E. Coleman, Canton, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference was held June 27-28, with Dr. J. M. Shumpert in the chair. The elder preached an able sermon on Sunday. Fifty communed at the Lord's table. Members of the conference were present with written reports. Total collection for this quarter \$128.00. Benevolence \$7.50. The presiding elder lectured our Sunday School Sunday morning. Deaths 3; admitted to the church, 3; probation, 14. We have recently painted Pike's chapel.

D. L. Sual, Pastor, Brookston, Texas.

—Our third quarterly conference convened Saturday, June 20, with Dr. Parker, presiding elder, in the chair. The written reports showed the work to be active. Rev. F. Parker, D. D., is a man of great spiritual power, and he preached three able sermons Sunday, and the services were well attended. Raised for presiding elder \$7.07; pastor \$52.70. We are praying for a successful way which will lead us into the avenues of greater success.

D. Vainford, Pastor, Columbus, Miss.

—On Tuesday night my people gave me a storm party, and loaded the table with many good things, amounting to about 40 pounds. Before bidding them good night I earnestly exhorted them to come again.

R. N. Jones, Pastor, Moss Point, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference was held by Rev. S. A. Cordano June 20-21. Many of the brethren were present with written reports. The conference was a success spiritually. Rev. S. A. Cowan preached a noble sermon. Two joined the church. Paid the pastor this quarter \$98.00; presiding elder \$16.00. Raised for missions \$27.00; education \$5.00; trustees \$25.00; sick and poor \$5.00. Total for all purposes, \$176. The rally was not a success, the stewards collected \$15.85. We hope to have a splendid district conference here in St. Paul M. E. Church. The editor is invited. We shall try and give him a large list of subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. The class leaders who raised the most money this quarter were Brothers F. J. Hin, Class No. 5, and J. E. Thomas, Class No. 11. These are the banner classes. I hope the third quarter will be much better on all lines.

Conference Notices

NOTICE.

The twenty-fifth session of the Columbus District, West Texas Conference, convenes in LaGrange, Texas, at 9 o'clock a. m., Aug. 20. It is hoped that all local preachers, exhorters, Sunday school superintendents, Epworth League presidents, class leaders-elect, and district stewards will be present on the first day. Local preachers and exhorters will meet their respective committees for examination the forenoon of the first day's session. Bring the books on the year's studies, or a full knowledge of the same; one year's subscription paid for SOUTHWESTERN is included. The examination will be conducted by the presiding elder and his selected help. Every member of this body will bring or send 15 cents, to be paid at roll call, for the publishing of the minutes. All who did not pay 25 cents last year must pay it, in addition to this year's requirement. We have the names of all who paid. The pastors will aid and urge the committees appointed to collect the apportionments given for Samuel Huston College, and report the same on Friday night, at the great rally and anniversary of the college. Dear brethren, \$425 is the full amount which was apportioned to each charge at the holding of the first quarterly conference. While the presiding elders were made the collectors of the \$2,000, any failure to collect the same will be your failure as well, and such failure would affect our district greatly. Our good editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, Dr. I. B. Scott, is hereby invited. Also, anyone



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LITERARY NOTES

One of the most splendid efforts ever made in behalf of the suffering poor is the protracted war against policy, conducted by Captain F. Norton Goddard and his associates, which culminated recently in the conviction of "Al" Adams and others, who are now serving their time in Sing Sing prison. Frank Moss, who throughout this struggle has been the advisor of the "Anti-Policy Society," writes, in *The Cosmopolitan* for August, an intimate and interesting account of "The Tragedy of Policy in New York."

The September *Delineator* presents a charming and up-to-date display of autumn fashions. Margaret Hall has a helpful chapter on the relations of mistress and servant; and Mrs. Birney adds a paper on childhood. In fiction, there is a delightful story, "A Florida Cracker," by Virginia Fraser Boyle; and an amusing monologue. For the children, Lina Beard describes and explains the construction in miniature of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon; Livingston B. Morse has a Firelight story. There is also the Sewing Lesson. The departments contain much information of practical value in the home.

THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY

Sister Lillie Masingall, aged 25 years, died June 16, 1903. She was a member of Long Branch church thirteen years. At the funeral Elder A. Brown and the writer officiated.

Sister Tobether N. Blums, a member of St. James M. E. church, died June 21. Rev. W. J. Mitchell and the writer officiated.

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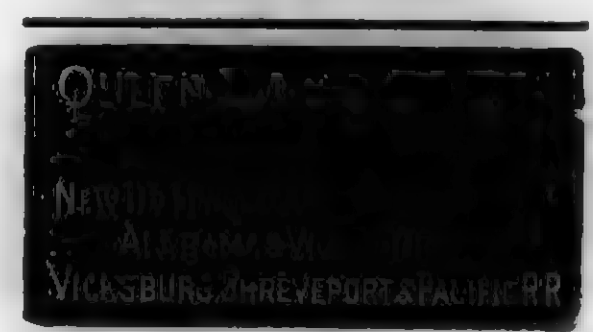
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10:00 a. m.	St. Louis and Chicago	7:15 p. m.
7:50 a. m.	Northern Express	5:20 p. m.
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9:40 p. m.	Sunday Excursion	7:30 a. m.
Yazoo and Mississippi Valley.		
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Sister Ellen Jackson, one of the old members of Williams Chapel M. E. Church, died on the 5th inst in full faith. She was buried from Williams Chapel by W. M. Mathews and C. W. Reeves, the pastor.

Master Jonas Johnson, aged 13 years, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lick Johnson, died in this city July 26, 1903. The remains were taken to Mandeville, La., his home, where at Newels Chapel his funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Harry.

Miss Elnora Edwards, aged 25 years, was converted two days before her death, which occurred Aug. 20, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Laura Bowles, No. 1570 Annunciation street. She leaves relatives and a host of friends. The funeral was attended by Rev. C. W. Reeves. Her remains were interred in Hope's cemetery. May the weeping family find comfort in the blessed word of God.

NOTICE.

All persons attending the South New Orleans District Conference at Jeanerette, La., Aug. 26, get certificate when purchasing ticket. Should you not get one at a ticket office, be sure to get conductor's receipt. Pastors, don't use your permits; get tickets and certificates, as it will help us to make up the number required.

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At St. Augustine's Church, Wednesday evening, July 20, 1903, many friends witnessed the marriage of J. T. Valentine, M. D., D. D. S., to Miss Laura Allain, a prominent teacher of the city schools. Father Subilecin officiated. At the home of the bride, which was beautifully decorated, a bountiful supply of refreshments were served the guests and the many handsome wedding presents inspected. After the reception the couple went to the groom's home and began their preparations for a two weeks' bridal tour, which they are soon to take.

Program of the South New Orleans District, Louisiana Conference, to be held at Jeanerette, August 26-30, 1903.

—Literary Work: "Is the Church Drifting Heavenward or Worldward?" F. D. Bowers, G. J. Rogers. "Should Our Book of Discipline Be Used as a Book of Reference or Should It Be Studied?" F. Walker, O. J. Harvey, and others. "Is Preaching Calculated to Promote Revivals?" J. S. Jones, David Harrison. "The Pastor's Relation to the Doctrine of His Church," J. D. Pool, Eugene Baptiste. "The Pastor's Relation to the Sunday School," T. A. Brown, G. G. Golston. "Is the Class-Meeting a Necessity in the Methodist Episcopal Church?" J. A. Tircuit, F. H. Harvey. "Give the Scriptural Doctrine of Absolution," C. W. Reeves, C. W. Kershaw. "The Pastor's Responsibility in the Prayer-Meeting," J. A. Lan-

dry, M. T. Fairfax. "Missionary Sermon," M. S. Goins and T. A. Brown. Sunday School Convention conducted by R. E. Jones, D. D., field agent of the Sunday School Union of the M. E. Church, assisted by T. J. Johnson, M. J. Dyer. Anniversaries of the Missionary and Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society, conducted by Drs. Logan, field agent of the Missionary Society, and P. Landry, dean of Gilbert Industrial College. A paper, "How to Acquire and Preserve Health," H. H. Ford, M. D. Literary Work: "Should Pastors Preach Farewell Sermons?" O. J. Harvey, E. Fields. "How May We Best Increase the Efficiency of the Sunday Schools?" R. C. Worsham, J. B. Johnson. "What Is the Moral and Religious Effects of Sunday Excursions Upon Our People?" C. H. Pemilton, W. D. Riggins, M. S. Alexander, D. S. Soan. "Should Camp Meetings as They Are Now Managed Be Encouraged by Our Ministers?" Wm. Porter, H. C. Gair. "Is a Conference Evangelist Helpful to the Pastors?" Thos. McCary, conference evangelist. "What Is the Effect of Sabbath Desecration Upon the Church and State?" F. T. Chinn and the presiding elder. Doctrinal sermon, F. T. Chinn, J. A. Tircuit. Presiding Elder's Request: (1) Let each P. C. come prepared to pay for the Louisiana Conference Minutes. (2) Bring at least one cash subscriber to the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. (3) Be ready to report his full apportionment for missions, as Dr. Logan will be present and would be glad to hear from same. (4) That each district steward be present and ready to report the third quarterage on the first day of the conference. Pastors, please see to it being done. Bishop Mallalieu and all general church officials with the presiding elders are cordially invited to be present, also pastors from other districts. Committee: J. A. Tircuit, C. W. Reeves, T. J. Johnson, W. R. Butler, Presiding Elder.

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Mrs. J. A. Hardin, at 1428 Canal

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Editorial Notes

The Michigan conference has four pastors who are finishing their sixth year and fourteen who are finishing their fifth year. That's a good showing.

The attendance at the recent Epworth League Convention at Detroit was 28,435; that is to say, that number of persons were handled by the railroads.

Local option is still pressing its way over the great state of Texas. There are now 133 counties in that state in which the sale of liquor is forbidden.

So A. E. Batson, who was convicted of murdering the Earl family, was hanged after all. The State Board of Pardons recommended that his sentence be commuted to imprisonment for life, but the governor refused absolutely to interfere. Hence on Friday of last week he was executed at Lake Charles, La.

"Your religious literature underlies all your church work. Its circulation is, therefore, a matter of vital importance." These are the words of Bishop Candler of the Methodist Church, South, and worthy of the attention of all our Methodist preachers and people. Every subscriber secured for the Church paper is so much done toward the proper circulation of church literature.

While without the pales of the church the sinner depended upon you to help him into the kingdom, now whatever you do do not turn your back on such during the pleasure season and leave them to drift. Remember that the reason so many of the young converts backslide is that so many of the older members do the same during the pleasure season. Stay by the converts the season through.

Shreveport, La., has another murder mystery and is bewildered. Yes, and this is not the last one she will have unless the authorities take to interesting themselves more in finding the guilty parties than some Negro who simply looks as though he might be guilty of such a deed. The latest is that a white man and woman living in illegitimate relations were assaulted while asleep by some one with an ax and the woman is not expected to live.

After investigating the whipping of Mamie De Cris, the white female convict, the Georgia prison commission reports in favor of Mr. Allagood, the warden. He had done his duty in whipping her and did not hurt her much at that. They also say, her charge that the warden had made indecent proposals to her and then whipped her because she would not submit are "absolutely false and malicious." Still the warden tendered his resignation and it was accepted by the commission. All we have to say is that it is "mighty queer."

"The Brakes Failed to Work"

In the recent railway accident which occurred at Durand, Michigan, when the second section of a circus train crashed into the rear end of the first, the only excuse given for the accident by the engineer was "that the air-brakes failed to work." In this accident twenty-one persons were killed and a number of animals slaughtered. The lame excuse made by the engineer who ought to have had his train under control before coming so near another, is poor atonement for such destruction of life and property. And yet we are reminded that in every day life accidents equally as disastrous and inexcusable are constantly happening. Men are destroying their own lives and in not a few cases their own loved ones simply because they did not keep themselves, their habits, under control. Very few persons who destroy themselves or injure others in the final outcome of their lives, do so intentionally. They almost invariably live with the expectation of putting on the brakes in time to avoid the crash. The young man takes his first drink with no thought of becoming a drunkard. It may be he does so under the most pleasant and inviting circumstances: while surrounded by brilliant, happy and loving friends he drinks the social glass and thus starts his train of life without the least thought of danger for the future. Not only so, but when the day comes that he is warned by friends who grieve to find him under the influence of strong drink, he does not dream that the day will come when he will desire to stop and cannot: he laughs at their anxiety and assures them that everything is all right. But it is sad indeed to think how many of such confident persons run on through life wrecking one individual after another, friend and foe, because the brakes will not work.

Then there are others who are trusted in various capacities; trusted in the best families, trusted in prominent positions, trusted to hold other people's money, trusted to live so as to help those with whom they come in contact, who wreck hundreds as they pass through life and finally destroy themselves. They began and went on little by little in the forbidden way, expecting to apply the brakes in time to check themselves in their career. But alas, the brakes didn't work and the result was wreck and ruin. The only wise course to pursue is to never lose control of the train of life. If it begins running too fast there is no telling whether you can stop it when you wish or not. It is an easy matter for a man to lose control of himself; it is an easy matter for "circumstances to get beyond his control." When it is all over there is absolutely no atonement in the statement that I tried to stop but couldn't, "the brakes wouldn't work."

Robbing the Poor

So seldom does one entrusted with a large amount of church funds betray the trust imposed in him, that the embezzlement of Mr. Willard S. Allen, of East Boston, the treasurer of the Preach-

ers' Aid Society of the New England Conference, is attracting a great deal more attention than it otherwise would. It would seem that this prominent layman of Methodism was entrusted with money that had been accumulated for the purpose of relieving the wants of aged preachers and others dependent upon the conference. He had been in charge of this fund since 1891, and was honored and trusted by all who knew him. When it first passed into his hands the fund amounted to \$39,000, but according to his report last March it had grown to \$72,709.77. Since his confession that he had lost these funds in speculations, of the whole amount about \$2,800 have been found. This is indeed a sad case and should be a warning to all persons who have occasion to handle other people's money. Mr. Allen had no right whatever to speculate or use in any other way money belonging to others. It is true he may have hoped to increase the amount by this means, and yet he had no right to attempt it without positive instructions to that effect. By his dishonesty there is no doubt that many a worn out preacher and his loved ones will be made to suffer. Friends may come to the rescue at once, but the only way in which this loss can be fully atoned for is that an equal amount be raised and deposited in such a way as to afford the same income secured from the fund that has just been squandered.

We have known of many persons who felt free to use money entrusted to their care with the hope of replacing it before called for. It is evident that such persons do not intend to be dishonest, but there is no denying the fact that to do such a thing is a positive breach of trust. No person is justifiable in using money entrusted to his care in any other way than that indicated to him at the time his services are thus engaged. We are pleased to know that immediate steps are to be taken for the relief of those who have thus been robbed by an unfaithful servant.

Delegates to the Business League

The delegates to the National Business League which meets this week in Nashville, Tenn., left Tuesday morning for the "rocky city." The full list is as follows: Z. T. Evans, mattress manufacturer; B. T. Hatter, merchant tailor; H. Dejoie, druggist; H. Thomas Calloway, traveling salesman; E. A. Griggsby, tailor; E. D. Ayles, second-hand furniture dealer; J. M. Vance, lawyer; D. W. Rhodes, undertaker; H. C. Green, real estate dealer; M. S. Alexander, sugar planter; J. T. Howard, inventor and manufacturer of sugar cane loader; Madame M. C. Turner, manufacturer of toilet soap and face preparations; Rivers Frederick, physician and druggist; and I. B. Scott, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN. It is understood that the delegation will make an effort to induce the League to hold its next session in New Orleans.

In the United States 10 to 12 per cent of insanity is from drink.

Our Contributors

Should Others Set Bounds to Our Intellectual Development as a Race

BY MISS EULA MEADOWS.

I am to discuss one of the profoundest questions confronting the races of men. It is, Should others set bounds to our intellectual ability as a race? Should others dictate to us, as a race, to what height in the intellectual scale we should attain?

I uncompromisingly hold that they should not, but, instead, they should pull off our shoes, put on us wings in order that we may fly to every intellectual height obtained by mortal man.

Man is a composite being of intellect, sensibility and will, and no man is at his best until these three powers are blended and developed to their fullest capacity. I take pleasure to say no man has right to set bounds to this development.

It should be the ambitious desire of every man in developing himself into a symmetrical man, to subserve all the ends of moral government.

All races of men, both male and female, are made out of the dust of the ground. God has not narrowed Himself to be a respecter of persons, but He is a respecter of character. It is God's highest law that every faculty of the mind be trained to act with dispatch, and that all men have the same opportunity to worship at the shrine of intellect. The world today has, with reverent hands, crowned intellectual endowments with its highest honors. "Its pathway has been strewn with flowers; its brow has worn the loftiest plume; it has held the mightiest scepter of power, and sat upon the proudest throne."

Human intellect sits in her queenly dignity with her boys of honor and twists the controlling forces of nature in her fists and sets pace for the world to forward march.

No man nor set of men should take the responsibility of dwarfing or limiting one's intellectual endowments; no man when seeing another reaching the gospel of life, developing those innate, God-given powers, in hot pursuit of the highest intellectual achievements, should say to that man or race of men, "Thus far thou shalt go, and no farther." Every man, white or black, rich or poor, should have equal chance, equal footing in the intellectual race of life.

What is good for the white man is good for the black man, both North and South. If the highest sciences of life will strengthen, invigorate, refine, and dignify the Caucasian race, and prepare them for true worth and true citizenship, it will do for the Negro race the same.

For one race to set bounds to another race's development is akin to slavery. It denotes fear, selfishness and lack of Godliness. Ignorance is a curse to any people. Empires and kingdoms have fallen at her hands. It is a blank sheet fleeing from wisdom and justice. The sheet needs to be filled, that men may know *how* to think, and *what* to think. A thinking man is an active man, and cannot be enslaved. Every race should have the same advantages in the battles of life.

No man understands another man better than that man himself; no race understands the wants, cares and needs of another race better than that race itself, but every race knows this one fact, that what will build up character and true manhood in one race will build it up in another. Just as pagan creeds and heathen philosophy have proven a failure in producing a system of education suited to the wants of Christian civilization, and the ever increasing needs of the soul,

so is and ever will be a blank page in other races the effort to set the bounds to another's intellectual bounds.

There is a hungry, imperishable desire throbbing in the breast of this race. A longing which no other race can satisfy, to attain the highest possible development given to mortal man.

God, in the fullness of his wisdom and power, saw the Negro race in his onward sweep of civilization, and into his Holy Writ penned it to the world: "Ethiopia shall stretch forth her hands to God." Give to the Negro a thorough education; give to him all the learned sciences and scholarly professions; give to him not a Negro's chance, but a man's chance in the progressive march of ages; give to him the best, yea, the same intellectual opportunity of other races, and he will present to the world in the near future a new people and a new world wrought out by his own mind. He will present what he has accomplished under class legislation, prejudice and lack of means, a clear demonstration that if these hinderances are displaced and he allowed a fair race he would stop the world in amazement.

The great Negro Congress held in Atlanta, August 6-11, 1902, comprising over 40 Christian denominations and other agencies at work, with a gathering of over 6,000 people desiring to better understand the Christian, intellectual, moral and material needs of the race, clearly evinces the fact that the Negro race has a developed capacity as have other races, and that his future, under the same principles, and intellectual advantages is just as promising as that of any other race.

Some have, in their haste, vainly said, give to the Negro race industrial education and the race question is solved; that classical lore unfits him for life's best service. I take issue with the pessimist on this point. Industrialism *serves well* in its place, but will *never make a race*. Brain, character, and perseverance make races. The race that falls short of the highest development possible is dependent and incapacitated for life's highest and best service. It becomes dwarfed, weak, narrow. No race should take the liberty to do what the head of the universe didn't do. Jehovah placed every man on his own merits to drink of knowledge, to enrich his treasure at the storehouse of education, thus reaping a reward at his command more valuable than all material treasures heart could wish. The Negro race needs no bounds. There are no boundary lines, latitudes and longitudes in the intellectual realm of life. It should be man's highest and best prerogative to reach after the best God has in his storehouse. He should be unweighted by limitations and winged by every known advantage to present himself to the world. He should be given an opportunity to soar up to the loftiest peaks permitted to mankind, and there with brain and power, character and will work out destinies, think out futures and set a pace for the onward universal sweep of civilization.

Lafayette, Ala.

The Pastor and the Church

BY REV. N. H. SPEIGHT, D. D.

No one is so closely related to the church and people as the pastor. I think I make no mistake when I say the humble pastor is the center of attraction or the real life of the church. No church can live and prosper long without the pastor, who is actually the servant of the people, and upon whom all the people hold a claim.

A church may exist a short while without him, but will finally dwindle away. The pastor is the angel of the church, the golden candle stick in the midst of the people. He is to the church what a good shepherd is to his sheep. The shepherd must seek goodly pastures and watering places for his flock and defend them at all hazards against the destroyer. So the pastor must feed and water the church and defend it against the common foe at all hazards. The church is committed to his care and he is responsible for it. The spiritual and financial life flame of the church must be kept ablaze by him. Revival services must be held and the souls that are brought to Christ and added to the church look to him for spiritual instruction. The Sunday school and league depend upon him for leadership. The prayer and class services are failures without him. He must lead in building, improving and paying debts. Without the humble pastor the church would be as an army without a general. It is the pastor that seeks the lost and wayward ones; that soothes the troubled; that visits the sick; that lifts up the fallen; that leads the blind; that cheers the faint; that stands over the open grave and repeats so often the sad words, "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust."

What is true of the local church is true of the general church. What the individual pastor is to the local church, the pastors are to the general church. No set of men work as hard and under more sacrifices than the pastors. None are so poorly paid, and none so severely criticised, and often by those who have the rule over them. Once a year, after hard toil, they meet in Annual Conferences to make reports of their year's work and to receive orders for another year. Their characters are scrutinized, then they are discussed behind closed doors without any knowledge of what is said. Men that have oversight of them stand on the conference floor and say, "He is alright; nothing against him; clear case; move that his character pass," will leave the conference floor with a sharp knife to thrust into their backs behind closed doors and hide their hands.

Often these hard-working and sacrificing men receive appointments not of God but of the devil, which is meant for evil. But God brings, through them, out of the mischief intended, great good to the glory of his name. The writer, who has been a pastor for twenty-four years, received such an appointment once, but that was one of the best years of his pastorate. Numbers of souls were converted, the standard of the church raised higher, money for needed repairs raised, and the benevolent collections advanced as never before. When I think of the thousands of pastors of the church, their ardent toil, the obstacles they meet and surmount the battles they fight and win, I can but say they are truly the light and life of the church. Indeed the weight of the church rests upon their shoulders. It is the pastor that plans and leads in church and parsonage building, in improving property and debt paying. They must plan and lead in all the benevolent collections. It is he who must look after the interest of presiding elders and bishops. The church schools and periodicals depend upon him for life. The wheels of the great Missionary society, the Church Extension, Freedman's Aid, Sunday School Union and Tracts are turned by the humble pastors, for without them nothing would be done that is now accomplished and the whole church would be at a standstill. Like good shepherds they look not after their own interest and good, but to that which is commit-

ted to their care. As the sun is the great light and life of the vegetable kingdom, so are the pastors the light and life of the church.

"Tis not a cause of small import
The pastor's care demands;
But what might fill and angel's heart,
And filled a Saviour's hand."

Marion, Ala.

Color and Conditions at Shreveport

BY W. T. WATERS.

Shreveport is a strangely interesting town. Color, tho despite conditions, gets on here. She has a population of 24,000, the majority of which are colored. Her enterprises, run by men of color, are many and prosperous. Standing in her midst you cannot but feel proud while observing the energy and tenacity of her colored citizens, and yet, withal, a feeling steals in upon you that you are standing over a sleeping Vesuvius.

Drs. D. A. Smith, G. A. Cain and T. H. Wright, three of the leading physicians, are kept busy day in and out. Dr. Wright is proprietor of the Central Pharmacy, advertised in these columns, a first class drug store, clean and well stocked, with a nice soda fount where our people may enjoy an unmolested hour of ease and comfort. Dr. Cain also keeps a drug store, and both are receiving the hearty patronage of the people at large.

Mr. E. L. Marshall, on Common street, is the wide-awake and practical tailor of the city. Suits from \$12 to \$35. At 859 Texas avenue, Mr. J. R. Ridley runs another tailor shop, selling goods at popular prices and managing a pressing club where men's clothes are kept like new for one dollar a month. Mrs. N. L. Cain, milliner and dressmaker promises to please with the latest hats and best fitting garments made to order.

The Peoples Livery and Transfer Co. is a chartered organization with a capital stock of about \$12,000; Mr. I. S. Stokes is its manager. They meet all trains, hold vehicles subject to call, and do general transfer work.

The "Castle" is a first class hotel. It has already been mentioned in our columns.

All these concerns do a profitable business and supply an urgent demand of the people.

Jackson District Items

W. F. WATERS.

The Jackson District met at Yazoo City, a beautiful and prosperous town, the queen city of the rich Delta section of the Mississippi. The colored people here have good and well kept homes. Ware venders and agents are often greatly surprised on calling at their homes on asking for the lady of the house to find these homes owned by them. They own, in Yazoo City, about \$300,000 worth of property. Many of their houses are worth from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Rev. J. C. Houston owns an elegant two-story home in Yazoo worth \$4,000, and real estate in Vicksburg valued at \$3,000. Mrs. Houston, his wife, is a woman of grace and kindness. I spent several delightful hours in her home.

Mr. V. N. Nelson controls a grocery and does a good business.

Prof. P. A. Wardlow has a nice home as well located as any in the city. I had the pleasure to dine with him and his accomplished wife. She is an interesting entertainer, and the Professor is a man of public spirit with whom it is plentifully worth while to converse.

Mr. A. J. Oakes is a prosperous lumber

dealer, owning considerable real estate. His worth is estimated at \$40,000.

Dr. L. T. Miller, proprietor of the People's Drug Store, carries a full stock and does a successful and helpful practice.

Rev. J. M. Shumpert reported that his district has raised up to its session more benevolent money than it did during the entire previous year. The conference was marked with sane enthusiasm, orderly deliberation and wise discussion.

All delegates and visitors were cordially received and well cared for by the people and pastor. Mrs. G. W. Smith, the pastor's wife, was called away at the beginning of the conference to attend the funeral of her mother at Brookhaven. Rev. Smith, our pastor here, has raised, up to now, over \$2,500. His membership is increasing and all claims of the church have been met. He and the people are getting on harmoniously. The new church he has built is in every way a beautiful thing and a great credit to our Methodism in the State. Rev. S. A. Cowan, J. C. Hibbler, Dr. H. J. Clement, of Flint Medical College, and Rev. C. H. Brown, of Enterprise, were among the visitors to the meeting.

I was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hayman, whose kindness I cannot forget. Mr. Hayman is one of the leading tonsorial artists of the city. Mrs. Hayman's home is one than which I have not seen another more cleanly and well ordered.

Laymen of the Atlanta Conference

The fourth annual meeting of the Lay Members' Association of the Atlanta Conference convened at Austell, Ga., July 23 at 8 p. m., with Prof. L. J. Price, president, presiding. The welcome address was delivered by Miss Lena Gaines, who, on behalf of the people of Austell, extended to the convention a very cordial welcome, which was very ably responded to by Miss Lella Johnson, on behalf of the convention.

The president then introduced Mr. B. A. Johnson, of Fort St. Church, Atlanta, who delivered the annual address to the Epworth League from the subject, "The League a Workshop."

Friday's session was one of unusual interest. The delegates present discussed the very important subjects which had been programmed for the day with a readiness and enthusiasm which was inspiring to all. Among the many very important questions which were discussed were the following: "How Can the Laity Improve the Moral Status of the Church?" "How Relieve the Pastor of the Financial Burdens of the Church?" "How Can the Laity Assist in Teaching the Doctrine and Polity of the Church?"

On Friday at 8 p. m. Prof. W. H. Crogman, LL. D., of Clark University, in his usual scholarly manner delivered the annual address to the laymen upon the subject of "Lay Responsibility." His address was very helpful, as well as inspiring.

The interest which had been manifested from the beginning and which pervaded the session seemed to reach its climax Saturday morning during the discussion of the subject, "Rum, Humanity's Greatest Enemy," and a declaration was issued by the association denouncing the rum traffic and the use of tobacco in any of its forms, or any intoxicating drinks.

The association was glad to welcome as its guest from the ministerial rank the Rev. M. M. Alston, presiding elder of the Griffin District; Rev. G. W. Arnold, presiding elder of the Gainesville District; Rev. V. D. Jenkins, presiding elder of the Rome District; Rev. F. R. Bridges, of Grif-

fin, and the Rev. P. H. Travis, of Atlanta. Drs. Arnold, Alston and Rev. Jenkins addressed the convention at different times and spoke very encouragingly of the work of the association. We were also glad to have Dr. L. G. Adkinson, D. D., president of Gammon Theological Seminary, with us. In his address, which was very interesting, he made a strong plea for an educated ministry.

Sunday was a high day. Dr. J. P. Wragg preached at 11 a. m. the annual sermon. The doctor was at his best and all present were edified by his sermon. A massmeeting was held Sunday afternoon which was indeed a success.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Prof. L. J. Price; secretary, P. L. Green; treasurer, Dr. A. L. Samuel; Junior League superintendent, Miss Lella Johnson; vice president for the Atlanta District, H. W. B. Wilson; secretary, Miss Annie Hall. For the Griffin District: Dr. A. M. Wilkins, president; secretary, Prof. J. L. Bowdoin. For the Gainesville District: Mr. B. A. Johnson, president; Mr. W. C. Strickland, secretary. For the Rome District: Mr. R. J. Simmons, president; Prof. W. H. Harper, secretary.

Miss Annie Upshaw was elected organist for the association. Our most efficient and much loved president, Prof. L. J. Price, deserves the highest commendation for his persistency and faithfulness in this work.

The Laymembers' Association was organized three years ago, with Prof. Price at its head, and under his wise direction is steadily pushing its way to the front. It is the first laymembers' association to have been organized in any of our colored conferences and is destined to be a great power for good in the Atlanta conference.

P. L. GREEN, Secretary.

Life of Faith

THE MEMORY GUILD

FOR LEARNING BEST HYMNS.

BISHOP H. W. WARREN.

The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended in the seventy-second Psalm. This hymn is a rhythmical and rememberable version of it. The conversion of the world is not merely human hope but divine prophecy. The heathen shall be given unto the Son for an inheritance. He shall be satisfied.

Besides praying the Lord to hasten, we are to be hastening the coming of the day of God ourselves. II. Peter, 3: 2, margin. Pray and work.

THE WORLD'S CONVERSION.

Hasten, Lord, the glorious time,
When, beneath Messiah's sway,
Every nation, every clime,
Shall the gospel call obey.

Mightiest kings his power shall own;
Heathen tribes his name adore;
Satan and his host, o'erthrown,
Bound in chains, shall hurt no more.

Then shall wars and tumults cease;
Then be banished grief and pain;
Righteousness, and joy, and peace,
Undisturbed, shall ever reign.

Bless we, then, our gracious Lord;
Ever praise his glorious name;
All his mighty acts record,
All his wondrous love proclaim.

—HARRIET AUBURN (b. 1773, d. 1842).

If you cannot come to Christ with faith and repentance, come to Christ for faith and repentance, for he can give them to you.—*Spurgeon*.

Growing Loveliness

A beautiful Eastern story tells of a child walking beside the sea, who saw a bright spangle lying in the sand. She stooped down and picked it up, and found it was attached to a fine thread of gold. As she drew this out of the sand there were other bright spangles on it. She drew up the gold thread, and wound it about her neck, and around her head and her arms and her body, until from head to foot she was covered with the bright threads of gold, and sparkled with the brilliance of the silver spangles.

"So it is when we give ourselves with open hearts and complete devotion to serve the Lord Jesus Christ," says the editor of the *Sunday School Times*. "We grow all the time in Christian knowledge and in power. The beautiful follows the beautiful; each good thought and deed is the key to another good thought and deed of still greater beauty."

An Illustration of Repentance

In a sermon on the subject of repentance, Mr. Sam Small used the following beautiful illustration:

"It is said that a great many years ago, there came into the mart of an eastern city and aged and travel-stained wanderer, evidently from a distant country and he paused for awhile among the multitude that was assembled in that great bazar, wandering aimlessly about, regarding neither the crowds that pressed about him nor taking any notice of the turmoil of the market-place, paying no heed to the vast stores of accumulated wealth, to the products of the handicraft of man or to the products of the soil and of the mines, but wandering about seemingly listless, seeing nothing and caring for nothing that was about him. His strange appearance, his peculiar demeanor, attracted the attention of some of those who watched him to see what he was doing there and as he passed along the great market-place he came to a booth on which there were gilded cages and in each of the cages a feathered songster that had been captured in the mountain fastnesses and brought there for sale. As he looked upon them he seemed to listen intently to catch one note of their native melody. The little prisoners, as they beat their wings against the wires of their cages, were fretful and impatient and there was no note that came from them. Directly he put his hands into the folds of his garments and drew forth a coin of a strange realm, took one of the cages in exchange for the coin, opened the door and let the little prisoner loose. It fluttered for a little while and tried to balance itself, almost unable to do so because its wings had been so long untried. But directly its power was restored and it circled on high until, rising higher and higher toward the mountains afar off, which, seeing afar off, it greeted with a glad song bursting from its little throat. It circled once again and flew away and disappeared in the distance toward its mountain home. Then, one by one the traveler purchased these cages and released their little prisoners, who, in turn, circled aloft as the first had done when it had quit its cage, giving forth its greeting melody as it started for its mountain home. And when the traveler was asked why he did this, he turned his eyes on the questioners and with tears streaming down his cheeks, he answered: 'I was once a prisoner myself and I know something of the sweets of liberty.' So, my friends, standing here to-night before you, I would say to you that I was once a prisoner myself. I was once in a bondage that was far more

galling than that of the man who opened these cages and gave freedom to these songsters of the mountain. I was held in chains that were tearing out the strings of my heart; that were burning into my soul from day to day; but I was delivered by One who had come from afar. I was purchased and redeemed and set free and made to sing a new song and I have tasted again the sweets of liberty."—*Northwestern Christian Advocate*.

Woman's Dominion

A few drops of paregoric in water will extract all the ants on the premises. Put it into a shallow dish, and the ants will fall into it.

Sweet white clover gives a pleasant perfume to sheets and pillow cases. Pull while the sun is shining on it and put in cheesecloth bags.

A good tonic of salt water, for the hair, should contain a teaspoonful of salt to a tumbler of water, and should be applied to the hair two or three times a week.

Woman's Work

The Woman's Missionary Societies are doing excellent work. They disseminate missionary information and quicken missionary faith. We can not hope to develop the missionary conscience of the church of the future up to the demands of the home and foreign fields unless the mothers of the rising generation are truly missionary in faith.—*Selected*.

If you would increase your happiness and prolong your life, forget your neighbor's faults. Forget the temptations. Forget peculiarities of your friends, and only remember the good points which makes you fond of them. Forget the personal quarrels or histories you may have heard by accident. Blot out as far as possible all the disagreeables of life; they will come, but they grow larger when you remember them, and the constant thought of the acts of meanness will only tend to make you more familiar with them. Obliterate everything disagreeable from yesterday; start out with a clean sheet for to-day, and write upon it only lovely things.

How to be Graceful

Grace is never conscious posing nor lackadaisical drawling and drooping, nor exaggerated nervous intensity, any more than it is a stolid quietness or a rude violence of manner. Grace is much simpler than any of these things, and in fact is often overlooked because it seems so natural and so absolutely what one would like to see. Grace is literally ease of motion. Where motion is difficult or awkward or overintense there is a great loss of strength.

The woman who accomplishes the most housework is not the woman who does it with her teeth set, every nerve tense, and stamping about on the heels of her shoes. The woman who is the least tired after a day's work or a day's exercise of any sort whatever is the woman who goes about it with a springy step, breathing easily, with her chest held well, the woman who is more apt to have a smile than a tight look about the mouth, whose nerves are perfectly peaceful, and whose muscles are relaxed so far as consistent with accomplishment.—*Woman's Home Companion*.

Woman: The Arbiter of Praise or Blame

Woman's function in the world is not so much to be admired as to admire, to praise, to encourage and to comfort. The woman who makes her life a search for admiration is abdicating her finest power over mankind. She is by right, as Ruskin puts it, "the arbiter of praise and of blame." She sets the standard of her men folk high or low, as she chooses. What she shows a hearty contempt for is sure to lose ground as a social usage or opinion. Whatever laxity of manners or of morals she tolerates is equally sure to gain ground. If she lends her countenance to the lascivious theatre, a low-pitched literature, a paganized art, men will never reform these evils. If she sanctions the living of an empty, idle, and frivolous life, then that will be the life of her male friends. But if she sets herself against these things, they will be disused and despised. Not childhood only, but the world at large, is plastic under her hands. If the bombshells of war were all to explode in her china-closet, Ruskin suggests, wars would soon cease out of the earth.—*The Philadelphia Methodist*.

What Home Is

Home is a place of peace; a shelter not only from all injury, but from all terror, doubt and division. In so far as it is not this, it is not home; so far as the anxieties of the outer world penetrate into it and the unknown, unloved or hostile society of the outer world is allowed by either husband or wife to cross the threshold, it ceases to be home; it is then only a part of that outer world which you have roofed over and lighted fire in. But so far as it is a sacred place, a vestal temple, a temple of the hearth, watched over by household gods, before whose faces none may come but those whom they can receive with love—so far as it is this, and roof and fire are types only of a nobler shade and light, shade as of the rock in a weary land and light as of the Pharos in the stormy sea—so far it vindicates the name and fulfills the praise of home.

And wherever a true wife comes, this home is always around her. The stars only may be over her head, the glow worm in the night-cold grass may be the only fire at her feet, but home is yet wherever she is and for a noble woman it stretches far round her, better than ceiled with cedar or painted with vermilion, shedding its quiet light far, for those who else were homeless.—*John Ruskin, California Christian Advocate*.

The Value of Friendship

Friendship, like everything else, is tested by results. If you wish to know the value of any friendship, you must ask what it has done for you and what it has made for you.

The friendship of Jesus could stand this test. Look at the twelve! Consider what they were before they knew him and think what his influence made them and what position they occupy now! They were humble men, some of them, perhaps with unusual natural gifts, but rude and undeveloped every one. Without him they would have lived and died in obscurity at their pleasant occupations, and been laid in unmarked graves by the blue waters of the Sea of Galilee. They would never have been heard of twenty miles from home and would all have been forgotten in less than a century. But his intercourse and conversation raised them to a place among the best and wisest of the sons of men and they now sit on thrones, ruling the modern world with their ideas and example.

Our friendships, too, must submit to this test. There are friendships so-called which are like millstones dragging down those who are tied to them into degradation and shame. But true friendship purifies and exalts. A friend may be a second conscience. The consciousness of what he expects of us may be a spur to high endeavor. The mere memory that he exists, though it be at a distance, may stifle unworthy thoughts and prevent unworthy actions. Even when the fear of facing our own conscience might be strong enough to restrain us from evil the knowledge that our conduct will have to encounter his judgement will make the commission of what is base intolerable.—JAMES STALKER, D. D.

Young Friends

"God's Awake, I'm Not Afraid"

July 15, 1903.

Timid little baby Ethel,
Fearing darkness and the night,
Looking upward softly whispered,
"Mamma, is the moon God's light?"
"Yes, my darling," said the mother,
"Moon and stars are His alone."
"Will He blow them out when sleeping?"
Said the trembling little one.
"No, my precious, always burning
Are His lights, He never sleeps;
Watching o'er His tired children,
He our all in safety keeps."
Nestling closely to her bosom,
Then the little Ethel said,
"I can sleep now, dearest mamma,
God's awake, I'm not afraid."

A true incident.

Mrs. E. J. Richmond in *Christian Advocate*.

There are two words which ought never to be heard by a young boy or girl—"luck" and "chance," the two verbal scapegoats on which are laid half the sins and follies of the race. If there is anything which is essential to the moral health and strength of a boy or girl, it is to plant deep in the consciousness the fact that this is an ordered world; that a man reaps that which he sows; that he secures the rewards for which he is willing to make the effort, and gains the prizes for which he is willing to pay the price in labor, self-denial and strength. It is true that there are cases in which force of circumstances seem to make it impossible to succeed, but failure oft means success.—Pittsburg *Christian Advocate*.

That Which Will Help a Young Man Succeed

Be mannerly.
Have respect for the aged.
Have profound reverence for father and mother.
Be choice in your language.
Keep your mouth free from smut of any kind.
Love the church.
Early give your heart to Christ.
Help others to learn to love him.
Shun evil companions.
Seek to develop mentally, morally and physically.
Have a profound regard for virtue.
"Keep thyself pure."
Choose your company. Be sure and choose that which will elevate, and not debase.
Have high ideals and constantly seek to attain them.—California *Christian Advocate*.

Self-Depreciation

"Sometimes I think I never can be as pretty or as lively as Allison, and there's no use in trying to be attractive at all when she is present."

"Don't get the notion into your head that everyone is prettier than yourself, Mollie." I was nursing my usual patient, a lame knee, and somehow, that night, it made me feel cross.

"Auntie!" cried Mollie in astonishment.

"Yes, I mean it. It's better not to think of yourself in comparison with another person at all. Don't always be considering whether you are better or uglier, brighter or stupider, better dressed or not as well dressed, as some one else. You are not exactly like some other girl, but it is likely that you are quite attractive, if you act as if you were, and forget to think whether you are or not."

"But certainly it is not right to think too highly of one's self."

Yes—and no. It is better not to think about yourself in a comparative way with others, if you can help it. Be yourself, but don't think about it.—Eva Lovett, in *The Making of a Girl*, in *Christian Uplook*.

Good Manners at Home

How much pain and misunderstanding would be avoided if girls would only be natural! The girl one meets away from her own home is so frequently a purely artificial creature, to all appearance so sweet tempered, bright and unselfish, full of spirit and energy, laughter and fun. But frequently in her own home, where these qualities would be so greatly appreciated and do so much good, what do we find? That she possesses an unlimited faculty for making home miserable. She is selfish and ill-tempered and will see her own mother overburdened by work or anxiety, but will not hold out the helping hand she would give to strangers. With a desire to appear well in the eyes of others, it is astonishing what an amount of trouble she will give herself and how helpful she will be. But all this is spoiled by her increased ill-temper in the home circle.

How can the girl who is not genuine expect to possess the desire of all girls—a happy home of her own? She imposes upon a man for a time, but when the mantle of airs and graces slips from her and he has been treated to one or two domestic scenes what a bitter disappointment follows! Girls, don't put on your smiles with your visiting costumes, but let them be for home wear and they will become a part of yourself. Don't make those who love you unhappy, but cultivate a willing, cheerful disposition and a determined spirit to make the best of things. You are not only making those who love you suffer, but are laying up for yourselves a store of misery. You can avoid this if you wish it; every girl can become what she should be—the sunshine of her home. Begin to-day by wearing your company manners at home; exert yourself to be pleasing, agreeable and obliging, especially in small things, and you will soon be quite content to let the world see your real, true self. The girl who possesses a kind heart and a perfectly natural manner is one of the happiest creatures in existence. "Kind hearts are more than coronets;" they are welcome guests at every board and a universal blessing.—Exchange.

The Personal Touch

In a great meeting a young man was leaning forward on the back of a seat, with his face covered by his hands. There were many like him

young man," was the loving command of the leader to another young man who happened to be in the forefront of young people's work in that church.

Fear took possession of him—he trembled like a leaf and said: "O, I cannot go; I never did such a thing before; I am not able to do it."

The leader was firm in his loving demand. "You must go," he said.

Going down the aisle, he dropped into the seat of the young man, put his arm over his shoulder, and, in a half-sobbing tone, said: "I have been sent to talk to you, but I do not know what to say. But Jesus loves you, and I know He is ready to save you."

They both dropped on their knees, and it was only a moment or two before a soul was born into the kingdom. The personal touch of the loving heart was the means, under God, of directing and winning a soul.—Rev. W. H. Geistweit.

Educational

The medical colleges are turning out doctors at the rate of 5,000 a year.

In China it is said the Protestant churches have 2,782 laborers of foreign birth, endeavoring to spread the Gospel.

Miss Pauline Bellinger, of Marlin, Texas, won the Slater scholarship in the New England Conservatory, at Boston.

Peter Winchester Rouse has presented to the colored public school of Winchester, Va., a bust of Washington. The unveiling was appropriately celebrated.

For the year ending June 1 there was \$10,300,000 donated to the cause of public libraries in this country, of which Mr. Carnegie gave \$6,680,000.

It is claimed that the University of Chicago is to grant a degree of Bachelor of Education. It is to be given for two years of straight professional work in pedagogy.

The Oklona Mississippi Industrial School for young colored men and women recently received a handsome donation from Mr. Samuel W. Jones, the mayor and millionaire of Toledo, Ohio.

There are only 737 women now enrolled in the 21 universities of Germany while a year ago 1,262 were enrolled. The falling off is due to the restrictions and discriminations in that country against female students.

There are said to be only three schools of forestry in the United States—one at Yale, Cornell, and at Biltmore, N. C. The present forest area of this country is 700,000,000 acres, but the stand of timber is only one-tenth of what it should be.

The First Methodist Episcopal Church of Salt Lake City is hereafter to bear the name of McCabe Memorial M. E. Church. That name is all right, as is about everything else that a certain man of the church by the name of McCabe is mixed up with. We guess this is in memory of the Bishop's brother.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S. C. Conference

How Much Shall I Give This Year to Missions

A LITTLE ARGUMENT WITH MYSELF.

(1) If I refuse to give anything, I practically cast a ballot in favor of the recall of every missionary, both in the home and foreign field.

(2) If I give less than heretofore, I favor a re-

duction of the missionary forces proportionate to my reduced contribution.

(3) If I give the same as formerly, I favor holding the ground already won, but I oppose a forward movement. My song is, "Hold the Fort," forgetting that the Lord never intended that His army should take refuge in a fort. All of His soldiers are under marching orders always. They are commanded to "Go."

(4) If I advance my offering beyond former years, then I favor an advance movement in the conquest of new territory for Christ. Shall I not join this class? If I add one hundred per cent. to my former contributions, then I favor doubling the missionary force at once. If I add fifty per cent., I say, Send out one-half as many more; and if I add twenty-five per cent., I say to our Missionary Society, Send out one-fourth more than are now in the field. What shall I do? I surely do not favor the recall of our whole missionary force, or of any part of it. Neither am I satisfied simply to hold our own so long as the great majority of the heathen world as yet have never heard of Christ. I do believe in greatly increasing the present number of our missionaries, therefore I will increase my former offerings to missionary work.

Some Statements

The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church has aided in the erection or saving of over 12,500 churches, employing nearly \$8,000,000 for these purposes.

The work of the Board has been one of the chief factors not only in extending Methodist Christianity but in shaping and conserving Anglo-Saxon American Christian civilization.

The work of the Board represents the permanent and visible element in aggressive Methodism.

To-day there are hundreds of Methodist Episcopal Church organizations without church structures to shelter them and without altars where the sacraments may be celebrated and where penitents may be led to Christ.

The needs are in the cities, on the frontier, in the South, and in our new insular possessions, in Porto Rico and the Philippines.

The demands upon the Board are pressing and the appeals are pitiful.

We *must* provide religious opportunities for the souls who are peopling the continent and coming from all climes.

We *must* capture our cities.

We *must* furnish churches for the rapidly increasing millions of our colored population.

We *must* build churches in our new insular possessions where a pure Gospel can be preached to liberate the people from ecclesiastical bondage and win them away from idolatrous superstition.

SOME QUESTIONS:

Do you *know* that \$500 will make sure the erection of a church worth \$2,500 and upwards above the value of the ground, and that the church may bear a memorial name?

Do you *know* that \$250 will make sure the erection of a church worth \$1,250 and upwards above the value of the ground, and that the church may bear a memorial name?

Do you *know* that \$100 will make sure the erection of a church worth \$400 and upwards above the value of the ground?

Do you *know* that \$50 in many places will be such an encouragement to poor people that they will build a modest church?

In each of these cases a church of the value stated will comfortably meet all the demands of the people.

If the Board of Church Extension can secure the money on these different propositions we can cause the erection of two hundred and fifty churches as the result in the very near future, and in places where we are utterly helpless to aid with our present resources.

JAMES M. KEMP,
Corresponding Secretary,

Enthusiasm, Sympathy and Gifts

Enthusiasm, sympathy, gifts. These three are, for missionary purposes, synonymous. An enthusiasm which only waves its hat in the air, joins vigorously in the applause, and lends its voice to the cheers, and does not also share in the bearing of the burdens, take part in the press of anxiety, and claim a brother's share in the sufferings, is not the breath of God inbreathed, but only a blown fitful, empty wind. A sympathy which merely sighs and wails and bears not its sacrifice in gift of time or talent or treasure, avails not either to send or save.

The problem thus simplified is not the problem solved. It is still all-inclusive. Discussion of means and method, plan and policy, is still meaningless, if the gift is not forthcoming. The question is not how to interest the interested, but how to interest the uninterested, and how to lay hold of that great unused store of resource which in every church lies all around the small group of those whose hearts and hands are already enlisted.

Let us establish in thought the principle that this shall be only by a deepening of the whole Christian life, the tilling of the subsoil of the Christian constituency, the bringing about of a complete consecration of the whole man to the cause of the Christ. Short-cut methods prove soon the longest way around. The superficial Christianity of the man must be made deep enough to be more than a mere veneer on our civilization—it must lay the oath of allegiance on the centre of life, and thence radiate to the great God-placed circumference, bursting through the petty limits of convention and custom. Moreover, connection must be made between the great ideal owned and the immediate task which reaches toward it. Our fault is, "we fail to connect." Not by specific sermon or prescribed method, but by a temper which shall transform all sermons and create its own methods, shall we make this age, devoted to ideals, lay its hand to its present task. And this will not reduce the power of the church as a force for individual community. It will rather breathe a breath of life across many a pool now stagnant. The church is missionary or nothing. To permeate our complacent self-satisfaction with this as a conviction—this is the purpose of our ministry—this leads to that gift, that sacrifice—which alone saves.—*The American Missionary*.

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

Topic, August 30th.

LATEST NEWS FROM CHINA.

Scripture Reference, Matt. 4:16.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday. The Office of Christ. Isa. 42:1-7.

Tuesday. Joy at Christ's Birth. Isa. 9:1-7.

Wednesday. Christ Equipping His Workers. Acts 2:1-13.

Thursday. The Workers Going Out. Acts 8:4-8.

Friday. Conversion of the Persecutor. Acts 9:1-9.

Saturday. Result of the Prayers of the Church. Acts 12:1-20.

We are living in marvelous times. Science has laid undreamed of achievements at our doors. The winds which a few years ago were the sailors help or hinderance has become but the plaything of steam and electric power. The way that seemed almost impassable a few years ago has become the highway of commerce and travel. The passage of the seas which were fought with such dangers a few years ago, have become a sort of a pleasure ride for tired men seeking rest. The work of carrying the Gospel to the heathen, which seemed an almost impossible task, is now but the easy work of a generation. The people that sat in darkness have seen a great light and to them that sat in the region and shadow of night, light is spring up. The sable shadows are lifting and the clouds of heathenism are being pierced by a thousand rays of light, white from the throne of God. The wilderness and the solitary place is made glad, and the sounds of praise rise regnant from heathen lands. Ethiopia is stretching out her hands unto God and princes are coming out of Egypt. China, the oldest and most difficult to reach with the Gospel, is heaving with joy the glad message of Messiah, and

"From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain."

The growth and importance of the Methodist Missions in China led the last General Conference to establish an Episcopal residence at Shanghai, and Bishop David H. Moore is there directing the work. Highest hopes fill the heart of the great Church for China, and it is exultingly stated, that not many years hence the center of Methodism will be in the Chinese Empire.

China is a great country as to area. The kingdom proper contains one million three hundred fifty-three thousand, three hundred and fifty square miles (1,353,350). The estimated population of China proper is from 350,000,000 to 386,000,000. According to this estimate there would be an average of 271.9 inhabitants to the square mile.

The growth of the kingdom among the Chinese has been marvelous. In 1873 there were only three converts in Manchuria. But the seed sowing went industriously forward so that after twenty years, or by 1895, there were 4,000 baptized members of the church. In 1897, two years later, the reports show that there were 8,000, or a gain of 100 per cent in two years. At the beginning of 1900 the reports showed that there were 1,900 baptized members of the church and about 6,000 Catechumens. The rate of increase for five years previous to 1900 being about 50 per cent.

Today, or rather at the beginning of 1903, and using the statistics gathered before the Boxer uprising, we have a hopeful outlook for the work of evangelizing China.

The force. Ordained men, 610; unordained men, 578; missionary's wives, 772; other missionary women, 825. This makes a total force of 2,785 foreign workers. To this must be added the native workers of both sexes with a total of 6,388. Now if you will add the foreign and native forces you will have a snug little army of 9,173, who are standing on the ramparts of heathenism in China, declaring the truth of the Gospel.

There are also 653 stations where missionaries reside, and 2,476 sub-stations, outposts; some-

thing like the Methodist circuit where the workers go over and anon to open to the people the way of life.

The Christian army in China is now of magnificent proportions and rapidly increasing. There are 112,808 communicants and 91,864 adherents to the new faith, so that the total native constituency is 204,672.

The educational work is moving forward in a most satisfactory manner. There are 1,819 day schools and in these schools there are 35,412 pupils. There are 170 institutions, with 5,150 pupils studying there.

The care of the heathen along medical lines has not been neglected for there are 162 foreign male physicians and 79 foreign women physicians. There are also 259 hospitals and dispensaries and in these they treated 691,732 patients during the last year.

Now, dear leaguer, you have before you some fresh facts about China, and I want you to let these facts stir you up on the subject of Missions. If God has turned the little that you have given to such good account will you not try this year to double your gift to the cause of Missions?

See heathen nations bending
Before the God we love,
And thousand hearts ascending
In gratitude above.

Pittsburg, Pa.

Texas Conference

The Texas Conference Epworth League will hold its annual convention in Bryan, Texas, Sept. 15th to 17th. Each local league chapter is entitled to send its president and five or more delegates to this convention. We have the promise of several of our leading men and women to be with us and we expect them, including Mr. B. B. Balsell, president of Texas Epworth League.

We anticipate a profitable meeting. The people at Bryan are making ample preparation to entertain us. If you have not received a program they will reach your pastor in a few days, and you can get one. Each league chapter is asked to send in 50 cents for general expenses.

Dear pastor, will you please call the league's attention to this notice? Yours for success,

B. M. TAYLOR,
President Conf. League.

Jefferson, Texas, Aug. 1, 1903.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson IX—Aug. 20th, 1903. Title—David Spares Saul (1 Sam. 26:1-12. 21-25). Study—vs. 1-25. Golden Text—"Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you." (Luke 6:27.) Time—B. C. 1060. Place—Wilderness of Judea."

The events of this chapter are very distinct from those recorded in chapter twenty-four. Twice did David spare the life of Saul. The entire chapter should be studied with the lesson.

I. *Saul searching for David.* (1-4). Saul dwelt at Bibeah, a town five or six miles north of Jerusalem. The Ziphites resided in the village of Ziph, in or near the wilderness of Judea, between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea. We know not why they revealed David's hiding place. Probably Saul had hired them to do so. Possibly they disliked David and desired that he be removed from their locality. Saul acted promptly on their information. He took three thousand chosen men, the size of his standing army, and went in search of David. This he did after knowing the Lord was with David, and that he would become king over all Israel. He should have remembered that David had spared his life, and had also taken

a solemn oath to protect his posterity. David heard that Saul was coming and sent out spies to ascertain the truthfulness of the report.

Note (1). *These ziphites were newsy*; just a little inclined to gossip. Why did they make a journey of twenty-five miles to tell Saul of David's whereabouts? There are folks in this age who enjoy repeating every unfavorable thing they know against the church. They will, if possible, work up a spirit of persecution. (2). *Saul believed their report* and promptly acted upon it. There are to-day those who are just as ready to persecute the church as Saul was to search out and take the life of David. (3). *David was on his guard*, and acted with wisdom and prudence. So should the church be wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove, in the dealing with the world.

II. *David sparing Saul.* (5-12). (1). *David, like Gideon, observed the tent of the foe* before entering into it. He came to the place Saul had selected for his tents. He noticed where the king and Abner, the captain of the host, lay. They slept in the center of the tents, with the carriages in a circle about them. This gave them comparative security. Prudence is closely allied to wisdom. It is well to look before we leap. (2). *Selecting a Companion.* After viewing the camp of Saul David returned to his men. He asked who would go with him down to the camp of Saul. We know not why Ahimelech hesitated. Danger may have kept him from going. David probably preferred his nephew. Abishai was the son of David's sister, and was a brother of Joab. These two nephews were true to David during his exile, and also while he was king. (3). *The sleeping king.* David and Abishai entered the camp and passed by the soldiers until they came to where Saul and Abner were sleeping. They were not in a trench, but in the midst of his carriages. Saul, after an Eastern custom, had struck his spear in the ground by his head. A cruse of water was by his bolster. The one was for protection, and the other for refreshment. This sleep was supernatural, like that of the disciples in Gethsemane. 4. *The desire of Abishai.* He felt that God had delivered Saul into his hands. He did not ask David to take the life of Saul, but begged that he might be permitted to do so. He asked for only one stroke with his spear. This he felt would be so fatal that a second would not be necessary. So great was his love for David that he wished to kill every one who desired to harm him. Life was not then held in high esteem. 6. *David saves Saul's life.* Abishai was prevented from killing him. Saul was the Lord's anointed. The holy oil had been poured upon his head. David felt that any one who took his life would be a murderer. This is a very strong example of returning good for evil. Jesus and Stephen in praying for their slayers showed the same spirit. 6. *David assures Abishai* that justice would overtake Saul. The Lord would smite him with disease, or cause him to be killed in battle, or his day would come to die of old age. David felt that he could await the Lord's time. There was a crown and all the glory of a kingdom before David. One stroke would have removed every obstacle. He would not have been blamed for it. But not he desired that the Lord's will be done. 7. *David commanded* that Abishai take Saul's spear and cruse of water. This he did. They passed out of the camp and went their way. Not a soldier awoke or knew what had been done, though David and his nephew walked and talked among them. Their sleep was from the Lord.

III. *David's address.* (13-20) 1. *To Abner.*

David went to the other side of the valley and stood on the hill-top. A great space was between the camp and himself. David lifted up his voice and shouted to the people and to Abner. He spoke ironically to the chief captain of Saul's army: "You are a brave man, indeed. There is none like you in all Israel. You were placed on duty as one of the king's staff. You went to sleep. One came in to destroy the king. Would have done so had not another prevented. Your conduct is not good; it is to be condemned. As the Lord lives you ought to die for your negligence. You have not kept your master, the Lord's anointed. See now if you can find his spear and the cruse of water that was by his bolster." Note. 1. David passed out of the reach of Saul before he let himself be known. Self-protection is the first law of nature. 2. The clear air of Palestine, and the strong lungs of the people, to the place of our speaking trumpets. 3. Irony is often used in the Scripture. Notice Elijah and the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel. 4. For thousands of years the soldier who slept on duty has been punished with death. 5. Our words may be called in question. David knew this, hence the spear and cruse of water.

2. *David's address to Saul.* The king knew David's voice, yet he asked a question, as though he had doubts. He called David his son, though he had given his daughter, David's wife, to another. David addressed Saul as his lord and king. He spoke (1) in his own defense. He wished to know why Saul pursued him, what he had done, or what evil was in his hand. He had shown true friendship for the king, and great loyalty to his country. Yet he was hunted as a flea, or a partridge of the mountains. (2) He begged to give a word of advice. The king had been stirred up against the son of Jesse. David knew not the source of this strife. If it is from the Lord, He will accept a peace-offering from us. But if it be of men, let the curse of the Lord rest upon them. They had caused the king's wrath to rest upon David; had driven him from home; had caused his wife to be given to another; and had deprived him of the sanctuary of the Lord. He begged that his blood be not spilt upon the ground before the face of the Lord. Note. David was like a flea in many respects: He was hard to find; he was hard to catch when found; he was hard to hold when caught; and when found, caught, held, and killed, they had not, in his judgment, done much.

IV. *Saul's Confession and David's forgiveness.* (21-25) 1. *Confession.* "I have sinned; have played the fool; have erred exceedingly." Saul had violated almost every commandment of the second table. He promised to do better. "I will no more do thee harm." This vow had once before been taken. He was not again to be trusted. Promises to do better without the help of the Lord amount to but little. He gave his reason for this promise: "Because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day." David had spared his life. This Saul realized. He had returned good for evil. 2. *Forgiveness.* David returned Saul his spear, thus showing that he bore no malice. He prayed that the Lord would render to every man that which was right, and reward him according to his faithfulness. He told Saul the Lord delivered him into his power, but he would not stretch forth his hand against him, because he was Jehovah's anointed. David finally prayed that the Lord would be as merciful to him as he had been to Saul. The king finally blessed David and spoke flatteringly of his future. They parted, never to meet again.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

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A Prosperous Community

While attending the Aberdeen District Conference in Noxubie county, near Brooksville, Miss., the nearest postoffice being Deerbrook, we gathered the following items regarding some of the land owners of that section. We met a number of gentlemen whose names are mentioned and could see in each one the persistence and pluck that brought them success. The list is not complete and yet it will indicate that all our people are not asleep. We invite the attention of our readers to the following: Hal and Isaac Ike own 400 acres, all paid for, on which they have a gin and eleven tenant houses; Aaron Moore has 260 acres, paid for, and six tenant houses; Dixon McDaavitt has 120 acres, 80 paid for, and four tenant houses; Bill Manese has 120 acres paid for and five tenant houses; Geo. Ames has 115 acres, paid for, and five tenant houses; Joe Winfrey has 40 acres paid for; Samuel Ike has 280 acres, 80 of which are paid for; he has six tenant houses and is building a gin; Mrs. Margaret Barnett has 160 acres, 50 paid for, and has eight tenant houses; Buck Jamison has 55 acres paid for, and three houses; John M. Tate has 100 acres paid for and three houses; Jim Richardson, 220 acres, paid for, and four tenant houses; J. Ward has 100 acres, nearly paid for, and three houses; Jim Fleming has 160 acres, paid for, and two houses; Doc Lumkin has 40 acres, not quite paid for; Mrs. Wayne has 160 acres, paid for, and four tenant houses; Taylor Johnson has 80 acres, paid for, and three houses; Bill Coley has 48 acres; J. A. Washington and Wm. Skinner have 40 acres each.

According to our mind this is a splendid showing and is all the more remarkable when it is remembered that while trying to accumulate a little something the Negro farmer pays from 10 to 25 per cent. interest on money, and for his food and other supplies he must pay his merchant an exorbitant and unreasonable profit.

Two Successful Conferences

We have had the pleasure of attending two district conferences recently that are entitled to be spoken of as splendid successes. First there was that of the Vicksburg District which was held at Fayette, Miss. Presiding Elder Threlkeld was perfectly at ease in the chair and conducted affairs like a veteran. The brethren assured us that they will this year outstrip anything the district has ever done in benevolences. Fayette is in the midst of a great Methodist population and the people did not fail to turn out. They are loyal to the SOUTHWESTERN and subscribed in such a way as to lead us to feel that it is one of our greatest fields. The sermons preached by the various brethren were helpful and instructive. We were entertained in the home of the pastor, S. H. Cannon, whose work in this charge merits more extensive mention than we can here give. Hence we hope to call special attention to it again at another time.

The Shreveport District Conference, Rev. H.

Daniels, presiding elder, was so largely attended that it reminded us of the days when our people made a specialty of going to church. This is Brother Daniels' 2nd year on the district, but he handles the affairs of his office in a way that indicates that he is going to make one of our most successful presiding elders. His brethren are enthusiastic and contented. They are loyal to every interest of the church and purpose to make their district break its record this year along all lines.

Both of these meetings were largely attended by visitors who addressed the conference with reference to the work of the church in general, but with special reference to the forthcoming General Conference.

"The Methodist General Conference"

The Enterprise, of Los Angeles, Cal., refers to the visit of the committee which went to that city for the purpose of consummating arrangements for the entertainment of the forthcoming general conference and to the M. E. Church, as follows:

"The commission for the location of the Methodist Episcopal General Conference has been a week in our beautiful city, and, as was expected, approved the Book Committee's choice of Los Angeles as the seat of the next general conference. The Methodist Church has been foremost in its efforts to gain proper recognition for capable men of the race as is evidenced by its election of members of the colored race to general offices. The position of Dr. M. C. B. Mason, senior secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, a position formerly occupied by Bishop Hamilton; Dr. I. B. Scott, Editor of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and assistants to general conference officers; Drs. I. G. Penn, assistant secretary Epworth League; G. G. Logan, assistant secretary of Missionary Society; R. E. Jones, assistant secretary Sunday School Union, and a number of other prominent positions are evidences of the broad humane and evangelizing influence of this great church. Truly God's power is conclusively shown when man's likes and prejudices can be subordinated to the ends of justice. In this the Methodist Church has demonstrated, beyond the peradventure of a doubt, that it maintains a hold on the conscience of men. The appointment of a colored minister, Rev. Dr. Wilson, of South Carolina, on the committee which visited Los Angeles to decide the location for the general conference, is but another evidence of the care with which the church watches over the colored communicants. It has raised men of the race to positions of prominence and demands for them the respect due their exalted character. We dare say had Los Angeles shown a disposition to discriminate on account of color, not a member of the visiting committee would have approved of the choice of location for the conference. Now let us prepare, in common with all citizens, to extend a warm and hospitable welcome to the representatives of this great church.

Be Careful About Going to Mexico

There is no denying the fact that because of unpleasant things with which the Negro of the South is forced to contend, he is too ready to dispose of what worldly goods he may have and move to parts unknown. This many do without knowing anything whatever of their destination. Occasionally such persons may turn out alright, but very often they soon find they have made a mistake. A letter from the Rev. Dr. John W. Butler, who is a prominent minister of the Meth-

odist Episcopal Church and a missionary in Mexico, writes the editor of the SOUTHWESTERN asking that he warn our people against coming to that country without knowing exactly what they are about. His letter which will fully explain itself is reproduced here for the benefit of those concerned. It is as follows:

Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mexico, August 5, 1903.

DEAR DR. SCOTT—Your editorial, in the SOUTHWESTERN of July 30, on "Business Reciprocity," leads me to do what I had intended to do weeks ago, viz., to ask you to warn our colored people, in the States, to investigate well all inducements offered them before venturing down into this country.

Only recently a great number of colored men were induced to leave Alabama and come to the hot lands of Mexico to work on a plantation where they were to have "good treatment," "big wages" and all the rest. In a few weeks many of these were walking the streets of Mexico penniless and hungry and were only able to get to the States through the aid of friends. It is not for us to say who did the deceiving, the agent in Alabama or the owners of the farm here. But do warn the people not to believe unknown and irresponsible parties who advertize for help to work "rich properties" in the "El Dorado tropics."

There are plenty of good chances in this country for industrious, sober men, who have a little capital to sustain them till they get well under way. Tropical farming is all right if the farmer can wait two or three years for returns. I know of some excellent examples of success obtained by the colored man in Mexico. I have also known of many failures.

So unless one has money to keep him for a while, or work promised him by a reliable party, it is a dangerous experiment to go to this or any other foreign country. Yours very truly,

JNO. W. BUTLER.

P. S.—Any of our people coming here should bring letters to the Methodist pastor wherever found. And if pastors at home would notify us of their coming, we should be glad to look them up.

There is a disposition on the part of some of the Los Angeles citizens to boycott *The Times*, the leading daily of that city, because it is outspoken for right and justice, and thinks even the Negro deserving of some consideration. A reference to the matter in *The Enterprise*, of that city, written by Mr. W. E. Easton, indicates that *The Times* has a large following, notwithstanding. Speaking of the editor of that paper, he says: "Otis has profound faith in the American Constitution; believes it should be interpreted as it reads, and contends under this same Constitution the Negro has rights the white man is bound to respect. In return, Otis is rapped, boycotted and abused. Little boys and little men wear little tin-plates on their Sunday clothes with the little legend: 'I don't read *The Times*,' and still there are about forty thousand blind people who can't read little legends; but who fairly dote on *The Times*. Otis is a peach, a rara avis, and in these sultry days of cringing and fawning, of diplomacy and truckling, Harrison Gray Otis stands 'a little out' from the common herd, a newspaper man who is neither syndicated nor subsidized."

We had the pleasure of attending the district conference of the Aberdeen District, held at Baldwin Church, near Brooksville, Miss. Rev. C. W. Walten, the presiding elder, is supported in his work by an unusually strong body of pastors; in fact he is the kind of a general who does not seem to fear strong men, but rather prefers that class. The reports handed in indicate their loyalty to every interest of the church. It was really gratifying to note how many Epworth Leagues on the

district are in active operation; some of them, especially that of Baldwin, are doing extraordinary work. We will not be the least surprised should that district lead the other districts of the Upper Mississippi Conference in the amount collected for benevolence. Rev. W. H. Golden, pastor at Baldwin, and his excellent people entertained the conference royally. The rain interfered with the working of some of the plans but taking all in all the conference was a remarkable success. Many of the sermons and addresses to which we listened were well worthy of special mention did our space permit. We stayed there two days and the brethren gave us forty-two subscribers, pledging in all one hundred and forty between now and October 1st. We hope to be able at an early day to call attention to the material progress of the people in the Baldwin community.

In the state of Mississippi the two leading candidates for governor have resumed their canvass for the second primary election, Aug. 27, and their friends are busily engaged organizing clubs. Mr. Vardaman, the one who is so much opposed to seeing the Negro in any other position than the most menial, declares that if he is not elected it will be necessary to kill a great many Negroes in order to keep them in their place. While we have no idea that he really thinks anything of the kind, he takes this means of frightening the ignorant whites so as to keep them in line. At the same time it cannot be denied that a man who places such a low estimate on human life has no business in the gubernatorial chair and we join the best people of his state in hoping he may never reach it.

The letter written by President Roosevelt to Gov. Durbin of Indiana commending his action in dealing so vigorously with the mob that was trying to storm the Evansville jail and take therefrom persons confined therein, displays his usual vigor and independence. It is worth much to the country at large to have such persons as he, Judge Brewer and others speaking out against mob law. It is unfortunate, however, that the President in common with so many others fall into the error of supposing that the law's delays are responsible for the prevalence of lynching. This may be the cause now and again when white men are concerned, but there is scarcely one case in a hundred when Negroes are the victims. Negroes are lynched because of prejudice against them and because there is seldom or never any penalty to follow such violations. They seem to forget that the vast majority of Negroes are lynched for minor offenses.

It has been announced in the papers a number of times that Pope Pius X loves America, and he has taken occasion to express his interest in this country more than once in a public way. For this we do not blame him for America is a great field, and we dare say the Catholic church hopes for much from it in future. In the hope of pushing the interests of the Church, it is constantly on the alert and watching for openings. Of course he loves America, perhaps much for what it is worth to his church at present, but no doubt more for what he expects it to be in the future.

A Church Burned

The Scott Chinn Chapel in La Harpe street, this city, Rev. T. B. Cooper, pastor, was destroyed by fire last week. No particulars received up to our going to press.

Personal and General

Bishop C. H. Fowler is spending the heated term at Ocean Grove.

Bishop Warren, wife and daughter, are at the "breakers," Santa Cruz, California.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hawze, of Harriston, Miss., are rejoicing over the advent of a fine 10-pound boy.

Rev. M. C. Rogers, for many years a member of the North Carolina Conference, died at his post August 8th.

Miss Ethel Stuart, of Pass Christian, Miss., is spending a while with her sister, Mrs. B. B. Howard, of Moss Point, Miss.

Bishop Hartzell visited Methodist headquarters at Rome, Italy, July 13th, and left the next morning for Africa by way of Naples.

Mr. Henry Hyde and wife, of Moss Point, Miss., are rejoicing over the advent of a fine girl who put in her appearance on a recent date.

Dr. C. S. Waters, the physician at Moss Point, Miss., is rejoicing over the arrival of a fine boy. The doctor has a fine practice and runs his own drugstore.

Mrs. Sadie Jones and her three children, of Moss Point; wife of Rev. R. N. Jones, pastor, are visiting Mrs. Jones' father and mother at State Line, Miss.

Prof. E. H. McKissack, A. M., of Holly Springs, Miss., has been in Philadelphia, Pa., for several days on business. He expects to return home soon.

We extend to Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Morgan, of Philadelphia, Miss., our heartfelt sympathy in the death of their little boy, Leonard D. Morgan, which occurred August 4th.

Rev. S. A. Huger, the energetic presiding elder of the Ocala District, Florida Conference, does not let up in his canvass for the SOUTHWESTERN. He has just sent in five more annuals.

Mr. Thaddeus Taylor, A. B., son of Rev. Henry Taylor, presiding elder of the Baton Rouge District, who has been teaching near Balltown, La., has closed his school and is now in this city.

Mrs. James H. Taylor, wife of one of the most successful undertakers of this city, is on a visit to Mrs. Richard McKnight and other friends in Marshall, Tex. Mrs. Taylor is accompanied by her little nephew.

Mr. Aaron Brown, of Pensacola, Fla., was in the city last week in the interest of the Colored Educational Congress to be held in that city Aug. 28th and 29th. Mr. Brown is expecting a large attendance and a successful exhibition.

Mr. Joseph Hilaire runs a successful shoe store at No. 700 Bourbon street, and is a prominent member of the local Business League. By some means his name was omitted from our mention of colored businessmen of the city last week.

Rev. W. H. Clarke, A. M., pastor at Bainbridge, Ga., has recently been elected to the principalship of the Normal School at Jesup. The position is a good one and he has accepted. The school work will begin there September 14th.

Bishop Thoburn is now in Portland, Oregon, where he is spending the month of August with his children and grandchildren. After the General Missionary Conference in Philadelphia next October, which he will attend, the Bishop will return to India.

Bishop Bowman celebrated his 86th birthday July 15. Appropriate addresses were delivered

in the church where he worships, and a commemorative poem read. A large bouquet of flowers was presented him. He is in excellent health and is enjoying a quiet life at East Orange, New Jersey.

If any of the presiding elders desire to have us publish complete lists of their lay delegates after all elections have taken place, we shall be gratified to have them. This would be more convenient to us and more satisfactory to our readers than the method of sending them in one by one, as has been done in a few cases.

Rev. D. D. Turpeau, a member of the Delaware Conference and pastor of St. John Church, Hudson, N. Y., will hereafter be exceedingly patriotic. The stork brought him and Mrs. Turpeau a 10-pound girl on July 4th last. Mrs. Turpeau was formerly Miss Ila Marshall of this city. Her mother, Mrs. Frances Marshall, is now with her.

Rev. B. H. S. Ferguson, president of the Epworth Leagues in the Upper Mississippi Conference, is preparing for a great Epworth League and Sunday School Convention, to be held at Greenwood, Miss., Sept. 10-13, 1903. A strong program has been made out and printed. Let every one of his League Chapters prepare to send a large delegation.

The annual meeting of the General Committee of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society will take place at St. Paul's Church, Lincoln, Neb., on November 8, 9 and 10, 1903. The Rev. Dr. James F. Kemper, the presiding elder, the pastor, Dr. F. L. Wharton, and the local pastors, are uniting in plans to make this a notable gathering in this educational center. The Rev. Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus, of Chicago, has assured Secretary Thirkield that he will be present and deliver one of the anniversary addresses.

News Notes

Italy's income from foreign visitors is reckoned at \$40,000,000 a year.

The farms of the United States cover 841,000,000 acres and employ nearly 10,500,000 people.

The international yacht races for the American cup is scheduled to be sailed Thursday, Aug. 20. In the district of Tchernigof, Russia, a cyclone destroyed three villages and caused great loss of life.

An artesian well in New South Wales is 4,086 feet deep, cost \$51,733 and yields 750,000 gallons of water daily.

Iceland and the northern mainland of Scotland are to be brought into direct communication with each other by means of wireless telegraphy.

Jett and White have been found guilty of the murder of States Attorney J. B. Marcum, Breathitt county, Kentucky, and sentenced to life imprisonment.

An exchange says that a letter from Acre territory states that the Brazilian army is perishing under fever attacks. Six hundred officers and men are dead and four hundred are ill.

A toothpick machine which cuts out perfect picks from wood at the rate of 1,000 a minute, a different advertisement being printed on each one, will be a feature in the Machinery Building at the World's Fair.

Seven well known New York physicians, headed by Dr. Albert Ferris, have formed a company for the publication of a daily medical journal, which will appear October 1, and which will report the medical happenings of the world.

It is reported that Secretary Root will retire from the War Department this fall and will be succeeded by Judge William H. Taft, now governor of the Philippines. Luke E. Wright will be appointed governor of the Philippines, to succeed Judge Taft.

The Colored Ministers' Union of Columbia, S. C., has called a convention for the 25th inst., of South Carolina colored preachers and teachers for the purpose of taking under consideration lynching, its causes and its remedies, and to devise ways and means for a general uplifting of the race.

FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. O. Marshall Editor

The following items are taken from the *Home and Farm*:

CORN FOR POULTRY.

Corn is one of the staples as poultry food, and yet we can trace a large per cent of the failures to its abuse. If given to fowls daily it will produce fat and this in time completely ruins the fowl so far as laying is concerned, but if fed in moderation, as a change from oats, wheat and peas, it makes an almost indispensable supply. It is excellent also for growing chicks, but here, as with the old fowls, it must be fed sparingly. During very cold weather without corn it is well nigh impossible to keep the hens laying, but even then best results are obtained by partially roasting it.

For fattening poultry for market meal takes first place, and the work can be accomplished several days quicker than when other food is used. When preparing poultry for market feed all they will eat, but when feeding hens for eggs let corn be only an occasional feed, or only a partial ration if given daily. Oats should be the principal grain food for laying hens, the corn being used simply as a change. When thus fed it produces most excellent results.

SUMMER HYGIENE.

Summer is the season of health and recuperation for those who properly regulate their mode of living. For those who do not it is a season of discomfort.

Pure, healthful, light food that will not stimulate heat production while it properly nourishes and strengthens the body and brain is the great essential.

It is conceded that the best of all foods for summer diet are the quickly made flour-foods—hot biscuits, rolls, puddings, cakes, muffins, etc., such as are made with baking powder. A most excellent household bread is also made with baking powder instead of yeast. These, properly made, are light, sweet, fine flavored, easily digested, nutritious and wholesome. Yeast bread should be avoided wherever possible in summer, as the yeast germ is almost certain in hot weather to ferment in the stomach and cause trouble. The Royal Baking Powder foods are unfermented, and may be eaten in their most delicious state, viz., fresh and hot without fear of unpleasant results.

Alum baking powders should be avoided at all times. They make the food less digestible. When the system is relaxed by summer heat their danger is heightened.

The flour-foods made with Royal Baking Powder are the acme of perfection for summer diet. No decomposition takes place in their dough, the nutritive qualities of the flour are preserved and digestion is aided, which is not the case with sour-yeast bread or cakes.

THE HEN HOUSE.

If your hens have not a good, warm house, you should, during July and August, prepare to build. It need not be an expensive one, but it should be planned for comfort and convenience, and, above all, it should have a scratching shed attachment, where the hens may stay during the bleak days of winter.

A house eight by ten feet will comfortably house twenty or twenty-five hens, but the scratching shed must be both roomy and light. It should join the house, so that the fowls do not have to wade through mud and snow to get to it.

In these all grain must be fed in litter, and there the hens must stay and hustle whenever the weather will not permit them to go outside.

The house should serve them only for a place to roost and lay, and the nice, warm, sunshiny shed will be greatly appreciated.

We have seen a very comfortable shed made of straw, thatched over frame work, with opening toward the south. Of course, it was not artistic, but it served the purpose, and really did all that could be required.

Two kinds of ordinary whitewash may be used to advantage, prepared in the following manner: For inside work, to a bucketful of ready lime-wash add one pint of soft-boiled rice and a quarter of a pound of white glue, dissolved thoroughly and mixed through the mess. For outside substitute in place of rice and glue (to each pail of whitewash) a pound of common rock salt, dissolved in boiling water. Thus mixed, and applied upon a bright, sunny day, the whitening will remain permanent in color and will not rub off readily, while the application to the interior will destroy the lice that may be secreted in the rough wall and crevices of the inside of the poultry-house and stables, if the wash be generously distributed.

A subscriber asks what will cure her chickens that have sore head, but fails to give any symptoms or progress of the disease from which to judge its cause. Many things will produce what is generally known as sore head, though the majority of such cases are only slight ailments which soon disappear, leaving no trace or effect.

Sorehead, strictly speaking, is a blood disease, and has its origin where the blood becomes impoverished by impure food and improper surroundings. Treatment requires a complete change, not alone of food, but of the house and yards.

Tincture of iron should be put in drinking water and a teaspoonful of sulphur given in soft food twice a week until the trouble disappears. Those fowls that have pimples, or tiny sores, on head, should be put in separate coops, and the head, comb and wattles should be washed in warm water and castile soap; then dried and anointed with equal parts of vaseline and carbolic acid or kerosene for the first day, then for a few days a very mild mixture of same should be applied.

Remove the coops as far as possible from the original place and clean up the yards and houses, spraying well with a strong solution of soapuds and kerosene. Sprinkle lime over house floor and yards and keep the fowls free of mites. Sorehead may be caused by mosquito bites, which become poisoned by the dew, thus to all appearances producing a disease exactly like that caused from impure blood.

Small scabs will form on the face, comb and wattles, and it sometimes is difficult to distinguish it from the former. Mosquitoes will actually kill fowls, and when they appear in great numbers some precaution should be taken. A liberal use of kerosene or crude carbolic acid will usually drive them out of the house, though it is sometimes necessary to burn sulphur in the house just before the fowls go to roost, but when this is done the house must be thrown open and the fumes of the sulphur allowed to escape before the fowls enter, as the fumes of burning sulphur will kill them.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

R. W. Winchester, pastor, West Asheville, N. C.—Sunday, July 19, was rally day with us. Rev. M. H. Craig preached the morning and evening sermons. They were full of inspiration, and eloquently rendered. Rev. W. B. Rutledge preached in the afternoon. The doctor was at his best. The choir of our city church was with us in the afternoon, and favored us with choicest music. Collection, \$61.01.

N. R. Randolph, Pastor, Natchitoches, La.—We have just closed our three weeks' revival with 25 additions this quarter; 12 converts and 13 backsliders reclaimed, and several from the Baptist church. The first Sunday in August we baptized our new converts. Raised this quarter, \$55.80; benevolence, \$16; subscribers, 4. We are now preparing to finish the church at Cane River, which will cost \$200. Pray for us.

A. W. Talbert, Pastor, Oklahoma District Conference.—The third session of the Oklahoma District Conference convened in Spencer Memorial M. E. Church, at Muskogee, Ind. Ter., July 22, 1903, Rev. D. G. Franklin, presiding elder, in the chair. Nearly all the ministers of the district, many local preachers and delegates were present. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Williams, of Ripley, O. T. Rev. Gipson preached the second night to the delight of all. Prof. H. L. Billups, M. S., delivered an able address on the work of the Freedman's Aid Society. Friday night Rev. D. Bruce, of Guthrie, O. T., preached. He was truly filled with the Holy Ghost. Sinners were awakened. One young man came to the altar for prayer. The literary work of the conference was a success—but the greater attention was given to the spiritual work. Ten persons joined the church during the session. The League work of the district was strengthened by the presence of Prof. A. J. Scales, of Guthrie, O. T., president of the District Leagues. One day was devoted to League work, the officers were elected as follows: President, A. J. Scales, Guthrie, O. T.; first vice-president, Mrs. M. E. Winsor, Guthrie, O. T.; second vice-president, Judge Clark; third vice-president, Miss Viola Baker; fourth vice-president, Rev. B. Gipson; secretary, Miss Stella Winsor; treasurer, Miss Cora Woods; corresponding secretary, Prof. J. B. McCulloch, Muskogee, I. T. The League closed work for the day with a consecration service. Rev. H. South, presiding elder of the Topeka District, delivered an excellent address; it was well received by the audience. Sunday was a grand day; services were held in Gavigan's Opera House, excepting the Sunday school, which convened in the church. At 11 a. m. Rev. G. G. Logan, D. D., preached. He completely captured his large audience and a lasting impression was made. At 2 p. m. Rev. W. McDonald, of Ardmore, preached as the "Spirit gave him utterance." The sermon was followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper. A great number communed. Rev. W. F. Smith of Hennessey, O. T., preached the closing sermon, and our hearts burned within. Total collection, \$85.20. Monday morning the people, ministers and delegates parted, agreeing that it was the best district conference ever held

in the Oklahoma District. Rev. D. G. Franklin, presiding elder, impressed all with his remarkable executive ability. The choir, led by Mrs. J. B. McCulloch, president, and Mrs. M. A. Price, organist, furnished excellent music during the district conference.

A Free Cure.

For rheumatism, that horrible plague, I discovered a harmless remedy, and in order that every suffering reader may learn about it, I will gladly mail him a box free. This wonderful remedy which I discovered by a fortunate chance, has cured many cases of 30 and 40 years' standing. Mind no one, but write me at once and by return mail you will receive the box, also a most elaborate illustrated book on the subject of rheumatism absolutely free. It will tell you all about your case. You get this remedy and wonderful book at the same time, both free, so let me hear from you at once. JOHN A. SMITH, 1424 Germania Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.

A. R. Rutledge, Pastor, New River, Fla.—My second quarterly conference convened Aug. 1-2, S. A. Huger, presiding elder, in the chair. The officers were present with good reports. Every interest of the church was carefully looked after by Rev. Huger. He preached two soul stirring sermons while with us, to large audiences. Paid the elder in full, \$10.10; pastor this quarter, \$96.53; paid for our church bell, \$25.

Rev. Dorsey McRae, Pastor, Madison, N. C.—Our fourth quarterly conference convened Aug. 1-2. Rev. J. P. Franklin presided. The brethren were present with good reports. The elder looked after every interest of the work. On Sunday he preached twice to the delight of all. He is a powerful preacher and a good presiding elder. We are in the Lord's vineyard, laboring for His cause and find that there is plenty of work for all His servants. Raised for pastor, \$73.60; elder, \$19.65; benevolence, \$14.75; total, \$108. We have a good Sunday school and the Epworth League is doing well. Our prayer meetings are well attended. Pray for us.

T. T. Thompson, Local Preacher, Tunica, Miss.—We are preparing to make the 16th day of August a \$2.00 day for the building of our new church. The church is rapidly growing in membership and our Sunday school is improving. We ask the prayers of the Upper Mississippi Conference and the open pocketbook especially of the Greenville District. Please forward all collected for us to Tunica, Miss., by the 17th or 18th.

A. B. Harris, Pastor, Darrowville, La.—This charge is still alive and this year is better than last, both spiritually and financially. We have repaired and filled the church with new pews, have painted them and the church also, and paid for the same, all excepting \$15. We have a loyal people who love the pastor and family. We have just received from St. Landry M. E. Church, through Brothers Thos. Mitchell, Paul Carroll, Ishmel Bolde and Fred Johnson, 1½ barrels of flour, 1 shoulder of meat, 1 pair shoes worth \$3.50, 12 yards best white cotton, 15 pounds rice, 15 pounds sugar, 1 bucket of lard and 2 cans of milk; received also the same day from Class No. 5, through Sister Dora Denis, 40 assorted pounds and \$1 of best coffee, from a white gentleman. With such good things my salvation is sure.

T. W. Russell, Pastor, Freeman, W. Va.—My fourth quarterly conference was held July 25-26. The presiding elder, Rev. W. E. Mitchell, was on

Lost Hair

"My hair came out by the handful, and the gray hairs began to creep in. I tried Ayer's Hair Vigor, and it stopped the hair from coming out and restored the color."—Mrs. M. D. Gray, No. Salem, Mass.

There's a pleasure in offering such a preparation as Ayer's Hair Vigor. It gives to all who use it such satisfaction. The hair becomes thicker, longer, softer, and more glossy. And you feel so secure in using such an old and reliable preparation.

31.00 a bottle. All druggists.

If your druggist cannot supply you, send us one dollar and we will express you a bottle. Be sure and give the name of your nearest express office. Address, J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

hand. The reports showed an advance along all lines. Sunday was a high day with us. The elder was at his best. In the afternoon Rev. Darty of the Southern M. E. Church preached for us and at night Rev. Hodge of the same church. Collection for the day, \$20.00; paid the elder in full, \$15.00; pastor, \$73.00; raised for all purposes during the quarter, \$136.00; also three subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN.

J. A. Tillory, Brookshire Circuit.—This charge is under a great disadvantage. The grasshoppers have swept cotton and corn and the crops are almost a failure. Many people have left this place. In some places the crops are good. At Ross community it is almost a total failure. The presiding elder held our second quarterly conference. No officers present. As usual, the elder delivered two sermons and lectured to the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Revival closed with two converts and seven reclaimed. Rev. J. E. Beal, of Sealy, Tex., assisted us. The preachers did all they could for the Master. The Epworth League is doing but little. President, Rev. A. A. Echols. Junior League, President Miss Rose C. Bassett, is in a fair condition. The League is chartered. Paid presiding elder \$7.75; benevolence, \$7.

Mamie Wright.—On last Sunday, Aug. 3, the Conference Daughters of St. Paul M. E. Church, Shreveport, La., presented the church a beautiful pulpit set of three chairs, made of selected quarter sawed oak, upholstered with green plush. The original factory price was \$63.50. Mrs. Julia Harper, president, made the presentation speech. Mr. Willie Johnson, president of Trustee Board, accepted them in behalf of the Board, and Rev. H. J. Wright, the pastor, on the part of the members and congregation, after which, with Mr. W. J. Walker at the organ, the choir sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." This is the first pulpit set ever placed in St. Paul, and we are all feeling proud, as none in the city excels it.

Armstrong, Mo.—Our church at this place is moving along nicely. Our pastor, Rev. J. W. Patton, is an earnest, energetic Christian worker, and is doing all in his power to advance Christ's kingdom on earth, and to elevate the race. The loss of his father has been

quite a grief to him, yet he seems more determined than ever to point sinners to Christ. Our rally of a few Sundays ago was a perfect success. Rev. J. D. Evans, of Mexico, was with us and preached soul stirring sermons. Collection, \$43. Last Sunday was a day long to be remembered. Prof. H. L. Billups, of Geo. R. Smith College, was present and lectured at Yates, Burns Chapel and at Armstrong. His subject was the "Black Brick in the Wall." It was excellent. He is an eminent scholar and a Christian gentleman, who is doing all in his power to break down ignorance, immorality and sin. May he live long. The money for the industrial training school at Geo. R. Smith College was raised after the lecture. Collection for the day, \$30.

Rev. C. T. Lewis, Pastor, Dayton Charge, Dayton, O.—We came to this charge in April and found the church in splendid condition. Through the blessings of God we have been able to keep it growing. The people fell in readily with our plans and we have succeeded beyond our most sanguine expectations. We raised in our rally Sunday, July 26, \$268.80. To date we have taken into membership 21 persons and raised \$600. The pastor is paid up, the Sunday school and League are prospering, and five persons have sent in yearly subscriptions for the SOUTHWESTERN. Our church is spiritually alive, and we hope to take our place this year among the first-class appointments of the conference. Pray for us.

The Montgomery District Conference met at Brewton, Ala., July 22-27, 1903, with Rev. A. W. McKinney, A. M., in the chair. Rev. G. W. Lewis was elected secretary, with Rev. L. D. Williams and W. L. Darius assistants. The roll call showed the largest attendance in the history of the conference. The presiding elder's report showed that there had been more real and substantial work done this year than at this time any previous year. There has been \$63.00 more raised for benevolence this year than that of any preceding year; 36 accessions to the church more than last year; \$417.09 more paid to pastors; 3 new Epworth Leagues; 2 new Sunday schools; 2 new churches built. Several churches and parsonages have been repaired; \$14.25 was raised while the conference was in session to purchase a lot at Flomaton, Ala., the junction point of the L. & N. Railway from Montgomery, Mobile and Pensacola. Only 75 cents more is needed to complete the payment. There is perfect harmony on the district. A resolution was adopted commending the administration of Presiding Elder McKinney. The conference was the best the Montgomery District has ever witnessed.

C. L. Kyle, Pastor, Bargeton, Tenn.—The fourth quarterly conference convened July 25-26. Our beloved presiding elder, W. R. Smith, on account of illness could not be with us, so Rev. S. J. Boone presided. All officers but three were present with written reports. The fourth quarter showed an increase on all lines of church work. At 11 a. m. Rev. Boone delivered a noble sermon, which caused men and women to praise God and sinners to fall at the altar. We have paid the presiding elder in full for the year. The SOUTHWESTERN was not forgotten. Total raised during the quarter, \$48.61. We are not asleep on the Lexington

Circuit, but have been hard at work the entire year. We are moving on as never before. Our motto is, "Go forward!" God being my helper, I expect to go up to the conference with a report second to none on the circuit.

R. Demby, Oxford, Miss.—We have a home society here called the Sister's Union of Bishop Burns M. E. Church. July 12th we had our annual sermon and memorial service. Since organizing we have buried nicely 29 members. The memorial sermon was preached by one of the best preachers in the conference, F. H. Henry. Ours is the strongest society in the city; it has now 104 members.

A. H. Banks, Pastor, Pecan Point, La.—We are planning now to build a new church, which is very much needed. Sunday was our rally day. We raised by cash and subscription, \$350, for which we gave God the praise. Mrs. L. E. Banks has been appointed principal of the public school at Pecan Point, La. At a late hour of the night recently we were aroused from our slumbers by the stewards, King's Daughters, and others, who loaded our table with many pounds. Brother Dan Jenkins, in behalf of the stormers, presented the pastor a purse of money. They are invited to come again.

Rev. Carl A. H. Banks, Pastor, Pecan Point, La.—Here, where my wife and I are, has occurred the second overflow in one year, but with God's help we are succeeding. My wife has a firm hold upon the Sunday school and we are turning on every day all the light that we can. There are but few who can read or write in this dark corner, but the SOUTHWESTERN is looked after. It is the only paper read here.

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Katie L. Whitmore, E. L. President, Centre Point, Ark.—We are doing a grand and noble work as Epworth Leaguers. We have a very large membership, our young people seem to be more enthused over the work than ever before. We celebrated the League's fourteenth anniversary the 17th of May with a grand and interesting program, which seemed to be enjoyed by all. We have had an Epworth League picnic for the benefit of the church, and by a few of the young ladies and men taking an active part it was made a grand success. We have a supply of song books for the League, a secretary's record, and have ordered a new charter. We are trying to get into the minds of

all our young people this, that there is no grander nor nobler work than the Epworth League. We ask your prayers for our success.

W. L. Lee, Pastor, Sturgeon, Mo.—Our second quarterly meeting was held July 26-28, 1903. Rev. J. Will Jackson, D. D., our esteemed presiding elder, was present and delivered two able sermons. He is the right man in the right place. Rev. Henderson, of Mexico, preached at night, to the delight of all present. Our meeting was a success; collection, \$18.33. The elder was paid in full and a neat little sum left for the pastor. Paid pastor this quarter, \$68.98. Raised for all purposes, \$112.98. The elder and people say this is the best quarterly meeting they have had for four years. This is my first year and God is blessing our efforts.

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Rev. P. W. Webb, Pastor Rock Street Charge, Little Rock, Ark.—Our parsonage here suffered a severe shock Monday night, Aug. 3rd, about 9 o'clock, when the pastor, wife and sweet little Laseola, just four weeks old, were quietly resting from the toil of the past day, a storm was announced by a band of sweet singers. This happy company was led by Sister Bettie Gamble, a wide awake Christian. She is president of our Epworth League Chapter; also of the Willing Workers' Twentieth Century Club of Rock Street Charge. Those with her were: Mesdames McKay, Hockette, Aurelia Davis, Wesson, Emma Waters, Hardin; Misses Lucretia and Ella Owens, and two brethren, McKay and Hill, and many others. They sang: "The Comforter Has Come," and indeed it had. When the storm subsided we cleared the table of its mighty weight. A purse was also presented the pastor. We owe many thanks to these, our expressive friends. After a few words from the pastor the storm refugees left, returning eastward, which signified that they would, ward, which signified that they would come again. Dear friends, I think you upon you all.

The Preachers' Meeting, Epworth League Convention, and Sunday School Institute of the Florence District, recently held at Marion, S. C., was a complete success. The meeting was inspiring to all the preachers and delegates, and made a good impression upon the people of that town. The report of the Presiding Elder, Rev. J. E. Wilson, D. D., was a striking feature of the meeting. It was his last report as Presiding Elder of the district, having served six years. Dr. Wilson is held in very high esteem by the people, preachers and laymen, on

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS.

West Nashville, Dickson, Tenn. Aug. 25
 San Antonio, Seguin, Tex. Aug. 25-31
 New Orleans South, Jeanerette, La. Aug. 28
 Forrest City, Marianna, Ark. Aug. 26
 Pine Bluff, Clarendon, Ark. Aug. 26-30
 Paris, Clarksville, Tex. Aug. 26-31
 Austin, Georgetown, Tex. Aug. —
 Navasota, Caldwell, Tex. Sept. 1-6
 Ocala, —, Fla. Sept. 9
 Ocala, Santos, Fla. Sept. 9
 Alexandria, Roanoke, Va. Sept. 9-13
 Houston, Kendleton, Tex. Sept. 17-30
 Vicksburg, Miss. Sept. 23-27
 Little Rock, Little Maumelle, Ark. Sept. 24-27
 Gainesville, Cedar Keys, Fla. Sept. 24-27
 Alexandria, Roanoke, Va. Sept. —
 Greenville, Gunnison, Miss. —
 Mont Clair, N. J. Oct. 6, 7, 8.

CONVENTIONS.

Starkville, Eupora, Miss. Aug. 26-30
 Forest City, Marianna, Ark. Aug. 26-30
 Forest City, Marianna, Ark. Aug. 26-30
 Clow, Holly Springs, Ark. Sept. 3-6
 Fort Smith, W. H. M. S., Van Buren, Ark. Sept. 3-6
 Ocala, Santos, Fla. Sept. 9
 Little Rock, Little Maumelle, S. S. and E. L. Sept. 24
 Chattanooga, Tenn., W. H. M. S. Oc. 28

account of his Christian integrity and wise leadership. His report was discussed and resolutions passed touching him and his excellent work. He has served the Florence District twice as Presiding Elder. The reports from pastors were all good, and in advance of previous years. The district is in better financial condition than ever before. Many very fine papers and addresses were delivered. Some excellent sermons were preached by ministers of the district. Sunday was a high day in Israel. The services included a glorious love feast in the morning, preaching by the Presiding Elder at 11:30 a. m., a mass meeting of the Epworth League and Sunday School Institute in the afternoon, at which time several good speeches were made, and preaching by G. W. Cooper at 8:30 p. m. The music furnished by the Marion choir was up-to-date. Rev. J. W. Moultrie, the popular pastor, and his most excellent wife are doing a great work in Marion, and they have the hearty co-operation of their members. A very handsome parsonage has just been completed, and the pastor and family are in possession. In that new parsonage a grand reception was tendered the ministers and delegates by the pastor and wife. Too much cannot be said in commendation of our congregation in Marion, and their friends of the other churches for the royal manner in which they entertained their guests. May God's choice blessings rest upon all those who contributed so liberally to our happiness. G. W. Cooper, Bennettsville, S. C.

M. F. Fairfax, pastor, Jeanerette, La.—On the night of the 24th a cyclone from the north struck the front door of the parsonage, bursting it open, and in came a large crowd and left our table crowded with thirty or forty pounds. God bless them! They are

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was led by Mrs. N. Johnson, Mrs. Judy, and M. Thomson, all members of St. Peter M. E. church.

D. D. Shelly, Tutwiler and Dublin, Miss.—Our third quarterly conference convened July 18, 19. Our presiding elder was attending the Detroit Epworth League Convention, so he sent to us Rev. E. H. Holmes, presiding elder of Ruleville, Miss., who gave very satisfactory services. Officers were present with written reports. Rev. Holmes preached a soul-stirring sermon, and administered the Lord's Supper to 28. Raised \$32 this quarter. Added ten to the church. We are doing better work than ever before. Pray for us.

Mrs. E. M. Taylor, reporter, Mallett Chapel M. E. Church, St. Martinsville, La., July 27, 1903.—We have enrolled 57 active workers in the Epworth League. Brother George Drake is president, Mrs. L. Fuse first vice, Mrs. V. Turner second vice, Mrs. N. Gant third vice, Miss B. James fourth vice, Miss E. James secretary, Mr. John Gant assistant secretary, A. Patterson treasurer, Mr. H. Gant chaplain, J. Turner, assistant chaplain. Our regular meetings are held on Sundays at 3 p. m. Lectures are delivered by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Pierre, and other members of the League. Committee on receptions, Mrs. Mary L. Pierre, Mrs. E. M. Taylor, Miss Rose Fredric, Mrs. Rosa James, Mrs. Leontine Drake, and others. We are very grateful to Dr. Garlin Penn for the literature that he has sent to us for the League, and his godly instructions. Many of our young men have quit the base ball ground, and are now members of our League. We have had quite a number of conversions, and many accessions to the church this year.

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H. C. Gair, Pastor, Jeanerette, La.—On the evening of July 20th, at a very late hour, a storm struck the parsonage. It was led by Mrs. Mary Alson. Refreshments were served in abundance. One hundred and sixteen pounds of choice groceries were presented the pastor and family. The many friends were thanked for their kindness. We trust they will call again soon. The pastor and family are always glad to receive such storms.

John Tutson, Deerford, La.—On July 9th we had a grand time at Moore's Chapel. The congregation was divided. The leader on one side was Oliver Branch; on the other, Jesse Smith. Oliver Branch's side raised \$24.50. The two leaders worked well. We raised a total amount of \$42.10. God bless our good people here. We will report all of our missionary money at the District Conference. We had with us Rev. M. Swart, Mack Smith, J. E. Kolax, and their congregations.

C. Spears, pastor, Port Allen, La.—The young people of this place gave a concert; proceeds for the building of a new church. They realized \$12.45. Those who participated were Sister Rosia Henderson, Alice Williams, Mattie Jones, Lillie Marshall and others. The good work still goes on.

W. T. Graham, Reporter, Pleasant Hill Church, Riverton, Ga.—We had a glorious time the first Sunday in July. Rev. Dr. W. W. Lucas delivered the message to us and it was received with grateful hearts. The doctor also preached our educational sermon at 11 a. m. to a full church. In the afternoon the Children's Day program was very well rendered. Those who gave \$1.00 and were placed on the roll of honor are Rev. W. McWillis, L. L. Bell, superintendent, C. C. Harrison, W. T. Graham, Miss Lossy Bell, Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison, Mrs. Mamie Bell, Mrs. Donnellia McWillie, D. J. Bryant, Wm. Arnold, A. C. Cochran, E. E. Cochran, D. C. Hill, A. G. Shields, S. B. Bryant, Miss Gertrude Beavers. The little folks gave \$6.30. Paid the pas-

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Conference Notices

NOTICE.

The Little Rock conference officers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society are: President, Mrs. A. M. Strickland, A. M., Pine Bluff, Ark.; vice president, Mrs. J. H. Reed, Little Rock; corresponding secretary, Mrs. G. N. Johnson, Clow, Ark.; recording secretary, Mrs. Nancy McDonald Greer, Warren, Ark.; treasurer, Mrs. H. M. NaSmyth, Little Rock; secretary of young people's work, Mrs. Lottie E. Steven, Little Rock; Mite Box secretary, Miss Deillah Lemms, Adeline Smith Home, Little Rock; secretary for systematic beneficence, Mrs. H. M. NaSmyth. At the annual convention at Little Rock, July 11-14, 1902, each president of the auxiliaries was appointed an agent of Woman's Home Missions, Mrs. Henry Garner, Little Rock, to represent the paper at the convention. She did excellent and appreciative service, and we hope she will double the list of subscribers at the coming convention. District Officers: Little Rock District—President, Mrs. H. M. NaSmyth; secretary, Mrs. J. M. Cox. Pine Bluff District—President, Mrs. W. H. Higgins; Secretary, Mrs. W. S. Sherrill. Forest City District—President, Mrs. Della L. Thomas; secretary, Miss Caroline Darden. Clow District—President, Mrs. T. R. Wamble; secretary, Mrs. Gussie Roberts. Fortsmith (the new district)—Officers will be elected at the coming convention.

We urge each State and district officer and member to do his part in making the convention at Van Buren a success. The roll of each auxiliary will be called. We hope the answer will be \$5, aside from membership dues. Let each president, pastor and presiding elder see that each delegate comes prepared to report the full assessment, collect \$1 from each member and friend. All on program will come with good papers. Raise all you can for the Mite Box collection. The most excellent presiding elder, Rev. M. N. Langston, and Rev. Saxton, the good pastor and his kind people at Van Buren are planning to royally entertain the convention. Let us measure up to our responsibility. The motto, "For the love of Christ and in His name; all things whatever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." The date of convention has been changed from September 3-6 to 10-13. Mrs. A. T. Strickland, president; Mrs. G. N. Johnson, corresponding secretary.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Texarkana, Sept. 19-20; Daingerfield, Sept. 26-27; Lasater, Oct. 4-5; Terrell, Oct. 4-5; Harletin, Oct. 10-11; Ebenezer, Oct. 18-19; Mallalim, Oct. 25-26; Kildare, Oct. 25-26; Lodi Circuit, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; Marshall Circuit, Nov. 7-8; Longview, Nov. 7-8; Woodlawn, Nov. 14-15; Jefferson, Nov. 14-15; Tyler, Nov. 21-22; Queen City, Nov. 21-22; Sulphur Springs, Nov. 28-29; Pittsburg, Dec. 5-6; Hawkins, Dec. 5-6. Dear brethren, try to make full reports. Yours faithfully,

O. I. JONES.

NOTICE.

To the pastors of the West Nashville District Tennessee Annual Con-

ference. Dear Brothers: I have secured reduced rates over all the railroads in the State of Tennessee for those who may attend our district conference at Dickson, Aug. 25-30. You will please instruct your delegates and members to ask for a certificate, when purchasing ticket. If we have the required number the fare will be one cent a mile plus 25 cents on the return.

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NOTICE.

The League and Sunday school of the Little Rock District will convene with the district conference at Little Maumelle Sept. 24, 1903. Each of our secretaries is urgently requested to visit us. The editor has a standing invitation. "Come!" This will be a great gathering of Leaguers and Sunday school workers. Brethren of the district, you are expected to report in full at this meeting. You are also to bring your quota of cash subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. Can you think of anything more important? You can secure them by a personal house-to-house canvass. Secure the number opposite your name, and thereby help the SOUTHWESTERN to self-support. Rev. J. H. Reed 15, J. J. Freeman 5, P. W. Webb 5, W. S. Sherrill 8, V. D. Daniels 5, G. W. Taylor 5, D. H. E. Harris 5, A. R. Ray 2, W. H. Morris 5, S. M. Cain 5, W. H. Simpson 5, R. B. Fagans 2, H. P. Strong 5, M. F. Strong 5. My faith in the head of the church and confidence in your loyalty and devotion prompted this pledge. Shall it be sustained? Trusting you as before in these and like emergencies, I am your brother and friend,

W. R. R. DUNCAN.

NOTICE.

G. W. Arnold, 88 Ridge Ave., S. Atlanta, Ga.—The Duncan camp meeting, Gainesville, District, will begin Thursday, Aug. 20, 1903.

G. B. Abbott, pastor, Carthage, Mo.—The Ladies' Aid Society of Wesley church raised \$44 Aug. 2nd, and applied it on their pastor's salary. Mrs. Josephine Leonard, president; Mrs. O. R. Cole, secretary.

NOTICE.

To the Epworthians and friends of the Paris District Texas Conference: Our district Epworth League convention will meet in connection with the district conference at Clarksville, Tex., Aug. 26, 1903. I hope each president and delegate will be present Wednesday afternoon, as this is the only time given the League. Let each president collect, without fail, the \$5 for Wiley Central Building, and the five cash subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. President Dugan and Dr. I. B. Scott will be present. The local committee at Clarksville will arrange an extra program for Thursday night for Wiley Central Building and SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE Rally. At this time the delegates from each appointment will be expected to report. Pastors, arouse your Epworth League presidents, and let us bring up this amount. You will be given credit for it. I am now making my annual visits; will notify you when I am coming. Brethren, let us do, and not pretend. Remember, I shall make my report just as I find your work. We need now workers to make the wheels go. Will you make yourself one by bringing up the amount asked for? Let us

bring up the real work itself, and stop puffing. We are looking too much for our names to appear in the columns of the papers, without having accomplished any good. Let us labor to have our works published, rather than our names. Your works will be known by your report at the district conference.

Come with your \$5 for Wiley, five cash subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN; then the Lord will bless our works. I am, as ever, yours for Christ and the League. R. S. Halbert, Pres. E. L. Paris District.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Fayetteville, Sept. 12-13; La Grange, St. Paul, 19-20; LaGrange, Cir. Peach Grove, 26-27; Columbus, St. Paul, Oct. 3-4; Alleyton, Reed's Chapel, 10-11; Columbus, Cir. Altair, 17-18; Flatonia and Schulenburg, Cir. Wesley Chapel, 24-25; Brown's Chapel, 31 and Nov. 1; Sublime, Cir. Greenville, 7-8; Hallettsville, Richardson Chapel, 14-15; Yoakum, St. John, 21-22; Victoria, Webster Chapel, 28-29; Edna, Scrugg's Chapel, Dec. 5-6; Wharton and Caney, Wharton, 12-13.

Dear Brethren, the time draws nigh when we must render an account of our stewardship. Now, with the blessing of an abundant crop, we hope to be able to report at the annual conference this good year without a blank. We want to show a bigger list of yearly subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN than ever; more money for our school than ever, and all the benevolent collections taken. Let none fail to get the general conference expenses. Your achievements are most gratifying so far. I will help you to collect the apportionment for the boys' dormitory by executing the programs prepared by the committees the Friday night preceding, or the Monday night after, each quarterly conference this fourth round. Yours sincerely for big success,

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NOTICE.

To the Pastors of the Navasota District, Texas Conference.—Dear brothers, the rate of one and one-third fare on the certificate plan has been granted by the G. C. & Santa Fe Railroad for our meeting at Caldwell, Sept. 1-7. The number of the grant is 1885. The H. & T. C. and I. & G. N. roads have agreed to these rates. See that every one gets their certificate from the local agent; if he claims that he has no orders, get the receipt for the amount you pay for your ticket. Do this.

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NOTICE.

The Epworth League and Sunday School Convention of the Mississippi Conference will be held at Vicksburg, Miss., Sept. 22-27, 1903. Each chapter is required to send a delegate. Presiding elders and pastors are expected to attend. The last convention ordered that each chapter send at least 50 cents to the convention to pay expenses. Don't fail. Program has been prepared and sent out and we are expecting a grand time in the Hill City. Delegates will send their names to Rev. M. White, 502 First East Street,

Vicksburg, Miss. J. C. Houston, president.

NOTICE.

To the Members of the Pine Bluff District.—This year will close the 14th annual session of this district. We promised to make this year a revival one, a spiritual and financial rally. Rev. W. H. Higgins, presiding elder, wants a representative from every department throughout the district. Let each pastor make a special effort to have his charge fully represented. Show them the importance of their attending the conference at Clarendon, Ark. I have secured reduced rates for this meeting on certificate plan. To everyone: get a certificate when purchasing your ticket. Come pledged to push the battle of Christ. The SOUTHWESTERN must be put into each home. Pastors, read this message from your pulpit. Yours for the advancement of the cause, J. W. Burns, secretary.

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EDWARD LEE, P. E.

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Plaquemine Charge.—Sister Ellinora Rundells died July 31st, aged 68 years. She was a true Christian and a loyal member of Hunt Chapel. The church has lost a faithful worker, her husband a devoted wife, her children a loving mother, and heaven has gained a valiant soldier. Her funeral was conducted by Reva. P. C. Colton, Ed. Dorsey, Wm. Johnson, Jr., and pastor. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family. Brothers B. R. Jackson, E. Hill and J. B. Foster also assisted in the services.

B. R. JACKSON.

Kansas City, Mo.—Sister Lilly M. Steele, the beloved wife of James L. Steele, departed this life July 28, 1903. She was a devoted Christian and a member of the M. E. Church for fourteen years. She was converted during the pastorate of the late Rev. Ramsey, at Slater, Mo., and remained a member of the Slater M. E. Church until 1896, at which time she transferred her membership to Kansas City. Sister Steele was noted for her literary talent. Before coming to Kansas City she

taught in the public schools of Saline county, Missouri, for four years. She was a lay delegate to the lay electoral conference of the Central Missouri in 1900, at Marshall, Mo. She was married to James L. Steele Nov. 11, 1897, by the Rev. G. B. Abbott. The union proved a happy one. Her funeral was conducted at the Burns M. E. Church, of which she was a member and recording steward. She died in the bloom of her youth, being only 26 years old. She leaves a husband, uncle, aunt, eight cousins and a host of friends to mourn their loss. She now rests from her labors and her works do follow her. The funeral was preached by Rev. J. M. Harris, assisted by Rev. W. H. Wheeler. J. M. HARRIS, Pastor.

Black Stone, N. C., Patter Circuit.—Sister Eliza Gordin was born March 31, 1812 and died March 30, 1903, aged 96 years. She lived a consistent and loyal member of the church for many years. Her remains were interred in Bush Hill cemetery. Sleep on in silent rest. For thee the race is run and thou art crowned at last. Mary Ible, a young lady and a granddaughter of Sister Eliza Gordin, recently fell asleep in Jesus. She was an honorable member of the Bush Hill M. E. Church and a bright example for the young women and men of the community. She is gone but not forgotten.

PETER F. JOHNSON, Pastor.

Lexington, Miss.—Bro. C. B. Ford, a local preacher and trustee of Epworth M. E. Church, departed this life in full triumph of faith July 24, 1903. He was converted in 1873 and served as a local preacher eighteen years. Funeral was conducted by the writer and Rev. J. W. Parks, pastor of Owen Circuit. W. S. LEAKE.

Oxford, Miss.—Brother T. G. Malone, one of the old members of our church, leader of class No. 1 and one of the best citizens of this place, died Aug. 2, 1903. He leaves a wife, three children and several grandchildren to mourn their loss. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, F. H. Henry.

The Meridian District (Miss.) Conference, which convened in Enterprise, Miss., July 22-26, passed resolutions relative to the death of Rev. N. Cannon, who died July 20, at Lake, Miss. Father Cannon was one of the oldest members of the Mississippi Conference. He had been a traveling preacher for thirty-five years, during which time he served the following charges: Macon, Meridian, Shubuta, Enterprise, Pass Christian, Hartsboro, Fayette, Edwards, Daleville, Lake, and others. Rev. Cannon was asked by one of the brethren, where was the secret of his success, and his answer was, "prayer." His life was one worthy of emulation, for he died without a blot on his moral record. Hundreds of souls have been converted and added to the church under his ministry. He received his last appointment from Bishop Mallam at Crystal Springs, Miss., January last, to Lake, Miss. He served faithfully until July 20, when he was called from labor to reward. "Servant of God, well done, thy glorious warfare is past, thy battle is fought, thy victory is won, and thou art crowned at last." He was taken to Meridian for interment, and was met at the depot by several of the ministers, who were on their way to the District conference. Rev. Cannon was laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery at Meridian, Miss. A. J. Mc-

Nair attended the burial. Thus has fallen a good man of God, a father in Israel. We shall meet the dear brother in the sweet beyond. A. J. McNair.

Cheneyville, La.—Sister Amanda Robinson, a faithful member of St. Paul M. E. Church, departed this life July 2, 1903, in full triumph of faith, aged 85 years. She leaves children, grandchildren and a host of friends. WILLIAM S. HARRIS.

Cato—Sister Ellen Jane Morton, aged 57 years, departed this life July 6th. She was for twenty-six years a member of the M. E. Church. She leaves a husband, one son, two daughters, 13 grandchildren and a host of friends. Our loss is but heaven's gain. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. J. H. Sanders.

Jeannerette, La.—Little Nola Wells departed this life July 17. She was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wells. I commend the bereaved family to God. Rev. H. B. Gair officiated.

Medill Circuit.—Sister Adline House, a member of St. Paul M. E. Church, departed this life July 25, 1903, aged 53 years. She lived a faithful member of that church for twenty-seven years. She leaves three children and a host of friends. Peace to her soul. CHAS. WOFFORD, Pastor.

Grenada, Miss.—Sister Eliza McCain, 48 years of age, a faithful member of Vincent Chapel M. E. Church, died from heart trouble, Aug. 1, 1903. She has been loyal to the church eleven years. She leaves three sons, one sister, and a host of friends. We bow in submission to Him who doeth all things well. Funeral was conducted by E. C. F. Troupe, pastor.

English Eddy, Ga.—The son of Bro. V. J. Bell, superintendent of the M. E. Church Sunday school, Hadus Bell, aged 14 years, died May 23, 1903, after an illness of four months. The funeral was attended by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Cole.

Fairfield, Tex.—Mrs. Harriet Dickens died July 20th, 1903. She was a member of the Baptist Church for fourteen years. Her husband is a member of Jones Chapel M. E. Church. Sister Dickens died happy. She leaves a husband, one son and a host of friends to mourn their loss. Rev. A. L. Gahrill officiated. Sister Martha Lemmon, aged 14 years, died July 23, 1903. She was for four years a member of Ward Prairie M. E. Church. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Gahrill.

Marshall, Tex.—Mr. Lou Allen, my dearly beloved brother and friend, was converted when but a boy. He left me and entered the Great Beyond July 20, 1903, but our parting was not forever. I am now ready and waiting for my summons to join him "at the crystal river's brink," some sweet day. His brother, Willie Allen.

RESOLUTIONS.

Enterprise, Miss., July 28, 1903.—On the above date at the session of the Meridian District Conference, assembled at this place, many high honors were contributed to our deceased friend, Rev. N. Cannon. The following resolutions were ordered to be sent to the SOUTHWESTERN and the Shubuta Watchman for publication, and a copy

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to the bereaved family. Whereas, In the providence of God, Rev. N. Cannon, a member of the Mississippi Annual Conference and the Meridian District Conference, has been called from labor to reward, and Whereas, the Rev. Cannon had given long years of service to his church in the capacity of pastor, and in his death there has gone from our ranks one of the most faithful and earnest workers of the Mississippi Conference, Resolved, That the Mississippi District Conference now in session in Enterprise, express its grief and sorrow over the death of our brother, but knowing that by our loss heaven has gained. Respectfully yours, C. W. Ivy, Chairman; J. H. Brooks, P. R. Crump, P. Blue, Committee.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Yarbraugh, Tex.—Mr. Jake Owens and Miss Texanna Neviles, Mr. Walter Durst and Miss Sallie Ayres, Mr. Leon Todd and Miss Wallie Smart were united in holy wedlock. We wish them success. The pastor, S. M. Bolden, officiated.

Brother Samuel Robinson and Sister Olivia Robinson, both natives of Mandeville, were united in holy matrimony July 30, 1903. Many witnessed the ceremony. We wish them success. Rev. W. R. H. Harry officiated.

Pass Christian, Miss.—At the home of Mrs. Sarah James, Mr. James Roby and Miss Mamie Goubil, of Mobile, Ala., were united in holy wedlock. Rev. J. B. Brooks officiated.

Willis, Tex.—July 29 Brother Shiley Lewis was united in marriage to Miss Ella Tolbert. June 9th, Mr. James Woodson was married to Miss Lydia

Clark. On May 8th, Mr. Will Lewis and Miss Minnie Traylor were married. Mr. Julant Singleton and Miss Francis Bowie were united in marriage May 8th. These ceremonies were attended at the M. E. Church by the pastor, Rev. J. Jones.

Pellon, S. C.—Rev. Amos Jackson and Miss Mary Felder were married June 21st. May peace attend them through life. B. F. Gaddy officiated.

New Iberia, La.—At the residence of the bride, Rev. Travis Larkins and Margaret Patterson, were united in the bonds of matrimony at 8 o'clock, July 20, 1903, by Rev. T. J. Johnson, pastor of St. James M. E. Church.

Des Moines, Iowa.—Married, July 21, 1903, Mr. Isaac Thurman to Miss Allean Gardner, at the residence of Mrs. Dacte, the bride's aunt. O. A. Johnson officiated.

Algiers, La.—Mr. Joseph Howard and Miss Martha Taylor were united in the bonds of holy matrimony at Asbury M. E. Church. The bride is the charming daughter of Rev. D. G. Taylor. The church was beautifully decorated and over 500 persons witnessed the marriage. We wish them a happy voyage over life's sea. J. W. Turner officiated.

Zachary, La.—Mr. Letters Bankston and Miss Lizzie White, both of East Baton Rouge parish, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony August 9, 1903. We wish them success. E. H. Clark, pastor.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

The thirtieth marriage anniversary of Rev. A. Coleman and wife, pastor of the M. E. Church, Lebanon, Mo., was celebrated at the church Thursday night, July 30, 1903. The gifts were of jewelry, glassware, chinaware and many other things too numerous to mention. The following names are those of the givers: Mesdames Lucy Wilson, Moulder, Easter Jones, Nora Hooker, Dolly Lindsay, Leona Coffee, A. Haley, Sarbott Grayson, Leonora Simpson, Mattie Simpson, Sallie Whitten; Misses Nettie Green, Nannie Collins, Fronia Simpson; Messrs. Sanford Grayson, John Whitten, Arthur Coffee; Mr. and Mrs. Coffee.

Huntsville, Ala.—At the home of the bride, Wednesday, July 29, at 8:30 p. m., Prof. R. E. Brown and Miss Sallie Donegan were happily united in the bonds of matrimony. Miss Donegan graduated from the college course of Clark University some time ago and has since been a teacher of Wiley University. She is one of Huntsville's best girls. Prof. Brown is professor of natural science at Wiley University. We wish the happy couple a long and prosperous life. A. G. Glenn, pastor M. E. Church, officiated.

WOODEN WEDDING.

Kansas City, Mo.—Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Beatty recently celebrated their wooden wedding. It was an up-to-date affair. Many valuable presents were received. Both are members of Burns Chapel M. E. Church. Mrs. Beatty has been elected lay delegate of this church to the Central Missouri Conference. J. M. Harris, pastor.

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CRESCENT CITY NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Clark, the daughter and son-in-law of Presiding Elder S. Duncan, are rejoicing over the presence of a fine baby girl.

Miss Nona L. Parson, of Natchitoches, after a two weeks' visit with her aunt, Mrs. C. W. Reeves, of 7510 Pearl street, and friends, returned home August 13th.

Miss Verrina Turner, the daughter of Rev. J. W. Turner, pastor of St. Matthew Church, Algiers, La., left Sunday to visit for a few days with friends in Biloxi, Miss.

At the home of the bride, the marriage of Mr. Robert J. Thompson and Miss Sadie M. Cullough, which was performed by Rev. D. S. Smith, was witnessed by many friends.

Mrs. Sarah Brunbry, a member of Wesley Chapel, died August 12th. Her funeral was attended by Rev. F. T. Chinn, of Simpson Chapel.

The funeral of Sister Louisa Chisim, who died July 28th, was conducted at Wesley Chapel, of which she was a member, by Rev. Wm. Davis.

Another member of Wesley, Sister Rachel Duncan, died August 1st. Rev. Wm. Davis conducted the services.

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H. L. Gabrill, Pastor, Fairfield, Tex.—Our third quarterly conference convened July 4, with Presiding Elder L. S. Blakeney in the chair. All officers were present with written reports which showed that the work is growing. Raised for the presiding elder, \$9.10; pastor, \$34.20; for missions, \$5; total, \$48.30. Elder Blakeney preached a good sermon on Sunday, and a goodly

number partook of the Lord's Supper. We expect to make a round report this year on all lines.

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Editorial Notes

SOUTHWESTERN WEEK

Beginning Thursday, September 24th, we ask every pastor and every friend of the cause to observe the last week of September as SOUTHWESTERN day. We hope everyone will get all the subscribers he can at that time. Further announcement will follow this notice.

What you say would have more weight if you had ever accomplished anything. Stand for something done if you really wish to impress those about you.

It is thought by some of the leading politicians of the country that the next presidential race will be between Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Cleveland. Surely they cannot be sincere, for we do not believe Mr. Cleveland will have any chance whatever for a third term.

No matter where the Business League may be held in future, whether North or South, we do not expect to see it better treated by the daily press nor a more kindly spirit manifested by the white citizens, than we have just witnessed in Nashville, Tenn. The citizens, irrespective of race, took a lively and a positive interest in the meeting and treated those in attendance wherever they met them in such manner as made one feel proud of his citizenship in this country. We shall long remember Nashville and her courteous and hospitable people.

The *Age-Herald* of Birmingham, Ala., which we see occasionally, as a rule speaks out in meeting and is invariably on the side of law and order, and of right and righteousness. In discussing the mulatto theory advanced by Mr. Stone of Mississippi, that paper says: "This leaves the problem where Mr. Stone found it, and it leaves education the only solution of it—more education for the whites and for those in whom the two races are blended, and more too for the full-bloods. It is the slow but only solution of a difficult and almost interminable problem."

The trustees of the Comfort Orphan Home held their first annual meeting at Jackson, Miss., some weeks since and selected Jackson as the point at which to build the orphanage. A site was selected, and as we understand, will be paid for with money contributed by the people of that city. We have received circulars to the people of the state of Mississippi, as well as elsewhere, asking contributions for the benefit of the proposed institution. Brother Comfort has assurance of substantial assistance as soon as he is able to begin the erection of the building. We are sure it is a worthy cause and merits the best wishes of all interested in the class for whose relief it is established.

"Someone Has a Little Heart Left"

A few days since as we were standing on the rear platform of a street car in Canal street of this city, a special car passed which was loaded with little colored orphan children. The conductor of the car looked at the happy crowd and said: "Look at that; someone has a little heart left." To this remark we responded: "Yes; how much the happiness of thousands in the world depends on the 'heart' of others." Sympathy for others; what would the world be without it! And yet how often the time comes when one is prompted to feel that no one is interested in his well being. He may have clothing in abundance and money to satisfy all his wants and yet the time comes even then when it is a great relief to have some one manifest an interest in him along some special line. Prompted, evidently, by just such a hungering for human interest the Psalmist cried out on one occasion, "No man cared for my soul." We have no record of the fact that he was looking for bread or for the other necessities of life. Nevertheless his heart hungered, his very being cried out for the manifestation of human interest.

If such be the longing of humanity, when surrounded with plenty, what must it be when positive want stares it in the face—when really suffering and no one seems to have any "heart?" One night a father's child lay dying in his humble home, and he felt he must have a physician at once. He went out into the darkness of the night in search of one. Thinking of a nearby telephone which he thought might enable him to reach the physician sooner than to attempt to go all the way to his dwelling, he approached the man who seemed to be in charge and said, "I have a very sick child and desire to reach a physician at once; may I use this telephone?" "I don't know anything about it, and you had better not be blundering around here this time of night," was all the satisfaction he could get. How much a little "heart" would have helped conditions, but alas it was not shown. Who can describe the feeling of that father? But on he went till he met two other men. They heard his story, stopped and advised him as to what was best to do and in a very few minutes the physician was secured. Just a "little heart," that is all, and what a different world this would be. Just a "little heart" and the darkness would be lifted from many a life; just a "little heart" and thousands who are burdened and discouraged would feel their burdens lifted and go forward to be of service to themselves and to others.

Reader, have a little heart for others as you go through life.

A Street Railway Built

Our readers will recall that just after our visit to Jacksonville, Fla., last spring, we called attention to the proposed electric railway line to be built and controlled by colored citizens of that city. We are pleased to note that the line has been completed and opened for traffic. The fol-

lowing mention of the running of the first cars is taken from *The Times-Union*, a morning daily of that city:

"The North Jacksonville Electric Railway was opened for business yesterday afternoon, and three of their cars were placed on the track, arriving at the corner of Clay and Bay streets shortly after 2 o'clock, where over 500 colored people were waiting to see the cars on the new line.

"Most of the owners of this road are well-known colored citizens, and the cars are managed by colored motormen and conductors. No sooner had the first car arrived at the end of the road than it was literally packed with colored people anxious to ride on the car line owned and operated by their own race."

The formal opening was celebrated by a complimentary ride to the mayor, city council, and other prominent individuals. Speeches were made and refreshments served. We are sure that not only will the colored people themselves, but friends of the race everywhere, watch this enterprise with the greatest possible interest. In common with them, we wish it the very best success.

The Business League at Nashville

We are confident that all who witnessed the meeting of the National Business League last week in Nashville, Tenn., are convinced that there is a remarkable quickening among colored men throughout the country on commercial lines. In this particular they are aroused as never before. Such a quickening manifests itself in the large increase in the number of business enterprises organized as well as the rapid development of many of those that have been running for a number of years. In our partial report of the meeting to be found elsewhere, the readers of the SOUTHWESTERN will find a list of the various kinds of business represented at that meeting. It embraces nearly every honorable avocation pursued by anyone in this country. At any rate, the list is sufficiently large to warrant us in saying the Negro has been awakened and is going into business. During the last twelve months there have been six banking institutions organized and one other was reported about ready to open its doors on the 15th of September. Those in charge speak in highest terms of the interest manifested by their own people and of the assistance rendered them by white men who evidently wish to see them succeed.

We are sure it will be asked by some, What good does the League do? In answer to this query will say, it is a regular commercial school. Our people have never been lacking in the desire to do business, but they have been and are yet sadly in need both of information and confidence. Can I succeed, and if so how am I to do so? These are the all-important questions that present themselves to scores of young men even to-day. And these are the very questions that are answered by every successful business man who tells how he inaugurated and pushed his business.

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Our Contributors

The Epworth League and Bible Study

R. E. DIFFENDORFER.

THE ENTIRE BIBLE IN THREE YEARS.

1. The Epworth League has officially adopted the Bible Study course, in which "Studies in the Life of Christ" and in the Apostolic Church" from the first and second years' lessons. A third year on the Old Testament will complete this course. A second course for the Juniors has opened with the first year's lessons, "Junior Studies in the Life of Christ."

2. This course has been found to be fitted for use by churches, schools, normal classes, clubs, brotherhoods, families and individuals. All are free to use the course as a guide into the riches of the Word.

3. Classes may begin at any time, though October is the choice date. Secure a copy of the text-book and enlist the members of the class by personal interview, or arrange for a sermon, address or lecture on the need and importance of thorough Bible study, and gather names.

4. The members of the class can elect a president or leader, or both, a secretary and treasurer, if desired, and determine the time and place of meeting. Do not exclude the pastor from leadership; do not count upon him as leader; let his own wish and work generally decide.

5. From three to five are enough for a class; ten to fifteen, twenty or twenty-five, an ideal number, with meetings held every week at the homes of members or at church; larger classes often gathering twice a month.

6. The large public and popular class, and even smaller classes, may desire a program, which can consist of singing or short song service, prayer, three or four brief papers or addresses on the suggested topics, a thorough quiz or drill on the study or studies taken as the lesson, and review of what has been gone over, with special music interspersed, if desired.

7. A distinctive name for any class, large or small, is "The Bible Study Circle," and the best week night on which to meet is generally found to be Monday.

THE SUCCESS OF THE COURSES.

The first two years of the movement present a record that is remarkable. There were 5,000 members in the Bible classes the first year, and 15,000 the second year. Over 25,000 copies of the book have been sold.

The third book of the course, "Studies in the Old Testament" is now being prepared and will make the course complete. This book will not be ready for use until next year.

"Junior Studies in the Life of Christ", the official Bible study book for Juniors, has just come off the press. It is being received everywhere by Junior workers, who consider it the best thing of its kind in the market.

COMMENTS ON THE COURSES.

"I have been using "Studies in the Apostolic Church" for eleven weeks, and am delighted with the book."

DR. MARTIN E. CADY,
Western Ave. M. E. Church, Chicago, (where he has a class of ninety in "Life of Christ" course the year before).

"The general plan certainly does seem to me to be a thoroughly helpful one. It is one of the things to be greatly rejoiced in that such books as these are appearing today. Your work

will prove of value not merely to students, but to pastors and teachers as well."

PRESIDENT HENRY CHURCHILL KING,
Oberlin College.

"Your "Studies in the Apostolic Church" came to me at a time when I was leading a class through this very course of study. I do not think I have ever seen any better outline study of this period. The references to recent literature bearing on the various topics in the Studies add very much to the value of the work."

PRINCIPAL A. P. McDIARMID,
Brandon College, Manitoba.

"It would be a glorious thing if every teacher of Bible schools in America were to possess this work—so carefully prepared and so valuable in itself."

DR. KERR BOYCE TUPPER,
First Baptist Church, Philadelphia.

"It (The Apostolic Church) is simple, portable, concise and comprehensive for its purpose. I believe it would be a profitable text-book for normal classes, and adult classes generally, including teachers' meetings."

PROF. PATTERSON DuBOIS,
Staff of The Sunday School Times, Phila.

"I am very much pleased with the text-book, "Studies in the Life of Christ". The studies are simple enough for those who are not accustomed to studious methods, and at the same time subjects are suggested for advanced Bible-study. I most heartily commend the text-book and the Bible-study Department."

JOHN WILLIS BAER.

EXTRACTS FROM CLASS REPORTS.

"We finished the course this week. It was a very profitable study. Not only the events are known better, but also we realize more fully that life with all its teachings and sufferings was for us. I believe every member has been brought nearer to our blessed Saviour and that each has firmly resolved to live for Him."

One man said it was the most helpful Bible study he had ever purchased. The interest is growing.

"You have done admirably on the "Apostolic Church." It is ahead of my expectations. Our class is going right to work."

"Every one was thoroughly in earnest and tried to get some good out of the lesson for himself."

"Considerable interest and enthusiasm manifested. Nearly all will make the harmony."

"Quite an interest appears to be developing. Had only six books. Not enough; have ordered more."

"Nearly all who had topics given them responded with splendid answers, some having especially prepared papers."

"Had a splendid meeting. One member drew a ground map of Jerusalem."

"We find that meetings held at private houses are more pleasant and profitable than those held after another service in the church."

"We have one hour's study each evening and always some light refreshments."

"The temptations of Jesus were taken up very thoroughly. Nearly all entered into the discussion."

BIBLE STUDY RALLY DAY.

October 4th is the date of the rally day for this year. All things should be in readiness for the launching of the courses in the local chapters

on this day. "A Bible class in every chapter" is the call in the Spiritual Department.

HOW TO OBSERVE THE DAY.

1. In the morning the pastor should preach a sermon on the "Importance of Systematic Study of the Word of God."

2. In the evening the regular devotional meeting of the League should be given to the subject of Bible Study, following as nearly as possible the outlines given in the Bible number of the Epworth Herald.

3. Display one or more copies of the text-book to be studied, and explain how attractive the work is made.

4. At the close of the service secure the names of all who will become members of the class.

5. Appoint a committee to work up the membership during the week.

6. Organize, elect a leader, and begin at once, before the enthusiasm wanes.

Address all correspondence to Bureau of Bible Study, 57 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

Systematic Giving

In reading a copy of "Christianity In Earnest" I found an article styled, "Systematic Giving."

January, 1903, I made out a list of the members on my charge and assessed them 75 cents per member for Benevolence for this year. As my charge is assessed \$60 for all claims, I find all the well-trained members are glad to know the amount they are expected to pay, yet some who from year to year have been railroaded through are not in the best spirit. Systematic giving bears out the fact that if the people do not have a Minister that can preach what is so-called a "spasmodic sermon" a few months before the Annual Conference, he will have to work some kind of an omnibus plan or he will fail to collect the claims.

The time has come that the people need to know what each member is expected to pay for Benevolence, as well to know what they are to pay to support the presiding elder and preacher. This may work slow at first, but if this is made a part of our duty as a minister, it will prove substantial.

I remember in 1896, when I was pastor at this place, I worked this plan which resulted in the largest benevolent collection ever raised on this work. I make it a rule to help every poor Sunday school scholar. I find it a good plan to give to those who are not able to give, yet are willing to show that they are expected to do their part in giving.

I trust no one will think I am dictating to them about their work, but I find this a splendid system. Cultivate a system that will stand with the minister who follows you, whether it be a great preacher or not, just so he be a Godly man called of God to the ministry. The people will know what they are expected to pay. Then you will find spasmodic preaching will not have any effect upon the people.

I do believe in systematic plans in all our work as a Methodist minister.

I am yours in the Master's cause,
MC D. SPENCER, Presiding Elder.

Mortgage Burned at Jackson Street Church, Lynchburg, Va

Sunday, July 26, 1903, was a notable day in the history of Jackson St. M. E. Church. In the early part of the year 1890, this church having accepted the proposition made by friends in Baltimore, prominent among whom were Dr. Goucher and Hon. Alcaeus Hooper, to give ten acres of

ground for a site and five thousand (\$5,000) dollars toward a building fund to found an institution of learning in Virginia, the struggle which terminated on the above date began.

Fully thirteen years have passed since that eventful year. Rev. Benjamin Brown was about to close his administration at this charge, but before leaving he secured a very generous gift of five hundred (\$500) dollars from one of our liberal white citizens, Mr. John Pettyjohn, toward the amount to be raised. Then followed in the order named, Revs. Samuel Griffin, Henry A. Carroll, M. J. Naylor and W. A. C. Hughes. Revs. Brown and Griffin have passed from labor to reward. All these ministers have been connected with the payment of this debt.

When Rev. Henry A. Carroll, now pastor of the Ames Memorial Church, Baltimore, Md., came to this charge in the Spring of 1895, he found a large debt of many thousands of dollars resting on the Jackson St. Church, and a discouraged and disheartened membership. For while the membership assumed the responsibility of the site and \$5,000, it was not expected that they would pay it all, because it was understood that all the members of our church in Virginia would contribute, but they failed to respond to the appeals for aid. With a courage born of past victories and an executive ability equal to the demands of the situation Rev. Carroll inspired hope among the dispirited and laid plans which he executed with such fidelity that he soon stirred with zeal the despairing and filled with confidence the doubting. He served five years, and a year before he left he arranged the payment of the debt so that the church could meet its monthly obligations without serious trouble. Rev. Naylor, his successor, took up the management of this financial interest and kept the church up to the high plane to which it had been carried by Rev. Carroll. His term of service, which lasted three years, closed in April. Rev. Hughes came, saw the situation, and inspired the church to make one long last effort and free itself from debt. A rally was planned about the 15th of May, to be held on the last Sunday in June. The amount raised was over twelve hundred (\$1,200) dollars, which was the largest amount ever raised in a rally by this church. The treasurer of the Trustee Board in accordance with its vote, sent a check for the rest of the bonds. These having been received on Sunday, July 26th, the members and friends gave themselves up to a day of rejoicing and thanksgiving to God. The pastor arranged a most excellent program for the occasion, which began on Sunday morning at 6 o'clock, with an old time Methodist love feast. The fire of the Holy Ghost burned with Pentecostal power.

At 11 a. m., Rev. H. A. Carroll preached a great sermon from Psalms 72, 17. The great audience was moved by the words of the preacher as they came charged with the Holy Spirit which warmed all hearts and suffused with tears every eye. Joy sparkled in every face and overflowing gladness was upon every lip. In the afternoon a platform meeting was held, presided over by Prof. G. E. Stephens, at which time the mortgage was burned. Prof. Stephens gave a brief history of the origin of the debt and the hard struggle the church had made to pay it.

Then followed spicy, interesting and stirring five minute speeches, each touching on some special phase connected with the happy triumph that reflected such great praise on Jackson St. Church. The following persons spoke: Rev. I. Garland Penn, A. M., Rev. Dr. Morris, 8th St.

Baptist Church, Mrs. Maria Penn, Rev. Coles, Christian Church, Mr. Thomas M. Taylor, Trustee, Mrs. Maggie Bunn, Richmond, Rev. Jackson, Court St. Baptist Church, Rev. Wynn, Fifth St. Baptist Church, and Rev. Hughes.

After a few brief remarks, Rev. Carroll burned the mortgage. Then followed the "Rally Song" composed for the occasion by the pastor, Rev. Hughes:

"We're a band of workers, true,
In Heaven's cause we stand,
Working for the spread of truth,
And for our fellow man.
We'll work, we'll pray 'till break of day
At home, in church, abroad,
While we're marching to Zion."

CHORUS

"We'll work, we'll pray,
The debts shall melt away;
We'll work, we'll pray
Until the break of day;
We'll shout aloud when victory is won,
We helped to take the field,
While we're marching to Zion."

The celebration of this great achievement came to a close on Monday evening the 27th, at the Jackson St. Church, where a refined and entertaining literary program was rendered in the presence of a highly cultivated audience, by some of the best musical and literary talent in the city.

For those who raised the required amount requested of each member, the pastor prepared a unique and beautiful souvenir, a very small bottle containing ashes of the mortgage, attached was a card upon which was recorded the interesting history of the splendid effort. These souvenirs were presented, by Rev. Carroll, to each successful member.

After the exercises all were invited to the lecture room where the ladies of the church served a free banquet of delightful refreshments.

Thus closed the celebration of a most honorable undertaking, creditable alike to the race and the great church in whose service the splendid structure, crowning a hill in South Lynchburg and made possible by struggle and self-sacrifice, shall be employed in company with other institutions to shed rays of intellectual and spiritual light until even her darker children shall reflect the beauty of the highest Christian training.

SEG.

Lynchburg, Va.

Important Improvements in Cuero

The Cueroites are having a pleasant summer. When the Lord withdrew the cloud and the Sun showed her smiling face there were many glad souls.

The Guadalupe river has destroyed all of the crops near our town.

The Cueroites are going to have a City Hall and a new School House, in a few days. There has been given \$2,500 for the purpose of building a colored school, and we are working to raise \$600 more to complete the building and pay for the land.

The opening of the Summer Normal was splendid. We are looking for a good number of teachers at the close of the Normal.

The whites have just closed a Union Revival meeting.

Rev. M. S. Jordan closed his meeting here and went to Yorktown, where he ran a two weeks revival that resulted in 14 converts. When he opened the door of the church there were 17 who joined. "I don't think I can say

for Cuero. When they spoke to him in regard to the public school he was the first to set forth a plan to raise the money. His first plan resulted in \$11 raised by the M. E. Church. His second plan resulted in \$73 raised by the citizens of Cuero. We now have \$213 of the six hundred wanted for the land to build the school house.

I again say he is the man for Cuero. He has proven to be a man sent from God to preach the Gospel and care for the flock. He is not only a preacher but a pastor. He holds the reins of the Church in his hands, and with his sharp eyes sees every plan of the devil and stops it in the bud. He went into our enjoyment that we call pleasure and turned the Gospel light on it. Then I viewed real pleasure, true pleasure and everlasting. The more it is seen the more it is appreciated and admired by those who love God.

Very respectfully,

S. N. HARVEY.

Cuero, Tex.

Life of Faith

WEAVING.

Yes, I'm a weaver, and each day
The threads of life I spin,
And, be the colors what they may,
I still must weave them in.
With morning light there comes the thought,
As I my task begin,
My Lord to me new threads has brought,
And bids me "weave them in."

Sometimes he gives me threads of gold
To brighten up the day;
Then sombre tints, so bleak and cold,
That change the gold to gray.
And so my shuttle swiftly flies,
With threads both gold and gray;
And on I toil till daylight dies
And fades in night away.

Oh, when my day of toil is o'er,
And I shall cease to spin,
He'll open wide my Father's door
And bid me rest within.
When safe at home in heavenly light,
How clearly I shall see
That every thread—the dark, the bright—
Each one had need to be!

—Christian Advocate.

Faithfulness in the work of men for the fear and love of God—what rules can one give for that except the rule of ceaseless vigilance and perfect humility?—*Phillips Brooks.*

Courtesy to the Aged

BY REV. H. H. SWEETS.

We ought to have respect for old age and for those in authority. Samuel had been a faithful judge for many years. He had given his life in the public service. He received small thanks for his labor. All the elders of Israel came together and said to Samuel, "Behold thou art old." To say the least, this was not very kind. Emerson says, "Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy." An aged sculptor was spending the evening of his life with his son, who had become a more gifted artist. As his skill began to depart from him he became despondent over it. At night he would retire, sad and discouraged, regretting the loss of his cunning. Ere he awoke, the loving son, with skilful hand, would tone down the lines and chip out the errors. The father, unmindful of the son's tender kindness, would take up the work afresh in the morning cheered by the thought that he was only tired at night, and that he was yet of some help in the world. Have father and mother grown old? Have some of our useful officers and teach-

ers come near what is foolishly called "the dead line"? Deal kindly with them. Thank them for all they have done for you. Remember, that as long as God shall spare them to you, their love their council and their prayers will be of greatest service to you. Soon they will be taken home, and then how you will miss them, and how you will regret the hasty words, the unkind deeds.—*Christian Observer.*

Beautiful Answers

A Persian pupil of the Abbe Sicord gave the following extraordinary answers:

"What is gratitude?"

"Gratitude is the memory of the heart."

"What is hope?"

"Hope is the blossom of happiness."

"What is the difference between hope and desire?"

"Desire is a tree in leaf; hope is a tree in flower; and enjoyment is a tree in fruit."

"What is eternity?"

"A day without yesterday or to-morrow; a line that has no end."

"What is time?"

"A line that has two ends; a path which begins in the cradle and ends in the tomb."

"What is God?"

"The necessary Being, the Sun of eternity, the Merchant of nature, the Eye of justice, the Watchmaker of the universe, the Soul of the world."

—*Western Christian Union.*

Do It Now

S. M. RITTER.

I had thought to send a flower to a sick friend, but decided, "To-morrow will do as well." Next day the flower was laid on a still, cold form.

Because of busy, happy work I neglected for a month writing to a dear friend far away. The tardy missive brought answer: "Dear One,—Your letter is a comfort to me. I have waited for it through a month of heavy trial. I know you would have written sooner if you could, or had you known the comfort your words would be."

Two friends misunderstood each other. "Soon," I thought, "I shall speak the little word that will clear their skies." The events of a day separated us all forever, and the little wrong was not made right.

An earnest youth was in need of a helping hand. I longed to extend the help, but self-interest answered, "You can not, God will take the will for the deed."

Then the Spirit within took me to my knees, and I prayed: "O God, shall this poor 'will,' and nothing more, be offered thee? Then thou hast naught. O, make it thine, that loving deed may prove the will to serve!"

And in that hour the youth's need was supplied, nor was self the poorer.

O, the blessed now, which is all of time I have! God help me to use it for him! And if there is a word to be spoken, a flower to be sent, an alabaster box to be broken, God help me do it now.—*Western Christian Advocate.*

Memphis, Tenn.

We are pleased to receive a copy of *McGirt's Magazine*, number 1 of volume 1, for July and August. It is published at No. 414 S. Eleventh street, Philadelphia, Pa., and edited by Mr. James E. McGirt, who has made considerable reputation as a poet. His magazine is well edited and abounds in choice illustrations. A number of the articles it contains will repay careful reading.

Woman's Dominion

Fruit Cream

The simplest and most delicious ice cream is made by first whipping the required amount of cream, freezing slightly and then adding fruit juice which has been sweetened. Remember that the sugar in the fruit juice must be sufficient to sweeten the entire mixture. Finish the freezing after pouring in the juice. A little fresh fruit may be added towards the last.

The sulphur end of a match is one of the best of ink-removers. Dampen the fingers slightly, then rub them briskly with the match for half a minute or so, and wash the odor from the fingers. The latter will be found entirely clean.

Although the odor of lavender is agreeable to most people, the flies do not like it, it's probably too clean a smell for their taste. If a room is sprinkled with oil of lavender, mixed with an equal amount of water, they will vacate it.

As to Worthy Womanhood

This is the ideal of every New Century Lady, to be worthy of the largest type of man. How shall she attain it? One requirement is a perfect sympathy with the New Century Knight in his high purpose and determination, a purpose to serve the age in which he lives to its betterment, and a determination to remove from among men the three great curses, which trouble them, of profanity, drink and tobacco, as well as every other evil which affects their lives.

The other requirement is a very simple one. It is comprehended in the statement of her Aim and Ideal, "A pure heart, an educated brain, and a hand trained for service." That girl who truly possesses these three essentials all else being equal, will find that her life will be worthy of the best man living, who may seek her hand and desire her companionship through life.—*St. Louis Christian Advocate.*

Home Mission Notes

All delegates and visitors to the annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, to be held in Chattanooga, Tenn., October 28, November 4, should send names and full addresses to Mrs. W. M. Ampt, 1910 Baymiller St., Cincinnati, O., not later than September 15.

Miss Ida Miner, Superintendent of the Deaconess Home at Denver, Col., has been visiting the East during the past summer. Miss Miner was for many years a greatly beloved worker in the Deaconess Home in Washington, D. C. Many of her vacation days have been given to promoting the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in various places.

921,000 aliens came into this country through its various ports of entry during the year ending June 30, 1903. Only 13 per cent went west of the Mississippi. New York State took 250,657, while the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania absorbed 567,405.

The latest arrival at the Oriental Home, 912 Washington St., San Francisco, Cal., is a little Porto Rican girl about eight years of age. Her father is a Chinaman, and her mother a native of Porto Rico. Shortly after coming to San Francisco, the mother died, and the father placed his little child under the care of our Society.

She is very bright, and already a home missionary auxiliary has asked to make her their beneficiary.

The need of a new building for Thayer Home, South Atlanta, Ga., is apparent. Says Miss Mitchell, "The training of the past is not sufficient for the present. The colored girl of the future, whose services will be sought, is the one who has been trained not alone in needlework, but in an extended course of cooking, physical culture, in the various industries, and in the science of the kindergarten. The work must start with the children. In no other way can the masses be reached."

Miss Flora Mitchell, Superintendent of Thayer Home, South Atlanta, Ga., has given twenty years of continuous service to this work. It has therefore been her privilege to see in a large degree the fruit of her labors. She states that nearly all the graduates who have passed through the Home and school are now filling positions of honor and usefulness. Miss Mitchell, so far from being worn and weary in the work, wears a face of unusual brightness and good cheer. It is indeed blessed to be able in this life to see such good results from the work persisted in and done as unto the Lord.

The Silver Bay Missionary Conference, held in July, had for its motto, "Onward, providing it be forward." Miss Carrie Barge and Miss Alice M. Guernsey represented the Woman's Home Missionary Society at this meeting. Daily classes in home missionary study were held under the direction of Dr. Phillips, of the Southern Presbyterian Church. He used "Under Our Flag" as his text-book, and as a result this will doubtless be used in many of the mission study classes during the coming year. It can be ordered from Fleming H. Revell Co., New York or Chicago, or of Miss Van Marter, 150 Fifth Ave., New York. In cloth, fifty cents; in paper, thirty cents, net. In ordering please send postage, seven and five cents respectively.

The school census for the city of Mobile, Ala., is 6,070 whites and 6,326 Negroes, while that for the county is 10,713 whites and 9,563 Negroes. In some of the states the larger the Negro scholastic population, the better equipped the white schools are and the better paid are their teachers. This is because much of the amount drawn from the public fund for Negroes is used for whites. It may not be so in Mobile.

The Pennsylvania Railroad will operate steel passenger coaches in its tunnels under the Hudson river and in New York City. The cars are now in course of construction. They will be of the shape and size of the regulation vestibuled passenger coach, with no particle of wood in the construction. It is believed they will be not only fire-proof, but practically indestructible.

An exchange says that Mr. John Limbaugh, a Methodist bachelor, residing about twelve miles south of Columbus, Ohio, deeded to the trustees of the Ohio Annual Conference, six hundred and ninety acres of good land, together with cash and mortgage notes estimated to be worth \$60,000. The proceeds of this donation are to be applied to superannuated members and widows of deceased ministers who are upon the list of Ohio conference claimants.

The amount invested in the Siberian railway is \$411,700,000.

Educational

"'Tis education forms the common mind;
Just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined."

—Pope.

"What sculpture is to the block of marble, education is to an human soul."—Addison.

"The world exists for the education of each man."—Emerson.

"Education makes the man."—Byron.

—The New York Observer.

The Education of the Educator

BY THE REV. CHARLES A. S. DWIGHT.

The education of the pupil is a theme of perennial interest, which has been discussed from almost every possible view and with varying degrees of clearness, intelligence and sympathetic insight. Upon the problems of instruction, which are becoming increasingly engrossing as the years pass, a vast deal of hard thought, ingenious theorizing and patient experimentation has been brought to bear, for the most part with encouraging success.

There is an aspect of education, however, which has received relatively little attention—and that is the reactionary effect of educational processes upon the instructor himself. No man can teach without being taught. Not only must a man be in some sense educated in order to teach—he also becomes increasingly educated while he is teaching. The true instructor, the man who has in him the real love of learning and the inextinguishable desire to impart what he knows, will study not only for, but also with his pupil, will eagerly covet for himself additional information, and will in his own intellectual life grow as he seeks to stimulate mental growth in others.

The educator is educated in many ways. The first and most evident way in which this training is received by the teacher himself is in the increase of his mental furniture, that is, of the mere items of knowledge which, being hunted up for the sake of his pupil's informational advancement, become thereupon a part of the teacher's own enlarging intellectual assets. The very effort to enlighten another mind lends an added zest to the process of investigation for oneself. It is indeed a fact that the genuine student loves truth for its own sake alone, and would pursue his studies if he were the only investigator in the universe, yet there are few individuals who do not feel an increased interest in the pursuit of truth when they have in mind the direct benefiting, by its discovery, of other minds that inquiringly look to them for help. Many a teacher, about to meet his classes, and looking about for fresh points of view from which to present the topics to be treated, has made discoveries of interest not only to his pupils, but as well to the world at large.

Increase of information is however the least of the ways in which the educator is educated. Important as it is to know facts, to have the moral nature and the spiritual sense quickened is more. It is one thing to know and another to realize facts. It has been said that no man knows a thing until he is able to teach it. This is hardly true, as many people of undoubted erudition seem incapable of ever becoming good teachers, while some of the best preceptors—real pedagogues in the classic sense of leaders of youth—never attained an exceptionally high rank at school or in college. What may be said with exactness is that no man can really teach a thing until he has in some vital sense appropriated it, realized it in his own experience, taken it up into his own life and enacted it into his own personal character.

This spiritualization of truth, so to speak, may best be attained not in a selfish solitude detached from the world, as by monk in cloistered cell or by book worm in recessed study—but in close and eager contact with the currents of everyday life, and in communion with other minds, especially youthful minds, whose spirit is apt to be ingenious and whose outlook upon life is optimistic and idealizing. Soul kindles the enthusiasm of soul as the "Eureka!" ("I have found it!") of newly appropriated treasures of knowledge (discovered not only by the mind but also by the heart and conscience) rings victoriously out as the note of a further triumph of research.

The truth is that every man of active mind is both a teacher and a student at the same time. In a broad sense everyone learns of everyone else, and in a more restricted sense the preceptor, even though he be a grayhaired college professor, is still a fellow student with the "boys" whose zeal for study is young and eager and undiscouraged. The greatest may learn from the humblest. None, however great or learned, may despise the acceleration of the impulse to acquire and digest knowledge which comes of the comradeship of culture, where mind rubs on mind, and truth seeking becomes fairly contagious.

The term "educated man" is a relative expression. No man is wholly educated; every live man is still in the process of education. Education is not a point but a process. A diploma in hand is not the epitaph of the past but an index-finger pointing to the future. It signifies more what may yet be done or learned than what has been acquired in past curricula. In this tireless, endless pursuit of truth the teacher and pupil join hands. Each needs the other; their interest in science, art and ethics is mutual; whatever one acquires reacts in blessing on the other. Culture is communal, and to its blessings and benefits all, to the limit of their hitherto developed capacity, may lay claim who belong to the brotherhood of truth.

Closter, N. J.

General News

Mr. Henry Waring (colored), of Lorain, Ohio, is the president of the Lorain and Elmira Ice and Coal Company, the largest one of its kind in that section of the country.

The Pennsylvania terminal to be erected in Manhattan will be the largest railroad station in the world, with accommodations for handling 200,000 passengers a day.

The bill to submit to the people a constitutional amendment exempting church property, including church schools, endowments, etc., unanimously passed the Senate one day last week.

The great Salt Lake is to be bridged at a cost of two and a half million dollars. The work, which will take three years, has been undertaken by the Southern Pacific Railroad in Utah.

Cuba has signed treaties giving to the United States naval stations in the island. The Isle of Pines is to remain under Cuban control, but the United States will have all the privileges desired.

In New York City it is said there are certain sections having a denser population to the square foot than any other city in the world. In some of the east side tenements there are over 80 persons in one house.

The United States army transport Kilpatrick sailed from Manila July 2 for New York with 500 tons of exhibits for the St. Louis Exposition, a battalion of the Fifth Infantry and the dead bodies of 300 soldiers.

For disturbing the Booker T. Washington meeting at Zion M. E. Church, Boston, recently, Granville Martin and William M. Trotter (colored) were sentenced to serve thirty days in prison. Bernard Charle was fined. He paid his fine and the others have appealed.

Robert E. Lee, formerly a private in Company C. Tenth United States Cavalry, but now a messenger in Ford's Old Theatre building, Washington, was awarded a medal of honor under the acts of Congress for gallantry at San Juan Hill and Los Cossimas, in the Spanish-American war.

The drinking habit among women of England is increasing. Statistics show that of the total of London's incurable drunkards, who have been convicted more than ten times 8,900 are women and 4,300 men. The deaths of women in twenty years from chronic alcoholism have increased over 145 per cent.

At Long Tcheon, China, one hundred thousand people are slowly starving to death. An exchange says that at Kiang Tcheons, recently, every man, woman and child was killed by pirates and their bodies sold for food to those of Long Tcheon who could afford to purchase. The whole plain of Si King is filled with bodies.

The United States Signal Corps is to erect and equip a system of government wireless stations in Alaska. The first station will be constructed at Fort Davis, Nome; the second will be established at Safety Harbor; while a third wireless post will be placed at St. Michael's. It is the intention finally to connect the Alaskan system with Puget Sound by a submarine cable.

Young Friends

THE COMPANY FACE.

Once on a time in a far-away place,
Lived a queer little girl with a company face;
And no one outside of the family knew
Of her every-day face or supposed she had two.
The change she could make with wondrous celerity,
For practice had lent her surprising dexterity.
But at last it chanced on an unlucky day
(Or lucky, perhaps, I would much better say),
To her dismal dismay and complete consternation
She failed to complete the desired transformation;
And a caller, her teacher, Miss Agatha Mason,
Surprised her with half of her company face on,
And half of her every-day face peeping out,
Showing one grimy tear track and half of a pout,
Contrasting amazingly with the sweet smile
That shone on her company side all the while.
The caller no sooner had hurried away,
Than up to her room the girl flew in dismay.
And after a night spent in solemn reflection
On the folly of features that won't bear inspection,
She came down to breakfast and walked to her place,
Calm, sweet and serene, with her company face.
Thenceforward she wore it, day out and day in,
Until you really might think 'twould be worn very thin;
But, strange to relate, it grew more bright and gay,
And her relatives think 'twas a red-letter day,
When the greatly astonished Miss Agatha Mason
Surprised her with half of her company face on.
—Northwestern Christian Advocate.

A piece of camphor gum is a very good indicator of what the weather is going to be. If the camphor is exposed to the air the gum remains dry, the weather will be fresh and dry, but if the gum absorbs the moisture and seems damp, it is a sign of rain.

"Singing Birds Build Low"

One who had been listening while a bright girl announced most ambitious aspirations and purpose for her own life, answered gently: "You

may be right, dear child, but do not forget that 'the singing birds build low.'"

Taking this as its text, the *Philadelphia Public Ledger* speaks these words of comfort to girls: "If your flight is above the roof-trees, if your haunts are to be high up among the wind-rocked boughs, the home nest can not fail to suffer loss. Apart from the loss to those who remain, the daughter who goes out often finds too late the low nest was safest and best. There are colder winds on the mountain crags, and it is the birds of prey that build their nests on high.

"After all one's thinking and talking of progress of man or woman, it is true that nothing ever comes to us that is so sweet as the life of home. Let woman seek the largest culture, the broadest freedom, the highest service. All goes well while they keep the home love warm. When the love wavers, it is time to pause. We are building our nests in the wrong place. Singing birds are to make melody, first, for our nearest and dearest, and when our best is too good for the home, we are placing our nests too high.—*Central Christian Advocate*.

Self Mastery

When we are provoked, it is good to think before we speak. The next time you are angry and feel inclined to say something which afterwards you will regret, just pause and slowly count twenty. By that time the impulse will have passed away, and you will have controlled your temper.

Temper can be controlled. There once lived a boy who grew up to be a famous preacher—Robert Hall. As a lad he had a violent temper. His passion often mastered him. One day he was so troubled that he went into a quiet place to pray, and he said: "O Lord, calm my mind." His prayer was answered. He gained a victory over his temper, and in after days was known as a man of most kindly and gentle disposition.

There lies the secret of self-mastery. We cannot conquer temper by ourselves; but with the help of Jesus we can. I was once out in a trap drawn by a couple of high-spirited horses. The son of the owner begged to be allowed to drive, and his father consented. When we got on a level road the horses began to get out of hand. The lad pulled all he could, but could not hold them in. His father, who was sitting by his side, then put his hand on the reins, and his firmness soon made itself felt. The temper of the horses was controlled by a strong hand. That is a parable for us. Our temper is strong and fights for the mastery. Sometimes it is stronger than we are, and runs away with us. It is then that the strong hand of Jesus is stretched out to help us, and through Him we obtain the mastery.—*The Philadelphia Methodist*.

A Touch in Passing

"It's queer the way different people make you feel," the girl said, thoughtfully. "I don't mean people you know or love, but people that you just brush up against. The other day, for instance, when I went over to see Helen, Sadie Graves was there calling. She stayed an hour or more, and the whole time she talked about nothing but style. Now, usually, you know, the clothes question doesn't bother me a bit—I like to be well dressed, of course—but I don't worry over it, for there are always so many better things to talk about. But it was two whole days before I could shake off Sadie Graves, and then it was only because somebody else helped

me. I just lived and breathed clothes, fretting over dresses that were made last year, and planning how I could fix them over and longing for all sorts of new things; it seemed to me that I must be stylish; that I couldn't stand it not to be. Sadie made you feel as if it were the one thing in the world that a girl should live for.

"But the second evening Uncle James had a caller, and I happened to be in the parlor. After the first greetings they didn't notice me at all, and I just curled up in my corner and listened. Uncle James had been reading Mr. Riis' 'Ten Years War,' and he and father had talked it over a good deal. That had been intensely interesting, but this man had lived it and helped. 'Oh, if you could have heard the things he told! All my little, selfish, contemptible thoughts about clothes, and what people thought of me, just shrivelled up and blew away. I had got back to the real 'worth whiles'—the being glad and grateful for all the rich things one has in one's life, and the trying to help wherever one can. It didn't seem as if I could be small again. And yet I suppose I should be—if I were with Sadie Graves. I wish I might never meet her again, until I've grown big enough in my thoughts not to care!'"

Was not the little experience a mighty argument upon the choice of companions and conversation?—*Onward*.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

Missionary Items

A report from North China contains the interesting news that the North China Mission does not propose, in rebuilding its property destroyed during the Boxer uprising, to retain Tsunhua as the center of the Northeast District, but to make Chang-li, on the coast, south of Shan-hai-quan, the new center. In Tsunhua they will erect a boys' school building on the ruins of the hospital, and a residence, costing about \$10,000 in all, and will build the hospital, church, residence and other houses at Shang-li.

The Rev. S. A. Beck has recently been elected treasurer of the Korea Mission and his election has been approved by the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society.

Miss Harriet I. Fields, missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Santiago, Chili, who has been in the United States on furlough, sailed from New York by steamship "Armenian", Tuesday, August 4. Miss Fields returns to Santiago by way of Liverpool, stopping in England to study English educational systems in behalf of the Chilean government.

Mr. George M. Burdick, of Williamsville, Vt., a graduate of the University of Vermont, approved as missionary to Korea, at the February meeting of the Board of Managers, and Mr. Charles W. Kennedy, of the Class of 1903 at Ohio Wesleyan University, approved as missionary to Japan, at the same meeting, sailed from San Francisco, August 8, on the steamship "Siberia."

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

Monthly Topic: Some of God's Calls.

Topic Sept. 6th: The Call of Moses.

Scripture Reference: Ex. 3: 1-12.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday—The call of Solomon. I. Sam. 3: 1-10.

Tuesday—The call of Elisha. I. Kings 19: 19-21.

Wednesday—The call of Jonah. Jon. 1: 1-10.

Thursday—The call of David. I. Sam. 16: 11-13.

Friday—Jesus calling the disciples. Matt. 4: 18-22.

Saturday—Jesus ordaining the apostles. Mark 3: 13-19.

In every life there is a supreme moment when great opportunities arise and new voices are heard in the air. The track of divine revelation is studded here and there with such instances. From the day when God walked in the garden in the cool of the evening calling for Adam, man here and there has heard the same voice speaking to him. In every life there is the memory of a ghostly hour when with all our faculties aroused we heard the voice of Deity. Some men obeyed the call as did Moses and many others turned away, and the open door of opportunity silently closed behind them. Then as if out of a dream they arose to find themselves stranded on the beach, the waters of opportunity having flowed away and left them. But we are to study the call of Moses and learn to his everlasting glorification that he was not disobedient, but obeyed the heavenly vision and voice. Let us note now some important items in reference to Moses' call.

1. *He was loyal to God.* It were the height of folly for king or potentate to commission to high and important office and station one who was not loyal to his sovereign. Moses was selected leader and emancipator because he was loyal to God and could be trusted to obey the high behest of heaven. Let it be understood, the Almighty will not commission any one to the high work of promulgating his kingdom, unless he is loyal to Him. The question is at once raised, are all workers who claim to be at the Lord's work called of the Lord? By their fruits ye shall know them. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles?

2. *Because Moses was loyal to his race.* No race has ever gone up except as it has been led up by one raised up from within its own borders. Race loyalty is shown in the fact that Moses turned his back on all the pomp, wealth and ease of that ancient monarchy on the banks of the Nile and chose to share the hard lot of his people. Espousing their cause everywhere until after a zealous defense of his kinsmen he was found to be a murderer and fled from Egypt where in the wilderness he developed other qualities which God saw he needed as a leader.

3. *Because he was a hardy, rugged shepherd.* Shepherd is only another name for pastor. One who cares for and feeds the flock. Thus it happens that the greatest prophet Israel ever raised up was a shepherd and likewise the greatest king was a shepherd. The wilderness and the morass with its driving winds and burning heat, had done a service for Moses which never could have been wrought in the palace of Pharaoh. Like the sturdy oak of the forest he had battled with wind and storm in the care of his flock and had grown a body with such hardy vigor that after one hundred and twenty years his eye was not dimmed nor his physical force abated. Such endurance was needed on the part of the leader of a people who were without laws either civil, moral or hygienic. The stress under which Moses lived would have destroyed one with less ruggedness of

life. He could endure not only the privations of the desert, but the murmurings of the people, the second more destructive than the first.

4. *Because he was resolute and courageous.* In the midst of murmurings and complaints, he never wavered. He called upon Israel when doubt and uncertainty filled every mind, to stand still and see the salvation of God. He believed in Jehovah and that made him strong. He believed in God's promises and they became rock and footing for his feet. He never failed because he never feared. When God, weary with the shortcomings of Israel would have destroyed the nation, Moses threw his life in the breach and saved them.

5. *Because he was a busy man.* As my mind runs back over the many calls recorded in the Bible I do not recall one instance where God called an idle man. They are following the flocks, guiding the plow, mending their nets, dispensing their medicines, or gathering their taxes. God calls busy men.

6. *Moses was called because he was ready.* When men climb the Alps they have a guide. Israel needed a guide to lead them through the great and terrible wilderness. Moses had spent forty years in that wilderness and knew every grassy plot and every spring of water. Who was so well equipped as he to take his nation through the wilderness? Ah, brother, do you want to do something for God? Then get ready to do what God wants done. Let the life you live every day become a school of training by doing your best at your humble task and God will use what you learn and know, to his glory and your everlasting honor. Moses did not know when he faithfully led the flocks of Jethro and got a liberal knowledge of the desert, that such knowledge would be worth more to Israel than to Jethro's flocks, but so it proved. Moses knew the desert and God needed his knowledge.

It was a great task to which God sent him, but he was ready and relying upon Jehovah; he accomplished a work and wrote a name of undying fame. Brother, listen for the call of God and be ready to go to your task.

Pittsburg, Pa.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson X—Sept. 6th, 1903. Title—Death of Saul and Jonathan. (1 Sam. 31:1-13. 31-33) Study—vs. 1-23. Golden Text—"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Prov. 14, 12.) Time—B. C. 1050. Place—Gilboa.

David, after the events of our last lesson, went from the wilderness of Judea to Gath of the Philistines. He was given the town of Ziklag in which to dwell. There he resided for a year and four months. Saul sought for him no more. Achish, king of the Philistines, had great confidence in David, and made him his servant. In the course of time the Philistines went to war with Israel. When Saul saw the host that had come out against him, he was afraid, and his heart trembled within him. He enquired of the Lord, but received no answer, either by dream, by Urin, or by prophet. He then had the witch or Endor call Samuel up from the dead. From the aged judge and prophet Saul learned that the battle would go against him, that he and his sons would be slain, and that David would become king in his stead.

I. *The Battle.* (1-6) 1. *The army was defeated.* It is thought by many that this battle was fought in the plain of Esdraelon, and when Israel was defeated they fled to Mt. Gilboa. Many

of the army fell. Esdraelon has been a famous battle ground. There Barak encountered the Canaanites, and Gideon the Midianites and Amalekites. There Jehu smote the house of Ahab, and left "nothing remaining." There Josiah was slain in his great battle with the Egyptians. There "Jews, Gentiles, Saracens, Crusaders, Egyptians, Persians, Turks, Arabs, and French, have pitched their tents, and beheld their banners wet with the dews of Tabor and Herman." (Dr. Clarke.) The origin of the Philistines is uncertain. Some are of the opinion they descended from Shem, and migrated from Crete to Palestine. Others think they descended from Ham. (Gen. 10: 14.) They were in the south country in the time of Abraham. When Joshua subdued Canaan they had grown into a great, war-loving nation, and offered the strongest resistance to the Hebrews. It was probably whispered among the Israelites that Saul had received a communication from Samuel that they would be defeated. This would unnerve the entire army.

2. *The sons of Saul were slain.* The king had four sons. Three fell in this battle, and the youngest was assassinated seven years later. Jonathan, "gift of Jehovah," the oldest son, was regarded by his father as heir to the throne. He was of great strength and skilled in the use of the bow and sling. "The bow of Jonathan turned not back." He was famous in the engagement with the Philistines known as "the war of Michmash." He had not heard of the rash curse which his father invoked on any one who ate before the evening, and tasted the honey that lay on the ground as they passed through the forest. Jephthah's dreadful sacrifice would have been repeated if the people had not interfered. His friendship for David began on the day of his return from the victory over the champion of Gath, and continued until his death. In the battle of Gilboa he fell with his two brothers, and his remains shared their fate. No event worthy of record is recorded of Abinadab and Melchishua, the other two sons of Saul, who were slain in this battle. Of Ish-bosheth, or Esh-baal, "son of Baal," the youngest son of Saul, and now rightful heir to the throne, more will be said in our next lesson.

3. *The king himself was put to death.* After the sons of Saul had fallen, the brunt of the battle rested upon him. The archers, or men with bows, causes him to be fatally wounded. The arrows used in those days were sharpened, barbed, poisoned, and tipped with fire. Saul could not fly or defend himself. Two accounts of his death are given; one in this and the other in the following chapter. He asked his armour-bearer to thrust him through with his sword. This he refused to do. Then Saul took a sword, set it upon end, and fell upon it. This wound probably did not prove instantly fatal. A young Amalekite likely drew near, and at Saul's request stood upon his body and slew him. He possibly saw the king could not recover, or keep out of the hands of the Philistines. He then took Saul's crown and bracelet and brought them to David. It is said that Judas went out and hanged himself. It is also stated that he fell headlong and burst asunder in the midst. Both accounts are no doubt correct. So it could be in the death of Saul. Possibly the young man stated an untruth that cost him his life. Thus ended the career of one who began well, grew gradually wicked, and finally came to a shameful death.

4. *The suicide of the armour-bearer.* When he saw what Saul had done, he took the sword and

fell upon it, thus taking his own life. This shows great devotion for his king. Saul had magnetism, warm personal friends who stood by him through life, and in death would not be separated from him. Suicides among the Israelites were very uncommon, while among the Greeks and other Gentile nations they were very frequent. Suicide usually betrays weakness, cowardice, and guilt. Many think this armor-bearer was Doag, the Idumaeen chief of Saul's herdmen, who slew the priests and their families, in all eighty-five souls, at Nob. And that he slew them with the same sword with which Saul and himself took their lives. Brutus and Cassius killed themselves with the same dagger with which they killed Caesar.

II. *Some results of the battle.* (7-13.) 1. *Flying the country.* When the Israelites, who dwelt in the valley of Jezreel, saw that Saul and his sons had fallen, and the men of Israel who were in the army had been killed or driven away, they left their homes and fled. The Philistines came and dwelt in their cities. Thus all of north-western Palestine fell into the hands of the foe. But Abner seems to have recovered these cities to the kingdom of Ish-bosheth, Saul's serving son. Later David totally subdued the Philistines. See here the result of rejecting God and Samuel. They, like Saul, had done wickedly, hence both were consumed together, as the prophet had foretold. God "gave them a king in His anger, and took him away in His wrath." 2. *The bodies of Saul and his sons were shamefully treated by the Philistines.* On the day following the conflict some of them were wandering over the battle field in search of spoil. They found the remains of Saul and his family. It was surely a piece of negligence on the part of the Israelites to leave the body of their ruler exposed to their foe over night. It is likely the Philistines did not know until now that the king and his sons had fallen. That Amalekite had been there before them, and divested Saul of his crown and bracelet. They cut off Saul's head (his sons seem to have shared the same fate) and stripped him of his armor. They sent the news that Saul and his sons had fallen to be published in all the cities throughout their land. They sent his armor to the temple of Ashtarothe, "queen of heaven," who represented the female principle, and was worshiped with impure rites. They fastened his body, and also the remains of his sons, to the walls of Beth-shean, a city between Mt. Gilboa and the Jordan. This was very inhuman conduct, yet David did the head of Goliath in like manner, and Samuel hewed Agag in pieces. We must not judge that age by the one in which we live. 3. *Their bodies were better treated by their friends.* Jabesh was a city in the land of Gilead, five or six miles east of Jordan. Its inhabitants did not go up with Saul to the battle, but soon learned of his fate. It was ten or twelve miles from Jabesh to Beth-shean. A company left Jabesh in the evening, and went to Beth-shean, secured the bodies of Saul and his sons, and returned with them. It was not common for the Israelites to burn their dead. Some think they burned spices over these bodies to perfume them. Others are of the opinion they burned the flesh because the bodies had begun to decompose. A third class believe it was done to keep the Philistines from ever desiring them again. After the burning these bodies were buried under the tamarisk tree, which serves as a monument. The inhabitants of Jabesh fasted seven days. The conduct of the men of Jabesh is the only beam of sunshine in this lesson.

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The Business League at Nashville

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Such persons stand forth as living demonstrations of the fact that black men can and do succeed. Hence even tho he should not say one word, his very presence serves as an object lesson. But for him to go further and tell how it was done is sure to prove helpful to those who need such assistance. Then in answer to the query, What good does it do? we would say, (1) It gives inspiration; (2) it imparts information; (3) inspires confidence and (4) arouses hope both for one's self and for the future of the race.

The League is fortunate in having Prof. Washington as its president; he has done much for it.

We are confident that all who witness the future. We congratulate the race and all concerned on what the League is accomplishing both for the present generation and for those that are to follow.

A New Professor for Flint Medical College

Dr. T. A. Jones, a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Boston, has accepted the chair of the laboratory branches in Flint Medical College of New Orleans University. He will teach the subjects of histology, pathology, bacteriology and chemistry.

Dr. Jones comes highly recommended and it is expected that he will give additional strength to the already strong faculty of the college.

Tuskegee Continues to Grow

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett J. Scott, of the noted Tuskegee Institute, are happy over the advent of a splendid pair of twins—a girl and a boy. Mr. Warren Logan, treasurer of the school, and Mrs. Logan are no less happy over the arrival of Louise Thresher, an attractive little girl. Friends of the institution feel that its future is secure as long as those who have charge of its interests look after the enrollment in a manner so certain and emphatic.

What is called an "All-Star Concert," for the benefit of St. Mark M. E. Church, Chicago, took place in that city Monday evening, August 24th. Among those participating who are well known to many of our readers, was Miss Stella A. E. Brazley, Miss Ida Hall, Mr. Harry Webber, Mr. Dulac and Mr. Davage of New Orleans; Miss Clara Jackson, teacher, of Sam'l Huston College, Austin, Tex.; Mrs. Carrie H. Lewis and Dr. and Mrs. John C. Davis of Chicago. We are sure any concert given by such talent must have been both entertaining and instructive. Mr. R. A. Crolley of the Book Concern, was manager.

The Book Committee in charge of the publishing interests of the Southern Methodist Church met last week to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Rev. Dr. J. R. Bingham as senior Book Agent. The Junior Agent, Dr. D. M. Smith, becomes senior and the Rev. Dr. H. J. Lamar of Mobile, Ala., was elected junior.

The National Negro Business League

The fourth annual session of this most necessary and prosperous organization convened at Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 19th, under unusually favorable circumstances. The attendance of those representing the various business enterprises conducted by members of the race was far beyond the expectation of those who do not realize the hold the business idea has on the Negro. The enrollment showed that there were more than 200 delegates present. They came from upward of thirty states, namely: Ohio, Massachusetts, Connecticut, West Virginia, Virginia, Kansas, Tennessee, Illinois, South Carolina, Louisiana, Kentucky, Missouri, New York, District of Columbia, Florida, Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama, New Jersey, Georgia, Texas, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, North Carolina, etc. The different kinds of business interests represented are: Hotel keepers, restaurateurs, lumber dealers, insurance agents, druggists, tailors, dyers, lawyers, manufacturers, log exporters, shoe and trunk merchants, farmers, barbers, undertakers, liverymen, real estate dealers, stock raisers, editors, physicians, dentists, teachers, jewelers, ministers, bankers, passenger and freight transfer men, grocers, college presidents, house renovators, dry goods merchants, caterers, sugar planters, lady hair dressers, coal dealers, shoemakers, shoe merchants, food and vegetable dealers, printers and book binders, brick manufacturers, money lenders and brokers, mechanics and builders.

Then the attendance of the people was something marvelous; the magnificent hall in which the meetings were held was packed absolutely at the opening session and hundreds were turned away. As has already been announced in these columns, the legislature of the state had by vote granted the use of the hall of the House of Representatives for the League; this has a gallery on each side running the full length of the hall, and yet it was impossible to accommodate the throngs who attended. A chorus of 50 voices, selected from the different choirs of the city, under the leadership of Prof. John W. Work, rendered "O hail us, ye free." Rev. Preston Taylor, one of the leading undertakers of the city, rapped for order and recognized J. E. Purdy sergeant-at-arms, who formally presented the hall as decorated for the use of the League for its three days' session. This was accepted and the Rev. Mr. Taylor yielded to Dr. R. H. Boyd, vice-president of the League, who presented a gavel and the extensive preparation made by the local committee to Dr. Booker Washington, president of the League. The president invited Bishop C. H. Phillips, D. D., of the C. M. E. Church, to conduct the devotions. At the conclusion of the bishop's prayer the chorus sang "Swing low, sweet chariot," to the great delight of the audience. Then followed a series of welcome addresses, fifteen in number. Gov. Frazier being absent, the first address was delivered by Mayor-elect Williams on behalf of the city. His address was hearty and most eloquent. He expressed the highest appreciation for the work the League is intended to do. He said there is a community of interests between the white and colored citizens of Nashville which is thoroughly appreciated by the best white citizens. His remarks were closely followed and heartily applauded. On motion of Mr. G. W. Knox, a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Williams for his address.

Mr. W. C. Collier, who represented the Chamber of Commerce, thought it would be better for all if the two races mingled more together that they might the better know and understand each

other. He believes Mr. Washington to be sincere, and if he is not he is the "most ungodly hypocrite in all the world." Several of the addresses were well worthy of reproduction. Responses were made by T. Thomas Fortune, Red Bank, N. J.; Chas. Banks, Clarksdale, Miss., and others.

At the conclusion of these addresses the League adjourned. In the evening at 8 o'clock the hall was packed and jammed to listen to an address by President Washington. It abounded in sound advice along business and other lines and was greatly enjoyed by all present. The two days remaining were devoted to hearing reports of local Leagues and the discussion of the various business interests represented.

Following Mr. Washington's address, Mr. E. J. Young, of Charlotte, N. C., discussed the insurance business. This subject was also discussed by Mr. C. F. Johnson, of Mobile, Ala. Both of these gentlemen are connected with successful organizations on this line.

On motion of Rev. Dr. E. C. Morris, of Arkansas, the rules were suspended and Dr. Booker T. Washington was unanimously re-elected president of the League.

Mr. G. E. Dickerson, of Philadelphia, told of the development of business sentiment and interests among Afro-Americans in his city.

Real estate was discussed by Philip A. Payton, Jr., of New York; R. D. Littlejohn, of Columbus, Miss., and E. C. Brown, of Newport News, Va.

On the opening of the exercises Wednesday evening, Mr. J. C. Napier, chairman of the local committee on entertainment, presented on behalf of his wife, the daughter of the late John N. Langston, a gavel made of a piece of wood which her father brought with him from Hayti, where he was the representative of this government.

(To be continued.)

Business League Notes

Here in the Southland especially, and in the North also, we are walking over acres of diamonds.—Booker Washington.

We have got to cultivate the pioneer spirit. Learn to lead out rather than wait for some other man to open up and develop.—Booker Washington.

Mr. J. B. Grove, of Groveton, Kansas, owns 600 acres of land and makes a specialty of raising Irish potatoes. Last year he shipped 60 carloads of potatoes.

The singing rendered by the chorus in charge of Prof. Work, during the League meetings, was very fine indeed. It sang at every session and never failed to make a hit.

You ask, where shall I go to succeed? I say, take hold where you are. As a rule the man who does not succeed at home will not a thousand miles away.—Booker Washington.

Mr. W. H. Johnson, of Baynesville, Va., began some years ago shipping walnut logs to Baltimore. Now he ships every 40 days a schooner load of such logs to Germany, and is making money.

The Nashville Street Railway Company gave the Business League a trolley ride over all its principal lines, thus enabling them to see every part of the city. This courtesy was greatly appreciated by all.

The Union Mutual Aid Association, of Mobile, Ala., C. F. Johnson, secretary and general manager, received in all \$106,889.19 last year. It has written \$3,000,000 worth of policies, has 50 branch offices, and 500 officers and employees in all. Paid last year \$90,646.54 in benefits and salaries.

The exhibit of pictures and products of Negro business enterprises made in a building provided

for this purpose was an appropriate and successful affair. While not up to what it will be another year, it was nevertheless an excellent advertisement of what colored men and women are doing along commercial lines.

Rev. Preston Taylor, one of the wealthiest undertakers of the city, gave an old fashioned barbecue in honor of the League in the park connected with the beautiful Greenwood Cemetery, which is owned by him. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are admirable hosts and those who partook of their hospitality were loud in their praise.

People's Benevolent and Relief Association, Charlotte, N. C., E. J. Young, secretary and manager, was chartered Feb. 10, 1897. It has issued a total of 54,593 policies; paid to sick and for deaths, \$58,962.16; has 137 agents, 12 clerks, 2 office boys. Daily payroll, \$257. He expects to establish a branch office in Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Edward Berry, of Athens, O., runs a hotel of 50 rooms, patronized principally by whites. He was told at first that he could not succeed, but he said he was sure he could. He had some one darn the socks, sew on buttons and mend clothes of guests. This was a new feature and with other things made his house popular. His hotel is crowded all the time and he is compelled to rent other rooms to accommodate his guests.

The banquet given by the citizens of Nashville in honor of the League was one of the most largely attended affairs of the kind we have ever witnessed. In the dining hall covers were laid for 400, and every seat was taken. It was a stupendous affair and had it began earlier would have proven a splendid success. As it was it is a monument to the energy and hospitality of the best citizens of Nashville. No city has ever made things pleasanter for any gathering of colored men and women than did this city for the members of the League.

Personal and General

Rev. M. H. Wilkins, the pastor of Water Valley, Miss., M. E. Church, died at that place, Friday, August 21, 1903.

Bishop Fitzgerald desires us to announce that the Northern German Conference will convene Sept. 24th, and the Dakota, Oct. 8th.

Mrs. Clara Johnson, of 171 Willow street, New Orleans, is visiting former residents of this city. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Langston, of Cincinnati, O.

Rev. G. W. Meriweather, the pastor of Hampton Circuit, Griffin District, Atlanta, Georgia Conference, died July 28th, after a three months' illness.

George P. Downing, one of the leading colored men of the United States, an active participant in the anti-slavery cause, died recently at his home in Newport, R. I.

Rev. D. L. Tubbs, pastor of Mashulaville Circuit, Macon, Miss., came into possession August 19th of two fine girls, weighing respectively ten and eleven pounds.

Mr. J. E. Johnson, principal of the Magnolia Graded High School, Magnolia, Miss., was in the city this week, enroute to Poplarville, Miss., and gave the office a pleasant call.

The wife of Rev. J. F. R. Summerhill, the pastor of the M. E. Church of Duplex, Tenn., has been for eleven weeks very ill. He asks the prayers of the entire church for her recovery.

The death of Lord Robert Cecil Salisbury, the great English statesman, occurred in London, August 23, the fiftieth anniversary of his entry into public life as a member of the House of Commons.

Mrs. Minnie Robinson and little daughter Viola of Mobile, Ala., who have been the guests of Mr.

William Robinson, a brother-in-law, and his wife, of 2427 Iberville street, returned home Tuesday.

Rev. Allen Luster, pastor at St. Paul and Vincent (La.), has been sick for some days but is now much better. Mrs. Luster has just returned from a visit to him and reports his work in good condition.

We were sorry to receive information, under date of August 17th, of the serious illness of the wife of Rev. M. C. Harrison, pastor of the Litcher (La.) M. E. Church. We hope that she may soon recover.

Prof. J. W. E. Bowen, Ph. D., the scholar, orator and lecturer, of Atlanta, Ga., will address the citizens of Pittsburg, Pa., the night of September 1, at the Warren M. E. Church, of which Rev. D. W. Shaw, D. D., is pastor.

We are pleased to note that Mr. A. G. Miller, of Vanceville, La., who left the Shreveport District Conference not knowing what was to befall him, has come forth out of the dreaded difficulties without any serious results.

Rev. R. E. Jones, D. D., was called home from one of the district conferences to greet a newcomer in his family. It is a girl, and he cannot make a preacher of her, as he hoped to, but she may become a preacher's wife.

The illness of Rev. J. T. Leggett of Princeton, Ind., proves to be a serious case of typhoid fever. But we are hopefully expecting his recovery. Miss Clara Modest, the niece of Mrs. Leggett, is confined in the same house with the smallpox.

The St. Louis District, Central Missouri Conference, has granted the presiding elder, Rev. C. M. Keeton a three weeks' vacation. He plans to visit at Chicago, his son at the Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., and from there will go to Madison, Wis., and Detroit, Mich.

Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Shallowhorne tendered the Baton Rouge District a reception in the new Hartzell Academy Building. A hundred or more were present. Delicious refreshments were served. Brother Shallowhorne is a man of much influence and has the respect of the people at large.

For the first time in the history of the Illinois National Guard, a colored man, Major Franklin A. Denison, formerly of the Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, has been appointed quartermaster with the rank of major on the staff of General James B. Smith of the Third Brigade, I. N. G.

At the recent meeting of the Cumberland River (Tenn.) District Conference, the marriage of the presiding elder of that district, Rev. Dr. H. W. Key to Mrs. E. J. Ballard, a lady of culture, residing near Lebanon, Tenn., was solemnized; a report of same has been sent us and we hope to have it appear soon.

J. B. Venable, the son and only child of Rev. A. B. Venable, pastor of the Macedonia M. E. Church, near Clinton, La., a promising student of Gilbert Industrial College, was shot dead, we are informed without cause, in the street at Shreveport, La., August 9th. The bereaved family have our deepest sympathy.

Mrs. A. P. Camphor, the wife of President Camphor, of the College of West Africa, at Monrovia, Liberia, has been very ill. The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society has approved a grant of \$300 to pay the expenses of a trip to Funchal, Madeira, where it is hoped that Mrs. Camphor will speedily regain her health.

Mr. J. H. Bradford, a student of New Orleans University, was in the office this week to purchase books for the M. E. Sunday School of Slaughter, La., where his father, Rev. C. E. Bradford, is pastoring. Rev. Bradford has been very ill but is now on the road toward recovery. He reports the Sunday school and church of that place in a good condition.

News Notes

In Knoxville, Tenn., there is a Negro stock dealer who is said to be worth \$100,000.

The Federal government is probing the land frauds in Oklahoma, Louisiana and Mississippi. The Western Union Telegraph Company, of Atlanta, Ga., has employed colored messenger boys.

Telegraph wires in Berlin are being placed under ground, so as to avoid accidents from storm.

At Cincinnati a house fifteen stories high is being constructed which is to be of concrete from the cellar to the roof.

There are 227 lead pencil factories in Germany, which export each year 1,614 tons of pencils, worth \$2,000,000.

A curious medical fact recently elicited is that the bones of a lunatic are far more brittle than those of a person of sound mind.

The Mayor of Chicago has appointed Mr. Hollman, colored, city pavement inspector of that city, at a salary of \$100 per month.

Joe Sanders (colored), accused of attempted criminal assault upon a white girl, was shot to death by a posse at Henderson, Texas.

S. C. Patterson and son, of Greenfield, O., are the only colored men known in the States who own and control a large carriage factory.

The first race of the series was won by the Reliance, the American yacht, Aug. 22. Sir Thomas Lipton hopes for better luck another time.

Pope Pius X is said to be a very handsome man, 68 years of age and greatly resembling the late Philips Brooks, the eminent Boston divine.

Andrew Carnegie's gifts for the year numbered 158, and amounted to \$6,670,000. His gifts for libraries now aggregate \$38,505,600.

The State Department has been asked by Miss Ellen Stone to demand of Turkey damages for her abduction and captivity about a year ago.

The command of the Philippines has been transferred to Major-General James F. Wade, Major-General Geo. W. Davis having reached the age limit.

The Western Union Telegraph Company is being sued by the Success Brick Machinery Company of Atlanta, Ga., for failure to deliver a telegram promptly.

Sing Sing prison issues an interesting, well-printed bi-weekly magazine, the *Star of Hope*, which is edited, made up and printed by prisoners. It has a circulation of more than 5,000 inside and outside of the prison.

"Famous Orators of the World and Their Best Orations," by Chas. Morris, LL. D., includes in the list of great American orators, we are pleased to say, the late Hon. Frederick Douglass and Dr. Booker T. Washington.

At a meeting of Newark, N. J., Negroes, it has been decided to establish a department store for Negroes. A fund was opened at \$10 for each subscriber who agreed to bring in five others. In this manner \$5,000 will be raised.

Cardinal Gibbons is the first American ever to take part in the election of a Pope. There is only one American cardinal, although it is said that there are more Roman Catholics in the United States than in any other country.

A printed program received announces that the fifteenth session of the Staunton (Washington) District Conference will convene in Asbury M. E. Church, of which Rev. Geo. E. Curry, B. D., is pastor, Thursday, September 3d, 1903. Rev. G. Wesley Waters is presiding elder.

Rev. Nealy Thompson (colored), living six miles northwest of Monticello, Drew county, Arkansas, has invented a cotton chopper which easily cuts from six to ten acres per day. He has two sizes and styles of this chopper. One is pushed by hand and the other is drawn by horses.

At Lowell, Mass., recently, two small gunpowder magazines, situated in the midst of the cottages of fifty mill operatives, exploded, killing more than a score of people and injuring fifty. Every house within two hundred yards collapsed.

The official statement is that the Russian government has declined to receive or consider the petition in relation to the condition of the Jews of Russia signed by several thousand citizens and cabled to St. Petersburg by direction of the President.

FARM AND FIRESIDE

Gen. C. Marshall Editor

THE DAIRY.

Everyone knows how necessary cleanliness is in the dairy, and about dairy implements. This is confessed on sight, but the trouble is that cleanliness is only a relative term, and what some men would call clean would in the opinion of others be actually filthy, but there is reason in all things, and what is needed in the dairy is that there must be a fair amount of intelligence in determining when things are properly clean.

In past times great reliance has been placed in hot water and steam to kill all the microbes and remove all the grease spots, but after a year or so of steam, or very hot water, for this use, the churn and wooden utensils begin to curl up and crack, and the cracks in the floor begin to open so that the steam or hot water cannot get at the microbe.

For these reasons the managers of creameries have begun to reorganize their ideas and abandon the hot-water cure. The Danish dairy instructors have come to the conclusion that in all cleaning cold water should be used first, then water hot enough to make the wooden parts dry quickly, but after the first cold water bath, where soda and disinfectants were formerly used, they now substitute lime. This must not come in contact with the hands, but be put on with a brush and scrubbed off before the last bath in hot water. The floors should have a dose of whitewash two or three times a week, and the walls and ceiling of the room treated as often as needed. This is now put on with a force pump with little labor. Lime acts not only as a good cleanser, but it takes care of the microbes in all the cracks at the same time.

When a man receives a pig by express, if it has been long in crate, when taken out, should be given a drink of water and put in a pen where it can rest. If it appears very tired, let it rest some; then give it a half feed of some good slop, made of bran, shorts, ground oats and corn, or what you have for him. Don't fill it too fast. If the pig has come in from a long journey, and is very gaunt and tired, it will not want much feed the first few days. Don't keep feed before the pig at this time; if it does not eat the feed, take it away and let it wait till the next feeding time. Don't get the pig stalled on the feed at this time, as is often the case. Of course, a pig that has made only a short trip can be filled up in a short time and not hurt him. I can't give any rules that can be followed in all cases without deviation. The feeder must use his judgment, in each case. The thing to guard against is not to fill the pig too fast, and thus clog the digestion and get the pig in an unthrifty condition.—*The Daily Picayune*.

Shade is as necessary to the welfare of your poultry as to yourself. They do not have access to the water cooler or to the ice cream soda fount to slake their thirst or cool their feverish bodies. If Nature has not provided for them by means of trees of other foliage, you must provide it artificially by means of small shed roofs in various portions of their runs. A low frame covered with canvas or tarred paper is a desirable thing. Also take

out your windows and substitute wire netting.—*Methodist Advocate Journal*.

The soil for fruit trees as well as for farm crops, should be of a good quality. Whatever will produce a good crop of corn or wheat will in general be the best for fruit trees. The soil for an orchard should be dry, firm, mellow and fertile. It should be deep to allow the extension of the roots firm and not peaty or soggy. After a suitable soil is obtained hardy trees such as the apple will usually succeed in almost any situation.—*St. Louis Christian Advocate*.

Use twenty-five bushels of lime per acre; if sown on wheat stubble in August, it will show very plainly on corn the next season. All plants contain lime—some of them in large quantities, straw, hay, leaves of fruit trees, one-third of the ash of red clover, beans and turnips. Lime corrects acidity, which is often indicated by the weeds found growing. It hastens decomposition of organic matter. It causes a breaking up, a crumbling of the soil for assimilation for plants. The buried sod, straw and roots are decomposed, and become available for plant food more readily than where no lime is present. Lime sinks into soils, and should be applied to the surface. It is somewhat slow in its action, and therefore should be applied some time before needed.—*Michigan Christian Advocate*.

When feeding to fatten all things considered, it is best to feed dry food. During growth the pigs will thrive better on a ration of ground oats, shorts and oil meal, with skim-milk.—*The Michigan Christian Advocate*.

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Rev. B. M. Hubbard, Pastor, New Orleans, La.—Thursday, August 6, the dead silence of the night that hung as a mantle about the parsonage, was broken by the sweet strain of music which pealed forth from the Perkin's String Band. The entire vicinity was aroused and extended a cordial welcome to the stormers.

The occasion was the Linen and Silk Anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. B. M. Hubbard. The choir, with Miss Lorina Johnson as choir-lady, planned the affair. Mullalien generally does things on a large scale, but this was the most complete and the largest surprise given during the present pastorate. The party consisted of the

Perkin's String Band (7 pieces), the choir, a large number of the members and many friends. After entrance had been gained to the parsonage, Mrs. O. B. Milo, who had charge of the programme, called upon Sister Corn Williams to invoke the Divine favor. Miss L. Marshall, the amiable daughter of Dr. Marshall, rendered a beautiful vocal solo. Bro. W. H. Milo delivered the presentation address.

The New Orleans North District Conference was called to order July 22 at 9:30 a. m., in the Scott Chinn Chapel, M. E. Church, this city, by Rev. Dr. J. F. Marshall. Devotional exercises were conducted by the presiding elder, Revs. H. James and V. Chapman. The conference organized with the following officers: J. A. Lindsay, secretary; assistants, J. W. Turner and H. B. F. Charles; J. H. Thompson, statistical secretary; assistants, W. M. Burns and D. G. Taylor; B. M. Hubbard, reporter. The usual committees were nominated by the presiding elder and confirmed by the conference. The reports of presiding elders and reports of pastors, with few exceptions, showed an increase along all lines. Drs. G. G. Logan, of the Missionary Society; I. B. Scott and W. F. Waters, of the SOUTHWESTERN, were with us and delighted our hearts with their speeches. No one can listen to Dr. Logan without being induced to give something for the missionary cause. The conference passed complimentary resolutions touching these visitors and their work. Among those introduced to the conference were Bishop E. Cottrell of the C. M. E. Church; Presiding Elders Martin and Davies and Rev. M. H. Spencer, also of the C. M. E. Church. Resolutions complimentary to Dr. Marshall and his administration were passed by the conference; also resolutions of sympathy with the Roman Catholic Church in the loss of Pope Leo XIII. Fraternal delegates were elected to bear fraternal greetings to the other district conferences. Rev. T. B. Cooper, pastor, his people and the other churches of the city spared no pains in the entertainment of the conference. There passed one of the best sessions in the history of the district. St. Mathew is the seat of the next district conference.

The Vicksburg District (Miss.) Conference convened in Adams Chapel M. E. Church, Fayette, Miss., Aug. 5, 1903, with Rev. R. P. Threlkeld, presiding elder in the chair. After brief remarks by the presiding elder the conference began business by re-electing S. H. Cannon secretary; P. W. Baldwin, assistant and P. F. Robinson, statistical secretary. The following brethren were introduced to the conference: Dr. N. J. Clement, dean of Flint Medical College, New Orleans, La.; Revs. Wm. McMorris, pastor of the Central M. E. Church, Jackson, Miss.; J. C. Hibbler, presiding elder of the Meridian district; Rev. S. A. Cowan, A. M., presiding elder of the Shubuta District; Prof. L. A. Robinson, of this city; Dr. J. M. Shumpert, D. D.; Rev. J. C. Houston and Rev. G. W. Arnold, of the Meridian Circuit. Dr. N. J. Clement spoke in the interest of Flint Medical College. The following divines made addresses of much power and eloquence: Revs. Wm. McMorris, S. A. Cowan, J. M. Shumpert, J. C. Hibbler and the pastor, Rev. J. C. Houston. Presiding Elder R. P. Threlkeld dispatched the business without a single hitch. You may look for great things this year under his wise leadership. Wednesday night

power. Thursday night the old "war horse" preached an instructive, logical, reviving sermon, which will live a long time in the hearts of his hearers. Friday Dr. I. B. Scott, D. D., editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, arrived. He spoke to the conference in the afternoon. Friday night Rev. A. Reed preached a sermon which swept the conference. Saturday night Rev. W. D. C. Morrison preached a very instructive sermon. Sunday was a great day in Fayette. The people began to gather before sunrise. At 10 a. m. we had love-feast. At 11 o'clock Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., preached. Standing room on the outside of the church was at a premium. At 3 p. m. Rev. B. L. Crump preached a powerful sermon; 8 p. m. Rev. R. H. Patton delivered a very good sermon. This closed the best conference in the history of the district. Eighty-two subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN were secured. Collection \$113.

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MONROE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The fifteenth session of the Monroe District Conference was held Aug. 5-9, 1903, at Mt. Nebo, Bastrop P. O., La. Rev. T. P. Norris, pastor. Rev. Chas. D. Shallowhorne, the presiding elder, presided. W. Scott Chinn was elected secretary, with C. L. Angram, Mrs. I. C. Rainey, Mrs. Fannie B. Thomas, H. C. Wilson as assistants; S. Carroll, statistical secretary, with S. McGruder, Miss Emily W. Brady and D. W. J. Loyd, assistants. T. P. Norris, treasurer, W. H. Lang assistant; W. Scott Chinn, reporter. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. S. McGruder; missionary sermon, S. Carroll; annual sermon, W. Scott Chinn. The report of Presiding Elder Shallowhorne was fraught with good things and told of heroic and faithful service being rendered by the brethren all over this district. Despite the fact that eleven parishes of this district have been twice visited by the high water and crops are short, yet the various causes of the church are being carefully looked after and souls are being saved and the churches and parsonages kept in fair order. In his report the presiding elder paid a glowing tribute to the Missionary Society and a vote of thanks was extended to the society for the manner in which, through the Contingent Fund, relief had been given the brethren in the flooded regions. The Church Extension Society has done much for this district; already \$700 has been given to help build and to save churches. The Tract Society and Sunday School Union likewise, for at many of these mission points nothing could have been accomplished had it not been for these and other great auxiliaries of the church. The Woman's Home Missionary Society has done her part. The reports of the pastors were equally as interesting and to hear them reminds one of the early days of Methodism, as these faithful men of God labor day and night to plant the banner of the

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cross in northern Louisiana. Every church on the district reported. Local preachers were examined and advanced. The reports of the exhorters, Sunday school superintendents, district stewards, representative class-leaders, King's Daughters, stewardesses, deaconesses and the Woman's Home Missionaries showed their earnestness in the work. Dean H. J. Clements, Flint Medical College, Pro. J. B. Lafargue, principal of the Louisiana State Agricultural and Industrial College (colored) and general manager of the 20th Century Christian Educational Congress to be held Sept. 4-6, 1903, at Alexandria, La.; Revs. M. S. Goins, pastor Houma, La., and fraternal delegate of New Orleans South District; M. Smith, Baptist Church; G. Y. Smith, C. M. E. Church, and a host of distinguished visitors were introduced and made good addresses. Fraternal greetings were received from and returned to the New Orleans North, New Orleans South, Baton Rouge, Shreveport and Alexandria Districts. This is Presiding Elder Shallowhorne's fifth year on the district and the statistics show the following results: Number of appointments, 21; Sunday schools, 24; officers and teachers, 173; scholars, 1376; probationers, 142; full members, 980; local preachers, 38; parsonages, 12; probable value of churches, \$18,800; benevolent money up to date, \$276. Showing how Elder Shallowhorne has advanced the district in the estimation of the Missionary Society, Dr. H. C. Carroll, missionary secretary, under date of ADVO FIVE—D M M M M May 3, 1903, writes: "Allow me to congratulate you for raising more mission money on the Monroe District, and for having the largest number of charges in class first for the fourth time in the history of the Louisiana Conference." The presiding elder and brethren say to the other districts: "Come on, for we have gone." The district stewards advanced the support of the presiding elder three per cent over that of last year. The usual conference resolutions were adopted.

Officers of the District Epworth League elected are: Rev. R. F. Long, president; Miss Eliza Bonman, 1st vice president; D. W. J. Loyd, 2nd vice; Miss Ada Chestnut, 3rd vice; Miss Mattie Ford, 4th vice; Miss Nellie Grant, secretary; W. H. Lang, treasurer; S. McGruder, district lecturer; Mrs. Fannie B. Thomas Junior League president.

dent. The following were appointed fraternal delegates to the several district conferences: Shreveport, T. P. Norris, W. Scott Chinn; Alexandria, S. Carroll, R. F. Long, J. B. Lafargue, W. Scott Chinn; Baton Rouge, S. McGruder, S. Carroll; Tenth District Baptist Association, Rev. A. B. Flood, president, G. A. Taylor. The Sunday services and the devoutness of the people deserve more than a passing notice. At 8 a. m. they began to gather, and until night there was a constant stream of members and friends gathering, eager to see, hear and feed upon the words of truth as they poured forth from the lips of men truly called of God. With one accord this session of the Monroe District Conference goes into history as the best ever held for intellectual growth, religious fervor and spiritual power. Let the whole church pray for this, the Mission District, her presiding elder, pastors and people.

W. SCOTT CHINN.

Lake Providence, La.

Programme of the Starkville District Scholarship Fund Barbecue, at White's Church, Wire Circuit, Sept. 9-11, 1903: Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., song service, (all song services will be conducted by Prof. J. C. Kennedy); 8 p. m., sermon, Rev. S. D. Troupe. Thursday, 10:30 a. m., song service; 11 a. m., sermon, Rev. A. D. Green; 7:30 p. m., song service; 8 p. m., sermon, Rev. D. Green. Friday, 10:30 a. m., song service; 11 a. m., sermon, Rev. J. W. Byrd; 7:30 p. m., song service; 8 p. m., sermon, Rev. H. B. Hart, D. D., of Winona. There will be all kinds of barbecued meats and refreshments sold during the whole session. The entire proceeds will go to the scholarship fund of Rust University. Every pastor and member of the Starkville District is invited to be present. Revs. Drs. H. W. Bowen, B. F. Woolfolk, M. C. McEwen, J. W. Winbush, N. R. Clay, W. C. Clay, R. Sewell, J. M. Marsh, D. A. Bragg, J. B. Starkey and D. P. Shaw will make speeches.

W. T. WRIGHT, Pastor and Secty.
THOS. W. DAVIS, D. D., Presiding Elder.

Wm. White, presiding elder, Bentonville, Ark.—Bentonville circuit is yet alive. We are planning to come up to conference with a round report for all causes. The church is up-to-date on all lines. We have been having showers of blessings all the year. Someone has been added to the church at nearly every service since we began our pastorate at this place. Twelve precious souls have been baptized. We are moving on to victory and are aiming to place this circuit with those of the first-class. Our benevolent apportionment is \$72.00. We have raised a goodly portion of it and have plans on foot to close the deal this month.

J. Will Jackson, W. J. DeBoe, pastor, Slater, Mo.—On Sunday, July 5th, the first rally for this conference year was held at this place. The results exceeded our most sanguine expectations. After an effort of about 3 weeks in marshalling our little army of 65 members for the occasion, the amount of \$202.02 was realized. The pastor and officers hoped to raise \$100, and when the result was announced it was a happy surprise to all. Rev. DeBoe is truly a great church financier, and under his administration the church is making commendable progress.

J. E. Rolaz, Reporter, Wilson, La.—

Our second quarterly conference was held at Wesley Chapel July 9, with Rev. H. Taylor, presiding elder, in the chair. Many of the brethren were present. Reports showed an increase along all lines. Collections during the quarter, \$34.05, plus \$24.55. Seventeen came to the altar for prayer. The choir rendered excellent service with Mr. J. Gear, Jr., as organist. After service a grand reception was tendered the presiding elder and brethren. The people of Wesley Chapel, under the leadership of Rev. H. J. Robinson are pushing to the front.

The Brookhaven District Conference convened in the M. E. Church of Florence, Miss., with Rev. A. Davis, presiding elder, in the chair. After devotional exercises the conference was organized, with the following officers: Rev. A. M. Trotter, secretary; Rev. L. J. S. Bell and N. N. G. Lipscomb, assistant secretaries; Rev. P. H. Rembert, statistical secretary; assistant, M. P. Horton and E. D. Ford. The usual committees were appointed. Five pastors were absent. The reports showed that from 50 to 75 per cent of the benevolent collection had been raised and revivals held on most of the charges, with amazing results. Our visitors were Revs. J. C. Hibbler, presiding elder, Meridian District; W. M. McMorris, Jackson charge; W. P. C. Morrison, Natchez, Miss.; A. C. Morris, of the Baptist Church; L. W. Mammaucey, A. M. E. Church, and W. F. Waters, D. D., assistant business manager of the SOUTHWESTERN, who represented the paper and secured 5 cash subscribers. During the conference the following brothers preached: Revs. M. P. Horton, A. Jackson, L. W. Price, N. P. C. Morrison, J. C. Hibbler, P. H. Rembert, I. S. Thomas, I. M. Trotter, W. N. G. Lipscomb, L. J. S. Bell, K. Roberts and H. J. Jordan. A strong resolution was offered by Revs. L. J. S. Bell and L. V. Price, endorsing the work of the presiding elder, which was unanimously carried by the conference. The people of Florence enjoyed the sessions. Collection amounted to \$46.55. Thus closed a remarkably good session. The next one will be held at Bonerton. L. S. BELL, Reporter.

Edward Jackson, Shady Grove, Louisiana.—Our third quarterly conference was held at this place July 30, 1903, with Rev. H. Daniels, presiding elder, in the chair. All of the officers were present, but the reports were postponed until the District conference, which is to be held in Shreveport, La., August 12. Rev. A. J. Proctor has pitched his battle against Satan, and the presiding elder came to us just in time and on the following night he talked to us of Job's faithfulness to God.

Wm. Speed, New Edenburg, Ark.—Our second quarterly conference was held at St. Francis church, July 25-26, by presiding elder Higgins. The reports showed an increase over the last quarter. The elder preached a good sermon at 11.00 o'clock. Forty-eight persons partook of the Lord's supper. Paid the presiding elder, this quarter, \$10.76; pastor, \$27.09. Total amount raised for all causes, \$46.70.

Mr. Allen Johnson, Steward.—The pastor, Rev. Joe Richard, is building a fine church here. It is what we need at this place. The Rev. is very acceptable to the White Hall members. He is a Godly man. Mr. Nick Alexander and Mr. Jo Woods are deserving of

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much praise for their manifested interest in the work. Pray for our success. We held also our quarterly love feast. May God bless Rev. Daniels. We are always glad to have him with us. We gave him \$10.

A. E. Gibbs, Pastor, Waller Circuit, Patterson, Texas.—Our third quarterly conference was held July 11-13, Rev. J. E. Bryant, A. B., presiding. The officers presented good reports. On Sunday the elder delivered able and instructive sermons. We believe he is the man for the place. Seventy-two persons partook of the Lord's Supper. Paid to presiding elder, \$16.90; pastor, \$24.50. We rejoice to say that the Lord has blessed our efforts here with great success. On Children's Day we raised \$24. Among those who deserve special mention are Sisters Nina Robinson, \$1.10; Pindar Mason, \$1.10; Cecy Gage, \$1; Jennie Granison, \$1.50; Laura H. Smith, \$1; Parthenia Williams, 70 cents; Anna Van Duran, \$1; Ella C. Smith, \$1; Sue Washington, 40 cents; Dafney Reese, 40 cents; Judia Van Duran, 30 cents and Catherine Anderson, 20 cents. Also our worthy Sunday School Superintendents, A. McKensie, James Robinson and Prof. P. H. Madison.

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W. H. Simpson, Pastor, Newport, Ark.—We are planning to put new seats in our church. Last Sunday was our rally day. Rev. S. M. Cain, from Jacksonport, was with us and preached two good sermons to a crowded house. Collection for the day, \$71.68. We reported by classes. Class No. 1, Abram Jackson, leader, \$21.60. 2, Susan Yandell leader, \$16.36; 3, Jennie Dunlap leader, \$22.02; 4, George Chatam lead-

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS.

Pine Bluff, Clarendon, Ark. Aug. 26-30
 Paris, Clarksville, Tex. Aug. 26-31
 Navasota, Caldwell, Tex. Sept. 1-6
 Ocala, —, Fla. Sept. 9
 Ocala, Santos, Fla. Sept. 9
 Alexandria, Roanoke, Va. Sept. 9-13
 Houston, Kendleton, Tex. Sept. 17-30
 Vicksburg, Miss. Sept. 23-27
 Little Rock, Little Maumelle, Ark. Sept. 24-27

Gainesville, Cedar Keys, Fla. Sept. 24-27
 Alexandria, Roanoke, Va. Sept. —
 Greenville, Gunterson, Miss. —
 Mont Clair, N. J. Oct. 6, 7, 8.
 CONVENTIONS.

Starkville, Eupora, Miss. Aug. 26-30
 Forest City, Marianna, Ark. Aug. 26-30
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 Clow, Holly Springs, Ark. Sept. 3-6
 Fort Smith, W. H. M. S., Van Buren, Ark. Sept. 3-6
 Ocala, Santos, Fla. Sept. 9
 Little Rock, Little Maumelle, S. S. and E. L. Sept. 24
 Chattanooga, Tenn., W. H. M. S. Oct. 28

er, \$11.70. Our church is meeting with great success. Raised for benevolence \$17. Paid our presiding elder, Dr. Duncan, \$16. Received into the church this year as full members 10. Have organized a new Sunday school in the country, Abram Jackson, superintendent.

S. B. Dillard, reporter, St. John M. E. Church, Leakville, N. C. — The Greensboro District Conference convened at this place July 22 with a large number in attendance. We had with us Dr. J. D. Chavis, president at Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C. The doctor is the right man in the right place. We need more of such men as he as teachers and preachers in the Negro race. We were very glad to have Dr. R. E. Jones of the S. S. Union with us. He was a great help to us. We did not know before what the old M. E. Church was. On Sunday we had Dr. Chavis and Rev. Jones to preach for us; also Rev. McClain of Reidmill. Brother M. Mundy has been our pastor for six years.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE is the official organ of our church in this part of the country, and Whereas, Dr. I. B. Scott, the talented editor of the paper, is endeavoring to make it self-supporting by the end of this year, be it resolved, that we, the pastors of the Starkville District, under the leadership of Rev. Thos. W. Davis, presiding elder, pledge ourselves to do our part in helping Dr. Scott accomplish his desire. Resolved, that we heartily approve of the plan inaugurated by the Presiding Elders' Council, held in Meridian, Miss., and resolved, that we go forward at once to secure the eighty subscribers apportioned among the pastors of our district. Respectfully submitted, Fred H. Benton, J. W. Byrd, W. T. Wright, George W. Baker, Sec'y, Starkville, Miss., August 7, 1903.

A. Venable, pastor, Clinton, La.— Brother Allen Banks was chosen as lay delegate from Macedonia church

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to the lay electoral conference, to convene at Baton Rouge, La. The Epworth League presidents of the local chapter were elected this year: President, Mrs. Elizabeth Willson; first vice, Selom Washington; second vice, Joseph Canker; third vice, Mrs. Lucy Venable; fourth vice, Miss Lucile Washington; fifth vice, William Jarrels. Financial department, Mr. W. L. Nobles. The League gave a social July 10. All had a grand time. We have purchased books for the League, and it is moving off very nicely under the leadership of its president.

Honey Grove, Texas.—The 21st inst., just before Rev. W. L. Duncan, the pastor of Eighth Street M. E. church, entered the class room for services, a terrific storm blew against the parsonage, which gave no little uneasiness to the inmates, but soon the storm was over, and all was calm. To the pastor's great surprise, as well as to his consolation, the members of his church, with members and friends from other churches, led by Sister Dupuy Dalton, entered the parsonage with songs of praise, and left so many good things that the pastor and his wife were left in smiles and with happy hearts. Thanks were given to members and friends, with come again. A glorious class meeting followed.

Mrs. Bettie J. Coulter, Allbrook, Ark., Saratoga Charge.—We are getting along nicely. Old Baber Chapel is coming to the top. We hope to keep the wheel-rolling until she reaches the place where she once stood. Our pastor, Brother J. C. W. Pair, is doing good work. We are well pleased with him. Our first quarterly conference April 18-19 convened with Brother J. R. Wamble, presiding elder, in the chair. Raised for pastor, \$0; for presiding elder, \$11.75; on missions, \$6.40. Our second quarterly conference was held July 4-5 with our presiding elder in the chair. Raised for pastor \$26.75; for the presiding elder, \$11.75; education, \$8. Added to the church this year four members. Our Sunday school has increased considerably. The Epworth League is in good working condition with a membership of 35. Brother J. R. Wamble has given to us four of his best sermons and was listened to by crowded houses each time. Total amount raised \$95.65.

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RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, our beloved Brother W. M. Hanna, A. M., D. D., has served the Beaufort District as presiding elder for nearly six years, during which time he has not only endeared himself to the pastors, whom he has led so bravely and so well, but to the laity whose loyalty to the grand old church can not be questioned; and Whereas, he has distinguished himself as a profound and logical preacher, a wise financier and a born leader of men, and Whereas, the District has increased in her missionary collections from \$276 in 1897 to \$650 in 1902, and for Freedman's Aid and Southern Education from \$276 in 1897, to \$375, and a corresponding increase has been made in all other benevolent collections; and Whereas, though his term as presiding elder of this District will soon expire,

he is as popular with the people and better loved by the pastors of the District than ever before, and if it were not for the time honored law of the church, he could serve acceptably another term; and Whereas, he is one of the best presiding elders the Beaufort District has ever had, and the equal of any the South Carolina Conference has ever produced, therefore be it Resolved, 1, That we, the preachers of the Beaufort District, do now express our regrets that we will so soon be denied the continuance of our inestimable leader, who has been to us not only a wise counselor, but a true friend and brother. Resolved, 2, That if at the session of the approaching annual conference it be possible for him to remain our presiding elder, we would be delighted. Resolved, 3, Wherever he is called upon to labor, he shall always have our prayers and best wishes. Resolved, 4, That copies of these preambles and resolutions be sent to the SOUTHWESTERN, the Southern Reporter and the Pee Dee Educator for publication, and a copy be given Dr. Hanna. W. G. Valentine, I. H. Fulton, W. G. White, Isaac Myers, J. B. Thomas, A. S. J. Brown, J. L. Henderson, J. B. Middleton.

A. W. Quinn, Pearlinton, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference was held the 9-10, with Presiding Elder S. A. Cowan in the chair. All of the brethren were present with written reports, showing this charge to be alive. Raised this quarter, \$198. Conversions, 22; added to the church, 29; children baptized 12; 92 partook of the Lord's Supper.

J. B. Booth, Pastor, Springfield, Tenn.—Our third quarterly conference was held July 11-12, with Dr. H. W. Key in the chair. Reports showed progress in the work. We have raised and placed in the bank for the building of a new church at Springfield, \$50. Raised for all purposes this quarter, \$116. Dr. Key delivered two strong sermons.

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ington District Conference convened at LaGrange, Ky., July 8 at 2 p. m., Rev. J. H. Stanley, D. D., M. D., presiding elder, in the chair. Rev. E. D. Miller was elected secretary, W. H. Bloomer and H. A. Foreman assistants. All the pastors reported in person excepting W. H. Steveson, C. J. Nickels and T. W. Thomas. A large number of local preachers, exhorters, district stewards, Sunday School Institute and Epworth League delegates were present. The reports of presiding elder and pastors showed that the churches and pastors have had unusual success this spring. More benevolent money was raised than for five years before. Greetings were received from the following presiding elders: Revs. J. Courtney, of the Louisville District; G. A. Sissle, of the Indiana District; H. W. Simmons, of the Ohio District; Rev. E. A. White, presiding elder of Maysville District, and Rev. D. E. Skelton, pastor at Cincinnati, addressed the conference in their usual eloquent and instructive way. A welcome address was made to the District Conference and all delegates in well chosen words by Prof. Wadkins of the graded school in LaGrange, and was responded to by Rev. D. R. Hickman in a very gratifying way. A District Woman's Home Missionary Society and a District Missionary Society was organized. This was the best session in many respects ever held on the district. The Sunday School Institute and Epworth League each rendered a high-class program. The subjects were deep and well prepared. Rev. T. W. Zeigler was elected president of the Sunday School Institute; Dr. L. M. Hagood, president of the Epworth League. Our church at LaGrange is a model of beauty. Rev. Lewis, the pastor, is one of our ablest young ministers. He is an excellent preacher, a good church worker and a musician, and his wife is an able and efficient helper. E. D. Miller, Reporter.

James M. Harris, Pastor Burns M. E. Church, Kansas City, Mo.—All is moving well. Our Woman's Home Missionary Society meets twice a month. Literary meeting every Tuesday evening. Last week, July 10, about 10:30 p. m. a mighty storm struck the parsonage. When all was over groceries of all kinds were found on the table and quite a sum of money. The party was led by Matilda Woods.

Mrs. S. J. Courts, Torras, La.—At Union M. E. Church the second quarterly conference was held June 21 with Rev. H. Taylor in the chair. The Rev. Taylor is preaching his best sermons and they are doing the people good. Raised for all purposes \$200. Storm parties have visited the parsonage several times lately. The last one was on the 9th of July and left 250 pounds of groceries for the pastor and wife. They invited the merry crowd, which was led by Mrs. S. J. Courts, M. Sawyer, M. Frazier, R. Alexander and S. Miller, to call again. Seventy-five Sunday school scholars were present.

The first semi-annual District Conference of the Holly Springs District convened at 9 a. m. July 24, in Vincent Chapel, with Dr. U. H. Williams in the chair. Devotions by Rev. C. R. Cannon; roll call by Rev. J. A. Slate, former secretary; 13 pastors were present and 3 absent. J. A. Slate was chosen secretary and C. E. Moody assistant; J. W. Terrell was elected statistical secretary and W. F. Isalah, assistant. Rev. N. H. Williams, D. D., presiding elder, then made his report, which

showed a marked improvement along all lines. He gave strong and timely remarks to the brethren respecting their work and the great responsibility resting upon ministers of the gospel. During the afternoon the following topics were discussed: "The present Missionary Situation and why One Dollar per Member should be Raised," by F. H. Henry, N. R. Clay and D. P. Shaw; "Our Relation to Rust University," Prof. E. H. McKissack; "The Ideal Pastor," B. T. McEwin, M. H. Wilkins and E. C. P. Troup. N. R. Clay then discussed "Our relation to Rust University," by request of Dr. Foster. Interesting sermons were preached by Revs. N. R. Clay, J. C. McGee, D. P. Shaw, F. H. Henry and C. E. Moody. The conference was a success, both financially and spiritually. Sunday one soul was happily converted; \$65 was raised during the conference. Benevolence raised up to date, \$460. There were quite a number of distinguished visitors with us, viz., Rev. B. F. Woolfolk, presiding elder of the Greenwood District; B. H. S. Ferguson, H. B. Hart, S. D. Troup, L. F. Jones and E. D. Newton, all of the Greenwood District. The brethren named made strong and impressive remarks. Thus passed into history one of the best conferences of the Holly Springs District.

C. E. Moody, Reporter.

W. H. Whitlock, Reporter, Aberdeen, Miss.—The Epworth League Convention and District Conference of the Tupelo District, Upper Mississippi Conference, convened in Union Grove church July 22-26. The first two days were devoted to the league, which was ably presided over by Rev. P. S. Bowie. The following subjects were discussed: "History of the Epworth League," "The Social Feature of the League," "The League as a Light Brigade of the Church Militant," "Should the League Assist in Raising the Benevolences of the Church?" "Rust University," "Explanation of the Wheel," by the president and others. Able sermons were preached by Revs. Buchanan of Pantola, Nevils of Corinth and W. C. Cawwell of Pontotoc Circuit. Rev. W. H. Whitlock preached on Thursday night to a large and appreciative congregation. Thus closed the most enthusiastic meeting of the league ever held on the district. The District Conference was called to order Friday morning by the energetic young presiding elder, W. C. Clay, A. B., who presided at this, his first district conference, with dignity and impartiality. He has won the love of his preachers and members. The following officers were elected: Rev. W. C. Weatherall was elected secretary; Rev. P. S. Bowie, statistical secretary; Rev. W. C. Cawwell, W. C. Weatherall and D. A. Bragg, stewards; Rev. W. H. Whitlock was elected reporter to the SOUTHWESTERN. Four of the pastors were absent. Prof. Battle, of the Okolona Industrial School, was introduced and presented the claims of his school, which is doing quite a commendable work. Rev. Wm. Bell, of the Aberdeen District, was presented to the conference and made an eloquent speech. Great sermons were preached Friday and Saturday by Revs. D. C. Hilliard, R. J. Stokes and D. D. Reed. The following subjects were discussed: "What has the Missionary Society done in spreading the Gospel in the South since 1866?" "The Great Need of the SOUTHWESTERN in every home." The merits and claims of this paper were ably discussed, also the Benefits of the Freedman's Aid and

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Southern Education Society to the Negro in the South. Saturday the business of the conference was closed in order. Love-feast was led Sunday morning by Father Adams, Rev. J. P. Hagan and Rev. P. S. Bowie. Rev. E. D. Cameron preached at 3 p. m. and the Rev. D. A. Bragg at 8:30 p. m. Too much praise cannot be given the pastor, Rev. J. T. Cannon, his congregation and friends of the Baptist church for their hospitality; also the members of Pleasant Valley and Brasfield churches. Collected during the session: Missions, \$5; 20th Century Offering, \$20; Okolona Industrial Institute, \$3.35; general collection, \$76; total, \$104.35. Subscribers to SOUTHWESTERN, 8. Army was chosen as the next place of meeting.

W. H. WEITLOCK, Reporter.

Conference Notices HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT. FOURTH ROUND.

Sheffield, Sept. 5-6; Courtland, 12-13; Decatur, 19-20; Huntsville, 26-27; Cedar Grove, Oct. 3-4; Center Grove, 10-11; Springhill, 11; Scottsboro, 17-18; Hollywood, 19; Triana, 24-25; Mt. Moriah, 26; Athens, Nov. 1; Johnson Chapel, 1; Bellemina, 7-8; Stevenson, 14-15; Bynum, 16; Fullers, 21-22; Lincoln, 22; Guntersville, 28-29; Warren, 30.

Dear Brethren—We are closing the year, and it should be remembered that good reports will be expected of us at the Annual Conference, and in the great day of accounts. Let us, therefore, not disappoint the church which trusts us and God, who depends upon us for His work. Each pastor will make his own appointment for next year as to the kind it will be, good or bad. Your appointment will depend upon your report. Strive in God's name, to have full and round reports and you will get a good appointment. He that can bring things to pass is the man the Church is looking for. Such a man is in demand, and no one can keep him back, when other requisites are in his soul. Yours for Christ and His Church, W. H. NELSON.

PARIS DISTRICT. FOURTH ROUND.

Brookston, Sept. 5-6; Wolfe City and Lodonia, 12-13; Cooper and Commerce, 18-20; Greenville, 20-21; Celeste and Farmersville, 22-23; Paris Ct., 26-27; Hinckley Ct., Oct. 2-4; Honey Grove,

Work, 10-11; Bonham Work, 17-18; Chicota Ct., 25-26; Thompsonstown Work, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; Red River Mission, Nov. 5-8; Free Hope Work, 7-8; Medill Ct., 14-15; Paris, 22-23; Morgan Chapel and Blossom, 21-22; Dekalb and New Boston, 26-27; Clarksville, 29-30; Clarksville Ct., Dec. 1-2.

Dear Pastor—See that trustees bring up an annual report of their year's work. Present a carefully prepared list of standing committees and all church officers for another year. The colored conferences are laboring to raise 3,000 cash subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN by Oct. 31. The Paris worthy results" of this twelfth census subscribers by that date. Each pastor is depended upon to send the number apportioned to his charge, without fail. I am looking for full reports at the District Conference, showing that all the causes have been presented with your full apportionments raised and a new member for every dollar collected. The Board of Control of the Epworth League has revised the local constitution of the league. Urge all the local chapter presidents to at once reorganize under the new scheme.

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THE GOLDEN RULE DISTRICT.
Epworth League Group Meeting, September 11-12, 1903, St. Paul M. E. Church, Meridian, Miss.

TECHAMME.

At 2 p. m., "How to Interest the Young People in the League Work," J. A. Lagrone and Beatrice Stokes; 2:30 p. m., "What are the Young People doing for the Church?" N. A. Matthews and H. Backstrom; 3 p. m., "Epworth League and Mission," Rev. A. J. McNair, D. D.; 3:30 p. m., "What Benefit is the Epworth League to the Church?" I. S. Nichols and C. V. Stokes; 4 p. m., "Can a League Be Maintained at any Church, Charge or Station without the assistance of the Pastor?" general discussion; 7:30 p. m., Song service, Misses Amanda Rayford, Hattie Clarke. Friday night, 8 p. m., preaching by G. W. Arnold. Saturday,

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Sunrise prayer meeting, E. M. Hinton and W. F. Hughes; 8:30 a. m., devotional exercises; 9 a. m., business session, reports from district officers and chapters; 10 a. m., "Object of a Group Meeting," J. D. King, M. E. Rush; 10:30 a. m., "Junior League Work," Miss Laura Brown, Mrs. E. L. Smith and Miss Hattie Dyas; 11 a. m., "Is the Epworth League accomplishing its Mission?" Lena Thompson, Rosa Bryant, J. B. Bryant; 11:30, "Where was the Epworth League Organized; how long has it been in existence and what five Societies composed it?" Mrs. Annie Harris and G. W. Edwards. The above group is composed of the following charges: Meridian, St. Paul; Meridian, Haven Chapel; Meridian Circuit; Collinville and Chunky. All district officers and pastors are expected to be present and not less than one delegate from each chapter. Each chapter will send 50 cents for expenses. Yours in Christ, D. B. WATKINS, Dist. Pres. Miss I. S. NICHOLS, Cor. Secty.

LITERARY NOTES

The twelfth census takes ten quarto volumes, ten thousand pages, to hold its condensed information—information of vital importance touching our population, agriculture, our manufactures, and our vital statistics. "Noteworthy results" of this twelfth census will be presented by the Hon. W. R. Merriam, Director of Census, in the

September Century. Figures will be quoted, among other topics, on the rapid growth of population, interstate migrations, city and country residence, illiteracy conditions, the status of agriculture and manufactures, the growth of trusts, and expansion in the export trade.

THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY

Baton Rouge, La.—Sister Fanny Walker, a stewardess of St. Mark, died Saturday night in the Charity Hospital where she had gone for treatment. She was one of the strongest Christian worker in this church. She leaves a sister, two sons and a daughter to mourn their loss, which is heaven's gain. The following ministers assisted in the services: Rev. H. A. McClellan, J. W. Washington and R. Brooks.

B. J. REDDIX, Pastor.

Bastrop, La.—On July 27, at 4 a. m., Shepherd Chestnut, one of Mt. Nebo's oldest members, was called from labor to reward, aged 57 years. He was a class-leader, steward and trustee. Truly he was a man of power. The remains were laid to rest July 28. He leaves a wife, one son and three daughters to mourn their loss. The church was filled to its utmost capacity. The service was conducted by Timothy P. Norris, pastor.

Moss Point, Miss.—Mrs. Ann Davis, one of this city's oldest settlers, departed this life July 4, 1903, after a long illness. She leaves a son and daughter, a brother and a host of other relatives. She failed to make any confession. Her friends, daughter and pastor labored with her faithfully, but at last she told the pastor that she was not saved. This, of course, is very hurtful to all the good people of this city. Her funeral was largely attended. Revs. Winston, Smith, Johnson and R. N. Jones, the pastor, conducted the services.

Brother Lemuel Lee died July 22, after a lingering illness. He was converted under Rev. G. W. Smith, but afterwards neglected the means of grace. He joined again under Rev. J. K. Comfort and lived in the church until his death. A wife and many relatives are left. Sleep on my brother in Christ, we will meet again.

R. N. JONES, Pastor.

Jeanerette, La.—Sister Gusten Guffen, aged 70 years, a faithful member of St. Peter M. E. Church for 35 years, departed this life Aug. 9. She leaves four brothers, several daughters and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren. She said to us, "All is well."

The daughter of Brother R. J. Dushan died Aug. 12. Servant's of God, "well done." Both funerals were attended by Rev. M. T. Fairfax and Rev. H. C. Gair.

Bola, La.—Sister Maria Jackson, a faithful member of Simpson M. E. Church, has passed in to her reward.

S. N. G. TAYLOR, Pastor.

DeKalb, Miss.—Death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Houston Aug. 9 and took their daughter, Mrs. Emily Griffin, aged 31 years. Her husband was absent at the time of her death. She was a member of New Hope M. E. Church. She died in full

faith. Her last words were, "I am going home." She leaves father, mother and many friends. By request the funeral was conducted in a white church of the city by Rev. C. W. Ivy.

Sparta, Tenn.—Samuel Broyles was born April 15, 1849, and was converted March 15, 1869. He married Miss Jane Gleeson January, 1870, and died in peace at his home April 16, 1903. A more consistent Christian life than his would be hard to find. He was a beloved preached in the M. E. Church for 20 years. In his life was exemplified the gospel he preached. He was faithful to his church, his pastor, his community and his family. He requested that all should meet him in heaven. He leaves many friends. He asked that his funeral be preached by Rev. Jmo. S. Henley, of the A. M. E. Church.

Sparta, Tenn.—Sister Birda Young, who has been ill since last January, died happily July 12, aged 18 years. She professed religion during the year 1901, joined the M. E. Church and lived a consistent Christian and member of class number four. She was always at her place ready and willing to do her duty. Her only regret was, leaving mother and sister. She asked that this song be sung at her funeral, "I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto Me and Rest.'" The funeral was conducted by the writer.

Sister Emma Randols, aged 14 years, the daughter of Moses Randols, and a member of the M. E. Church, departed this life Aug. 9, in full triumph of faith. She said to her mother, "I am going home, I see the gates of heaven open to me." The funeral was conducted by the writer, H. E. Erwin.

Simpson Tabernacle, Austin, Tex.—On the 10th inst. the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister G. W. Wartrous and took from their midst little Ellen Beatrice Wartrous, whose life was full of sunshine. She was a member of our Sunday school and manifested a great interest in all departments of the church. She was a student of Samuel Huston College. When the end was very near and her many friends were standing around she saw a company from heaven and said, "They have come for me and I must go." Beatrice sleep on and take your rest. Your battle is fought and you are blessed.

J. S. MEDLOCK, Pastor.

Osborn, Miss.—Rev. W. M. Bell, pastor of West Point Circuit.—Sister Lizzie Simmons, aged 23 years, departed this life July 6, after a short illness. She lived a faithful Christian for 12 years and was one of our best moral young girls. She was also a faithful Sunday school scholar who loved her church. Our loss is heaven's gain. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. Jessie Burton and Rev. S. M. McLeod. Bro. Joe Williams, the father of Ash Creek Baptist Church, died July 26. He was a light to his church. He lived a true and faithful Christian. A wife, 5 sons, 3 daughters, a host of grandchildren and friends mourn their loss. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. D. Zuber.

RESOLUTIONS.

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Resolved, That the wisdom and ability which he has exercised in the aid of our organization by service, contribution and counsel, will be held in grateful remembrance.

Resolved, That the sudden removal of such a life from our midst leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be deeply realized by all the members and friends of this organization and will prove a serious loss to the Oakwood and Butler circuits.

Resolved, That with deep sympathy for the bereaved relatives of the deceased we express our hope that even so great a loss to us all may be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this organization, a copy printed in the local paper and a copy forwarded to the bereaved family.

REV. L. S. BLAKENEY, P. E.
JAS. WILSON, Reporter, Oakwoods and Butler Circuit.

Couparie, Miss.—Greenwood Chapel, M. E. Church.—Sister Mary Matlock, departed this life August 3, after an illness of eight months. She died in full triumph of faith. A father, sister, two brothers and a number of friends grieve over her departure. Our loss are blest. J. S. MEDLOCK, Pastor.

Maxton, N. C.—Bro. McRogers, whose death occurred July 24, was at the opening of our district conference, which was held at Salem, N. C., and presented a good report on Friday evening. The Master found him at his post and he died the death of the faithful. He had been a member of the confer-

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ence for a number of years and did valuable service for the church and for the upbuilding of the Master's kingdom. The funeral was conducted by Rev. I. Wells, M. M. Jones and N. D. Shanburger. He leaves a wife, four children and a host of friends. His remains were deposited in the cemetery at Salem, N. C. I. W. WELLS, P. E.

Fouche, La.—Death entered the home of Mr. Elijah Leaks July 25 and 26 and took two of his children; one a girl of six years and Hannibal, aged 4 years. Both were Sunday school scholars of Casper.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Handboro, Miss.—At the residence of the bride, Mr. Davis Miller and Mrs. Sarah White were married by J. J. Garrett, the pastor.

Madisonville, Tex.—Mr. Edgar Hall of Jewett, Tex., and Miss Lilla Polk of Cosmos, Tex., were united in marriage at the home of Brother Steve Anderson, Aug. 12 at 10 o'clock p. m. A large crowd witnessed the ceremony. We wish them success in life. S. A. Kelly, officiated.

Sparta, Tenn.—Mr. James Medlock and Miss Bertha Leftwick were happily united in marriage at the home of Charley Randola Sunday evening, Aug. 16. H. E. Erwin officiated.

White Hall, La.—At the residence of the bride, July 1, at 8 p. m., Mr. Samuel Braxton and Miss Lucy Miller were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony. July 30, at the bride's home, Mr. Garland McCany and Miss Mary Jackson were joined in holy wedlock. At the home of the bride, Aug. 13, Mr. William Gilyard and Miss Felonie Bibbs were united for life. They are all loyal members of St. James M. E. Church. We wish for them much success. J. O. Richards officiated.

Cool Creek, Tenn.—On Wednesday, Aug. 12, Mr. C. G. Spivy and Miss Belle Mays were united in the sacred bonds of wedlock at the elegant home of Bro. R. Johnson. The young couple will make their future home in Washington, D. C. The bride is one of Cool Creek's brightest and sweetest spirits and her departure will be greatly felt. The writer, Rev. E. H. Forrest, officiated.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Jenkins, of Enslow street, Gallatin, Tenn., Aug. 9, 1903, Mr. Robert King and Miss Alice Jenkins. May the Lord bless them in life. H. Primm, the pastor, officiated.

Fouche, La.—Mr. Wash Wadkin, of Casper M. E. Church, was united in marriage to Sister Pleas, of the Pine Grove Baptist Church. B. Carr officiated.

Eola, La.—Mr. Ben Gilmore and Miss Malinda Howard were united in marriage August 16. E. N. G. Taylor officiated.

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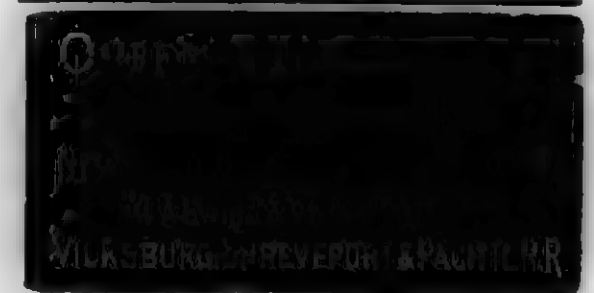
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CRESCENT CITY NOTES

Mrs. Eliza Golden is the reported of Wesley Chapel and the solicitor for the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Jackson are at home. They also have been spending the heated term at Bay St. Louis, Miss.

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Rev. R. F. Long, of Monroe, La., came to the city last Saturday to have his new artificial leg shortened, the manufacturer having made a mistake in it. Bro. Long reports his charge as flourishing, and soon to become one of the best in town. He was the organizer and has faithfully guarded it.

The Epworth League Cabinet of the New Orleans North District will meet September 2nd, 7:30 p. m., at Union Chapel, M. E. Church, Bienville Avenue. Officers and members are requested by the president, Rev. J. H. Thompson, to be present as arrangements are to be made for the District Convention. All league presidents are local members of the cabinet. Send names of three delegates for the convention.

COTTON.

Middling cotton sold on Monday at 12%, and futures some higher, especially September, which was sold for over 13c. Our advices say very little has yet opened, but prospects are fair. It is needless to advise picking and marketing as early as possible, and great care of the fields that the utmost may be realized. It is better that farmers forego some of the all day Saturdays in town if the crop needs attention.

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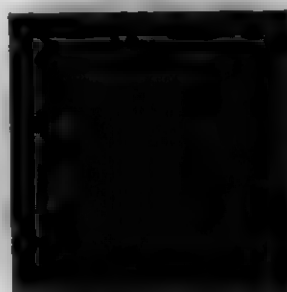
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Editorial Notes

George E. Crawford, the Negro law student of Yale, who won the Townsend prize for oratory at the late commencement, has been appointed a clerk in the probate court in New Haven. This is the first instance of the appointment of a Negro to a clerkship in a Connecticut court.

The forthcoming State campaign of Maryland is to be conducted on the race issue. That is to say, the effort is to be repeated in that State to magnify the Negro's unacceptability as a citizen which we dare say will also include the idea of further disfranchising him. This is announced as the programme of the Democratic party, and the only one on which they are supposed to be able to win. No doubt the outcome in the State of Mississippi has reassured the radical element of that party in Maryland, hence the announcement. Then, too, it is just barely possible that a similar programme may be carried out in the next national election.

That class of people who make a specialty of magnifying crimes committed by Negroes, have little or nothing to say of those committed by white men. Mrs. Matilda Strength, one of the two aged white women who were the victims of criminal assault August 13th in Chattanooga, Tenn., died on the 25th ult. of her injuries. She was seventy years of age, and was assaulted by two white men, men of families. These men were denied bond, and are still in jail. They have not been lynched, and there has not been much said of the case in those papers that are so fond of emphasizing the Negro's criminality. We have heard nothing lately of a similar case in this State. The perpetrators may never be punished, and it will be made an excuse for lynching other men.

As an evidence that gratitude still has lodgment in the hearts of men we call attention to the manifestation of this trait by Jonathan Moore, a white soldier of Michigan during the late rebellion toward Daniel Prime, a colored soldier now living at Easton, Pa.

Prime was sergeant in Company H. Fifty-fourth Regiment, Massachusetts Colored Volunteers, and Moore was a first lieutenant in the Eleventh Michigan Volunteers. Both regiments participated in the recapture of Fort Sumter.

Lieutenant Moore had one of his legs shattered and lay bleeding to death, when Prime tore his blouse to pieces, tightly bound the injured leg, and then carried the helpless lieutenant to a place of safety.

No doubt Sergeant Prime had forgotten his act of kindness till a few days ago, when a letter reached him telling him that Mr. Moore had bequeathed him \$5,000. No act of kindness is thrown away, whether rewarded thus or not.

Look for the Means of Self-Improvement

Self-examination in spiritual affairs is considered a means of grace, and hence those who have the charge of souls are constantly exhorting their followers to examine themselves. The purpose is to have them in this way see their own faults and understand their own shortcomings with a view to their making whatever change may be necessary for the improvement of their lives. They know that humanity is weak, and is constantly crediting itself with virtues to which it may be a rank stranger, or at any rate overlooking its own faults. Then, too, humanity is so busy studying other people's weakness that it is likely to, and often does, overlook its own. Self-examination prevents self-deception, and we dare say there is no weakness to which humanity is given more destructive of that which is noblest and best in man than self-deception. If one be vicious it leads him to believe he is good, and if he be ignorant it prompts him to the thought that he is not. Self-deception is the chain of contentment which binds man to a fate that is destroying him without his being able to realize his true condition. Thus it is with the individual in spite of the fact that his intentions may be the purest and his meaning the very best.

As with the individual so with races. Therefore we feel that it is exceedingly necessary for those interested in the highest good of the Negro race to urge them to the closest scrutiny of their own condition. At a time like this, when so many hard things are being said against them, they are in danger of concluding either that there is no hope for them at all, or that they are alright, and are therefore being grossly misrepresented. Hence, for fear of a hasty and unwise conclusion, the thing to do is to study themselves. What is the true condition of the race? What is being done for its own development and uplift? Is it doing its full duty to itself, or waiting for others? What steps should be taken to develop the race more rapidly mentally, morally and in the accumulation of property? It must be admitted, too, that there is danger of giving so much time and thought to the disadvantages as to lose sight of the real advantages everywhere to be seen. The child that is being whipped does not think for the time being of his pleasant home, his educational advantages, or anything else good that comes to him. He is thinking of the stripes laid upon him. The rest must be done at some other time, but it must be done if he ever amounts to anything. During these cloudy days even we desire to have the race think of its advantages and utilize its hardships as stepping stones to better things. Let everyone examine himself.

The Conservatives Outvoted in Mississippi

Greatly to the surprise and regret of many good people, Mr. James K. Vardaman has received the nomination for Governor of the State

of Mississippi. In the vote given he received 51,829 votes, while Mr. Critz, his opponent, has only 44,931. This is equivalent to, and of course means his election next fall. In the first primary a majority of the vote was, apparently at least, against him. That is to say, the combined vote of the other two candidates was larger than that for him. But in the second he gained sufficient of the vote cast for Noel, one of his opponents, to give him a clear majority. It seems that the feeling between the supporters of Noel and Critz must have been bitter indeed that so large a part of the conservative vote preferred to go to the radical, Vardaman, rather than to the other conservative. However, no matter what led to the change, it was done, and Vardaman will be the next Governor of the State.

When we were in the State a few weeks ago there was considerable unrest among the thoughtful class of our people in view of the impending nomination of the man who had so bitterly denounced the Negro race, which we trust will be entirely overcome. So far as the Governor himself is concerned he can accomplish very little alone in the way of carrying his radical views into effect. If the Legislature or a majority of that body is conservative there will be no serious change in the laws. At any rate, it is useless father's farm until 1882, when he went to Carrollton until it is clearly seen that the views presented by Mr. Vardaman on the stump are to be crystallized into unjust and oppressive legislation. Thousands of the very ones most likely to be disturbed in mind by his election are too well situated where they are to break up and move without having the best of reasons for so doing. There is plenty of time to wait and see, and this we hope they will do.

The New Orleans Item, an evening daily of this city, refers editorially to this prospective Governor as follows:

"The new nominee is a good stump speaker, and knows how to play upon the prejudices of the ignorant and vicious, but otherwise he has shown no ability to justify his election to such a high office. He was born in Texas in 1861. In 1868 his parents returned to Mississippi and took up their residence in Yalabusha county, where young Vardaman lived and worked on his father's farm until 1882, when he went to Carrollton and studied law. He has never been an active practitioner, however, but early in life went into politics and has since been more or less conspicuous before the public. He has been presidential elector twice, was a member of the Legislature from 1890 until 1896, being elected speaker without opposition in 1894. In the early nineties he ventured into journalism and for several years has been editor of the *Greenwood Commonwealth*, a weekly journal noted for its vigorous and iconoclastic utterances.

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Our Contributors

Is There Any Danger in Higher Criticism--- If So, What Is It?

(This paper was read before the Presiding Elder's Council at Meridian, Miss., June 26, 1903, and published by vote of the Council.)

BY REV. E. M. JONES, B. D.

The term, "higher criticism," has become familiar among religious thinkers. Much has been said and written for the past few years upon this subject. The leading religious magazines and newspapers abound with discussions on this theme. Go where you will in the realm of religious literature and you will come in contact with some phases of destructive criticism. So this paper is neither the alpha nor omega of higher criticism. Therefore the writer makes no special pretensions to originality, for what he may think and say now may have already been thought out by far better thinkers and said by more eloquent speakers.

With this word of introduction and explanation let us face this question

WHAT IS HIGHER CRITICISM?

This is the first question that should claim our attention and consideration. And it is far easier to ask the question than to answer it. For to define higher criticism is no easy task. Its meaning is attended with many difficulties. It is hard to tell what the critics themselves claim it to be and harder still to tell just what it really is. But by piling definition upon definition we may get a clear conception as to what it is. For there seems to be two classes of critics—one class criticising the other and both classes criticising the Word of God. The other class of critics and infidels like Hume, Voltaire, Paine and Ingersoll who were outspoken enemies of the Word of God, are criticised by the latter who make their criticisms in the name of "truth seekers," and in the name of "investigation." The chief difference is this, the older class claims that the Bible is not the Word of God, while the newer critics claim that *parts* of the Bible are not the Word of God.

"The former sought to move the Scriptures as a whole, the latter seeks to remove them in part,—difference in method, the same in spirit. The newer critics claim further, that their criticism is made in the "spirit of love and with a purpose of knowing the truth."

The purpose of this class seems to be to proceed along a higher literary line than the older critics of other centuries. They endeavor to answer this question, "Is the Bible the Word of God?" Having asked the question, they proceed to investigate, and then bide by the result of their investigation.

But coming directly to the question, higher criticism has come to mean this, "a school of Biblical criticism which seeks to maintain the proposition that the Bible *may be said to contain*, but that it can not be said to be the Word of God. It is opposed to what may be regarded as the generally accepted view of the Scriptures among Christian thinkers in this, that the generally accepted theory is that the Bible *as such* is the Word of God."

It means that a certain school of men have undertaken to destroy faith in the Bible as the Word of God, and to cast doubt upon all that claims to be inspired of God. It means that the doctrines of the Bible, which the Christian church has taught and practiced for centuries, must be dis-

carded and a new system must be constructed upon scientific basis, according to the critics' way of thinking.

It means that the theology of the church must give way to the theology of the schools—that the old theology which was taught by the fathers must surrender to the new theology as taught by the modern critics—it means new theology versus church theology. It means that the "thus saith the Lord" must succumb to the "thus saith man." It is the finite mind trying to comprehend and fully understand the infinite mind of God as revealed in his Holy Word. It is the human mind attacking a divine book. It is the uninspired mind feeling after the inspired minds "who wrote as they were moved by the Spirit of Jehovah."

Higher criticism means all this, and more besides. For it is a battle royal between the old and new theologies. And whatever the merits or demerits of both the old and new theology may be, there is no doubt about this fact, the Bible is the real bone of contention. At the very bottom of the difference is this question, "What think ye of the Bible? Is it the Word of God? Another fact is this, that the two theologies are irreconcilable. All efforts at a compromise must fail, for there can be no compromise without the sacrifice of principles either on the one side or the other. The church cannot accept the doctrines of the higher critics concerning the contents and teachings of the Scriptures, neither can it accept the ideas of the critics concerning Christianity—its origin and development, without changing its basis and principles. Therefore the theology of the critics cannot consistently have any place in the Christian church. What, then, must be the outcome? In view of the past history of the church, can there be any doubt as to what will be the final outcome of the controversy?

"There have been such collisions before between the positive faith of the church and the negative teachings of the schools, and in every case it has been a survival of the fittest."

Christian principles have maintained their position in the past, may we not cherish the hope that through the church they will do so in the present conflict and struggle?

THE BIBLE IS THE CENTER OF ATTACK.

As we have already intimated, the critics differ in their claims, and also in the results reached by their investigations, but it is very clear that the Bible is the center of attack—here they are a unit. And from Genesis to Revelations the Book is under fire. The first guns were turned upon the Old Testament, but now the enemies are bombarding the New Testament. At first it was Moses and the Pentateuch, but now it is Christ and the Gospel. It was once a question of creation and geology, but now it includes Christology and salvation. For one of the most shocking and offensive utterances coming from the critics recently is found in Prof. Harnack's writings on the "Essence of Christianity," wherein he boldly declares "that in the Gospel as originally proclaimed, only God the Father, but not Jesus had any place."

This is criticism gone mad. Awful as it is to attack the different portions of the Bible, and deny its claims and inspiration, it is worse to exclude Christ from the Gospel. "Which virtually excludes the Lord as an object of the religion He proclaimed, and reduces the value of his life and death to a minimum." Thus not only is Moses, Joshua and Jonah criticised, but Jesus, the Son of God, comes in for His share of criticism. If the green wood burns, what will become of the

dry stubble? The fact is, "the radical critics logically leave no Bible, in strictly religious sense; for the very process they use in the treatment of sections opposed to their theory can be used as effectually against any part of the Bible." With these facts before us, is it hard to answer our second question, viz:

Is there any danger? If so, what is it? No greater catastrophe could ever happen to the world and church than to have the higher critics succeed in giving us a new theology, and a Christless Bible.

Will they do this? My faith answers nay! But this is a fact, that there is danger in a certain sense of the critics doing untold harm by their doctrines, discussions and agitations. Already to a limited degree their influence is being felt in the life of the church. There be many whose faith in the old Book has been shaken, and many a pulpit has lost its old Gospel ring, because the preachers have ceased to preach the cardinal doctrines of salvation and substituted their own philosophy, doubts and fears.

WHERE IS THE DANGER?

First. Among the educated ministers and teachers. And especially the best educated preachers and theological professors. The masses of Christians know but little about either higher or lower criticism and care less. They will only be effected by it, as it effects and influences the ministers. For all the theology the average Christian gets is from the pulpit. If we can keep the pulpit orthodox and sound, the pew is safe; if we can keep the professors straight, the students won't go wrong. The danger is with the minister, not the layman—with the professor, not the pupil.

Both Romanism and Protestantism have had trouble with the higher critics in their ranks. The Pope has found it necessary on account of the views held by some of his priests to appoint the Roman Biblical Commission to thoroughly investigate the claims of the critics. Nearly all the leading and influential denominations have had trouble with some of their ministers and teachers.

The faith of the Presbyterian church has been restated, and even our own great M. E. church, one of, if not the greatest, agency that God has in the world for its uplift and redemption, has had to call the critics to account, for the Northwestern University and Garrett Biblical Institute have been the scene of controversy and anxiety. One speaker went so far as to accuse one of the professors of trying to "plow up the Word of God with a four-horse team."

No place should be guarded so carefully and sacredly against destructive criticism as our institutions of learning. Poison the fountain and you have poisoned the stream; muddy the spring and the branch is muddy. Keep the critics out of the pulpit and seminary and the people are safe—both old and young.

It is a burning shame for the church to give money by the tens of thousands to support institutions of learning, whose professors are criticising the Word of God and saying to their pupils, "go, do likewise." The church should demand a halt. Protestantism has already encouraged criticism on the Bible under the fictitious name of investigation. When a fellow starts down hill it takes but a little push to send him to the bottom. Even our own Bishop Merrill in the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* of 1902, said: "My heart goes out in sympathetic appreciation towards all workers in the legitimate sphere of criticism, believing much is being

done to clear away the accumulated rubbish of the ages." This is a little push in the wrong direction. The saying is as true as it is old, that "self-preservation is the first law of nature." How dastardly are the deeds which have been committed in the name of "liberty;" how vile and heartless the persecutions catalogued under the word "religion," and how deep has the dagger of the critic been plunged into the heart of the Holy Scriptures and Christianity in the name of "investigation?" Let history and experience answer. It may seem plausible on the surface to say that Christianity has nothing to lose by investigation and that no true man wants to believe doctrines which criticism can disprove. But it is also true that no true Christian feels very grateful over the assertion that investigation has disproven one of his articles of religion, when he knows it is not so. No follower of Jesus gets happy over the saying that Jesus has no place in the Gospel. Protestantism is being disturbed today by attacks made on the Bible in the name of true investigation. These same men who make the attacks on the Bible go to it for their creeds and sometimes call themselves Christians. This much is true and needs no proof, that Protestantism is doomed if the Bible becomes untrustworthy. Then for the Christian church to support men and schools who are attacking the Bible is to build a religious gallows, upon which to be hung—it is ecclesiastical suicide.

(To be continued.)

Our Young People and Their Organizations

The Church at large is very desirous of evangelizing the young people and ever retaining hold on the intermediate and small children. The Sunday School and Epworth League serve as evidence to this fact. She also wants symmetrically developed Christians to serve her and our Master. Her agents are scattered over the broad universe, laboring to magnify her brilliancy and spread her influence farther and let her principles sink deeper and deeper into the heart of all mankind.

The Church at large cannot succeed unless each department zealously discharges its duty. There is a great responsibility resting on each conference. The Little Rock Conference showed a great increase in money and souls for Christ. It also showed that the conditions of the young people's societies were better and that there is a possibility and probability of these organizations doing more effective work this conference year than ever before. We taxed ourselves with good appropriate subscriptions to help the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society, enlarge the campus of our Philander Smith College, and went home rejoicing in the triumph of the Church. Now we ought to use every force of the Church in order that our Master may be pleased with our work this conference year.

1st. We must have the co-operation of the presiding elders, as subordinate officers are not always very careful to discharge every duty that the Church has placed upon them. If they cheerfully ask and persuade these pastors, over whom they have charge, to faithfully and persistently urge and carry on these all-important organizations, I believe there will be a change in some localities. While I am confident that even in this the greatest care is necessary to prevent inward friction. But I think Bishop Walden made this plain, so plain that the strictest requisites for compliance to duty ought not blunt the feelings

of any one, since it is a matter of church business. The Church is right for ordering, her agents are right in demanding it.

2nd. We need the assistance of all the pastors in reorganizing and renovating the young people's societies. Help them to become interested, direct and harmonize their methods where needed. Meet with them often, manifest personal as well as general interest. When our entire clerical force adopt some of the practical methods of reaching the intermediate grade and small children, even the larger class of young men and women, our Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues and churches will be crowded with anxious souls coming to make themselves useful, coming to make themselves submissive and obedient to every good cause and motive. This does not apply to all, but let those who have been inclined to lag and let the young people's interest receive little attention, strengthens themselves in this way.

3rd. The young people by all means ought to be interested more seriously and enthusiastically in these great organizations and movements, since we are the undeveloped material for refinement, culture, and civil Christianization. The young people must dispense with so much Sabbath-day calling and careless gossiping. Young men and women ought to be energetic in the discharge of their Sunday obligations. Let their own Church be first and foremost, then if there is some time to spare give it to some poor, neglected one, or some one in need of Christian sympathy and advice. Let them become supporters and builders and not always consumers. Let them be anxious to do something that will be lasting and permanent.

We also ought to hear the shouts of the little children crying "onward and upward," we are marching; all grades of children compose this gallant phalanx. They engrave the deepest smiles on our Master's face. Who would hinder their progress? Who would keep them from Sunday school and Epworth League without an excuse presentable before our blessed Lord? Let the children throughout the Little Rock Conference become courageous in this onset and give more time with better attendance to our young people's organizations than ever before in the history of our conference. Work! work! work! You have a power that no one else can exhibit, you have an influence that no one else possesses—use it for God.

4th. Parents as members of the Church and promoters of the race are needed in this company. They have a specific force. Don't think because your son or daughter, your little boy or little girl can read better than you, are perhaps smarter at their present age than you were at the same age, they ought to do just as they please about going to church, Sunday school and Epworth League, but it becomes parents to keep careful watch after these young and tender soldiers lest they desert the company. Encourage them pleasantly, yet forcibly, to attend these meetings regularly and meaningfully. What parent is it that does not want his son or daughter elevated and honored in Christian ranks and society? What parent does not want his children symmetrically developed and the most possible made of them? How can these natural elements be educated and cultivated unless he puts them in the places that will guarantee them? Let parents of these blessed little ones make anew their determination and realize more impressively their Christian and moral obligations. If you haven't sufficient interest in the Church to prompt you to this extent,

have enough interest in your own household. Let's be thrifty, broad-minded, determined, energetic, race-loving and God-fearing Christians. Let's prize the Church's or God's business higher than ever before. May God bless you in all your homes.

5th. Last, but not least, the officers in these departments and organizations hold a very prominent place. We must discharge every duty courageously, gallantly and cheerfully. We must consecrate ourselves to our work for God and humanity; concentrate our forces; advise, encourage and assist in every way possible to better the conditions of these departments over which we have charge. Let superintendents, Epworth League presidents, officers and teachers renew our Covenant with God and do more missionary work and make our Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues and churches larger, better and more progressive than ever before. Our plans are definite and changeless. Let us rally! rally!

Let us have our Sunday schools better supplied with literature from tiny tots to adults, our Epworth Leagues, Intermediate and Junior Leagues thoroughly organized; all departments well supplied with proper books and reading matter the State over. Read the course of study for the present year. Take the Epworth Herald, raise money for the Epworth farm connected with P. S. College, (the Districts \$500.00) (each District \$100.00).

Push every cause, sustain every effort for God, subscribe for and read the SOUTHWESTERN.

Yours for the cause,

A. D. JACQUES,
State Pres. S. S. and E. L.

Lockesburg, Ark.

Life of Faith

THE MEMORY GUILD.

FOR LEARNING BEST HYMN.

BISHOP H. W. WARREN.

"Practicing the presence of God" is said to enable one to fulfill all religious possibilities. The Bible is full of the sentiment. "The Lord's eyes are upon the ways of man; he seeth all his goings." He is nearer than breathing; nearer than hands and feet. This is equally for encouragement and warning.

The proper use of this great fact to be bedded in our consciousness is for prayer, as appears in verses 4 and 5.

The author was a Unitarian minister.

THE SOURCE OF POWER.

There is an eye that never sleeps
Beneath the wing of night;
There is an ear that never shuts,
When sink the beams of light.

There is an arm that never tires,
When human strength gives way;
There is a love that never fails,
When earthly loves decay.

That eye is fixed on seraph throngs;
That arm upholds the sky;
That ear is filled with angel songs;
That love is throned on high.

But there's a power which man can wield,
When mortal aid is vain,
That eye, that arm, that love to reach,
That listening ear to gain.
That power is prayer, which soars on high,
Through Jeds, to the throne,
And moves the hand which moves the world
To bring salvation down.

—James Cowden Wallace, (b. 1792, d. 1841.)

The Growing Faith

Most of us learn to trust Christ for our heaven before we trust him for our earth, and to trust our souls with him before we trust with him our bodies. Somewhere we hope a blessed home will be ready for us at last. Sometime, at life's end, we trust he will save us; for the here and now we must struggle on ourselves.

But as years go on, and the life within us grows, we come more and more into the love that casteth out fear. We drop out of our helpless hands into his all the things that we have withheld, and realize that there is nothing worth our caring for that Christ does not care for, too; that our happiness is dear to him as well as our holiness, and that his will is really our will—what ours would be if we understood.

Perhaps the last thing we withhold is our friends. It takes so long to realize that any love in heaven or earth can shield them as we would, can be quite as tender of them as we long to be. We pray for them, but we do not wholly trust them to him until there breaks upon us the wonderful knowledge that our love in all its intensity is but the faintest breath of the divine.—*Methodist Advocate Journal*.

Lovest Thou Me

A beautiful story is told in a German legend, meant perhaps for children, but will you listen to it? The Master is in His Garden. He is walking along the pathways, before the flowers in Paradise have been given their names. An angel, speaking in the Master's name, commands every flower to be still, because the Master is going to speak, and they must listen to know how they are to be hereafter distinguished. The rose listens, and the carnation listens, and the lily listens; each of them eager to ascertain its name.

And so with all the flowers. And when they are all named the Master speaks. He says, "My children, that I may be certain that you know your names, each one will tell it to me."

And the rose tells its name, and so does the lily, and the carnation, and the daisy. They all can tell their names but one, a wee little blue-flower. And the Master, standing before it hears that little flower pleading: "Oh, Master, forgive me, but I was so occupied with the tones of Thy voice, I was so occupied with the beauty of Thy face that I was only thinking about Thee." "Little flower," said the Master, "you have won my heart more than all the flowers in Paradise: I will give you a new name, 'Forget-me-not.'"
—*Christian Uplook*.

The Needless Hurts

A thoughtful writer says: "Taking life through and through, the larger part of the sadness and heartache it has known has not come through its great sorrows, but through little, needless hurts and unkindnesses; not so much through the orderings of Providence, as through the misorderings of humanity. Look back, and you can readily count up the griefs and bereavements that have rent your heart and changed your life. You know what weary months they darkened. There was a certain sacredness and dignity, like the dignity of a lonely mountain-top, in their very greatness; and looking back, if not at the time, you can often understand their purpose. But, oh, the days that are spoiled by smaller hurts, spoiled because somebody has a foolish spite, a wicked mood, an unreasonable prejudice that must be gratified and have its way, no matter whose rights, plans or hearts are hurt by it! There are so many hard places along the road

for most of us, made hard needlessly by human selfishness, human neglect, human obstinacy, that the longing to be kind with a tender, thoughtful, Christianlike kindness grows stronger in me each day I live."—*Central Christian Advocate*.

A Beautiful Resolution

It makes no kind of difference who said it, but some sensible man or woman wrote: "Let us resolve, first, to cultivate the grace of silence; second, to deem all fault-finding that does no good a sin, and to resolve, when we are ourselves happy, not to poison the atmosphere of our neighbors by calling upon them to remark every painful and disagreeable feature in their daily life; third, to practice the grace and virtue of praise." Did we ever read anything more appropriate for these times? But we will forget if we don't take care.—*Methodist Advocate Journal*.

Woman's Dominion

"MAKE HOME BEAUTIFUL."

"More than building showy mansions,
More than dress and fine array;
More than domes and lofty steeples,
More than station, pow'r and sway;
Make your home both neat and tasteful,
Bright and pleasant, always fair;
Where each heart shall rest contented,
Grateful for each beauty there.

"Seek to make your home most lovely,
Let it be a smiling spot,
Where, in sweet contentment resting,
Care and sorrow are forgot;
Where the flow'rs and trees are waving
Birds will sing their sweetest songs;
Where the purest thoughts will linger
Confidence and love belong.

"There each heart will rest contented,
Seldom wishing far to roam;
Or, if roaming, still will ever
Cherish happy thoughts of home;
Such a home makes man the better,
Pure and lasting its control;
Home, with pure and bright surroundings,
Leaves its impress on the soul."

—*Christian Advocate*.

Woman's Work in Texas

Mineola, Tex., Aug. 21, 1903.

The W. H. M. S. met in their district meeting, Mrs. J. B. Goodby, president, presiding after the regular service. The reports were called for and many reported. Some made good reports. The work is growing to some extent in this district, and we hope the time is not far distant when it shall have attained its full growth. Mrs. A. D. Logan, our conference president, was present and made a good talk. The papers and discussions were helpful. One of the papers was indeed inspiring, that of Eliza Brown. The collection was an increase. The brethren showed quite an interest in the work, which helped greatly to brighten the prospect for the future. Rev. Delandes and Prof. Pemberton rendered valuable service, for which they have our thanks. The following were elected: Mrs. J. B. Goodby, of Marshall, president; Mrs. Ella C. Clark, Jefferson, vice president; Mrs. Ella Crow, of Lodi, recording secretary; Miss Matthew, of Harleton, corresponding secretary; Mrs. M. A. Johnson, treasurer.

The meeting closed to meet in connection with district conference same time in 1904, at Sulphur Springs.
M A. JOHNSON.

Woman's Home Missionary Society

On Friday evening, August 14, 1903, during the last session of the St. Louis District Conference the following programme was rendered, Rev. C. M. Keeton, presiding elder:

Opening Hymn, Jesus Shall Reign.

Scripture Lesson, Matt. 25-35-46.

Prayer by Rev. E. P. Gieger.

Solo and Chorus, I'll go where you want me to go; lead by Miss Daisy Baker, of Farmington.

A Home Missionary Exercise, conducted by Mrs. H. A. Henley.

Solo, by Mrs. Mamie Edwards, St. Louis.

Address by the conference corresponding secretary and treasurer, a plea for the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Solo, by Miss Etta Parker, of Rolla.

The district was then organized with the following officers: President, Mrs. Anna Dobson, Rolla, Mo.; Vice President, Miss Hallie Pierson, St. Louis; Secretary, Miss Inez Parker, Rolla; Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. H. A. Henley, Troy.

The presiding elder then administered the oath of office to the ladies.

Literature and leaflets were then distributed, and the ladies of Farmington were requested to meet on Saturday evening to organize their auxiliary.

Some Farmington talent rendered a beautiful quartette, which was loudly enchored.

The district organization of the W. H. M. S. will meet in St. Charles next August in connection with the district conference.

Yours "for love of Christ and in His name,"

ANNA HENLEY,

Cor. Sec'y and Treas. of Cen. Mo. Conference.

A Mother in Zion

Mrs. Mary McKinley, of Centenary M. E. Church, Charleston, S. C., celebrated her seventy-fifth birthday, August 18th, 1903. She is the mother of Whitfield McKinley, the prosperous broker of Washington, D. C.; of the late Captain Samuel McKinley, of the Douglas Light Infantry, and of one of the dearest and most useful women of South Carolina, Miss Taty, who as a teacher in Avery Institute, in private schools and in Sabbath schools, has done unmeasurable good for the youth of her State. Mrs. McKinley, born of free parents, had access to the private schools of Charleston, that were taught in the middle part of the last century for the benefit of free colored persons. She, at an early age, dedicated herself to the cause of Christ and became an earnest worker for humanity.

From the end of the Civil War to the close of the century, she was actively identified with every department of her church, and during almost that entire period was the leading spirit in the Sabbath school—an enthusiastic assistant of her pastors, Lewis, Dutton, Lawrence, Dunton, Frohock and Wilson. She has been the Sabbath school teacher of many men and women who are numbered today among the best and most useful people of the nation.

When the present pastor of Centenary, Dr. Palmer, began his Sunday school life he found her there at work; and when he left the Sabbath school for college, she was at her post. Dr. Palmer has the distinction of being the popular pastor of the church in which he was christened and reared. Dr. Wm. D. Crum, Prof. Robert L. Smith, Rev. Cornelius C. Scott, Lawyer T. McCant Stewart, now in Honolulu, Prof. Robert Shaw Wilkerson, Prof. Wm. Holmes, Dr. Philip

G. Drayton, Prof. Thos. McLean, Dr. J. Wesley Hoffman, now in West Africa, and a host too numerous to mention, have been under her influence in the Sunday school. We, too, were among her pupils at Centenary, and altho we have seen her only once in eighteen years, her saintly presence is always with us, and we freely acknowledge that the impressions she was instrumental in leaving with us in our youth, have been invaluable through our life in helping us make the proper choice between the right and the wrong. The last time we saw her she was 67 years of age, yet she was soliciting money to re-carpet her church, and succeeded before the annual conference met that year.

We rejoice to know she is in good health, that her faculties are perfect and that she is happy in her beautiful home, surrounded by her loved ones.

St. Joseph, Mo.

G. O. M.

Educational

The Marion Institute

To the Presiding Elders, Pastors and District Stewards of the Mobile Conference: The Marion Institute, of Marion, Ala., will open the first Monday in October. Heretofore the pastor in charge of our church here has been principal, but the board has thought the work of pastoring and teaching too heavy for him, and in consideration thereof it has elected Prof. R. M. Davis, A. B., of Mobile, Ala., principal.

Now this institution has been made the property of our conference, and has the recognition of the "Parent Board," last year being the first in which we received aid. This does not at all sever your responsibilities toward it, but should make you more earnest.

This school must receive its support from you, both in students and money, else it cannot exist.

Presiding elders, pastors and district stewards, the light must be transmitted through you to the 5,263 members, more or less, who so loyally stand by you that you may be able to discharge your duty in your station before them and God.

This is a duty incumbent upon you that you rally among your members and have them support "The Marion Institute." I can see no reason why that this school cannot be made the Athens of Ala. When the institution shall have met with your loyal support the conditions mentioned above, the highest ideal will then be reached.

We need \$1,000 within then ext six or eight months to meet a payment on property which we have bought. One large two-story building containing eight recitation rooms, and principal's home. Five acres of land which, if built up in lots of one-quarter of an acre, we would have exactly fifteen, which would amount to \$7,500 at \$500 a lot.

This building and lands are in the most desirable place in the town of Marion. Hence you can see the course in which your money has been flowing.

Pastors, in the name of Him who directs the affairs of men, please rally among your people to send up a large sum of money for the Marion Institute to the annual conference, which will exceed that of any previous years.

It is imperative that you do your best.

Suppose that each member in this conference would pay the small sum of 20 cents, with 5,263 members we could raise \$1,000 and not feel it. The principal himself will visit as many churches

as he can before the opening of school and the sitting of the annual conference. If he fails to visit any one of the churches this should not prevent you from constantly urging your people to rally to the aid of our school, sending up money and students.

Our school offers special advantages to students concerning board, which can be had in private families for only \$5.00 a month, and at the same time pursue the same courses of studies as are given in our best institutions. English course of eight years; Normal, four; Music. The Preachers' Course has also been adopted. Local and traveling preachers will do well to attend and take this course. Our graduates from the normal course can enter the junior year of the New Orleans University's Philosophical Course. Special attention will be given to sewing.

For further information address the principal,
PROF. R. M. DAVIS, A. B.,
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Marion, Ala.

Young Friends

Some Reasons Why So Many Young Men Fail

They are unmannerly.
They desecrate the Sabbath.
Their eyes are full of adultery.
They have no respect for virtue.
They follow the lusts of the flesh.
They are coarse and loud-mouthed.
They have no respect for Christianity.
They have no sense of moral refinement.
They use tobacco, and often that which is stronger.

They loaf in saloons, billiard rooms and tobacco stores.

They laugh at the Church, and make a mock of religion.

They have no respect for those who are their seniors in years.

They speak of their father and mother as the "old man" and the "old woman."

They have an evil heart, which leads to gross sinning. Failure is written everywhere on their lives, and many of them fill untimely graves.—*Wesleyan Christian Advocate.*

Louisiana and the Cabildo

EXHIBITS ALL HER HISTORIC TREASURES, AND MAKES IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL DISPLAYS.

The State of Louisiana is taking a leading part in the World's Fair. The history of Louisiana is practically a history of the dominion from which the States and Territories have been carved. New Orleans, prior to 1803, was the seat of government for the territory, and it was in the Crescent City that the formal transfer was made.

Louisiana has appropriated \$120,000 for representation at the Fair. She has been awarded a choice site for a pavilion among the States on the main roadway, west of the Missouri Building, and near the United States Government Building. The historic Cabildo, where the formal treaty was made, December 20, 1803, will be faithfully reproduced as the State building; it will not be as the building stands today, remodeled, but as it was on the day of the transfer. It will be furnished throughout with the furniture of the time of the 18th century. In the room where the transfer was made, will be exhibited the treaty between France and the United States, signed by Livingston, Monroe, and Marbois. The walls will also bear portraits of Jefferson, Salcedo, Laussat, Wilkinson and Claiborne, besides the signers. Charts from the 16th century to the present time will also be shown.

In the Cabildo prison may be seen the original stocks in which the Spaniards punished their prisoners. The entire building will be rich with historical relics, charts, documents and paintings pertaining to the territory.

Louisiana has been awarded much space in the various buildings. Twenty thousand dollars have been appropriated to provide a comprehensive rice exhibit. This display will be in the Agricultural Palace, and the grounds surrounding it. Rice will be shown growing in the fields, along with the methods of cultivation, harvesting and marketing. The various uses to which it is put will form the basis for other interesting displays. The sugar cane industry will be of interest to visitors, and will receive equally comprehensive treatment. Louisiana produces large quantities of rock salt. From this a life-sized statue of Lot's wife has been sculptured, and will be displayed in the Mines and Metallurgy Palace.

A statue of Mephistopheles, fashioned from sulphur, will stand in the Agricultural Palace. There will be exhibits revealing Louisiana's resources in petroleum, lignite, marble, lime, iron and clays.

In the Palace of Transportation will be shown models of the boats of the past and present used on the lower Mississippi, of ocean steamers and pleasure yachts.

Louisiana is rich in the possession of mound builders and Indian relics, and has collected an exhibit of these, which will be of general interest.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

The homecoming of the Rev. Julius Smith, of Burma, has been authorized by the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society, the expenses to be paid from the Contingent Fund.

The Rev. R. V. B. Dunlap, of the Wisconsin Conference, and his wife have been approved by the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society for work in the Philippines, provided they pass the usual examinations before the Committee of General Reference.

Mrs. Mary Siberts, wife of the Rev. Samuel W. Siberts, of Mercedes, Argentina, arrived in New York, Thursday, August 20, coming direct from South America by way of Rio Janerio. Mrs. Siberts left for Evanston, Ill., after spending one day in New York City.

The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society has authorized the return to India of Mrs. Mary E. Gill, wife of the Rev. J. H. Gill, of the North India Conference, who has been in the United States on furlough. While in this country Mrs. Gill has made her home with a son in Chicago.

The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society has granted authority to the Finance Committee of the North China Conference to purchase ground in Changhi, the new center of our work to the northeast of Peking, in order that hospital, church and other necessary buildings may be erected before cold weather sets in.

Miss Florence Cantwell, of Mansfield, Ohio, sailed from New York by steamer "Sailor Prince" for Montevideo, Uruguay, Saturday, August 22. Miss Cantwell is a teacher of several years experience in both public schools and a

business college. She goes to Montevideo to teach in the North American Academy, conducted in that city by Miss E. C. Long, under the auspices of the Missionary Society.

China's Millions

How can we gain an adequate impression as to the number of people on the earth now unreached by the message of the gospel? We talk of millions and hundreds of millions, but the figures mean very little to us. They are too vast for us to conceive of them. We are much more impressed by a crowd of twenty thousand which we see with our own eyes. How little conception we have as to the population of China, for instance. Will it aid anyone to consider that if its four hundred millions of people should march in single file by a given point at the rate of three miles an hour, it would take over thirty-four years for the procession to pass? And would it come to an end, then? No! for by the time it had passed another generation of people would have come on to the stage to continue the endless march. Among these myriads of souls what are the few hundred of missionaries now sent to them?—*Selected.*

The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society by a rising vote has unanimously adopted the following Minute of appreciation: "The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church hereby expresses its appreciation of the valuable service performed by the Rev. Frank D. Gamewell, in securing in Washington a prompt payment of the indemnity awarded this Society for property destroyed in China. By interviews with the President, Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, and other officials, in which he both gave and gathered information, urged the importance of prompt payment and overcame all the difficulties suggested, he succeeded where other men might have failed. Not only in behalf of our own Society, but in that of other Societies also, the Board extends to him its hearty thanks for the achievement in diplomacy second only to the achievement in strategy by which he aided in defeating the attacks of the Boxers in the siege of Peking."

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

Topic September 13th.

THE CALL OF ISAIAH.

Scripture References: Isa. 6:1-8.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday. The Call of Abram. Gen. 12:1-5.

Tuesday. The Call of Nehemiah. Neh. 1:1-

4. Wednesday. The Call of Joseph. Gen. 37:5-10.

Thursday. The Call of Jacob. Gen. 32:24-

30.

Friday. The Call of Saul. Acts, 9:1-20.

Saturday. The Call of Matthew. Luke, 5:27-

32.

It is now more than sixteen years since I read a remarkable book by Canon Westcott, of Westminster, the title of which is *Christian Consumer*. As an appendix there was attached a sermon preached on the festival of the Holy Trinity, and for a theme he used these words: "The Vision of God, the Call of the Prophet." The text was taken from the passage of scripture which forms our lesson today. In that re-

markable discussion Canon Westcott suggests three things. 1. The vision of God is the call of the prophet. 2. The vision of God is the message of the prophet. 3. The vision of God is the chastisement of the prophet. The sermon made a lasting impression upon my mind, and I never read this passage in Isaiah but that these great truths rise up in my mind.

1. *Note the circumstances of the call.* Before Isaiah had the vision, which was his call, he was only a layman and was at worship in the temple court. It was here as if in a trance he saw the holiest place laid open. Others saw the usual temple furnishings but Isaiah's eyes looked beyond, seeing even more than the high priest. Isaiah no longer saw the symbolic ark and the glory resting there, but he declares he saw the Lord sitting upon a throne high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Not only this, but the carved figures of angels gave place to seraphims, each standing with outstretched wings ready for swift obedience to the command of the Lord. Not only this, but the vapors of the incense had given place to smoke which filled the house. This vision was the prophet's call.

2. *The time of the call.* The date line is indicated by the death of King Uzziah. The name reminds us of the impiety of the man who, not being satisfied with the office of king, assumed the roll of a priest, went into the temple to burn incense on the altar of incense. Azariah, the priest, and four score other priests went into the temple after him and told him not to burn incense for that was the duty and office of the priests. Uzziah, however, was wroth and had the censer in his hand when God smote him with leprosy, and he was a leper to the day of his death. (B. C. 736 or 740.) So that this remarkable vision took place nearly a thousand years before the angelic band sang their song of peace and heralded the birth of Jesus.

3. *The touch of fire.* The call of the prophet was in the vision, but his preparation was in the touch of fire. The seraphim with a live coal, which he had taken with the tongs from the altar, flew with swift wing and laid the coal on the lips of Isaiah. Then he was ready for the high and holy task which fronted him in his prophetic office. Thus it was nearly a thousand years later Jesus called the disciples and taught them the fundamental truths of his King, but he said to them when he was about to leave them at Olivet, "Tarry, ye, at Jerusalem until ye be endowed with power from on high." After ten days the baptism of fire came and cloven tongues like as of fire sat upon each of them. This was their preparation for the work of promulgating the Gospel.

4. *Willingness to go.* There may be an instance when a man was made ready for life's work and did not go to it, but I believe they are few. Many have been called and have not gone, but few have refused to go when they have been made ready. The broken, stranded hulks that lay on the shores of the sea of human endeavor are the called ones, but not the made-ready-ones.

5. *The service of the prophet.* The length of time Isaiah prophesied is still a matter of debate. He was probably born a few years before the founding of ancient Rome, and when Amos appeared at Bethel he was only a child. The period of his office probably extends from 701 to 740 B. C., or possibly a little longer. It is commonly conceded that Isaiah was the greatest of the Hebrew prophets. Judah's greatest peril came in his day, and unaided he

rendered such service as will make his name glorious forever, and sent his tender voice across the years, influencing subsequent history and prophecy.

Pittsburg, Pa.

To the Pastors and League Presidents:

Dear Co-Workers:—In my circular, which was sent a few weeks ago to each pastor in our twenty colored conferences, I called your attention to a recent action of the Board of Control which met May 4th, in Philadelphia. The action referred to is as follows:

A COLLECTION FOR GENERAL EXPENSES.

The Board of Control passed resolutions making it mandatory upon the Local chapters of the League everywhere, to contribute one collection once per year for General League Expenses. The discipline provides for this, but until now no definite and aggressive measures have been taken to secure the collection once per year. All Leaguers are now expected to send in, once per year, a collection for the general expenses of the League. The Board puts us upon our metal, giving us a Treasurer for our Colored Conferences, so as to see just what our Leaguers in the Colored Conferences will do under the new arrangement. Mr. L. J. Price, P. O. address South Atlanta, Ga., was named as Assistant Treasurer, to whom the collection should be sent and he will send you a voucher. In the meantime at each conference session a list of those who send in the collection from a given conference will be presented for publication in the minutes of that conference. In order that there shall be some definiteness and uniformity of action about taking this collection in the League this year the *First Sunday in September*, which is *September Sixth*, is the day set apart for the taking of the collection by the League in all of our Colored Conferences. This will be before the Fall Conferences begin and we will be able to report to all the conferences what each has done. The brethren have rallied well and it is to be hoped that in this small request of one collection once per year *In The League* there will be a general and hearty response. We are just now mailing Constitutions, By-Laws and Application Blanks for charters to every pastor and League trying to secure organization in every church. This is expensive; besides we are sparing no pains to get every pastor and League informed upon the work, all of which is expensive, and we trust that you will appreciate this and raise the collection for General League Expenses as requested September 6th.

There are 2,485 Chapters of the Epworth League and Junior League in our conferences. If they each contribute \$1.00 on September 6th, and send to Assistant Treasurer L. J. Price, our League work for this year would be entirely self-supporting, and the profits from the sale of literature would be clear to the church. Our pastors are the engineers in all of these matters and if they but call attention of the young people in each church and take due interest in this effort it will be a success. Remember that a report will be made at each conference of those who send in the collection. Let every pastor president and League rally to this small but important request. Again remember to send collection to L. J. Price, Assistant Treasurer Epworth League, South Atlanta, Ga. Hoping you will remember us in this appeal.

Yours faithfully,

I. GARLAN PENN,
Asst. General Sec. Epworth League, M. E. C.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson XI—Sept. 13th, 1903. Title—David becoming King. (1st Sam. xii-16.) Golden Text—"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." (Psa. 133:1.) Time—1050 B. C. Place—Hebron.

David was at Ziklag when the battle on Gilboa was fought. A young Amalekite brought him news of Saul's death. He was slain for saying he killed the Lord's anointed. David sang a song of lamentation over the death of Saul and Jonathan.

I. *David made king over Judah.* (I-4.) 1. *The command.* David was a man of prayer. He no doubt felt the time had come for him to become king over Israel, yet he would not act until he had received direction from the Lord. It is well to pray before setting out on a journey, or undertaking any great work. The answer to his petition came quick and plain. The same God today, directly or indirectly, answers prayer. Hebron is twenty miles south of Jerusalem, and about the same distance north of Beersheba. It is one of the ancient cities in the world, and was a well-known place when Abram entered Canaan eight centuries before this. There Sarah, the wife of Abram, died, and was buried in the cave Machpelah. In the division of the promised land it fell to Caleb. It was afterwards given to the Levites as a city of refuge. It now contains about five thousand inhabitants; about fifty families are Jews. It was soon to become the capital of Judah, and the home of David, then king. 2. *The journey.* David was dwelling at Ziklag, a city of the Philistines, about twenty miles west of Hebron. He began immediately to arrange for the journey. He took his two wives, the company of men that were true to him in his wanderings, and all their possessions. He had been married to Michal the daughter of Saul, but when he became an outlaw she was given to another. During his wanderings a young woman of the town of Jezreel was married to him, and not long after the beautiful widow of Nabal became his wife. They were faithful to him in his perils and triumphs. A true wife who has a godly husband should believe all he does is right. In the company of men with David were Joab and Asahel, his nephews, Gad the prophet, and many Canaanite warriors. They were true to him in his humiliation, and he was faithful to them in his exaltation. Those who continued with Jesus during His temptation, were given kingdoms and thrones at His exaltation, and granted the privilege of eating and drinking at his table. 3. *The anointing.* "The men of Judah" refer to the elders and official representatives of that tribe. We are not told how, or by whom, this anointing was done. It may have been by pouring oil out of a horn upon the head. It was likely Gad, the young prophet, who did it. David had before this been anointed by Samuel as Saul's successor. By that anointing he obtained a right to the kingdom, and by this he obtained authority over it. It was a bold step for one tribe, without consulting with the others, to set up a king. The prophecy of Jacob (Gen. 49:10), the conduct of Samuel, and the life of David up to this time, probably caused them to so act. It divided the tribes, and they remained so for seven and a half years; they were then united and continued one kingdom till the death of Solomon, when they were again separated, and never again became one government. A secession is not always the minority leaving the majority, but the wrong departing from the right. It was God's will for David to become king. The secession was

caused by the eleven tribes not falling in line with God's plans.

II. *David acting as king* (4-7). 1. *The modest suggestion:* "They told David saying, the men of Jabesh-Gilead were they that buried Saul." Those who anointed him king wished for him to take steps to have the entire nation acknowledge him as their ruler. We may, in a kind way, suggest to those in authority over us that which we think they should do. Gilead means a "hard, rock region." It here refers to the mountainous country east of the Jordan. Jabish was the chief city of that territory, located in the half tribe of Gad. 2. *Acting on the suggestion.* The burial of Saul was sad. After he and his sons had fallen, the Philistines came, cut off their heads, and tacked their bodies to the walls of Beth-shean. The men of Jabish-Gilead came by night, took them down, conveyed them to their city, burned them, and buried their bones. The conduct of the men of Jabish was a signal act of kindness and bravery paid to their dead king, and no doubt David felt kindly towards them for it. The prayer of David for them—"The Lord show kindness and truth unto you"—is a benediction. The Lord will bless those who do acts of charity to his anointed. His kindness refers to his goodness in dealing with men. His justice may demand the removal of an offender, but his mercy will heal every wound. His ways are sometimes hidden, but the future will make them plain. His truth refers to His unshaken manner of making good every promise given to man. The new king would also "requite their kindness." By their conduct in burying Saul they gained the favor of the Lord and David. Deeds of mercy are never lost. The king exhorted them to let their hands be strengthened and their hearts valiant. Do not lose hope because Saul is dead. He told them the house of Judah had anointed him king over them. The Philistines would soon be driven back. David desired to express gratitude for their kindness to Saul, and to let them know he was king over Judah, and would likely soon become ruler over the other tribes.

III. *David opposed as king* (8-10). 1. *Ish-bosheth was crowned king over Israel.* He is elsewhere called Esh-baal: "servant of the shameful," that is, of Baal. He was the fourth and only living son of Saul. Abner the son of Ner, and brother of Kish, the father of Saul, was the moving spirit in this coronation. Ish-bosheth was weak, and his reign a complete failure. 2. *The tribes over whom he reigned.* The land of Gilead was east of the Jordan, between Moab and Bashan. Ashurites were probably of the tribe of Ashur, the eighth son of Jacob. Their territory was on the coast, in northwestern Palestine. Jezreel was a prosperous city in the valley of Esdraelon, east of Mt. Carmel. Ephraim was one of the half tribes descended from Joseph. Their territory was north of Jerusalem, and reached from the Jordan almost to the Mediterranean. Benjamin would in any part of Palestine go with the king of his tribe. "All Israel" is a general term, and only means a majority of the people favored the son of Saul as king. 3. *The length of his reign.* He was forty years old when his father and brothers fell in the battle of Gilboa. He was likely soon after this proclaimed king over Israel by Abner. He probably reigned over Israel about seven years. The two years mentioned in the text covers the period of the wars between the house of David and that of Saul. Ish-bosheth was weak. All of his authority was derived through Abner, who held the reins of government, and

conducted wars against other nations. Soon after he had fallen by the hand of Joab, Ish-bosheth was heartlessly murdered, and his head carried to David. He, the king, instead of rejoicing over the fact had those who brought the news slain. As David was rejected by Israel, so Jesus was cast off by His brethren. As David's kingdom was opposed by Israel, so the reign of Jesus meets opposition from the world. And as David triumphed over Israel, so shall the kingdom of Jesus be victorious over the world.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation

Conference, Place and Time—	Bishop.
Alaska Mission	Cranston
Arizona Mission, Tempe—Sept. 24	Cranston
Atlantic Mission, Elizabeth City, N. C.—Oct. 21	Joyce
Black Hills Miss., Deadwood, S. D.—Sept. 3	Andrews
Blue Ridge, Smith Chapel, P. O., Glass, N. C.—Oct. 7	Joyce
California, Pacific Grove—Sept. 9	Cranston
California German, San Francisco—Sept. 3	Cranston
Central German, Cincinnati—Sept. 9	Walden
Central Illinois, Monmouth—Sept. 23	McCabe
Central New York, Canandaigua—Sept. 30	Goodsell
Central Ohio, Findlay—Sept. 16	Goodsell
Central Swedish, Chicago (Elim Ch.)—Sept. 10	Goodsell
Central Tennessee, Dickson—Oct. 8	Goodsell
Chicago German, Milwaukee—Sept. 16	Merrill
Cincinnati, Cincinnati—Sept. 9	Fowler
Colorado, Denver—Aug. 26	Cranston
Columbia River, Spokane—Sept. 2	Hamilton
Dakota, Aberdeen—Oct. 14	Fowler
Des Moines, Indianola, Ia.—Sept. 2	Mallalieu
Detroit, Flint—Sept. 16	Walden
East Ohio, Akron—Sept. 23	Mallalieu
East Tennessee, Morristown—Sept. 30	Joyce
Erie, Warren, Pa.—Sept. 9	McCabe
Genesee, Olean, N. Y.—Sept. 23	Goodsell
Holston, Knoxville, Tenn.—Sept. 23	Joyce
Idaho, Boise—Aug. 27	Hamilton
Illinois, Quincy—Sept. 16	Fowler
Indiana, Indianapolis—Sept. 9	Joyce
Iowa, Muscatine—Sept. 9	Mallalieu
Kalispell Mission, Kalispell, Mont.—July 30	McCabe
Kentucky, Covington—Sept. 16	Joyce
Michigan, Jackson—Sept. 23	Foss
Minnesota, Redwood Falls—Sept. 30	Fowler
Montana, Livingston—Aug. 13	McCabe
Nebraska, Lincoln—Sept. 16	Andrews
Nevada Mission, Loyalton, Cal.—Aug. 20	Hamilton
N. Mex. Eng. Mission, Albuquerque—Oct. 9	Walden
N. Mex. Span. Mission, Albuquerque—Oct. 8	Walden
North Carolina, Greensboro—Oct. 14	Joyce
North Dakota, Wahpeton—Sept. 24	FitzGerald
N. Montana Mission, Fort Benton—Aug. 6	McCabe
North Nebraska, Fremont—Sept. 23	Andrews
North Ohio, Norwalk—Sept. 16	McCabe
N. Pac. Ger. Mission, Davenport, Wash.—Sept. 10	Hamilton
Northern Ger., St. Paul, Minn.—Sept. 17	FitzGerald
Northern Minn., Duluth—Oct. 1	FitzGerald
N. Swed. Miss. Conf., Marinette, Wis.—Sept. 10	Foss
Northwest Ger., Charles City, Ia.—Sept. 16	Mallalieu
Northwest Ind., South Bend—Sept. 2	Joyce
Northwest Iowa, Sioux City—Oct. 7	Fowler
Northwest Nebraska, Valentine—Sept. 10	Andrews
Norwegian and Danish, Racine, Wis.—Sept. 3	Goodsell
Ohio, Portsmouth—Sept. 30	Merrill
Oklahoma, Guthrie—Sept. 30	Walden
Oregon, Salem—Sept. 30	Hamilton
Pac. Japan Miss., San Francisco—Sept. 4	Cranston
Pittsburg, Pittsburg—Oct. 7	Mallalieu
Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash.—Sept. 23	Hamilton
Rock River, Aurora, Ill.—Oct. 7	Andrews
St. Louis German, Pekin, Ill.—Sept. 10	Merrill
Southern California, Los Angeles—Sept. 16	Cranston
Southern Illinois, Mt. Vernon—Sept. 23	Walden
Tennessee, Martin—Oct. 15	Goodsell
Upper Iowa, Cedar Rapids—Sept. 23	Fowler
Utah Mission, Park City—Aug. 13	Cranston
West German, St. Joseph Mo.—Sept. 3	Merrill
West Nebraska, Lexington—Sept. 30	Andrews
West Virginia, Huntington—Sept. 30	Mallalieu
West Wisconsin, Chippewa Falls—Sept. 3	Foss
West Nor.-Dan., Tacoma, Wash.—Sept. 17	Hamilton
Western Swed., Saronville, Neb.—Aug. 27	McCabe
Wisconsin, Green Bay—Sept. 16	Foss
Wyoming Mission, Newcastle—Aug. 6	Cranston

Alabama, Anniston—Dec. 3 Foss || Atlanta, Covington, Ga.—Dec. 10 | FitzGerald |
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex.—Nov. 26	Walden
Central Alabama, Birmingham—Dec. 10	Foss
Georgia, Ellijay—Dec. 17	FitzGerald
Mobile, Union Springs, Ala.—Dec. 17	Foss
Savannah, Brunswick, Ga.—Dec. 3	FitzGerald
South Carolina, Sumter—Nov. 26	FitzGerald
Southern German, Perry, Tex.—Dec. 2	Walden
Texas, Houston—Dec. 9	Walden
West Texas, San Antonio—Dec. 16	Walden

In order that our readers might know the dates fixed for fall conferences of our territory and the Bishops appointed to hold them, at the earliest possible moment, we had them sent us by wire last week immediately on the adjournment of Bishops' meeting. This week we are pleased to present official list in full—except foreign conferences, which will appear later.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

PLEASE NOTE THAT

- 1—All business letters should be addressed to **Haton** **Inc.**, and all communications intended for publication to the **Editor**.
- 2—In sending matter for publication, write plainly on one side of the paper, and make your communication as short as the subject will allow.
- 3—When the **ADVOCATE** does not arrive regularly, notify us promptly.
- 4—Methodist pastors are our authorized agents, to receive subscriptions and collect dues for the **ADVOCATE**.

Violent Death of a Prominent Young Educator

Seldom does anything occur to shock us more than did the report that Rev. Laforest A. Planving, B. S., principal of the Pointe Coupee Industrial and High School had been murdered. Mr. Planving was a graduate of Straight University, this city, and one of the most useful and deserving that institution has ever sent out. Since he left school a few years ago he had thoroughly established himself in a needy community, and with the assistance of his colored and white friends had erected a school house that was a credit to all concerned. Being a practical carpenter he did much of the work with his own hands. It seems that he was spending the vacation working at his trade, and as he returned from a neighboring plantation where he was doing some building for a white planter, he was shot from ambush as he rode horseback on his way home. He was instantly killed, and even his horse is so seriously wounded that he will be of no further service. Some of the best white citizens of the community say they can give no reason for the violent deed, as they have never heard him or his work unkindly criticised.

Meanwhile the report sent to the *Times-Democrat* gives the following reason for his untimely taking off. It says:

"It is said that Planving had been recently making incendiary speeches to the Negroes of his vicinity, advising them not to work for or have anything to do with white people. In the last address to his people he told them to buy plantations in Pointe Coupee, and that then they would have white people working for them. The address was made in the hearing of a good many of the best citizens of the community in which Planving lived, and it so angered them that it was decided to put him out of the way."

Take the reason here given and place it alongside the fact that he was returning from the work he was doing for a white man, and it is easy to understand that an excuse for the murder is simply being trumped up to hide the real motive. "Advising them not to work for or have anything to do with white people" is strange advice when he himself was working for them; when he devoted much of his time to teaching his pupils to work, and when his school had the hearty support and had been largely built by the best whites. No indeed, that will not do. We know the man and his life purpose too well for that. It is unnecessary to say more at this time. But that community owes it to itself to bring his murderers to justice. Will it do so?

Bro. Planving was a member of the Congregational Church—a consistent Christian man. He leaves a wife and three little helpless children; may God protect them!

Against Secretary Hitchcock, of the Interior Department, a number of charges have been made (we note from an exchange) in connection with his management of Indian affairs, which he denies.

District Conference Called Off

The district conference of the New Orleans South District, Rev. W. R. Butler, presiding elder, was to have convened at Jeanerette, La., August 26, but was called off owing to the excitement prevailing there over the murder of a white man. The white man kept a saloon, the kind known throughout the South as a "dive." The evening *Item* says: "Except for the fact that he conducted a place of ill-repute he was a respectable man." It seems that some Negroes, that class for whom white men throughout the South run such establishments, and the same class of whites, were in the place Sunday night gambling; a fight ensued and Joe Sanders, the white man, was killed. Whether he was gambling with the Negroes or not we have no means of knowing, but they were evidently all of a kind. Louis Nix, who is charged with the murder, escaped, and was not captured till the following Wednesday, and is now in the Franklin jail. Meanwhile, according to the daily papers, white men were busy searching Negroes' houses for Nix and terrorizing the inmates and running them out of town. Under such circumstances we do not wonder that it was not thought best to hold the conference in Jeanerette. Up to this writing we have not learned where or when the presiding elder will hold his conference, but we hope to be able to make formal announcement before going to press.

This occurrence is an exceedingly unfortunate one for all concerned. The brethren had matters in good shape, and the elder was anticipating a great meeting; it will be difficult to arrange for an equally successful meeting in the short time left to work it up. The whole affair is greatly to be regretted. And yet it is no more than one needs to expect at any time and in any community where this class of demoralizing "dives" is run. They are a disgrace to any community, and are doing more to debauch and degrade the Negro, young and old, male and female, who visit them, than any other influence of which we know. In such places the worst element of both races meet, and though one is no better than the other, as soon as anything happens to a white man, no matter what his record or standing, the entire community is stirred up. Our judgment is that the South makes a mistake to set a premium on worthlessness even though the person's color is white. A bad man is a bad man. Then, too, to undertake to remedy such an evil by driving out what may be called the "bad negroes" whenever some violent deed is done is of no avail whatever. At best it is only a temporary expedient. If the people of Jeanerette or any other community would get rid of that bad element let them stop the source of supply. Pure water need not be expected from an impure fountain, and it does not mend the matter to increase the acreage over which it must flow. It is not our intention by this to even seem to sanction murder, whether the victim be black or white; we only desire to impress the necessity for breaking up the death dealing "dives" that are veritable hotbeds of debauchery and crime, and let those persons who conduct them know that they have neither the sympathy nor respect of the best people of the community.

District Conference to Meet

Presiding Elder W. R. Butler wishes to announce that the South New Orleans District Conference will convene in Jeanerette, La., Sep-

tember 9, 1903, at 2 p. m. sharp. There is no trouble now; everything is quiet.

Trinity's Standing Compared

In discussing the standing of Trinity M. E. Church, Houston, Tex., and its talented pastor, as compared with a Baptist Church of that city, which has recently secured a new pastor, *The Texas Freeman* of last week speaks thus:

"In discussing the scholarship and ministerial ability of the local pastors several days ago, a party of critics unanimously decided that Rev. W. H. Logan, pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, stood in a class by himself up until the advent into this city of Rev. J. J. Blackshear, Bethel's new pastor. When the merits of these two were discussed a majority believed that these gentlemen were equally matched in pulpit oratory, though one may have an advantage of the other in Greek and Latin * * * * It is now believed that Bethel will divide the honors with Trinity M. E. Church in drawing the educated and critically inclined set. Heretofore Trinity has enjoyed a monopoly of this class of attendants."

We are pleased to reproduce the foregoing by Editor Love for the encouragement of those who like Dr. Logan, are working their way up from the ranks of the ministry.

A Colored Dentist Desired

Our people are very desirous of having a colored dentist at La Grange, Ga. The white dentists are all so busy they cannot serve Negroes, and it is thought that a first-class dentist will do well there.

According to the Shreveport papers, there has been during the past week some serious trouble between the races at Alexandria, La. The local papers of that city deny the truth of this statement and say there was no trouble except that a Negro was whipped for forcing a white man to apologize to his wife. The white man had spoken to her, thinking, as he claims, she was a public woman of his acquaintance. She reported the matter to her husband, and he took his gun and forced the man to apologize. And this in Alexandria, where the relation of the races is said to be so pleasant! It all seems strange in view of the fearful lessons the white man gives the Negro in teaching him respect for his women. Can they mean that the Negro's family is to have no protection against bad white men?

A School of Journalism is to be established as a department of the Columbia University, New York. The sum of \$2,000,000 has been given for the purpose by Mr. Joseph Pulitzer, proprietor of the New York World. Buildings for the purpose are to be ready a year hence. As it seems to us this is a very appropriate and much needed movement, and it is to be hoped will result in the elevation of the moral as well as the intellectual tone of journalism.

A valuable hint to the parsonage committee in the charges is given by the Western Christian Advocate, which is to the effect that the parsonage be carefully gone over during the annual conference. It may need repairs, it may need a new stove, new chairs, or other furniture; a room may need papering, and while the conference is in session is a good time to prepare for the new, or surprise the old pastor. Try it!

An exchange says that two prominent Negroes of Anniston (Ala.) have purchased land near town which is to be a suburb for colored residents. Streets will be laid out and a park added.

Personal and General

Rev. P. G. Goins, pastor at Mobile, Ala., raised \$438 in his recent rally, and is full of hope for the future.

Rev. Isaac Vaughn, of the Central (Ala.) Conference, stationed at Center, Ala., died at his home in Alexander City, Ala., August 19.

It has been reported that Dr. William Burt, superintendent of our missions in Rome, Italy, is dead, but we understand that he denies it.

Mrs. E. P. Taylor, who has been spending a few weeks in Marshall, Texas, has returned to the city looking exceedingly well and greatly delighted with her trip.

Rev. Dr. C. A. Tindley, pastor Bainbridge Street M. E. Church, Philadelphia, Pa., is said to be drawing immense congregations day and night. Such news is always gratifying.

Rev. P. J. Maveety, of Albion District Michigan Conference, thinks his district will this year show an average of \$1.00 per member for all the benevolences. A majority of his pastors have so pledged themselves.

Gen. John C. Black was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at the meeting held recently at San Francisco. The next session of the G. A. R. will be held in Boston, August, 1904.

Rev. Thos. Cole, pastor at Paris, Tex., still contends for \$1.00 per member for missions in the Texas conference. Whenever Bro. Cole gets an idea that a thing can be done he never lets up till something happens.

We learn that the Greenwood District, Rev. B. F. Woolfolk, presiding elder, is in advance of any previous year. The presiding elder was thrown from a buggy recently by a runaway mule, but was not seriously injured.

Bishop Warren, it is announced, engaged for himself and family passage on the steamer Korea, sailing from San Francisco September 3. He will visit the Philippines and Singapore, and from there will go to Calcutta.

Rev. J. T. Hill, A. B., B. D., of Baltimore, Md., passed through the city last week en route to Hearne (Tex.) Academy, where he is to teach during the forthcoming session. We were pleased to have him call at the office.

Mr. J. H. Blodgett, the successful real estate dealer of Jacksonville, Fla., is spoken of as a ready and witty speaker on public occasions. His beautiful and well furnished home is a credit to any man, whether black or white.

Mrs. J. W. Porche, of Houma, La., left August 23d for a month's visit with her sister, Mrs. B. C. Jackson, of Patterson, La. Mr. J. Porche, Jr., a first-class paper hanger and decorator, has gone for a two weeks' business trip to Morgan City, La.

Rev. J. O. Brown, pastor St. James Church, Shreveport, La., has been granted a vacation by his church. The stewardesses and Kings Daughters presented him a purse to cover vacation expenses and spending the time visiting his old home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Braden, of this city, have just returned from a visit to Chicago. Mr. Braden thinks Chicago the greatest and most liberal city of this country, and returns with words of highest praise for the hospitality of its citizens.

Miss Mae Dee, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Abner, of Marshall, Texas, is to be married to the Rev. Jerry A. Moore, of

Honey Grove, Texas, Wednesday, September 9, 1903. They will be at home in Honey Grove after September 30.

Miss Addie J. Williams, of Austin, Texas, passed through the city on Wednesday of last week en route home from Alexander City, Ala., where she had been on a visit of two months to her parents and other friends. She had not seen them for eleven years.

Mrs. E. F. Rass and daughter, Miss Beatrice Rass, teachers of the city school, the steward and organist of the M. E. Church, Bay St. Louis, Miss., have returned from a two months' visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Smith, of Shreveport, La.

Mr. R. R. Robinson is president of the North Jacksonville Electric Railway, which has just been opened to the public by the colored people of Jacksonville, Fla. He is the originator and secured the franchises from the city council and raised the money to finance the scheme. All honor to Bro. Robinson.

A letter from Rev. James E. Wood, of Connersville, Ind., is enquiring for the Rev. Edward M. Bolden, who was appointed to Madison, Ind. We do not know where Bro. Bolden is now, but our impression is that we met him in July at Detroit or Chicago. Whoever knows of his present location will please notify Bro. Wood.

Rev. T. W. Johnson is meeting with success as pastor of Clark Memorial Church, Nashville, Tenn. He has raised more than \$600 for building the church, and has received over one hundred members into the church. We had the pleasure of preaching for him on our recent visit to the city, and greatly enjoyed meeting his people.

Rev. Thos. H. B. Walker, of Jacksonville, Fla., passed through the city last week en route home from the State of Mississippi, where he had spent several days. Bro. Walker is manager of the *Church and Society World*, a magazine established by him, and also runs a successful job printing office. He handed the business manager ten cash subscribers.

Miss Lizzie E. Stull, of Jackson, La., a graduate of the class of '98 of the New Orleans University, who is the guest of Mrs. D. Harrison, of Bell Rose, La., desires that her correspondents address her at Bell Rose. Miss Stull has been a public school teacher there for three years, and is spoken of as being a credit to her race and instructress of unusual ability. She has just closed her school term with marked success.

The marriage of Prof. W. A. Battle, A. B., to Miss Effie D. Threet, A. B., is announced.

Prof. Battle is a graduate of Talladega (Ala.) College, also of Amherst College, Berea, Ky. He is the founder of "The Okolona Industrial College," and has met with great success in his work. Miss Threet is a graduate of Rust University, and is quite a brilliant student. The young couple will leave immediately after their marriage for Anniston, Ala. After spending a few days there they will be at home to their friends at "The Okolona Industrial College."

Rev. Dr. R. E. Jones, our Sunday School agent, visited Chicago recently and was most heartily received by St. Mark's Church and the Sunday School. Rev. J. W. Robinson thinks the Sunday School was greatly benefitted by his visit, as two or three departments were organized and their work inaugurated. A grand reception was

tendered him by Mrs. Emily Andrews and Miss Josie Ford, both formerly of New Orleans, which was attended by a number of his old friends. Among them were Dr. J. C. Davis, Dr. and Mrs. L. Lewis, Miss Stella A. E. Brazley, of New Orleans, and Miss Stella Windsor, of Guthrie, Okla.

News Notes

A political turmoil is on in Hungary.

A "child's world" exposition is to be held at St. Petersburg next year.

St. Louis, Mo., and Pittsburg, Pa., are to be connected by a trolley line.

Hawaii has registered a protest against the further americanization of the island.

There are 700 newspapers in Kansas in which no liquor advertisements are to be found.

A Hall of Records is to be built by the government for the preservation of public papers.

Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland, was nominated for Governor by the Ohio Democratic convention.

The large new cruiser "Pennsylvania" was launched at Cramp's ship yards, Philadelphia, Pa., August 22.

The volcano Vesuvius is again in a state of activity; frequent explosions are heard, accompanied by slight earthquakes.

A new society recently organized is the Bible League of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Bishop W. F. Mallalieu is its president.

The death list will probably exceed one hundred in the underground railway accident which occurred recently in Paris, France.

The condition of the Panama canal treaty, it is stated, is such as to almost preclude the hope of its acceptance by the United States Senate.

Every man, woman and child in the village of Armensko, Macedonia, have been killed by Turks, and one hundred and fifty homes destroyed.

At Danville, Ill., twenty-five rioters have been arraigned and bound over to await the action of the court. Seven have already been convicted.

Rev. G. W. Campbell Morgan, of London, England, and another Englishman, are to have charge of the services at the World's Fair in St. Louis.

Over three hundred accidents, involving the loss of one hundred and fifty lives, are already reported of tourists and other visitors to the Alps Mountains.

The multi-millionaire mining man, Pedro Alvarado, well known throughout Mexico and the United States, died at Parral, Mexico, last week, leaving a cash fortune of \$70,000,000.

To such proportions has the automobile industry grown that a department for the study of automobile equipment is to be established at Case School of Applied Science, in Cleveland. Gasoline, steam and electric automobiles will be studied.

Hon. Elihu Root, Secretary of War, has tendered his resignation, which has been accepted, and will take effect January 1. He will be succeeded by Judge W. H. Taft. General Luke E. Wright, of Memphis, Tenn., will succeed Judge Taft as Governor General of the Philippines.

Jefferson Sanders, the colored man who caused the race riot in New York City early in May, who was terribly beaten after killing two policemen and wounding another in self-defense, has been released from custody, the grand jury having failed to find an indictment against him.—E.S.

There will be a Union Meeting of the different churches of Bay St. Louis, Pass Christian, Gulfport and Pearlinton, Miss., at St. Paul M. E. Church, Bay St. Louis, Sept. 13. The proceeds will be for St. Paul's Church. The Editor of the SOUTHWESTERN has been invited to preach to them.

As a result of a fight between two small boys in which pistols were used, the superintendent of schools of Kokomo, Ind., ordered all male students searched, and over five hundred pistols, nearly all of which were loaded revolvers of all calibres, were found on the boys. This is indeed a terrible commentary on American civilization, but they are in accord with the spirit of the times.

FARM AND FIRESIDE

Gen. C. Marshall Editor

POTATOES AS FOOD.

If a raw pared potato is put into water, its potash salts ooze out of it. The "jacket" is its only armor. But undoubtedly the healthiest manner of eating potatoes is baked. Matthieu Williams, another kitchen philosopher, declares that grated cheese mixed with baked potatoes forms a wonderfully good dish, digestive, and wholly praiseworthy from the chemical point of view. He says that as potatoes are largely composed of starch, which is a heat-giver and fattener, and that cheese, which is very nitrogenous, supplies the elements in which the potato is deficient, the whole forms theoretically a healthful food. As a table receipt, the potatoes can be taken out of the skins, mashed, and mixed with grated cheese, and a little milk added if desirable for taste. Served in this way, for sedentary people, the dish is much more digestive than oatmeal. And in speaking of this last article, I have my own idea, based on no special scientific examination, that for sedentary people who are troubled by catarrhal affection of whatsoever nature, such gelatinous foods as oatmeal are not desirable. However, oatmeal is more nutritive than potatoes. The latter contain seventeen per cent of carbon; oatmeal contains seventy-three per cent. William Cobbett denounced the potato as a staple article of food. You would have to consume six pounds of potatoes to secure the nutritive value of one pound of oatmeal! To sustain life on potatoes you would have to become a mere assimilating machine the most of the time, and unfit for vigorous action, bodily or mentally, the rest of the time.—*Central Christian Advocate.*

"The greatest nations of Europe," says Jerry Rusk, "strain every effort to make science the handmaid of war. Let it be the glory of the great American people to make science the handmaid of Agriculture."

September is considered the first harvest month in the cotton States of the Union. It opens the cotton season and sets in motion a great network of profitable industries. The cotton pickers, the cotton ginners, the railroads, the river steamboats, the draymen, the merchant, the banker, all become busy with the advent of September, and remain so until the winter is past. It requires six months to gather and remove the eleven million bales of cotton that are produced by the eleven cotton States, and it takes about \$500,000,000 to pay them for the lint and seed. Many of these States manufacture the lint into cloth, and the seed into oil, meal and hulls. These in turn are sold for good prices, which still further enrich the people of the favored Southland.

Now that the principal crop of the South is about to be placed on the market, and its producers are to handle millions of dollars in the next few months, it will not be out of place to talk on this subject of cash. Our readers of the cotton belt will remember that they set out in January to produce this crop at the minimum cost. Every bargain and every step was made with this purpose in view. Many, no doubt, denied themselves the luxuries and at times the necessities of life to keep out of debt and to save expenses. August, the last summer month, has gone by. The crop is made. At the end of the eight months that have just gone by, you find that you have prospects of large profits for your work. There are, however, many others who see your prosperity, and

are planning to deprive you of your earnings. Unless you hold to your determination of economy throughout the next four months your profits in the crop will be spent before December is out. As fast as you sell the crop, pay the just debts that you owe, and deposit your surplus in the neighboring savings bank. Beware!

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

Geo. W. Baker, Reporter, Starkville, Miss.—The Starkville (Upper Mississippi) District Conference which convened in Mt. Zion M. E. Church, Kilmichael Circuit, July 29th, was called to order by the Rev. Dr. Thos. W. Davis, presiding elder, after the organization of the conference. George W. Baker was elected secretary, with John H. Armstead as assistant; Rev. D. Green, statistical secretary, with the Rev. Walter T. Wright assistant. All the brethren were present except five, who were hindered by illness. The older brethren of the district say it was the best district conference held since its organization, owing to the fact that a sympathetic Christian gentleman presided. May God's blessing always be upon Rev. Davis, the presiding elder. The benevolence reported was better than for years; not many revivals had been held on the districts. Brother John Flowers, a Methodist (white) gentleman, was introduced and delivered the welcome address on the part of the citizens of Kilmichael. Brother Flowers was much impressed with our sessions and was a constant visitor. The address of welcome was responded to by Rev. J. W. Byrd. T. L. Wilburn, M. D., sent a well prepared paper of welcome, which was read by the secretary. Brother Lee V. Kinard was granted local license; also Brother Joel Austin. The following brethren preached during the conference: Revs. O. Gillespie, C. L. Walls, I. W. Byrd, F. H. Bunton, A. J. Trice, W. T. Wright, John Mayo, E. Newton, Wm. Chaple, George W. Baker, and Rev. Thos. W. Davis, who excelled himself at 11 o'clock on Sunday. Too much praise cannot be given to Rev. E. A. Boyd and the good people of Kilmichael for the kind hospitality shown us. The grand old SOUTHWESTERN was well represented by the presiding elder and pastors. The presiding elder secured several subscribers. Rust University was ably represented by Revs. Bunton, Williams, Baker and the presiding elder. The conference adjourned to meet again with the good people of Weir's Circuit.

Isom Stubbins, New Caney, Tex.—I have been for some time a reader of your magnificent paper. Our little town is progressing. We have here a church and school. Rev. H. C. Watson of Conroe, Tex., is our pastor, and is doing all in his power to make the church work effective. He pays us one visit a month. On the fourth Sunday in May four were added to the church. The church, considering the odds against which we have to labor, is doing nicely. The public school is now in session and is doing well under the management of Prof. J. A. McPherson. Sister Cocklin is thought to have lost her mind. While attempting to go from her home on the 19th inst. to the Celebration Park she was lost in the woods and not found until late the evening of the 21st. The celebration of the 19th inst. was a success. There is much sickness at this writing in our little town.

Rev. T. O. Carroll, Frederick City, Md.—We are moving. Asbury M. E. church is doing well. The Sunday School and Leagues are in a fine condition. Children's Day exercises were the best ever held in Asbury church. The pastor preached at 11 a. m., and the evening services were in charge of the Sunday School. The music was under the direction of Mr. Wm. Roberts. Mr. Francis Holland was organist, and Mr. Grayson Larkins cornetist. The decorations were beautiful. Collection, \$24.80. Mr. James W. Davis, superintendent. Sunday, July 5, was our Woman's Day. We had with us Rev. J. W. Tournes of the Baptist church at 11 a. m. At 8 p. m. Rev. W. H. Jones of Libertytown preached. Both sermons were highly appreciated. Mrs. Ada McCormick raised \$22.64, Mrs. Rachel Page \$34.98, Janie Walker \$15.25, Miss Ella M. Lee \$25.26, public collection \$11.79. Total \$109.92. Rev. Charles G. Key, a veteran pioneer preacher of the Washington conference and three times a presiding elder, agreeably surprised the good citizens of Frederick by taking unto himself a wife July 22, in the person of Miss Anna O. Rivers, of Baltimore, Md. They were happily married at the Asbury parsonage by Rev. T. O. Carroll, assisted by Rev. Daniel Collins. They came in on the early train from Baltimore and returned immediately after the ceremony.

Grenada, Miss.—In connection with the Epworth League and the Sunday School Convention, the Holly Springs District Conference convened July 22-26. The Epworth League services were presided over by Mr. Rogers, of Oxford, Miss. All of the papers read on League work were good. The second day was given to the work of the Sunday School Convention, which was conducted by the president, Prof. E. H. McKissack. Many fine papers were presented. Prof. C. A. Green, a delegate of Holly Springs, read a paper that will not soon be forgotten. The Epworth League and Sunday School Convention is to meet jointly with the District Conference next year. Dr. N. H. Williams presiding elder of the district, conducted the services of the conference, and it was a glorious meeting. Sermons were preached by Rev. J. C. McJee, N. R. Clay, B. T. McEwen and F. H. Henry. Rev. Dr. G. G. Logan preached a grand missionary sermon. During the Sunday morning love feast a young lady was converted. Rev. Troupe, the pastor at Grenada, worked faithfully to make all comfortable, and he succeeded. Rev. Troupe is full of Christ. He is an ideal pastor. The Methodist church of the Upper Mississippi Conference is moving on to victory, hand in hand with the Sunday School and League.

A FREE KIDNEY REMEDY.

Dr. D. A. Williams, East Hampton, Conn., says if any suffer from Kidney and Bladder Disease will send him their address he will mail them free of all cost, some of the remedy they are looking for. The ONE that will cure them.

J. S. Todd, 431 W. Ashley St., Jacksonville, Fla.—We have completed one of the best two-story parsonages in our colored conference. The trustees and parsonage committee moved us into our new home on the 15th of July. Our friends and brethren are always welcome to our home, so come to see us when in the city. We are pushing on to completion our new church, which has a comfortable seating capacity for 800. Our membership is at work as one. We hope to

begin services in the new church by the last of September or the first of October next. God be praised for His goodness to us.

The Grand Temple and Tabernacle of the K. O. T. convened in the city of San Antonio, July 13. The session was held in the Market Hall. The address of welcome on the part of the city was delivered by the mayor pro tem.; responded to by Prof. S. S. Reid, C. G. S. of Marshall, Tex. His address was very eloquent and spicy. On behalf of the citizens, Hon. C. M. Ferguson and Dr. J. G. Starns responded. Rev. W. Hartley Jackson, the pastor of the M. E. Church, Navasota, Tex., the Chief Grand Orator, preached the annual sermon in the auditorium of the City Market Hall to more than one thousand people. His subject was "Historical Accounts Pertaining to the K. O. T." The session closed on the 17th with one of the best reports in its history. Total receipts during this session was \$3,094.68. Mr. C. E. W. Day was re-elected C. G. M. for the fifth term. Prof. S. S. Reid re-elected C. G. S. for fifth term. Mrs. M. A. Johnson, of Marshall, Tex., was elected C. G. P. Rev. W. Hartley Jackson was also re-elected C. G. O. The street parade on Friday was a marked success. The people cordially invite the K. O. T. to come back again. Dr. W. H. Jackson, of Navasota, was elected editor of the *Tabernacle Banner* of Texas jurisdiction. T. S. McMorris, P. C. D. D. 418 Polaris St., San Antonio, Tex.

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Miss A. J. Bedford, reporter, Nashville, Tenn.—Seay Chapel. June 28 was rally day for the trustees under the following captains. Raised: Mr. Jacob Jamison, \$13.71; Wm. Jones, \$29.64; Samuel Kennerly, \$52.50; Wm. Copeland, \$45.00; total, \$140.85. Stewards' Collection for the month of June, \$119.10. The first and the third Sundays of July were held as the Sisters collection day. They realized \$28.32, which makes a total for the stewards of \$168.58. Total collected by the trustees and stewards, \$309.43. A host of crusaders are to follow next and gather in the sheaves, and close our year's work by sending our pastor to the conference O. K. Last but not the least. The Department of Mercy and Help of our Epworth League has been reorganized, with Mr. W. B. Jones president, Miss L. A. Bedford vice president, Mr. W. D. Shannon treasurer, and Miss A. J. Bedford secretary. Mr. J. W. Smith reporter to the Nashville papers, and the writer reporter to the SOUTHWESTERN, and also solicitor of subscribers for the same.

The first session of the Aberdeen District Conference convened at Brooksville, Miss., July 29 to Aug. 2, in Baldwin M. E. Church; Rev. C. W. Walton, presiding elder in the chair. This was in every way the grandest session ever held. The conference was favored with the presence of Rev. S. J. McDavis of the Mississippi Conference; Rev.

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Dr. G. G. Logan, field secretary of the Missionary Society, who made an earnest plea for the increase of missionary collections. The brethren pledged themselves to stand by Dr. Logan and do more for the cause of missions this year than ever before and as an evidence of their loyalty \$86 in cash was raised. Dr. I. B. Scott made two strong speeches, one in the interest of Rust University and the missionary cause, and one in the interest of the SOUTHWESTERN. His words will never be forgotten; he secured more than 40 annual cash subscribers. Elder Walton read a communication from Dr. W. W. Foster, Jr., which was heartily received by the conference. The elder received cash in addition to what had been sent on the 20th century Thank Offering. The pastors were all present except H. A. Robinson and B. F. Penny. The reports of the pastors, local preachers and the several delegates showed an increase on every charge of the district. The benevolences are in advance of any previous year, \$600 having been already raised. The Epworth League convention was held in connection with the conference. They had a grand session. Resolutions were offered touching the work of Dr. G. G. Logan, that of Dr. I. B. Scott, Rust University and the great work being done through its strong president and able faculty, and the secretaries and various railroads. E. D. Boudne and R. B. Williams were licensed to preach. The Rev. J. G. Monroe, the newly appointed pastor of the Aberdeen charge, seems to be the right man for the place. He has the good will of all the brethren of the district. Rev. W. H. Golden and his loyal people deserve much praise for their royal entertainment of this conference. The next session will be held at Macon, Miss. G. J. Dobson, Secty.

C. F. Smith, Reporter, Rev. I. R. Hill, Pastor, Marion, Va.—The fourteenth session of Bristol District, East Tennessee Conference, convened at the M. E. Church, Marion, Va., July 8, 1903. Rev. R. A. Swan, presiding elder, presided. After devotional exercises, Rev. G. J. Hedrick, the district president of the Epworth League, took the chair. The first day was devoted to the work of the league. Thursday at 10 a. m. Rev. W. M. Johnson preached the opening sermon, which was followed by the sacrament of the Holy Communion.

Rev. R. A. Swan presided. Rev. F. A. Hatcher was elected secretary; D. T. Turner was chosen reporter for the SOUTHWESTERN, with Miss C. F. Smith as assistant. The various committees were appointed. All preachers of the district were present except one, and each reported his work in advance of last year. Friday morning the reports of Epworth League presidents were read, which showed that the Epworth Leagues are doing good work. The afternoon was devoted to the discussion of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education. Saturday morning the very important question, "What Relation does the Pastor Sustain to the Presiding Elder?" was very clearly discussed, after which the reports of Sunday school superintendents and district class leaders were read. They indicated considerable advancement on all lines. Saturday afternoon Mrs. J. H. Gardner, president of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, greatly interested the people in the work of home missions. Sunday at 9 a. m. the quarterly love-feast was conducted by Rev. H. Harris and Rev. J. H. Gardner. At 11 a. m. Rev. G. T. Wright preached a very inspiring sermon to a crowded house. At 8:30 p. m. Rev. G. J. Hedrick preached one of his soul-thrilling sermons. The number of infants baptized was greater than ever before in the history of the conference. Among the visitors present was Rev. G. G. Logan, A. M., D. D., field secretary of the Missionary Society, who spoke very impressively of the cause of missions. The elder presided with great dignity and ease. The collection on Sunday was lifted by five ladies: Club No. 1, Mrs. L. V. Boyd captain, \$29; No. 2, Mrs. Fanny Mills, \$10.35; No. 3, Mrs. Ellen Montgomery, \$7.53; No. 4, Mrs. M. E. Howard, \$14.05; No. 5, Miss Susie Madison, \$25.05; total, \$85.98. Johnson City, Tenn., was selected as the seat of the next conference. Conference adjourned Sunday evening, July 12. The Monday after adjournment Mrs. J. H. Gardner was successful in organizing the Woman's Home Missionary Society at the M. E. Church, with 18 members. Mrs. Jennie Adams was elected president; Miss Susie Madison, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Mary Goble, treasurer.

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R. V. Dookis, pastor, Millican, Tex.—Our third quarterly conference was held June 20-21, with Presiding Elder J. E. Bryant in the chair. The officers were present with good reports. Raised for pastor during the quarter \$23.65; presiding elder, \$8.95. The presiding elder preached two soul-stirring sermons. The writer preached also. Dr. M. W. Dogan, president of Wiley University, was with us July 7 and gave a lecture which was highly appreciated by all present. Raised for the W. C. B. \$2. Children's Day was observed the second Sunday, and the program was nicely rendered. Raised for benevolence, \$6.05. We had a good time during our revival; five additions to the church. We are doing our best for the SOUTHWESTERN.

Rev. J. B. Booth.—The Tennessee Conference Epworth League Convention convened in the M. E. Church, Murfreesboro, Tenn., June 23 at 8:30 p. m. Dr. E. W. S. Hammond, pastor in charge, conducted the devo-

tional service. Words of welcome on behalf of the people were delivered by Mr. Taylor, a local preacher; on behalf of the church and league, Mrs. Dr. McClellan. Responses were made by Revs. J. W. Richmon and M. Williams. Rev. Jesse P. Price, conference president, delivered the annual address to the convention, after which Dr. Hammond conducted a platform meeting. A collection closed the opening session. We had a fine program and it was ably carried out. We are sure that great good for the cause will result from this conference. Drs. Hammond, Moors and Harden; Revs. Bradford, Anderson, Johnson, Lyte and others made excellent speeches. The pastors of the city and their congregations attended and made us welcome, doing what they could to make our stay pleasant. It is pleasant to see the spirit of union that exists between the different churches of that little city. The social feature of the league was good. Too much praise cannot be given to the good people of Murfreesboro for their hospitality.

W. Toole, Pastor, Forest, Miss.—My third quarterly conference was held on the Forest Circuit at Ebenezer Church, Aug. 8-9. Dr. J. M. Shumpert was on time. The reports of the officers showed prosperity both spiritual and temporal in church work. A large congregation assembled to hear preaching Saturday at 11 a. m. Dr. Shumpert preached a noble sermon and administered the Lord's Supper. At 2:30 o'clock the quarterly conference opened. The business was interesting in every way. Collection raised during the quarter, \$22. Sunday's collection was \$13.50. Total, \$35.55.

Resolution adopted by the Opelika District Conference, July 16, 1903.—We the members and delegates of the Opelika District, hereby express our greetings to the distinguished and nationally known citizen of this town (Alexander City) whose voice has been so effectually heard in behalf of suffering humanity. We wish to assure Mr. Joseph C. Mannings that he has the prayers and sympathy of this District Conference and also the colored people all over the state of Alabama, and we believe a just God will protect him and his home, as he seeks to protect and to defend the rights and the homes of the down-trodden. As a conference we voice the sentiments of our people and the majority of the leading whites of this city, when we say that the life of this man is upright and fearless. The defamer's hand cannot destroy him, for no man has endeavored to uphold the rights of his fellow-men without the trials of persecution and hate following him, and in this hour of his fiercest trials we pray that the good name of this man and his pure and happy home shall stand unharmed and his political influence unshaken. F. L. Teague, president; D. D. Crawford, secretary.

WAYNESBORO DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Augusta Station, Sept. 11-13; Augusta Mission, Sept. 12-13; Waynesboro Station, Sept. 18-20; Waynesboro Circuit, Sept. 19-20; Sylvania and Girard, Sept. 26-27; Millen, Oct. 3-4; Asbury, Oct. 10-11; Rocky Ford, Oct. 17-18; Charlestown, Oct. 24-25; Excelsion, Oct. 31, Nov. 1; Statesboro, Nov. 7-8; Bellville, Nov. 14-15; Bascom, Nov. 21-22; Summit, Nov. 21-23; Wadley, Nov. —. Dear brethren, this brings us to the annual conference, where we have

to report our year's work. Our reports at the district conference show great increase in our benevolent collections. Remember our pledge to raise \$100 for missions above the receipts of last year. Let's rally our forces and raise every dollar assessed. You who gave your subscription on chairs for Haven Normal Academy are requested to remit at once. The trustees will please prepare to make their reports at fourth quarterly conference, also bring deeds of church and parsonage property. Pastors will please have the various committees that are to be appointed arranged. Our motto, "Five hundred converts for Christ, a new church built, or an old one repaired where needed, SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE in every Methodist home." Yours for success in all lines, W. H. BROWN, P. E., Millen, Ga.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Duluth, Sept. 12-13; Gillsville, Sept. 19-20; Harmony Grove, Sept. 25-27; Nicholson, Sept. 26-27; Decatur, Oct. 2-4; Decatur Circuit, Oct. 3-4; East Atlanta, Oct. 9-11; Lawrenceville, Oct. 10-11; Gainesville, Oct. 16-18; Flowery Branch, Oct. 17-18; Elberton, Oct. 23-25; Elberton Circuit, Oct. 24-25; Pearl Mills, Oct. 29; Lavana, Oct. 31, Nov. 1; Fort Street, Nov. 4-8; Suwanee, Nov. 7-8; Hoschton, Nov. 14-15; Centerside, Nov. 21-22; Edwardsville, Nov. 28-29; North Atlanta, Nov. 29-30. Dear Brethren: This is the fourth and last round of the year. Save souls and raise money. Don't fail to raise every dollar of your benevolent money. Let every church on the district be insured and all deeds to church property recorded and in good shape. Yours for success, G. W. Arnold, P. E.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

To the Junior League superintendents of Huntsville District, Texas Conference: Please see that your chapters send their reports to the Conference Epworth League Convention to be held at Bryan, Texas, Sept. 15. Attend the convention and help to make it the best attended convention we have ever had. W. J. King, Junior League Supt.

OPELIKA DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Wetumpka, Sept. 19-20; Lomax, Sept. 26-27; Eclectic and Central, Oct. 3-4; Alexander City, Oct. 10-11; Alexander City Circuit, Oct. 10-11; Kellyton, Oct. 17-18; Shiloh, Oct. 24-25; Dadeville and Camp Hill, Oct. 31, Nov. 1; La Fayette and La Fayette Circuit, Nov. 7-8; Five Point, Nov. 14-15; La Nett, Nov. 21-22; Opelika and West Opelika, Nov. 28-29. Dear brethren, our motto, "All the benevolences raised, all the salaries paid and at least 300 conversions and accessions." The district up to date is in a healthy condition; the revival work is going right ahead, and if we continue to push things as we have, we will be able to report in full. Please don't give down, but go right ahead on all lines. Put the SOUTHWESTERN in every home. Make a special canvass for the SOUTHWESTERN, have all local preachers and exhorters to subscribe for it; for that is their promise. We must

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 Houston, Kendleton, Tex.Sept. 17-30
 Vicksburg, Miss.Sept. 23-27
 Little Rock, Little Maumelle, Ark.Sept. 24-27
 Gainesville, Cedar Keys, Fla.Sept. 24-27
 Alexandria, Roanoke, Va.Sept. —
 Greenville, Gunnison, Miss.—
 Mont Clair, N. J.Oct. 6, 7, 8.

CONVENTIONS.

Clow, Holly Springs, Ark.Sept. 3-6
 Fort Smith, W. H. M. S., Van Buren, Ark.Sept. 3-6
 Ocala, Santos, Fla.Sept. 9
 Little Rock, Little Maumelle, S. S. and E. L.Sept. 24
 Chattanooga, Tenn., W. H. M. S. Oc. 28
 Huntsville, Bryan, Texas.Sept. 15

stand by that paper. A good and intelligent Baptist brother who takes the SOUTHWESTERN said to me that it is the best paper that comes to the state of Alabama. He did not misrepresent it; in fact, I have heard no one condemn it. I find in making my round some of our people are subscribing and paying for papers that are not worth reading, and yet they do not take the SOUTHWESTERN. I find it to be true that the members who take and read said paper are more loyal Methodists than those who do not take it, and if you want to stop an enemy from fighting the M. E. Church and start to praising it, put the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE in his hand. It makes better husbands and wives, sons and daughters, and mothers and fathers. Yes, and better citizens. F. L. TEAGUE, P. E.

DALLAS DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Milford and Italy, Sept. 19-20; Hubbard Circuit, Sept. 26-27; Hubbard and Dawson, Oct. 3-4; Corsicana and Ree, Oct. 10-11; Gatesville and Valley Mills, Oct. 17-18; Fort Worth, Oct. 24-25; Fort Worth Circuit, Oct. 31, Nov. 1; Pilot Point, Nov. 7-8; Denison, Nov. 14-15; Sherman and Gainesville, Nov. 21-22; McKinney, Nov. 23-24; Lancaster and Ennis, Nov. 28-29; Ferris and Palmer, Dec. 5-6; Dallas, St. Paul, Dec. 12-13. Dear Brothers: Mark well these dates as some changes have been made in the dates of fourth round since given in last quarter. Remember your full duty; keep up that spirit you manifested at the district conference and victory will be yours. Your servant, L. H. RICHARDSON, P. E.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Newmansville and Stanley, Sept. 5-6; Hague and Alachua, Sept. 6; Gordon and Lacrosse, Sept. 12-13; Archer and Longpond, Oct. 3-4; Pleasant Plain, Oct. 10-11; Pennsville and New Berry, Oct. 11; San Pulaski, Oct. 17-18; Arredondo, Oct. 18; Gainesville, Oct. 24-25; Williston and Horriston, Oct. 24-25; Liberty Hill, Nov. 7-8; Otter Creek, Nov. 7-8; Cedar Keys and Rosewood, Nov. 8; Bull, Fla., Nov. 9; Shell Pond, Nov. 10; White Springs and New Hope, Nov. 11. The district conference will convene at Cedar Keys, Fla., Sept. 24-27. Dear Brother: You already know that the watchword for Gainesville District is "Onward," and I expect you to move onward and upward along all lines of your work for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. I

expect each pastor to bring a good report of all benevolences and you will please see that your apportionment for subscribers to the grand old SOUTHWESTERN is raised. Let us help it to reach the self-supporting line by Oct. 31st. Yours for the church, C. F. NIBLACK.

The Meridian District (Miss.) Conference convened in Enterprise, Miss., July 22, 1903, with Rev. J. C. Hibbler in the chair. After devotionals the Sacrament was administered. The presiding elder made very touching remarks relative to the death of Rev. Nathan Cannon, one of the old pioneers of the Mississippi Conference. The reports of the presiding elder, pastors, and all other officers showed prosperity and success along all lines. Meridian District, one of the oldest in the Mississippi Conference, stands foremost numerically and financially of any district in the Mississippi Conference. Rev. J. M. Shumpert, D. D., of the Jackson District, was present and thrilled the conference with his encouraging remarks; also Rev. S. A. Cowan of the Shubuta District, who spoke words of inspiration to the conference. The friends all came to the support of Rev. C. H. Brown and his members in making everything pleasant for the conference. Rev. J. K. Comfort, president of The Comfort Colored Orphan Charitable and Industrial Institute, for the State of Mississippi, was present and gave some very plain statements of his work. Rev. Comfort is a strong man in the interest of his people. Dr. W. F. Waters, assistant business manager of the SOUTHWESTERN, arrived Friday night. He spoke to the people freely and often, and never failed to represent the SOUTHWESTERN. Mrs. C. L. Brown with her choir furnished excellent music. The following ministers preached acceptably during the conference: Revs. P. A. Taylor, R. B. Anderson, N. Collier, R. L. Brooks, H. E. Morgan, G. W. Arnold, W. H. Smith, J. C. Hibbler, presiding elder, and C. W. Jones. Saturday was Epworth League Day and it began with a sunrise prayer meeting, which was well attended. The program was carried out with D. B. Watkins, president, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: D. B. Watkins, president; G. W. Arnold, first vice-president; Mrs. H. Clarke, second vice-president; Jas. A. Lagrone, third vice-president; P. A. Taylor, fourth vice-president; Mrs. Ella Williams, recording secretary; Miss I. S. Nichols, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. V. Jack, treasurer; Miss Laura Brown, Junior League superintendent. The following officers were elected for the District Missionary Society: Rev. C. H. Brown, president; C. W. Ivy, first vice-president; W. H. Smith, second vice-president; A. J. McNair, secretary; C. G. Gouins, assistant secretary; V. Trotter, treasurer. The Woman's Home Missionary Society was represented by Mrs. L. A. Collins, M. A. McNair, Maria Harris, Ellen M. Hinton, secretary; L. A. Thompson, treasurer. The statistical secretaries, Rev. J. H. Brooks, R. L. Brooks and P. A. Taylor, reported. Their work showed the district to be in a fair condition. Considerable improvements had been made. Raised for benevolence, nearly \$500. Rev. C. W. Ivy, the faithful secretary, who was re-elected, with Revs. A. J. McNair and C. G. Gouins assistants, looked carefully after the records of the conference. Resolutions to the presiding elder, president of District

Epworth League, secretary, and the good people of Enterprise were presented and received with hearty applause. Also a resolution asking the General Conference to carefully consider the election of a bishop of African descent. The welcome address delivered by Miss Lillian Griffin was indeed fine and was responded to by Rev. A. J. McNair. Dr. Waters, who closed the conference with a noble sermon, said he had received more subscribers from this conference than any other conference in the state. Total number, 77. This was one of the best sessions held on the Meridian District in five years. The conference adjourned to meet at Daleville, Miss., in July, 1904. D. B. WATKINS, Reporter.

The Steubenville, Ohio, Sub-District League and Sunday School Convention which convened at Bridgeport, July 30-Aug. 1, 1903, opened with the president, Mr. Nelson Howard, of Steubenville, in the chair. Devotional exercises were led by first vice-president Rev. J. W. White, of Bellaire, after which the roll was called. The following committees were appointed; on resolutions: Lucy Jackson, Martinsferry; Lena Jacobs, Bellaire; Anna Howard, Steubenville. Committee on memorials: Rev. Robeson, Flushing; Eva Neuby, Bridgeport; Emma Tyler, Cadiz. Committee on sympathy: Mrs. L. A. Anderson, Steubenville; Theresa Cleggett, Martinsferry; Mrs. Newby, Bridgeport; Lena Jacobs, Bellaire; Mrs. S. J. Bossell, Flushing. Look-up committee: Nelson Howard, Rev. S. H. Ferguson, Cornelia Blue, I. N. McCullough, all of Steubenville; Rev. Bailey, Cadiz, O.; Rev. Perkins, Martinsferry, O.; Rev. Robeson, Flushing, O.; Rev. Greene, Mt. Pleasant, O.; Rev. White, Bellaire, O.; Lucy Jackson, Martinsferry, O. Reporters: Eugenia Anderson, Gertrude Howard, Steubenville; Rev. J. W. White, Bellaire. Paper, "The War Is On Us," by the president, was very helpful. Reports of the officers were then taken up; they showed the district to be in a very favorable condition. Miss Blue was the convention critic. The afternoon session was taken up in regular

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order. Paper, "The Work Before Us," by Eugenia Anderson, of Steubenville, was very instructive. At the evening session a welcome address delivered by Mr. C. W. Brown assured us of the hospitality of their homes and the enjoyments of their city. Response by Rev. H. W. Simmons, D. D., in behalf of the convention. Friday morning the reports of the delegates were received. They spoke favorably of the work of the different charges. Friday afternoon: Paper, "Mix Freely With Sinners, But Not With Their Sins," by Mrs. S. J. Bossell, was very enlightening. All visitors of the convention were made honorary members. Paper, "A Scholar's Duty to the Sunday School, and How to Get Him to Do It," by Miss Leonora Jacobs, of Bellaire. All papers were freely discussed and the program was interspersed with music. Friday evening, Rev. S. H. Ferguson, of Steubenville, preached a soul-stirring sermon. Saturday afternoon an "Epworth Outdoor Rally" was held in an adjoining grove. Saturday evening a lawn fete was given for the delegates. Mr. Westwood, president of Methodist League of Wheeling; Mr. Shult, of the German League, of Wheeling; Rev. White, D. D., of Newark, O.; Rev. Singleton, of Bellaire A. M. E. Church; Rev. Ryder, and Mrs. Croft, of Wheeling, were present and gave very interesting talks on various subjects. The convention closed Saturday at 5 p. m., to meet in November at Flushing, O.

GERTRUDE HOWARD, Reporter.

D. J. Kenoly, Pastor of Holden Circuit.—The second quarterly conference convened at Holden, Mo., Aug. 1-2, Rev. Wm. H. Smith presiding. All departments of the church reported. Despite the rain Sunday morning, members and friends were found in their pews. Elder Smith was filled with the power of God and preached to the delight of all. He is the right man in the right place. This was a successful quarter in every respect, although it was a dark beginning. Every minister of the Gospel who was in the flood-stricken districts is acquainted with the darkness of which I speak. The quarterly claims were raised in full. Paid to the pastor, \$84.32; raised for all purposes, \$150. An aged gentleman of this community, Charles Butler, professed a hope in Christ and united with the M. E. Church Sunday night.

The third District Conference of the Oklahoma District convened at Spencer Chapel Memorial Church, Muskogee, I. T., July 22, 1903, Rev. D. G. Franklin, presiding elder, in the chair. The presiding elder read his report of the district work which showed marked increase on all lines, especially benevolent collections and increase in membership. His address to the conference was instructive, helpful and spiritual. You may look for great things this conference year. The pastors of the district read encouraging reports, also the stewards and Sunday school superintendents. Grand literary topics were ably discussed and proved an intellectual treat. Each evening a Pentecostal service was held. They were spiritual feasts. Accessions to the church followed each service and it is now much stronger, spiritually, financially and in membership. The following divines preached effectual sermons: S. R. Gibson, D. Bruce, G. G. Logan, D. D., W. McDonald and W. F. Smith. Distinguished visitors, Rev. H. South, presiding elder of Topeka District; Prof. Billups of George

R. Smith College and Dr. Logan, field secretary of the Missionary Society. Thus the grandest district conference of the Oklahoma District passed into history.

REV. J. C. WILLIAMS.

The Epworth League Convention convened July 25, with Prof. A. J. Scales, president. J. C. Williams was elected secretary, with E. M. Madden assistant. The reports from each league showed great improvement over last year. The literary programme, followed by a question box, proved very instructive and helpful. The president's annual address was one of power. An able paper was read by our worthy presiding elder; subject, "Our Missionary Heroes." The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Prof. A. J. Scales, president; Miss Stella Winsor, secretary; Mrs. E. M. Winsor, 1st vice-president; M. Judge Clark, 2nd vice-president; B. D. Gipson, 3rd vice-president; Miss Viola Baker, 4th vice; Miss Cora Woods, treasurer; Prof. J. B. McCulloch, corresponding secretary and traveling missionary for the district.

REV. J. C. WILLIAMS.

The Epworth League & Sunday School Convention of the Ft. Smith District, Little Rock Conference, met at Danville, Ark., July 30-Aug. 2, 1903. Rev. M. N. Langston, presiding elder, presided temporarily. The convention was organized with Rev. S. McDonald, of Ft. Smith, as president; Misses Corine Jones and Gracie Frierson, secretaries; Rev. J. W. Lewis, of Ft. Smith, statistical secretary; Rev. G. T. Saxton, of Van Buren, assistant treasurer. The league, chapters and Sunday schools were called the first day; eight pastors and six delegates answered. Later, others came. Very excellent papers were read by the delegates. Discussions on the various subjects were strong and at times very heated and enthusiastic. Financially, most of the charges reported well. The convention was honored with the presence of Dr. J. M. Cox, president of Philander Smith College. Friday night Dr. Cox addressed the convention, to the delight and satisfaction of all; he preached Sunday night also. Others who preached were: J. W. Lewis, M. H. Foster, Wm. White and G. T. Saxton. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Rev. S. McDonald, president; 1st vice-president, Rev. R. B. Henry; 2nd vice, Miss Gracie Frierson; 3rd vice, Rev. C. C. Wallace; 4th vice, Mrs. L. G. Hodges; secretary, Miss Corinne Jones; treasurer, Miss Cora Torrance; junior superintendent, Rev. Wm. White. The good people of Danville, under the leadership of Rev. S. M. Stokes, the worthy pastor, deserve much credit and praise for the royalty with which they entertained the convention. Presiding Elder Rev. M. N. Langston is pushing his district to the front. Our aim is that the Ft. Smith district shall lead the Little Rock Conference. The collections during the convention amounted to \$102.65. Look out for the Ft. Smith District.

REV. G. T. SAXTON.

Greenville, Miss.—The 27th semi-annual session of the Greenville District Conference met in Gunnison, Miss., July 23, 1903. After roll call J. M. Walton was unanimously elected secretary and chose J. B. Starkey and E. M. Byrd as his assistants. Rev. L. F. White was elected statistical secretary, with A. B. Blewett and E. H. Holmes, assistants. Too much praise cannot be given the newly appointed presiding elder, Rev. J. W. Winbush,

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J. M. WALTON, Secretary.

The Third Annual Session of the Maysville District Conference, Epworth League Convention and Sunday School Institute convened at St. Paul M. E. Church, Augusta, Ky., July 30-Aug. 2, 1903, with an attendance of 42 ministerial and lay delegates. Presiding Elder Elam A. White presided. R. T. W. James, secretary. Excellent papers were read and discussed. Reports showed the district to be in the foremost rank. Dr. M. C. B. Mason, Friday evening at the opera house, delivered his famous lecture: "Some Providential Movements for the Evangelization of Africa." All hearts were thrilled with his wondrous oratory. Efficient addresses were delivered by Dr. L. M. Hagood, of Paris, Ky., Dr. Joseph Courtney, presiding elder of the Louisville District and Rev. D. E. Skelton, secretary of the Lexington conference. Sunday was a great day in Zion. Services were held under a capacious tent. Hundreds of people came from adjacent towns to worship with us. The conference closed with a spiritual and financial blessing. Rev. H. A. Southgate and his good people deserve praise for the creditable manner in which they entertained us.

E. BEATRICE BROWN, Reporter.

N. J. MARTIN, Reporter; N. D. Hop-

kins, Pastor, Couparie, Miss.—Our second quarterly conference convened July 3-4, with Dr. J. M. Shumpert in the chair. Many officers were present with very well written reports. Number of conversions and accessions during the quarter, 14; paid pastor, \$80.95; presiding elder, \$21; benevolence, \$18. One cash subscriber. Dr. Shumpert preached one of his best sermons.

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RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Brother J. B. Venable, son of Rev. A. B. Venable, met a most untimely death in the city of Shreveport on Aug. 9, 1903; and whereas, this young man was a most exemplary Christian, having attended Gilbert Academy, and was there converted March 13, 1901. Therefore be it resolved, that we extend sympathy to Brother Venable and wife in this hour of bereavement. E. H. Clark, J. E. Rolax, P. C. Colton.

Monroe, La.—J. B. Venable, the son and only child of our friend and brother, Rev. A. B. Venable, pastor of the Macedonia M. E. Church, near Clinton, La., met with sudden death. Without cause or warning he was shot down on the street of Shreveport, Aug. 9, 1903. This young man was a student of Gilbert Industrial College, and we had hoped for him a long and useful life full of accomplishments. He was converted in one of the revivals of that school led by Dean Landry. The sad fate of this young man is indeed heart rending to his dear mother. The Monroe District is in deep sympathy with the bereaved family and commend them to him who said, "Cast thy burdens upon me." The Monroe District has a long and sweet acquaintance in ministerial association with Rev. Venable, who has served successfully as pastor of the Mt. Nebo Church for a full term of five years. Fraternally,
C. D. SHALLOWHORNE.

Grenada, Miss.—Sister Clara Harroll, a faithful member of Vincent Chapel M. E. Church, died in full triumph of faith, Aug. 5, 1903, aged 36 years. She joined the church in April, 1878, and lived a consistent Christian. She leaves a husband and a host of friends. The funeral was conducted by E. C. F. Troupe, pastor.

Olivier, La.—Mr. Sam Boutty departed this life after a lingering illness. He professed a hope in Christ and said that he was only waiting on the Lord. Sister Aline Boutty, the mother of Mr. Boutty, died the fourth day after her son's death. The funerals were conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. D. Rigins. May the blessings of God rest upon the family.

Rev. Manger H. Wilkins was born May 7, 1871, and died Friday, August 21, 1903. He was confined to his bed seven days with typhoid fever. The end approached rapidly. He had served in the ministry about eight years and while at Pickens, Abbeville, and Water Valley, his ability as a preacher and choirster became widely known. Nature endowed him with those characteristics so essential for a preacher or public speaker. His sermons showed

preparation, and as a songster he was not easily equaled. His labors this year have been marvelous, and his translation has brought an appalling sorrow over the church and city of Water Valley. His was a genial nature and his gentle deportment won for him the highest esteem of his friends. He received his last charge from our beloved Bishop Mallalieu in 1903. The church has been painted inside and out, a beautiful tower and bay-window added, and the parsonage completed. During the spring he taught a private school of 53 pupils. His revival was a success, and eight or more persons have been added. His remains were interred seven miles from Vaiden in the cemetery beside his mother. He leaves a wife, four children, and many friends to mourn their loss. "This is the end of earth," were his last words. But, we might almost hear him exclaiming, as he left us: "It is truly more felicitous to depart from life than to die."

N. H. WILLIAMS, P. E.

Texarkana, Ark.—Sister Willie Sampson departed this life Aug. 15, 1903. She joined the M. E. Church in 1898 and was a faithful member until death. She was loved by all. Sleep, Sister Willie, we will see you again. The funeral was preached by H. C. Crump, pastor, assisted by G. A. Hall, pastor at White Cliff. **Resolutions.**—Whereas, the great and Supreme Ruler of the universe has in his infinite wisdom removed from among us one of our worthy and esteemed members, Sister Willie Sampson, and whereas, the long and loving relations held with her in the faithful discharge of her duties in the Woman's Home Missionary Society, makes it eminently fitting that we record our appreciation of her. **Resolved,** That the wisdom and ability which she exercised in the aid of our organization by service, contributions and counsel, will be held in grateful remembrance, and that the sudden removal of such a life from our midst leaves a vacancy and shadow that will be deeply realized by all members and friends of this organization, and will prove a serious loss to the community. **Resolved,** That in deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives of the deceased we express our hope that even so great a loss to all may be over-ruled for good by Him who doeth all things well: Committee: Mamie Crump, Lizzie Jackson, Luisa Crawley.

Anniston, Ala.—The Rev. I. Vaughn, a member of the Central Alabama Conference, and stationed at the last session of the conference at Center, Ala., died at his home at Alexander City, Ala., Wednesday morning, Aug. 19, 1903. He was allowed to retire from his work several months ago on account of illness. He died well, and goes from labor to reward. E. M. Jones.

Cotton Plant, Ark.—Brother Robert Blue was born July 25th, 1881, in Calhoun county, Mississippi, and died August 13, 1903, at the home of an aunt, Mrs. Harriet Craton, who cared for him during his illness. He was a member of the C. M. E. Church and was loved by those who knew him as a Christian. His mother and father died a few years ago. He was buried in the Ashgrove cemetery. C. A. Taylor had charge of the service.

Rev. G. W. Meriwether, pastor of Hampton Circuit, Griffin District (Atlanta) Conference, died July 28, after three months of sickness. He lived

well and died the same. Brother Meriwether was much loved by the ministers and lay members, but our loss has been heaven's gain. M. M. ALSTON.

"Rest from thy labor, rest,
Soul of the just, set free!
Blest be thy memory, and blest
Thy bright example be!"

"Now, toil and conflict o'er,
Go, take with saints thy place;
But go, as each has gone before,
A sinner saved by grace."

Friday, Aug. 21, 1903, at 7:40 a. m., Rev. M. H. Wilkins, pastor of Water Valley, Miss., was called to his heavenly home after a short illness. Brother Wilkins was born May 11, 1871, and was converted September, 1890. He was received on trial January 1896, and served the following charges: Kosciusko Circuit, Pickens, Abbeville and Water Valley. He received his last appointment from Bishop Mallalieu at Winona last January. In the death of Brother Wilkins the Upper Mississippi Conference has lost a faithful preacher, a good church worker. He was a true husband and a good father. He leaves a wife, four children, father, step-mother and many friends. His last words to his wife were: "Good-bye, tell the ministers all to meet me in heaven." The funeral was conducted by Rev. H. J. Saulter, pastor of Vaiden, and the writer, in Midway M. E. Church, on the Vaiden Circuit. Brother Wilkins, we will meet you again, some sweet day. H. B. HART.

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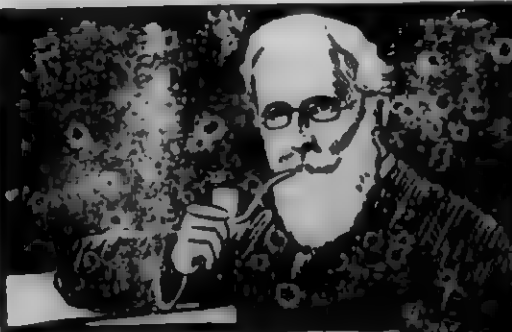
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UNITED FOR LIFE

Biloxi, Miss.—Mr. Junior Salavant and Miss Susie Gaines were joined together in holy wedlock, August 17. We wish them a happy journey over life's sea. Revs. D. D. Armstrong and J. I. Jarrett officiated.

Baton Rouge, La.—Mr. Louis Johnson and Mrs. Nancy Jones were united in the bonds of matrimony. Also Mr. Alex Johnson and Miss Victory Knighton, were married. The writer, B. J. Reddix, officiated.

Center Point, Ark.—Aug. 23, 1903, at Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, at 3 p. m., Mr. J. T. Hill of Cadogap and Miss Katie L. Whitmore, of Center Point, were united in holy wedlock. The church was crowded with witnesses. The regret of the young people over



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the bride's departure from them as president of the Epworth League is truly sincere. Her new home will be at Cadogap, where she has been teaching for a number of years. She stands high among us, and we bespeak for her and hers a happy new life. May the Lord bless them. H. Bright officiated.

A PRESIDING ELDER EMBARKS UPON THE MATRIMONIAL SEA.

The meeting of the district conference of the Cumberland River (Tenn.) District Conference, was made memorable by the marriage of Dr. H. W. Key, the honored presiding elder of the district, to Mrs. E. J. Ballard, a cultured and estimable lady residing near Lebanon, Tenn. The wedding, which took place August 6th, at Cherry Valley during the session of the district conference, was an interesting and unique affair. A multitude of people met the prospective bride and groom at the station and escorted them to the church, where they were united in holy wedlock by Rev. A. J. Phillips, presiding elder of the West Nashville District; assisted by Revs. E. W. S. Hammond of the Braden School of Theology; M. Williams, presiding elder of the Nashville District; L. M. Moores, D. D.; H. Primm and B. F. Anderson. After the ceremony the "wedding sermon" was ably and eloquently preached by Rev. Manson, one of the oldest members of the conference. Then followed the wedding dinner, where the immense crowd partook of viands which might be the envy of the gods. Dr. and Mrs. Key are now at home. The reception inaugurating the auspicious event marks a new era in the lives of the eminent couple. Dr. Key's palatial residence in Nashville will always be a true Methodist home. There were many handsome presents received, and many prayers will ascend to heaven invoking blessings upon the happy union. E. W. S. HAMMOND.

Lost Friends

ENQUIRY.

I've lost my son—my only child—who left home in 1900 and went to Cuba; then from there he fled on transport boat to New York. He started back home and got as far as West Virginia, where I lost track of him. His name is George Murphy. I had a dream lately and it was told me in the dream that he was in "Big Bethel Church No. 106," but did not say what city or town. Please ask the readers of this paper to enquire for him. Anything about his whereabouts will be gratefully received. Lavonia Murphy, St. Petersburg, Fla.

ENQUIRY.

I want to find my relatives if they are living. My name was Ellen Coleman and my mother's name was Rose; my father's name was Peter Taylor, who ran away from slavery about 1845. I was owned by Coleman, whose daughter Maria married Wm. King. She sold me to Lapsley and Lapsley to Wm. Marshall, in Summerfield, Ala. Marshall sold me to Taylor, and Taylor to White, and White to McCall, in Louisiana. My uncle was named Edward Coleman. I was sold for hip trouble. My brothers' and sisters' names were Cynce, Jane and Daniel. My home was Mud Hall, Dallas county, Alabama. My name is now Mary E. Brown. Address 316 West 53rd street, New York City.

INQUIRY.

I wish to inquire for the following gentlemen, viz.: Mr. Henry Wilson, who was a policeman in New Orleans in 1868, when I left there; Wm. Bradford, who also was a policeman; Edmond Steward, Nathan Moore, Charles Baltimore, Batise Jackson, Cornelius Brown, John Isadore, Nelson Quiry, Narseese Montono, Alfonso Corney, and Edward Brinkley. All the above fought with me in Company C, 10th U. S. Art., La. Reg. Any information from any of the above named will be gladly received by Charles James, of Co. C, 10th U. S. Art. (brother of Solomon James), Box 250, Monroe, La.

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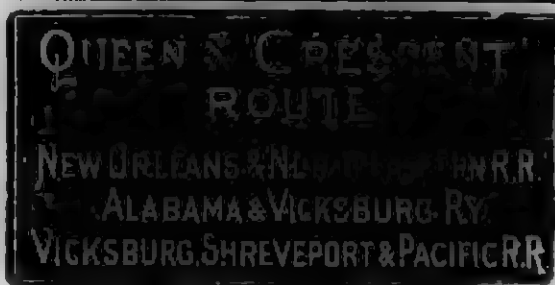
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PAPERS WANTED.

We are needing to complete our files issues of April 18, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12, 1901; Feb. 27, Sept. 4, 11 and Dec. 11, 18, 1902.

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Frank Walker, the Negro detective of New Orleans, after fifteen years of service, has resigned.

Mrs. Caroline Speaker, of New Iberia, La., is spending some time in the city as the guest of Mr. J. T. Jordan.

Price of spot cotton same as last week, with very little new crop coming in. The price of future deliveries is a few points higher.

Mr. Albert Williams, of Iberville street, who went to New York nearly two months ago on account of ill-health, has returned.

As a result of the contest between the young people of Williams' Chapel \$35.00 were raised. Miss Marie Scott was the successful contestant.

The King's Daughters of Williams' Chapel surprised their pastor by presenting to him a lot of groceries, among which was a barrel of flour.

Mrs. Mary Louisa Morrison, the wife of Sherman Morrison, a local preacher of Haven Chapel, New Orleans, died August 25th, at Reserve, La., St. John parish.

The C. P. U. Society was addressed by Rev. William Davis, at Wesley Chapel, Sunday night, August 30th. Collection raised by the society, \$6.25; by the church, \$6.75.

Mrs. Mary Abner, of Marshall, Tex., is anxious for information of Mrs. Harriet Santos, who formerly lived at No. 2522 Burgundy street, between St. Roche avenue and Music street, of this city.

Parker Loving, a probationer of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, died August 30, in the full assurance of faith. Sister Ophelia Hawkins, another probationer of Wesley, died in full faith August 27th.

The members of Mt. Zion Church gave the pastor, Rev. H. James, and wife, a surprise Tuesday night, August 25th, which was highly appreciated by them. Speeches were made, prayer was offered and the crowd dispersed.

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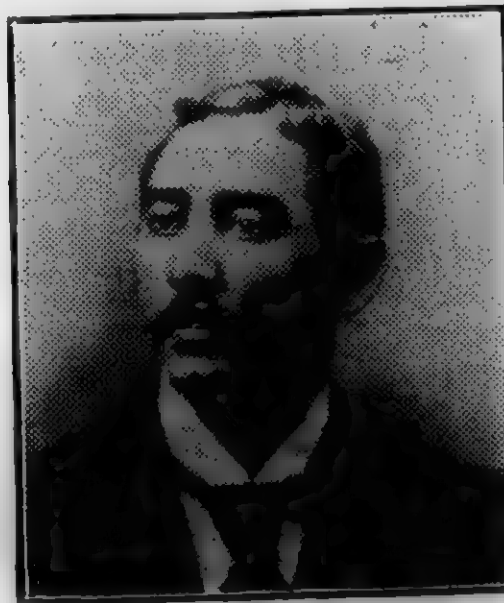
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Editorial Notes

It is reported on what seems good authority, that the citizens of Birmingham, Ala., colored and white, united in making the Freedman's Aid Society such an offer for the establishment of the combination school proposed as to go far toward settling the matter in favor of that city. The offer includes twenty acres of land and a bonus of money. As we understand it, this will mean one central school for the State instead of two small ones, as at present.

It is gratifying to note that certain prominent newspapers of the North are making laudable efforts to put down the prevalent spirit of lawlessness. Some thoughtful persons of that section charge the papers with being largely responsible for this spirit. If some one could cause a number of the leading papers of the South to see their responsibility in this particular and then succeed in having them change their methods in advertising and virtually sanctioning crime, he would do the whole country a service. This is especially true of at least two of the New Orleans dailies.

The more or less distinguished colored citizen of Sherman, Tex., Cornelius Dooley by name, who went into the office of the Democratic paper of that city and declared his indignation because the Booker Washington party had eaten in the dining hall at Hamlet, N. C., was simply making a "play" to catch his white fellow citizens, that's all. He had some favor to ask of them. Even at this distance it is evident to us that he is not the kind of a man who lives by straight forward, honest labor, intellectual or manual; he "works" the other fellow for his living. The diligent decent Negro always has a "bit" of race pride, wherever you find him, and sensible white people know it and expect it.

For several days we have been trying to figure out why a certain class of our Southern friends should have felt so indignant because that carload of colored delegates returning from the National Negro Business League accepted the opportunity to have a warm breakfast in the public dining room at the meal station in North Carolina. They do not seem to realize that there was not a man in that party who would have gone into the dining room no matter how hungry he was had he been told not to do so. And yet they were just like other hungry travelers, they saw an opportunity to get something to eat and did so. On the other hand, the proprietor saw a chance to feed a crowd and did it. Had the indignant white passengers asked him why he did so it is evident he would have explained. The dispatch says that Senator Bacon and Millionaire Hurt were among the "kickers," but years of experience has taught us that as a rule this class of whites seldom make any trouble about the presence of the decent Negro.

Organized Labor and What It Might Do.

Monday, September 7th, was what is now generally known as Labor Day. As such it was celebrated throughout the country by immense processions of the members of organized labor unions. It is estimated that in this city there were anywhere from 12,000 to 15,000 men in line. Of these, 4,000 or 5,000 were colored men, and the whites numbered anywhere from 8,000 to 10,000. It was indeed a remarkable demonstration, and was an emphatic indication of the fact that capital must in future handle the man who does the work with exceeding care. The display made by the colored laborers was in many respects highly gratifying to their friends. In the first place, the number in the procession was far beyond what had been previously estimated; and in the second place they seemed in the best of spirits, showing no tendency whatever to reckless or improper conduct. The only unpleasant thought connected with the organized Negro laborer of this city is that he stands for nothing, or in other words does not profit in the least by his organization, except that by means of it he secures his daily bread. As it seems to us, there is nothing very remarkable in this, for men do this much who are not connected with the unions. It may be we expect too much of those of the race thus organized, and yet it is not unreasonable to look to them to accomplish as much at least as is done through organization in other parts of the country. Here we have hundreds of men who work in cotton and who spend thousands of dollars for medicines, for food, for clothing and other necessities. As far as we have been able to learn, they have no organized plan by which a dollar of that money goes to build up and develop any race enterprise. If we may judge from the statement made by a white man, even while the procession was marching through the streets, they do not even patronize a Negro drug store, of which a number are to be found in New Orleans. The fact is, the remarks made by this gentleman were not at all complimentary to the organization in question.

Said he: "They tell me there is a Negro drug store in the city that has been trying to get the contract for supplying medicines to the Negro cotton men, but have been knocked out by a white druggist. This party has been handling them for some time, and does it in this way—he keeps a box of cigars convenient, and when one of his niggers comes around he offers him a smoke; if one of them gets in trouble, he will manifest an interest in him, etc. So that they not only give him the contract to supply their medicines, but pay him more than the bid of the drug store run by their own race. This business alone is worth between \$3,000 and \$4,000." This statement may or may not be true, and though it is true we do not know the circumstances attending it. But we do know that organized Negro labor in this community simply stands for

what it eats and drinks, when it could be instrumental in upbuilding and strengthening the interests of the race to a remarkable degree. Whether the rank and file of the organizations are opposed to race enterprises, or whether the fault rests with the leaders, we are not prepared to say; we only regret exceedingly that they are doing absolutely nothing along the line indicated. This is extremely discouraging when we think of what is being accomplished by our people elsewhere simply by putting their heads together, so to speak. To do this they do not need to discriminate against others; they simply show that they desire to attain the standing among their fellows which will bring respect and honor to the race to which they belong. We sincerely trust that the time may come when it will be thus in New Orleans.

As to That Southwestern Week

Now as to that SOUTHWESTERN week, which embraces the last Sunday in September, the present month, we desire the attention of every friend of the cause:

1st. *What do we want?* We want at least 1000 annual cash subscribers secured during that week. There are about 2000 pastors who are reading the paper and are interested in it. If even 200 of these will send us five subscribers each we will have the number. Some will send more, of course, but an average of five to this small number of pastors will do the work. What a little thing, and yet what a magnificent thing this would be. How it would thrill the church! How it would help our cause! How it would encourage our people!

2nd. *How may it be done?* (1) By personal work. Let the pastor make a personal house to house canvass on Thursday before the 4th Sunday and secure at least ten pledges from persons who promise to pay on Sunday, or before if they can. He should have a copy of the paper with him so as to show it and explain it. If any can pay at once, take the money and give a receipt for the same. (2) At one service on Sunday preach on *Good reading matter in the home*. For the purpose some good text may be selected and a regular sermon prepared. And let him preach! Appeal to the people as Christians, as loyal Methodists, and to their race pride. Do this faithfully, and if the subscribers are not secured in time to send them off the following Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, it will not be that the pastor did not try. WILL YOU BE ONE OF THE 200? IF SO, WRITE US AT ONCE.

The Shah of Persia has given up 1640 of his wives for the simple reason that he found them too expensive to support. His total number was seventeen hundred, of which he retains sixty and thinks he can make out with so small a family. We judge that a smaller number would disqualify him for good society.

Our Contributors

Is There Any Danger In Higher Criticism--- If So What Is It?

BY REV. E. M. JONES, B. D.

(Concluded from last week.)

Second. Again the danger of higher criticism is seen in that *It hinders revival work*—the saving of souls.

The salvation of the immortal souls is the main object of the Church. The Church cannot have a greater mission than to save men. To be hindered and handicapped in this respect is to paralyze its efforts and defeat its aim. Dr. W. V. Kelly expresses my view on this point when he says: "The extreme ideas preached by many of the higher critics have, as a rule, paralyzed the spiritual growth and retarded the revival of religion. Wherever such views have obtained a firm foothold not only conversions have ceased to be numerous, but even church attendance has greatly fallen off, reverence for the Bible, as the inspired Word of God, manifestly decreased, and the belief in prayer has weakened; in fact the prayer meeting itself has been either directly discontinued or changed into a semi-social gathering. The cardinal doctrines of Christianity as held by those who have become famous as evangelists and soul winners are no longer favorite themes for sermons.

Sin, as an awful crime against God and something deserving punishment, is rarely ever dwelt upon. Calvary is relegated to the back-ground. The merits of the atoning blood of Jesus Christ are dwelt upon by the disciples of Walhausen. Repentance for sin and the necessity for the new birth, spoken by our Lord to Nicodemus, have little place in the theology of the critical school. Instead of the glorious doctrines which gave not only giants like Foster and Simpson, but thousands of Methodist ministers less able, but equally faithful to Jesus Christ and the word of his truth, such tremendous power in turning men to the Lord; we have now too much of an emasculated theology which presents Christ as the typical man, in whose footsteps we must follow. Among the causes of this state of affairs is extreme higher criticism."

Thus when men preach their doubts and disbeliefs they then become fruitless as soul winners and the Church is bound to decline in membership and spiritual power.

REMEDIES.

The third and last point is a question of remedies. There are two difficulties in the practice of medicine, one is to be able to diagnose the case and the other is to prescribe a remedy that will cure the disease. We have endeavored to point out some of the dangers in higher criticism and now it is our last task to suggest some remedies. The latter is the harder of the two, whether in medicine or theology. But the harder the task the tighter we must stick to it.

1st. We offer as the first remedy this, *That the Church must deal radically and severely with its radical critics.*

The Church does not hesitate to roll up its sleeves and bring its members, ministers, presiding elders and even bishops to trial for other offenses that are committed against the teachings of the Bible and the laws of the Church; why not try and exclude all our skeptical professors and ministers who are trying to "plow up the Word of God with a four-horse team." Every destructive critic that lifts his head in the

Church ought to be cut off with the sword of the law. There will always be, thank God, members and ministers enough left, who have never bowed the knee to Baal, to form committees to try, convict and exclude critics from the Church.

It is high time that all the denominations should speak plainly on this matter. The truth is, that these critics are in the churches and are being supported by means of the churches, and still they are using their positions to popularize and teach doctrines that are contrary and injurious to the Church. Talk about freedom of thought and speech—we believe in freedom, but there is a difference between freedom and license. And there are limits to freedom itself—limits which men dare not go beyond without serious results. These critics are dealing with vital subjects and are digging at the tap-roots of our religion, and the day cometh and is now when patience ceases to be a virtue and toleration needs no modification. Let the Church arise with the Bible in one hand and the discipline in the other and hew to the line—letting the chips go where they will—remembering that God still lives and cares for his Church.

2nd remedy: *That spiritual discernment is a safeguard against criticism.*

Divine things are spiritually discerned. The man who comes to study and interpret the Word of God with the intellect alone and leaves behind the faith of his soul comes unprepared to obtain the best results. Mind and heart, thought and faith must go together. Remember that some things are hid from the wise, but revealed to babies. When we come to interpret the Holy Scriptures bring the best intellect, but leave not faith behind. For when the intellect backs and its sea becomes foggy and dangerous it needs the light of a Christian faith to look beyond the fog and guide it safely into the harbor of truth. Look with all the eyes of the mind, but see some things with the eyes of faith. As I see it, this is where the critics fail because they reject the spirit of spiritual discernment. One has said: "This failure to include the faith of the soul with science and reason has poisoned our philosophy, tinctured with gall our theological literature and written discord in our songs. Some notable cases are before the world of the 19th century, in whom cold reason killed warm faith, and their lives were a dreary waste." "The skeptic sees not, neither can he know by merely scientific process, the spiritual truths. But they are seen and known by the spiritually minded. The best and supreme example of the spiritual in man was the Divine man. He reveals divine things. He communicates a power that makes men sons of God. Contact with his living personal presence gives us to know the reality and meaning of the spiritual. And he will pilot home the skeptical Ulysses who struggles in a seething sea with only a splintered spar, and through Him the sons of science and daughters of lore may have light and everlasting peace." I repeat it Mr. Chairman, that spiritual insight is a safeguard against criticism. Revival fires kept burning upon the altars of the Church is a great offset to the cold spirit of skepticism. A spiritual baptism is the critic's greatest need and the Church's mightiest weapon. More spirituality the less critical intellectuality.

ENDURANCE OF THE BIBLE.

My final thought is this: That the Bible will withstand the assaults of destructive criticism. One of the most hopeful signs of the 20th century is the large circulation of the Bible among

the people. Never before in the history of the world were there so many Bibles in the hands of the masses as now. A century ago only one-fifth of the population of the world had the Bible, but today seven-tenths. Men are reading in their own language and tongue their Father's revelation of himself and His will concerning them. The American Bible Society deserves the appreciation and support of every Christian in the Church for its gigantic work of distributing the Word of God among the people. For wherever the Bible goes and is read and studied and practiced, there goes light, civilization, joy and salvation. And when the Christian Church shall have put a Bible in every home in America, then it will have struck criticism and other great evils a telling blow. It is the Gibraltar of the Church; it is the bulwark of our faith. And though the Bible is on the anvil and under the critic's hammer, when the critic's arm grows tired and he lays down his hammer forever, the Bible will still remain the "lamp unto our feet and the light unto our pathway." It will ever be the Christian's guide and inspiration in life and his comfort and victory in death. "It has passed through fires as hot as will ever be kindled to consume it," but it is verily the Word of God, and God still lives and the Bible will endure forever.

Anniston, Ala.

The Shreveport District Conference and the Shreveport Negroes

As the Fraternal Delegate from the Monroe District Conference to the Shreveport District Conference, in company with the Rev. M. S. Goins, pastor Houma, La., we left Bastrop, La., August 13, 1903, via the Iron Mountain, arrived at Monroe, La., was the guest of the Rev. Sanders Carroll, the affable and gentlemanly pastor of St. James, and the next day found me at St. Paul, Shreveport, the seat of the conference. Rev. H. J. Wright, A. M., is pastor.

What a gathering that body had! One would take it for a pretty good-sized annual conference.

The Rev. Daniels knows how to preside. To look at him, see the manly manner of observing order, settling points of law and to think what he was when the church first took him up, is to exclaim, "What has Methodism wrought for the Colored man?"

Just as I arrived at the church I was in time to hear the echoes of a very brilliant and masterly address, delivered by the most brilliant and promising Circuit, the polished and dignified pastor of First Street, New Orleans.

The Rev. C. Johnson was secretary and knows the route. The local preachers had their work well in hand and made excellent reports, also the other members of the conference. Let it be said to the credit of Louisiana Methodism, that the people of North Louisiana are trained Methodists, true and tried, and study the Church and read her papers.

Dr. Scott asked for 25 subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN, but presiding elder Daniels said 30, and they got more than thirty and the brethren pledged to raise 80 more by October 31.

Among those who addressed the conference were the Revs. Ober, Harris, Marshall, Duncan, Taylor, Butler, Shallowhorne, W. J. M. Price and T. A. Brown. Dr. Logan represented the Missionary Society and its cause in a clear and convincing manner and easily won the hearts of all.

The ladies were in evidence at all of the sessions. Not to speak of the lunch at St. Paul's kind and hospitable members would prove me ungrateful, for without a doubt it was the best I ever witnessed at a district or annual conferences.

No wonder the pastors of these two loyal and leading churches desire to stay there. These are good, loyal and true people. Revs. Wright and Brown are to be congratulated upon the noble and heroic work done at these very important appointments, and presiding elder Daniels for the astonishing results achieved by the district under his two years of leadership.

As touching the Negroes in general, in and around Shreveport, it is to their credit that they are wide-awake, energetic and aggressive. They are in all the walks of life, and enjoy the confidence and esteem of their white friends. Without a doubt the drawbacks or apparent hindrances to a people often prove a blessing in disguise. The infamous "Jim Crow" law has made the Negroes of that city get together to organize and charter The People's Livery and Transfer Co., with a capital of \$12,000, and to see the display in their well-arranged barns on Texas Avenue is to say "bravo." The "Castle House" has neat, spacious and well ventilated rooms with a Ladies' Dining Room. The only well ordered and first-class hotel for Negroes I know of in the South. The "Central Pharmacy," Dr. Thos. H. Wright, son of pastor Wright, proprietor, is modern in all of its fixtures and carries an up-to-date supply of drugs, etc. The Droetor's Livery is said to be the finest in the city. The Cain Pharmacy is also on the modern order and popular with the people.

In the city market the Negroes are there and well patronized. They own groceries, fruit stands, ice cream, confectionary and eating houses. Messrs. Marshall and Ridley conduct two of the leading tailor shops of the town and are kept busy. To see these various enterprises, owned, governed and even patronized by our people as well as the whites in every section of the State, where lynchings and an occasional burning of a Negro is carried on, and where very frequently Negroes are whipped, speaks louder than words as to what our people can be and are going to be if let alone.

The Antioch Baptist Church, on Texas Ave., is the first in the city, or that section of the State with our St. James next.

The Colored man is in evidence in the post office also. Mr. P. W. Kinchin and others enjoy the respect of Uncle Sam. In railroad circles the Negro is there to stay. The Texas & Pacific, in some lines of work won't have any other than Colored men.

Dr. D. A. Smith is one of the leading physicians of the city, has a lucrative practice, an accomplished wife and a model home.

Hats off to the Negroes of Shreveport! May their tribe increase, and ere long Negroes everywhere show to the world that they can and will!

Yours,
W. SCOTT CHINN.
Lake Providence, La.

The National Negro Business League

(Concluded from issue of Aug. 27, '03.)

At the Thursday morning session Hon. J. E. Bush, of Little Rock, presided. Devotions were conducted by Rev. I. B. Bailey, and music was, as usual, conducted by Prof. Work's chorus.

A paper on the New Century Cotton Mill, of Dallas, Tex., was prepared by Mr. J. E. Wiley,

superintendent, but as he was absent Mr. R. L. Smith, of Texas, was called upon to read it. The mill is equipped with 3,000 spindles, its machinery being of the latest make. Mr. Wiley testified to the efficiency of its operatives, all of them being Negroes. The mill consumed 800 bales of cotton the first seven months of its operation, and has paid out more than \$10,000 in wages to its employees. The yarn produced is sold in Dallas, New York and Boston; one customer having bought 225,000 pounds. Mr. Wiley has demonstrated fully that the Negro laborer can successfully be used in a cotton factory.

Mr. Taylor G. Ewing, of Nashville, followed with a discussion relative to a shirt factory conducted by him. He employs nine girls and says that he has orders sufficient to give employment to fifty, if the capital was in hand to provide machinery. This he has plans to secure.

Mr. E. E. Gibson, of Nashville, made a spirited speech on blacksmithing and wagon building. Mr. Gibson is not only a practical mechanic, but spent several years at the head of this department of Walden University.

Mr. Z. T. Evans, a mattress manufacturer of New Orleans, gave a brief account of the starting and success of his business. For a long time he found it necessary to furnish his own horsepower, being unable to buy an engine. He now has all the work he can do and is liberally patronized by the merchants and others of New Orleans.

Mr. J. L. Winter, a produce dealer, of Nashville, Tenn., told his experience and success. He spoke of the number of fowls he had bought and sold, and said during the last six months he had done a business which aggregated \$50,000.

Dr. W. H. Ballard, of Lexington, Ky., who is a successful druggist made an enthusiastic and instructive address on this line. There is no doubt that many business men could profit by the advice he gave.

Mr. Edward Berry, a hotel proprietor, of Athens, O., spoke modestly and yet profitably of his business.

Dr. J. W. Nesbitt, a dentist of Montgomery, Ala., discussed business along his line.

Following this reports of Business Leagues were called for and the first was given by Mr. M. M. Lewey, of Pensacola, Fla.

Mr. David Weir represented the League of Chicago, Ill., and spoke especially of the catering business.

Mr. C. H. Winfield, of Jonestown, Miss., a dealer in timber and staves told of the many difficulties which led to his success.

A short address was made by Mr. Joseph F. Peterson, a real estate dealer of Mobile, Ala.

Mr. M. S. Alexander then impressed the League with the dignity and profitableness of labor on the farm and told of the success attained as a "sugar grower" in Louisiana.

After the adjournment of the day session, the members of the League were conveyed in carriages and wagons to Greenwood Cemetery and Park, where they enjoyed one of the most unique social features connected with the meeting.

The proprietor of the property, Dr. Preston Taylor, gave in their honor an "old fashioned barbecue," which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. In addition to the meats which are always prepared for such an occasion, he served in abundance everything to be found on the dining table of the best supplied home.

At the night session Dr. R. H. Boyd presided, and devotions were conducted by Rev. T. H. Jackson, of Little Rock, Ark.

Rev. J. M. Conner, of Ark., discussed the banking business and was followed by Mr. J. M. Donohoo, Mr. W. E. Mollison and others interested in that line.

One of the most interesting addresses of the meeting was by Dr. J. M. Peters, of Owensboro, Ky., who represented the Local League of his town. The Doctor brought samples of tobacco and other products in the manufacture of which his people find employment. He told of one tobacco firm that employs 2,000 Negroes, also of a Negro brick yard with whose output the public is so well pleased that they purchase and haul the brick away while hot.

Mr. J. M. Smith, of Virginia, discussed the Negro farmer.

F. R. Patterson, of the firm of Patterson and Son, Greenfield, Ohio, manufacturers of buggies and carriages, gave an account of his business. Other addresses were made by Dr. U. G. Mason, of Birmingham, Ala., and Mr. F. R. Moore, of Brooklyn, New York.

On Friday Mr. Charles Banks, of Mississippi, presided. Prof. Charles Alexander, of Wilberforce University, gave an interesting account of the business affairs in Xenia, Ohio. He said there are upwards of twenty-five Negro merchants in Xenia. The capital invested ranges from \$500 to \$5,000. There are also four blacksmiths in Xenia.

Mr. L. H. Williams, a successful business man of Marshall, Tex., discussed the grocery business.

The jewelry business was discussed by Mr. J. E. Henderson, of Little Rock, and the boot and shoe business by Mr. J. P. Seabrook, of Charleston, S. C.

The laundry business, by J. W. Bostic, of Nashville, Tenn.

Loans and investments, by W. A. Beasley, of Macon, Ga.

Mr. Byrl Grayson told how he had founded the town of Grayson in Oklahoma, of which he is now the mayor. His account was extremely interesting and greatly enjoyed by the audience.

The address to the public was read by Mr. T. Thomas Fortune, chairman of the committee.

The list of officers was presented by Dr. S. E. Courtney, secretary of the committee and differed very little from the list of the previous year.

The closing addresses of the session were delivered by Dr. E. J. Sanders, of Charlotte, N. C., and the editor of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. James Bond, of the Congregational Church. The League will meet next year in Indianapolis, Ind.

General Conference Expenses

To Presiding Elders and Pastors

Dear Brethren:—The General Conference of 1904 is rapidly approaching. The equipments of Los Angeles have been thoroughly examined and approved. The contracts have been made and proper bonds given by the authorized committees of that city for the faithful fulfillment of their pledges.

The Methodism of the Pacific coast anticipates the coming session with great pleasure, believing that the presence and work of the General Conference will especially subserve the interest

of our beloved church in the great West. Other denominations, through their legislative bodies and supreme councils, have visited and left their impress upon the States lying between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Coast, and Methodism seems to be under obligations to do the same.

The General Conference commission and the church and city of Los Angeles have done all in their power to limit for the church the needful expenses of the session. The fact, however, remains that the transportation of so many delegates and officials, so far from the center of Methodist population unavoidably enlarges the railroad item of cost.

The General Conference commission, earnestly desiring to make full provision for the session and promptly to meet all its obligations, again plead that the full apportionment for General Conference expenses be raised. Anything less may seriously embarrass the General Conference and the church at large. The amount apportioned cannot severely tax any charge, while indifference or failure in a fractional part of the charges may put the whole church at a serious disadvantage in meeting its contracts.

Our people should remember that they are called upon for this purpose, not annually, not bi-ennially, as are the members of several sister denominations, but only once in four years, and that their contributions are the only possible, legitimate source from which the needed funds can come.

We, therefore, pray for consideration, for promptness and for liberality in the collections taken for General Conference expenses. In behalf of the General Conference commission,
W. F. WHITLOCK Secretary.

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O Master, let me walk with thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love.
Teach me the wayward feet to stay
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience, still with thee
In closer, dearer company.
In works that keep faith sweet and strong;
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way.
In peace, that only thou canst give,
With thee, O Master, let me live.
Northwestern Christian Advocate.

Living by the Day

One secret of a sweet and happy Christian life is learning to live by the day. It is the long stretches that tire us. We think of life as a whole, running on for years. We cannot carry this load until we are threescore and ten. We cannot fight this battle continually for half a century. But really there are no long stretches. Life does not come to us all at one time; it comes only a day at a time.—*The Christian Guardian.*

"Inasmuch as Ye Did It Not"

In this busy world it will do us good to read the following reverie, which someone has given us:

"Master, I have this day broken no law of the Ten—have hurt no one. Is it enough?"

"Child, there stood one by thy side burdened

with heavy tasks of lowly earthly labor. For a little help, a little easing of the burden, he looked to thee. Thou hast time and strength."

"Master, I did not see."

"Thine eyes were turned within. There was an ignorant one crying from out his darkness: 'Will none teach me?' I have given thee knowledge."

"Master, I did not hear."

"Thine ear was dull. There came a guest to seek thy converse, a human friend in quest of fellowship. I marked thy sight, thy frown. Why was thy heart not glad?"

"I was reading. I hate to be disturbed, to be called from great thoughts to trifling talk."

The children would have thee some few moments in their play. Without thee they went wrong—how far wrong thou wilt not know. It is too late."

"Child's play? But I was searching for a hidden truth of spiritual import."

"Thou didst not turn aside to lift that lame one who had fallen by the way."

"I was in haste to do what I had planned. I meant to help him when I should return."

"Another lifted him. And shall I question further?"—*Christian Observer.*

The First Principle of Success

President Williams, of the Chemical Bank, New York, when asked what he considered the first principle of success, said:

"The fear of God."

"It was a significant answer," said Dr. Marden in Talks with Great Workers, "which came so quietly, yet so quickly, so gently, yet so uncompromisingly, from the man who has, for nearly half a century, practically shaped the policy and controlled the affairs of the greatest financial institution of the western hemisphere."

"What do you consider the most laudable ambition of man?"

"Live to build up a temple within yourself. Fear God and do your duty—that means, to yourself and to your fellowmen. God has given you the rough marble; shape it into divine form or shatter it, as you will. It all rests with you."—*Northern Christian Advocate.*

As flowers carry dewdrops, trembling on the edges of the petals and ready to fall at the first waft of wind or brush of bird, so the heart should carry its beaded words of thanksgiving; and at the first breath of heavenly favor, let down the shower, perfumed with the heart's gratitude.—*H. W. Beecher.*

Love, the Keynote

It is a love story, and not a system of philosophy. The gospel is pre-eminently a heart appeal. Is it, therefore, an unreasonable thing? No, it is all the more "reasonable" because it is indefinable. The invitation of the Old Testament is, "Come, let us reason together." The cry of the New Testament is, "Come unto me and I will give you rest." The message of love goes further, sinks deeper, than the message of reason. You may reason out the construction of the rose, but no man yet defined its fragrance; it is an appeal to heart love; the fragrance always baffles our philosophy. The basis of the gospel appeal is love—not fear, nor reason. The parables of Jesus are love appeals; the lost sheep, the lost son, tell of the Father's heart. The parables always suffer when one attempts to "reason" them out. The world knows enough to depart from evil, but

it is love—and not knowledge—that will win the world, if it is ever won.—*California Christian Advocate.*

Woman's Dominion

The third annual meeting of the State federation of colored women's clubs was held at Ann Arbor recently with 50 delegates, representing 10 clubs of the State, present.

Keep Yourself Happy

To be bright and cheerful often requires an effort. There is a certain art in keeping ourselves happy. In this respect, as in others, we require to watch over and manage ourselves as if we were somebody else.—*Sir John Lubbock.*

Home-Made Macaroons

Delicious macaroons may be made at home, and will cost much less than those purchased in the shops. This is the way to make them: Blanch a pound of almonds, which means simply pouring boiling water over them after shelling and rubbing off the skins; then pound them to a paste, adding a few spoonfuls of rosewater (about ten cent's worth), by degrees. Stir in a pound of powdered sugar and the stiffly beaten whites of seven eggs; or, rather, add the paste to the eggs; drop on a buttered paper laid over a pan, leaving a space between the cakes. Sprinkle lightly with sugar, and brush with white of egg; bake about twenty minutes in a slow oven.

Fruit Cookies

Cookies are always in demand for the children's luncheon boxes. A delicious sort for "extra occasions" may have an admixture of nuts and fruit. Cream together one and one-half cupfuls of sugar and a cupful of butter. Add three well-beaten eggs and give the batter a vigorous beating. Stir in a teaspoonful of soda dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of hot water, half a teaspoonful of salt, and a teaspoonful of cinnamon. Sift three and one-fourth cupfuls of flour and beat in alternate portions of it and of a mixture of chopped English walnuts, half a cupful of chopped and seeded raisins. Drop by spoonfuls on a buttered pan, leaving a space for expansion, and bake in a moderate oven.

Care of Toilet Accessories

It is quite important to keep all toilet accessories very sweet and clean. Particularly through the summer months must a vigilant watchfulness be exercised. Wash clothes and bath sponges must be cleaned and sunned daily. Let them lie for a few moments in a basin of warm water, in which a pinch of refined borax or baking soda has been dissolved. Then wash through warm soapsuds and rinse thoroughly. Wash cloths and bath towels are benefitted by an occasional bleaching on the grass.

Hair brushes and combs should have at least a weekly cleaning. An occasional dip in gasoline helps the former, though washing in cold soapsuds will keep the bristles in better condition. It is easier to wash two brushes together.

Only a Rose

ALBERT THOMPSON.

A deaconess of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the round of her duties in none of our large cities, recently had an experience that shows the power of little deeds for good. In her dis-

strict lived a woman of dissolute habits, who had tasted the dregs of life, and who was seldom sober. One day the deaconess, walking down the street with a fresh-blown rose in her hand, passed old Mag. The woman's eyes followed the rose hungrily, and the deaconess stopped and handed it to her.

Old Mag shrank back, saying: "You wouldn't give it to me, would you?"

"Why, certainly I will," was the answer, and she passed down the street, leaving the old woman with the rose in her hand.

"Three months after this," the deaconess said, in telling the story, "I was called to the bedside of a woman who was dying in a dingy garret. I saw immediately that it was the same woman. She drew from under her pillow a dried and faded rose, and said, 'It is the rose you gave me. I often look at it, and it makes me think of home.'"

It is only the story of a rose, but it tells of hungry hearts that may be turned to better things by kindly deeds.—*Epworth Herald*.

Hutchinson, Kan.

How a Young Girl Should Take Care of Herself

What is womanhood? Is there any more important question for a young girl than this? Before a girl reaches the age of 15 she has her whole mind upon some boy. When a girl is very good looking she thinks she is a beauty. Beauty is a dangerous gift; it ruins thousands and thousands of young girls. The beautiful girl is the most destitute of common sense and common humanity. When a girl is so beautiful, in about nine out of ten cases, it makes her silly, senseless, thoughtless, giddy, vain, proud, frivolous, selfish, low and mean. A beautiful girl is very likely to believe she was made to be looked at. Beauty is shallow, only skin deep, deceitful, dazzling, often bewildering. Some girls who think they cannot be seen, parade the streets from morning till night with a boy swung to their side. Mothers who want to raise their daughters should not let them parade the streets at any hour, but keep them at home. A girl that is well raised will not be overlooked. If a girl goes to her neighbors and she is not dressed for company, if she happens to meet a young man she feels ashamed. If she is in her working clothes and meets anyone she should not be ashamed, especially when she is working hard and making an honest living. My own dear home is the Eden of my heart.

"A home, that paradise below
Of sunshine and of flowers,
Where hallowed joys perennial flow
By calm, sequestered bowers."

LEALA A. EVANS.

Jefferson, Tex.

Educational

Dr. Bowen at Union Memorial Church, St. Louis, Mo.

We are highly inspired since hearing Dr. J. W. E. Bowen's lecture. His subject, "To be or Not to Be?"—whether the Negro can, or will make himself a gentleman worthy of respect among all races, was discussed with much force from a racial standpoint. He urged the tightness of social lines; that the women be pure, in order to advance a higher civilization. No race can rise higher than its women. Every word was well

weighed, and carried with it its own meaning. He held his audience spellbound for one hour, while he pictured the cause of the Negro's emigration to America, being due to the red man's fleeing from servitude. Just here he said: "A race that cannot be enslaved cannot be civilized." He pleaded with the people to live true, honest and upright lives. He acknowledged the marked progress made, but greater still awaits us. His parting words were, "Be virtuous, be somebody."

On the following night a banquet was given in honor of Dr. Bowen. Dorr & Zeller, the caterers, served one hundred and fifty persons. The banquet hall was delightfully decorated with ferns, American Beauties, etc. Dr. Brabham was toastmaster of the occasion. Mrs. Hicks, the President of the Ladies' Club, presented Dr. Bowen a beautiful bouquet of American Beauties, which were forwarded to South Atlanta, Ga.

E. B. GRAHAM, Reporter.

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The Father of John Adams

In the "History of the American Revolution," by Trevelyan, is this interesting sketch of the ancestor of a family noted in our American history: "The father of John Adams was a laboring farmer, who wrought hard to live and who did much public work for nothing. His eminent son put on record that he was an officer of militia, afterwards a deacon of the church, and a selectman of the town. A man of strict piety and great integrity, much esteemed and beloved wherever he was known, which was not far, his sphere of life not being extensive." He left behind him property valued at £1,300 (\$6,500), and he had made it a prime object to give the most promising of his children that college education which he himself missed. In these last particulars, and in much else, he was just such another as the father of Thomas Carlyle, though there was a great difference in other respects. But this old selectman of Braintree Town, holding his head erect in every presence, became the progenitor of a long line of Presidents and ambassadors."

He left, as is stated, a very small fortune, as fortunes go; but he left to the republic this heritage of trained manhood which far outvalues any wealth that could be named. This stout-hearted, clear-headed old man could not see what his trained descendants might mean to the republic, but the record of their services is writ large in our whole history. We honor them, their names being known and read of all men. We ought also to honor this ancestor, whose own sphere was narrow, but whose vision was true and large. The republic waits yet for trained men to perform its unfinished tasks. The church needs them as never before. So, in these September days, when the colleges open their doors again, we commend the example of the wise man who "made it a prime object to give the most promising of his children that college education which he himself missed."

"For a man to have died who might have been wise and was not, this," says Carlyle, "I call a tragedy."

WILLIAM F. McDOWELL.

New York.

Young Friends

A Morning Resolution

When you rise in the morning, form a resolution to make the day a happy one to a fellow-creature. It is easily done; a left-off garment

to the man who needs it, a kind word to the sorrowful, an encouraging expression to the striving—trifles in themselves light as air—will do at least for the twenty-four hours. And if you are young, depend upon it, it will tell when you are old; and if you are old, rest assured it will send you gently down the stream of time to eternity. By the most simple arithmetical sum, look at the result. If you send one person, only one, happily through each day, that is three hundred and sixty-five in the course of a year. And supposing you live forty years only after you commence that course, you have made 14,600 being happy, at all events for a time.—*The Central Methodist*.

Character Building Through Reading Books

The habit of holding the mind steadily and persistently to the thought in a good book not only increases the power of concentration, but also improves the quality of the mind.

Inspiring reading is that in which life-building words abound, for words are things which unconsciously enrich character. The image of each helpful word held in the mind leaves its impress there, its autograph, so to speak, and continually reproduces itself in uplifting thoughts.

The boy or girl so nurtured will have been given the best means of acquiring a mentality of the very highest order.—*Northwestern Christian Advocate*.

"Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful. Beauty is God's handwriting—a way-side sacrament."

An Eight-Year-Old Boy and the Bible

An eight-year-old boy lately gave a beautiful thought about the Bible. He had been speaking of how many good books there are in the world, for he is very fond of reading, and anticipates with pleasure reading them all. His mother remarked, "But there is one Book that is better than all the rest."

He understood, and after thinking a moment, he said, "Whenever I think of the Bible it seems to me like a great King standing in the middle, and all other books in the world bowing down before it."

The metaphor, simply spoken, on the spur of the moment, expresses a great truth. Let us all bow before it.—*Christian Observer*.

A Symposium

"What is the secret of success?" asked the Sphinx.

"Push," said the Button.

"Take pains," said the Window.

"Never be led," said the Pencil.

"Be up to date," said the Calendar.

"Always keep cool," said the Ice.

"Do business on tick," said the Clock.

"Never lose your head," said the Barrel.

"Do a driving business," said the Hammer.

"Aspire to greater things," said the Nutmeg.

"Make light of everything," said the Fire.

"Make much of small things," said the Microscope.

"Never do anything offhand," said the Glove.

"Spend much time in reflection," said the Mirror.

"Do the work you are suited for," said the Flue.

"Get a good pull with the ring," said the Doorbell.

"Be sharp in all your dealings," said the Knife.

"Find a good thing and stick to it," said the Glue.

"Trust to your stars for success," said the Night.

"Strive to make a good impression," said the Seal.

"Turn all things to your advantage," said the Lathe.—*Christian Advocate*.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.-C. Conference

Program of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Mississippi Conference, to be held at Ellisville, September 23-24, 1903. All the officers of the conference and district are asked to be present. On the evening of the 23d at 3 p. m. prayer and song service by Mrs. E. L. Smith. 3.30 p. m. an address by the president, Mrs. C. L. Brown, followed by others. At 7.00 p. m., devotional service led by Mrs. M. McInnis. At 7.30 p. m., missionary sermon by Rev. A. J. McNair.

Second day, Sept. 24.—9.00 a. m., prayer and song service led by Mrs. Fannie Erby. 10.00 a. m., report from each officer and district officer. 11.00 a. m., discussion subject: "Can the Woman's Home Missionary Society help the Negro girl," Mrs. J. R. Crump and Mrs. Mary McInnis. At 2.00 p. m. discussion subject: "How best to get our women interested in the Woman's Home Missionary Society?" Mrs. L. P. May and Mrs. R. P. Threlkeld. 3.30 p. m., discussion subject: "The value of an Industrial Home," by Mrs. E. L. Smith and Mrs. Annie Brooks. At 7.00 p. m., devotional service led by Mrs. S. Henton. 7.30 p. m., sermon by Rev. W. H. Smith.

MRS. C. L. BROWN,

MRS. E. L. SMITH,

Committee.

Every officer of both conference and district will come prepared to pay 25 cents into the treasury.

Closing remarks by Rev. C. H. Brown. We ask all pastors that can to meet us.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Indiana district, Lexington Conference, will convene in Simpson's Chapel, Indianapolis, Ind., September 16, 1903. Let every delegate and district officer be present. All the auxiliaries on the district are expected to send \$1 to defray expenses of the convention.

CARRIE ROSS, President.

ANNABELLE VEST, Cor. Secretary.

In Striking Contrast

A missionary in India gives the following striking testimony to the effect of Christianity upon the natives. He writes:

"The thing that has impressed me most in the seven months I have been in India is the superiority of the native Christian over the non-Christian. This was brought to me forcibly for the first time at a heathen festival. The occasion was the celebration of the victory of one heathen god over another. The natives were going through a sort of play representing a fight. They were dressed in fantastic costumes representing their ancient heroes, and also as wild animals that were supposed to have a hand in the fight. The whole town was gathered to see the performance. This gave me an opportunity to see the outward aspects, at least, of the Hindus. Although they observe so religiously their bath-

ings, they were not clean. Very many were not decently clothed. There was in their faces no sign of joy or hope or love of purity, honesty of a noble purpose, but only of despair or dissipation or avarice.

"With this picture in my mind, I met on the street a company of native Christian women. They were spotlessly clean, were well dressed in pure white, and were well cared for, for they have Christian husbands who have learned how to treat their wives properly. Their faces had no trace of the heathen despair, but were bright with happiness. When one looks into a heathen face he looks into darkness, but here was light, the light of purity and a holy life."

China's Women

One-fifth of all the women in the world are found in the homes of China—a number so vast as to be almost inconceivable. One baby girl out of every five is cradled in a Chinese mother's arms unwelcomed and unbeloved, unless by that poor mother's heart; born to a life too often ended ere it is well begun. One little maiden out of every five grows up in ignorance and neglect, drudging in the daily toil of some poor Chinese family, or crying over the pain of her crippled feet in the seclusion of a wealthier home. One girl in every five questions life with wondering eyes from behind the paper windows of the woman's courtyard of a Chinese dwelling. Amongst all the youthful brides who day by day pass from the shelter of their childhood's home, one out of every five goes weeping* in China to the tyranny of a mother-in-law she dreads, and the indifference of a husband she has never seen. Of all the wives and mothers in the world, one out of every five turns in her longing to a gilded goddess of mercy in some Chinese temple, counting her beads and murmuring her meaningless prayer in hope of help and blessing that never come. Of all the women who weep, one out of every five weeps alone, un comforted, in China. Out of every five who lie upon the beds of pain, one is wholly at the mercy of Chinese ignorance and superstition. One out of every five, at the close of earthly life, passes into the shadow and terror that surround a Chinese grave; never having heard of Him who alone can rob death of its sting. One-fifth of all the women are waiting, waiting in China for the Saviour who so long has waited for them. What a burden of responsibility does this lay upon us—the women of Christendom!—MRS. F. HOWARD TAYLOR.

*Chinese etiquette demands that the bride should appear most unwilling to be taken to her husband's home. Too often, however, her tears and reluctance are the result of real sorrow and fear.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Sunday School Rally Day

BY REV. THOMAS B. NEELY, D. D.

The last Sunday of September has been indicated as Sunday School Rally Day for the Sunday schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church. If that Sunday is not convenient a school is free to select another Sunday as close to that date as possible. Rally Day gives an opportunity for a reunion for those who have been separated or away from home during the

summer, and for a fresh start in the work of the school.

To aid in this work the Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church has prepared a program for the Rally Day exercises. The program is entitled *The Twentieth Century Sunday School* and with every twenty copies of the program there is given a supplement containing brief addresses and full directions for those who take part in the service, one feature of which is the construction of a double star.

The design for the object lesson on "Achievements and Ideals" is an enlarging star in a great circle. The circle is to represent the field, the whole world, and may be made at least three feet in diameter; if possible, six or more feet in diameter for large rooms. Lines of latitude and longitude may be lightly drawn upon this circle, which should be white or blue tinted white. There are two stars, the smaller one on the center of the circle with its points just halfway to the circumference of the large circle. This star is constructed of silver diamonds, made on an angle of seventy-two degrees, and if the great circle is six feet in diameter the shorter sides of this angle or diamond may be one foot long, and the longer sides fifteen inches. With a circle three feet in diameter these dimensions are one half. The larger star is made of gilt diamonds fitted into the openings in the small star (see cut), and the five points each touching the circumference of the circle. These diamonds of each star are held by the scholars while reciting or reading the brief addresses, and then pinned or tacked on carefully to form the stars. The circle will need a solid back if upon an easel or on the wall.

If the managers of a school do not care to use the entire arrangement they may use as much as they desire.

These programs and supplements will be furnished without charge to any Sunday school which will on Rally Day take a collection for the work of the Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church. According to the Book of Discipline this collection is separate from the church offering for the same cause. To schools not taking the collection the programs will be furnished at \$2.00 per hundred, or, by mail, at \$2.25 per hundred.

The Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church is doing more aggressive work than ever before. It now has nine Field Workers or Sunday School Missionaries in various sections of the country. These workers are starting new Sunday schools that may become new churches. As the expense is great the churches and Sunday schools should greatly increase their contributions.

It is hoped that every Sunday school will at once send to the Methodist Book Concern or to the Sunday School Union office, 150 Fifth Ave., New York City, for a full supply of programs.

Lesson XII—Sept. 20th, 1903. Title—Abstinence from evil (A temperance lesson, 1 Peter 4:1-11). Golden Text—"Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess (Eph. 5:18). Time—A. D. 63. Place—Babylon.

The apostle Peter, before becoming acquainted with our Lord, was known only by the name of Simon. He was the son of Jonas, and like his father, was a fisherman. He was a disciple of John the Baptist, before becoming an apostle of Jesus. He was married and dwelt at Capernaum. He was about forty years old when called to be an apostle. His age, wisdom, quickness, and promptness made him a leader of that select com-

pany. His over-confidence and impulsiveness sometimes led him into blunders, and exposed him to pointed rebuke from the Master. Yet with his prominence, there was no superiority or headship, but official equality with the other apostles. He was the leader of the Pentecostal church, and to him was given the honor of opening the door of the kingdom to the Gentiles. When the angel of the Lord delivered him from prison, "he went into another place." For six or seven years he is lost to sight. It is likely he pursued missionary work in Palestine during that time. At the Jerusalem council he gave an opinion, but did not preside or pronounce the decrees. A few months later he was at Antioch, and received a severe rebuke from Paul. The mention of his name in 1 Cor. 1:12 does not prove that he was at that time at Corinth. Again for twenty years he is lost to inspired history. He likely spent this period visiting churches already established in Asia Minor, and in planting other churches. Finally he turned his steps eastward and found his way to Babylon. This was truly a fitting field and there he likely labored for many years. He was finally arrested by the order of Nero, in the last year of his reign, brought to Rome and crucified, not with his head downward, but fastened to the cross by the head. This epistle was written about A. D. 63 while Peter was laboring in Babylon. It is designed to comfort Christians in severe trials; to enforce the duties involved in their calling; to warn them against temptations; and to remove all doubts about their religious system. The lesson is an exhortation to a holy life.

I. *Suffering in the flesh* (1-2). 1. *The flesh* is here used to denote the body of Christ, the depraved nature of man, and the body in which we live. 2. *To live in the flesh* is to dwell in this earthly body either in sin or in holiness. 3. *To suffer in the flesh* is to endure pain, afflictions, and death, while dwelling in this body. 4. *To arm ourselves against suffering in the flesh* is to put on the helmet of salvation, the shield of faith, the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the sandals of peace, and the sword of the Spirit. 5. *When we have suffered in the flesh*, or been put to death, we cease from sin. We may quit sinning before we depart this life, but if we do not, we will sin no more after our exit. *Note*—This letter was written during the most bitter trials of the Neronean persecution. Christians everywhere were enduring the most severe sufferings for Christ's sake. Some were covered with the skins of wild beasts, and torn in pieces by ferocious dogs; others were crucified, others beheaded, and others wrapped in combustible garments, placed by highways, and when daylight failed were used to light up the festivities of the night. Nero was known to stand by and listen with satisfaction, if not with pleasure, to the shrieks of women burning to ashes. Peter urges Christians to endure such sufferings with patience and love, pointing to Jesus as their example. He when reviled, reviled not again.

II. *Abstaining from sin* (3-6). 1. *The dead* here are those who are under the sentence of death; those who are past feeling, because sin has seared their conscience as with a hot iron. 2. *The quick* are those who have been quickened, or made alive by the peculiar working of the Holy Spirit. To the dead in sin the gospel was preached. They heard, understood, believed, repented, and were made alive unto God. 3. *After being made alive* they were exhorted to "live according to God in the Spirit." They were not to live in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revelings, banquetings,

and idolatries. The world would think it strange and speak evil of those who refused to practice such things. 4. *The reason* why they should abstain from these evils is because they will be forced to give an account to Jesus who will judge the quick and the dead, or the good and the bad. *Note*—We were dead in trespasses and in sins. We were made alive unto God by the preaching of the quick and the dead, or the good and the bad. Spirit. We should not visit the saloon, the brothel, the theatre, the ballroom, or the gambling den. God will call us into judgment for every transgression.

III. *Practicing godliness* (7-11). 1. *"The end of all things is at hand."* The works of the bad, and the sufferings of the good will soon cease. In a very few years after Peter wrote these words Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans; the entire Jewish economy was overthrown. But it seems clear that this refers more directly to the second coming of Christ. Peter, Paul, and others believed that noted event was near at hand. His return is sure but the time is unknown. 2. *"Be ye therefore sober and watch unto prayer."* Life should be serious and earnest. Not spent in rioting and drunkenness, or in chambering and the Gospel, and the peculiar working of the Holy and self-restraints. Watching against the evils of this world, the lusts of the flesh, and the wiles of the devil. Prayer may be used here for every branch of public worship: as singing, praying, preaching, and exhortation. 3. *"Have fervent charity among yourselves."* Have a loving disposition, that will lead you to pass unnoticed the faults of others, forgive their offences, and excuse, as far as is consistent with truth, their transgressions. Love is the fulfilling of the law. It hides a multitude of sins. It is greater than faith or hope. It will be seen in the life. It runs to the relief of the distressed, lifts up the fallen, strengthens the weak, and comforts the sorrowing. It feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, and visits the sick. It hides the faults of others, except when love itself constrains us to reveal them. It does not examine the failings of others closely, but looks mutely into its own. It puts the best construction possible on all things. 4. *"Use hospitality one to another."* This refers to a free and kind entertainment of strangers. Many Christians were spoiled of all they had, and driven to distant lands for safety. To look after them was a Christian duty. This work should be done in a kind, easy, handsome way, without grudging or grumbling. Whatever a Christian does by way of hospitality should be done cheerfully. "Freely you have received, freely give." 5. *"Minister the same one to another."* The rule is, that whatever gifts have been given to us, whether ordinary or extraordinary, we should minister the same to others. We should not consider ourselves as masters, but as servants of the manifold grace, or the various gifts, of God. The talents, or goods, we are entrusted with are our Lord's, and must be used as He directs. It is required of a steward that he be found faithful. 6. *Speaking and ministering.* (1) "If any man speak," whether as a minister or layman, let him speak as an oracle of God. His manner should be serious, reverent, and solemn, and his matter should be like St. Paul's letters, "weighty and powerful." (2) "If any man minister," either as a deacon or elder, the sacraments of the church, or if any layman distribute the alms of the assembly to the poor, "let him do it as of the ability which God giveth." These rules should be followed "that God may in all things be glorified through Jesus Christ." To

whom be "praise and dominion forever," and through whom our gifts are accepted by the Lord. It is the duty of Christians to speak to one another of the things of God. Ministers should keep close to the word of God. Christians should perform every duty with vigor, and to the best of their ability. In all our duties we should glorify God. Christ is the mediator of the new covenant, through Him alone our gifts are received.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation

Conference, Place and Time—	Bishop.
Alaska Mission	Cranston
Arizona Mission, Tempe—Sept. 24	Cranston
Atlantic Mission, Elizabeth City, N. C.—Oct. 21 ..	Joyce
Black Hills Miss., Deadwood, S. D.—Sept. 3 ..	Andrews
Blue Ridge, Smith Chapel, P. O., Glass, N. C.—Oct. 7	Joyce
California, Pacific Grove—Sept. 9	Cranston
California German, San Francisco—Sept. 3 ..	Cranston
Central German, Cincinnati—Sept. 9	Walden
Central Illinois, Monmouth—Sept. 23	McCabe
Central New York, Canandaigua—Sept. 30 ..	Goodsell
Central Ohio, Findlay—Sept. 16	Goodsell
Central Swedish, Chicago (Elim Ch.)—	
Sept. 10	Goodsell
Central Tennessee, Dickson—Oct. 8	Goodsell
Chicago German, Milwaukee—Sept. 16	Merrill
Cincinnati, Cincinnati—Sept. 9	Fowler
Colorado, Denver—Aug. 26	Cranston
Columbia River, Spokane—Sept. 2	Hamilton
Dakota, Aberdeen—Oct. 14	Fowler
Des Moines, Indianola, Ia.—Sept. 2	Mallalieu
Detroit, Flint—Sept. 16	Walden
East Ohio, Akron—Sept. 23	Mallalieu
East Tennessee, Morristown—Sept. 30	Joyce
Erie, Warren, Pa.—Sept. 9	McCabe
Genevieve, Olean, N. Y.—Sept. 23	Goodsell
Holston, Knoxville, Tenn.—Sept. 23	Joyce
Idaho, Boise—Aug. 27	Hamilton
Illinois, Quincy—Sept. 16	Fowler
Indiana, Indianapolis—Sept. 9	Joyce
Iowa, Muscatine—Sept. 9	Mallalieu
Kalispell Mission, Kalispell, Mont.—July 30 ..	McCabe
Kentucky, Covington—Sept. 16	Joyce
Michigan, Jackson—Sept. 23	Foss
Minnesota, Redwood Falls—Sept. 30	Fowler
Montana, Livingston—Aug. 13	McCabe
Nebraska, Lincoln—Sept. 16	Andrews
Nevada Mission, Loyalton, Cal.—Aug. 20 ..	Hamilton
N. Mex. Eng. Mission, Albuquerque—Oct. 9 ..	Walden
N. Mex. Span. Mission, Albuquerque—Oct. 8 ..	Walden
North Carolina, Greensboro—Oct. 14	Joyce
North Dakota, Wahpeton—Sept. 24	FitzGerald
N. Montana Mission, Fort Benton—Aug. 6 ..	McCabe
North Nebraska, Fremont—Sept. 23	Andrews
North Ohio, Norwalk—Sept. 16	McCabe
N. Pac. Ger. Mission, Davenport, Wash.—	
Sept. 10	Hamilton
Northern Ger., St. Paul, Minn.—Sept. 17 ..	FitzGerald
Northern Minn., Duluth—Oct. 1	FitzGerald
N. Swed. Miss. Conf., Marinette, Wis.—Sept. 10 ..	Foss
Northwest Ger., Charles City, Ia.—Sept. 16 ..	Mallalieu
Northwest Ind., South Bend—Sept. 2	Joyce
Northwest Iowa, Sioux City—Oct. 7	Fowler
Northwest Nebraska, Valentine—Sept. 10 ..	Andrews
Norwegian and Danish, Racine, Wis.—Sept. 3 ..	Goodsell
Ohio, Portsmouth—Sept. 30	Merrill
Oklahoma, Guthrie—Sept. 30	Walden
Oregon, Salem—Sept. 30	Hamilton
Pac. Japan Miss., San Francisco—Sept. 4 ..	Cranston
Pittsburg, Pittsburg—Oct. 7	Mallalieu
Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash.—Sept. 23 ..	Hamilton
Rock River, Aurora, Ill.—Oct. 7	Andrews
St. Louis German, Pekin, Ill.—Sept. 10	Merrill
Southern California, Los Angeles—Sept. 16 ..	Cranston
Southern Illinois, Mt. Vernon—Sept. 23 ..	Walden
Tennessee, Martin—Oct. 15	Goodsell
Upper Iowa, Cedar Rapids—Sept. 23	Fowler
Utah Mission, Park City—Aug. 13	Cranston
West German, St. Joseph Mo.—Sept. 3	Merrill
West Nebraska, Lexington—Sept. 30	Andrews
West Virginia, Huntington—Sept. 30	Mallalieu
West Wisconsin, Chippewa Falls—Sept. 3 ..	Foss
West Nor.-Dan., Tacoma, Wash.—Sept. 17 ..	Hamilton
Western Swed., Saronville, Neb.—Aug. 27 ..	McCabe
Wisconsin, Green Bay—Sept. 16	Foss
Wyoming Mission, Newcastle—Aug. 6	Cranston

Alabama, Anniston—Dec. 3 Foss || Atlanta, Covington, Ga.—Dec. 10 | FitzGerald |
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex.—Nov. 26	Walden
Central Alabama, Birmingham—Dec. 10 ..	Foss
Georgia, Ellijay—Dec. 17	FitzGerald
Mobile, Union Springs, Ala.—Dec. 17	Foss
Savannah, Brunswick, Ga.—Dec. 3	FitzGerald
South Carolina, Sumter—Nov. 26	FitzGerald
Southern German, Perry, Tex.—Dec. 3 ..	Walden
Texas, Houston—Dec. 9	Walden
West Texas, San Antonio—Dec. 16	Walden

In order that our readers might know the dates fixed for fall conferences of our territory and the Bishops appointed to hold them, at the earliest possible moment, we had them sent us by wire last week immediately on the adjournment of Bishops' meeting. This week we are pleased to present official list in full—except foreign conferences, which will appear later.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

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- 1- All business letters should be addressed to Eaton Bros., and all communications intended for publication to the Editor.
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- 3- When the ADVOCATE does not arrive regularly, notify us promptly.
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Mt. Zion Church Improved

Those who are so well acquainted with Mt. Zion Church, this city, as one of the landmarks of our Methodism, will be surprised when they next see it and note the change that has come over it. The pastor, Rev. Hampton James, and his people are having the building thoroughly renovated, and to some extent remodelled. The old windows of the auditorium have been removed and beautiful cathedral glass substituted therefor; a well constructed octagonal recess now takes the place of the single window heretofore behind the pulpit, and hereafter the choir will occupy this station instead of the "loft" over the front door, as formerly. The church is also being repaired otherwise, inside and out, and after receiving the two coats of paint now being put on, will not only look as well, but will actually be as good as new. These improvements are being made at a cost of about \$1500, provided they are followed by the electric lights which the brethren are thinking of having replace the ancient oil lamps with which the building is now lighted. Mr. W. E. Robertson is the contractor, and is doing a first-class job. Pastor James is contemplating a great financial rally in connection with the formal re-opening, and expects to give due notice of the same through these columns. At that time he desires the assistance of all sister churches and other friends throughout the city.

An Excellent and Well-Deserved Appointment

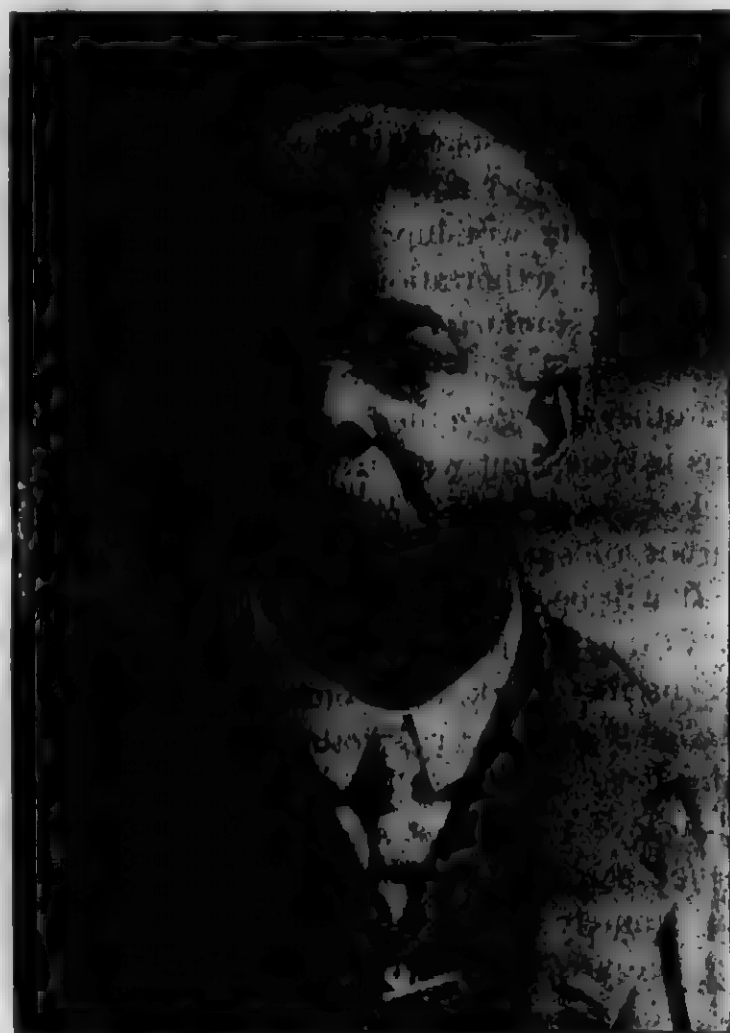
The Board of Managers of the Freedman's Aid Society has selected the Rev. William W. Lucas, A. M., B. D., principal of the Meridian Academy, of Meridian, Miss. It has been known for several weeks that the Rev. Dr. J. L. Wilson, who has done so much for the school, would not return for another year. And just here it should be said to his credit that besides having greatly increased the attendance from what it was when he became principal, he has, by his excellent leadership, inspired the Mississippi Conference to erect a splendid two-story, brick building, with but little outside assistance. True, the building is not quite completed; but it is near enough so as to have been used during the latter part of the last session, and a few hundred dollars will make it one of the best in the work. Bro. Lucas is a classical graduate of Clark University, a graduate of Gammon Theological Seminary, and of Boston University. In addition to his years of experience as a teacher, he has served as a pastor in the Atlanta Conference, of which he is a member, and for several years has travelled throughout the South in the interest of the Stewart Missionary Foundation. Then, besides his exceptional literary preparation, he is an elocutionist of unusual talent, and a preacher of eloquence and power.

Mrs. Lucas, too, is specially qualified for such work. She is a graduate of the College of Liberal

Arts, of Boston University, and bears the degree of A. B., being the only colored woman ever so honored by that institution. She is a woman of refinement and culture, and is sure to be of incalculable assistance to the young people who come in contact with her. The church will look for large results from the labors of Brother and Sister Lucas, and it has a right to. We feel sure that the brethren of the Mississippi Conference and their people will rally around them and assist in making this excellent academy second to no institution of its grade in the church.

We understand that the school opens for its next session on Monday, the 21st of the present month, and we hope the day may mark the beginning of the best session in its history.

The authorities of Danville, Ill., are still after the members of that mob which assaulted the jail on July 25 last in the attempt to lynch a colored man confined therein. Twelve persons, including a woman who tried to incite the mob to kill the sheriff, have just been convicted.



D. Augustus Straker, Esq., Detroit, Mich.

We are much gratified to present our readers with a picture of Hon. D. A. Straker, of Detroit, Mich., one of the ablest men of the race. He spent a number of years in South Carolina, where he was a member of the Legislature, and held other positions of honor and emolument, but during the eighties took up his residence in the city where he now lives. Here he has been engaged in the practice of law from the first. He was honored by being twice elected circuit court commissioner, largely by a white constituency, and as a judge manifested that degree of ability which brought to him the highest respect of all with whom he came in contact. He has written two law books that are quite generally used, and have been highly commended by competent critics of the legal profession.

Judge Straker is a graduate of Howard University, Washington, D. C., and was only last year honored by that institution with the degree of LL. D. Rev. Drs. C. C. Jacobs and W. R. A. Palmer, his old friends from South Carolina, were entertained in his home during the Epworth League convention, and were much gratified by the pleasant surroundings, and the reunion it afforded.

The Church Not Responsible.

There was a serious disturbance at the hall owned by Wesley Chapel M. E. Church this city on Monday evening, September 7th. One man was killed and several other persons injured. The officers of the church desire us to state that the church was in no wise responsible for this unfortunate affair. The building was rented to the International Building and Labor Protective Union No. 1, with the understanding that their members would assemble there at the close of the labor parade and eat their dinner. At the time the difficulty occurred a number of them were there for that purpose, and a man under the influence of strong drink precipitated a row. Edward Bean, the party who was killed, was not a member of the church neither were any of the others concerned in the affair. The Church officers regret the occurrence exceedingly, but feel that they are in no way responsible for it.

Flint Medical College.

The Flint Medical College had its formal opening in the chapel of that institution at 2 o'clock, Tuesday, September 8th. The faculty, pupils and a number of visiting friends were present. Dean Clements presided and called on a number of persons to speak. Among those who responded were: Mrs. Frances Joseph, Rev. A. L. Demond, pastor Central Congregational Church, Prof. and Mrs. Arthur Williams, of the City Public Schools, Rev. Valcour Chapman, pastor Union Chapel M. E. Church, Rev. J. R. Basket, pastor St. Charles Ave. Church, Dr. J. T. Newman, a member of the faculty, I. B. Scott, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, and others. They gave the young people most excellent advice on various lines and their remarks were well received and evidently much appreciated.

The attendance of new pupils is larger than ever before at the opening of the school. The outlook is hopeful indeed.

Houston District, Texas Conference.

We have been so crowded with engagements during the present season that we have not been able to reach a single one of the five district conferences already held in the Texas, which is the editor's, conference. The sixth and last convenes next week at Kendleton, and we have arranged to be present. We write this to say to the brethren that they will greatly help the cause if each one will bring two or more cash subscribers to the conference, and thus assist us in our effort for 3,000 new names by October 31st. Don't fail us, for this, too, is the King's business.

Eligible to Vote for Lay Delegates.

Replying to that correspondent who desires to know what church members are eligible to vote for delegates to the annual conference, will say all full members of the church twenty-one years of age and over.

The annual meeting of the general committees will assemble as follows: Church Extension, at Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 4; Freedman's Aid, at St. Paul's Church, Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 9-10; Missionary, at Omaha, Neb., Nov. 11.

The Bishops convene for their fall meeting at Rock Island, Ill., October 28.

The Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society convenes in First Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., October 28 to November 4.

Personal and General

We have nearly half of the 3,000 new subscribers asked for; now help us get the rest.

Prof. T. W. Talley, late of Tuskegee Institute, takes the chair of chemistry at Fisk University this year.

Mrs. C. D. Crockett, of Hahnville, La., passed through the city last week en route to Slidell, La., to visit her daughter.

The Methodists of Dallas, Tex., have just purchased a home for Bishop E. E. Hoss, of the Church South, their resident bishop, at a cost of \$16,500.

Mrs. Hubbard, wife of Rev. Dr. B. M. Hubbard, of this city, has gone to Slidell, La., on a visit to her sister. The doctor and one of the little boys are keeping house.

The pastor of Stony Point Circuit, Rev. D. S. Kilbourne, has been very ill with an attack of chills and fever. We are glad to learn that he is again able to take up his work.

Rev. D. M. Seals, who was suffering some time since with an abscess caused by a troublesome tooth, still realizes some inconvenience from it, but is as hard at work as ever.

We are pleased to see the Rev. D. L. Sloan, pastor at Hubertville, La., out again and seemingly in good health. He has been sick most of the time since June 10 of the present year.

Mr. Joseph Jacques, of this city, has been running his business as a butcher in the St. Bernard market for nearly 38 years. He owns considerable property, and is understood to be one of the best fixed colored men in the city.

We note with sincere regret the death of Rev. Dr. J. S. J. McConnell, of the Philadelphia Conference. He has done long and valuable service in his conference, and was for several years recording secretary of the Church Extension Society.

Rev. Wm. McKenzie, one of the veterans of the Texas Conference, dedicated his new church at Wallisville a few Sundays since, in which he had the assistance of Revs. Aaron Taylor and Aaron Adair. He says he has the best church in his country.

Mrs. Mattie Summerhill, wife of Rev. J. F. R. W. Summerhill, pastor Duplex Circuit, Tennessee Conference, died Saturday, August 30, 1903. Bro. Summerhill is one of the valued men of the conference, and will, we are sure, have the sympathy of all his brethren.

Mr. Alfred Williams, who went to New York a few weeks ago hoping to find the change beneficial to his health, has returned to the city much improved. He is delighted with that city, and especially with the Rev. Dr. W. H. Brooks and the excellent people of St. Mark's Church.

Mr. Chas. H. Williams, of Baraboo, Wisconsin, is certainly a true friend to the colored people of this country. He is constantly preparing and sending out brief articles which set forth the Negro's grievances and the many crimes perpetrated against Negroes on the least provocation.

Rev. Dr. J. R. Rush, pastor Central M. E. Church, Atlanta, Ga., is preaching a series of six sermons on "The Mountains of God." The first of the series came Sunday night, Sept. 6, and the last will be Sunday night, Oct. 11. The first was largely attended and made a most excellent impression.

The ministerial brethren of the Congregational Church have arranged for a national convention

of their workers, to be held in Atlanta, Ga., on the 19-23 of the present month. A strong and well arranged program has been prepared, and we dare say the meeting will be highly profitable to all who may attend.

Mr. Aristide Dejoie, Sr., has held a responsible position as gauger in the United States revenue department for twenty-five years on September first. There is not now a man in that department who was there when he began. He is highly esteemed by all business men with whom he is brought in contact.

Mrs. A. M. Waters, wife of our Assistant Business Manager, has just returned from her visit to Sedalia, Mo. While in Missouri she visited the district conferences of the St. Joseph and Sedalia districts, Revs. J. Will Jackson and W. H. Smith, presiding elders, and collected about \$80 in subscriptions for the SOUTHWESTERN.

Rev. Stephen Duncan, presiding elder of the New Orleans North District, was in the city last week and reports his work in excellent condition.

Rev. G. A. Payne, pastor at Pleasant Plains M. E. Church, this city, desires his correspondents to address him at 2116 Gravier street, instead of 524 Clark street, as heretofore.

Dr. H. G. Williams, who is one of the most energetic and successful physicians of Pensacola, Fla., enjoys a large practice and owns a well stocked and largely patronized drug store. He employs two clerks, Mr. H. W. Taylor, of Flint Medical College, this city, being the prescription clerk. The doctor is highly respected by both races.

A letter from Dr. M. W. Dogan, president of Wiley University, informs us that the brethren of the Texas Conference are rallying to Wiley as never before. He has collected \$700 since the middle of July. The Navasota District Conference, Rev. J. E. Bryant, presiding elder, had just raised \$150 for the Central Building. He will report all the districts when the last one is held.

We learn on reliable information that the Rev. T. J. Johnson has been changed from New Iberia, La., to Wesley Chapel, this city; Rev. T. A. Brown from Morgan City, La., to New Iberia, and Rev. Frank Walker from Wesley Chapel to Morgan City. Bro. Johnson desires his correspondents to address him at No. 2131 Perdido street, New Orleans, and Bro. Brown desires his to address him at New Iberia, La.

Rev. G. A. Hall, who usually does such efficient work for the SOUTHWESTERN, represented the paper at the recent session of the Clow District Conference, and feels sure that the number of subscribers asked of the district will be secured.

Mr. J. W. Wiley, of the junior class of Flint Medical College, has been spending a few days in El Paso, Tex., Juarez and Chihuahua, Mexico, but expects soon to join his class in the Medical College.

We learn through our Assistant Business Manager that little Mamie, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Smith, of Meridian, Miss., was seriously burned at Waynesboro, Miss., about two weeks ago. She was in Waynesboro visiting her grandma, and while there the house caught fire and was entirely destroyed. Mrs. Smith's little eight-year-old sister, Annie, who was in the room with Mamie, was burned to death. Bro. and Sister Smith expect to convey their little girl to Meridian as soon as she is able to travel. Their mother and her family lost all they had, besides having the child burned to death.

News Notes

The boll weevil is doing great damage to Texas cotton crops.

The volcano Colima, in Mexico, is again in a state of eruption.

It is said that Henry C. Ide, of Virginia, will be appointed vice-governor of the Philippines.

We learn that on August 21 the widow of the late Bishop J. E. Hurst was married in Paris, France, to Theodore Bayard, an Englishman.

The demand of the Jews of New York, that all reference to Christ be eliminated from the public schools, has been granted by the school board.

The new armored cruiser Maryland is to be launched at Newport News Sept. 12, and will be christened by Miss Jennie Scott Waters, daughter of Gen. E. Waters, of Maryland.

Democratic officials of the State of Louisiana will, according to a recent action of the executive committee, be nominated by primary election, only white Democrats being allowed to vote.

It was announced at the conference of the M. E. Church South, at Mexico, Mo., that a fund of \$5,000,000 is to be raised for the benefit of aged and disabled preachers of the church.

The Rev. Dr. R. H. Boyd, secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board, of the colored National Baptist Convention, is erecting the largest publishing house in the world owned by Negroes.

It is said that Prof. Charles G. Harris, the newly elected director of music in Clark University, sang a solo in Central Ave. M. E. Church, Atlanta, Ga., Sunday night, to the delight of the large audience.

Mme. Wong, wife of the vice commissioner to the World's Fair, made her first public appearance in St. Louis Sept. 5, the occasion being the dedication of the site for the Chinese pavilion, in which she assisted.

Lake Side M. E. church, Huntsville, Ala., Rev. A. G. Glenn, pastor, is undergoing repairs at a cost of several hundred dollars, and when completed will be greatly improved and beautified. Brother Glenn is paying as he goes.

The attempt of the alleged lunatic, Weillbrenner, to force himself into the presence of President Roosevelt, at Oyster Bay, has aroused considerable anxiety among the President's friends, and the guard of the President at Oyster Bay has been increased.

Zions Herald says: "Bishop Mallalieu is so much improved in health that he hopes to preside at the Iowa Conference at Muscatine, Sept. 9. He has been unusually besieged of late by requests for help in dedications and special services from many points in the church, and for contributions for leading magazines and papers."

Rev. W. R. Butler speaks in highest praise of the treatment accorded him in Jeanerette, La., during the recent racial disturbances there, by the mayor and other citizens. The mayor urged him to go ahead with his conference, and promised all necessary protection. The better class of citizens were not at all disturbed over the murder of the white man who ran the "dive" mentioned in our previous issue.

Another man handling church funds has gone wrong. This time it is Henry L. Edson, controller of the church property of St. Michael's Protestant Episcopal Church, New York City. The loss to the church is estimated to be from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Since his exposure he has killed a Mrs. Fannie Pullen and himself. Such persons cause their loved ones and other good people to suffer far more than they do themselves.

Dr. J. Will Jackson, presiding elder of the St. Joseph District of the Central Missouri Conference, is in Kansas City, Missouri, having his eyes treated. Bro. Jackson has had trouble with his eyes from the days of his boyhood, having been almost totally blind before he was ten years of age. He has been having considerable trouble with his eyes of late and thought best to submit to treatment at the present time. We are sure the Doctor has many friends who wish him the greatest possible benefit.

FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. C. Marshall Editor

THE FARMER.

The farmer ought to be the cleanest man in his neighborhood, both as to his person and in his character; the gentlest of all gentlemen, the most prompt to meet every obligation, financial and otherwise; the most ready to see and help the neighbor who is in trouble, on time in all his farm operations, ready to take a hand in straightening out any crookedness in the public affairs of his community and of the larger field in which he happens to live, kind in his family relations, positive in all his convictions, yet not self-assertive enough to drive men from the truth. Why should the farmer be all this? Because he has been blessed in having a home so near the heart of nature that he ought to catch something of nature's sweetness, strength and uprightness.—*Farm Journal*.

FARM AND STOCK NOTES.

A man is known by the company he keeps. A good man and a good horse work well together.

Good horses always sell. They are scarce at present, but scrubs are plentiful.

Pigs should have a separate trough, at which they should be fed milk and slop adapted to their growth.

We may get many suggestions about treatment of stock by watching them when at liberty to do as they choose.

Keep the collar well fitted to the horse's shoulder. Misfitting collars are the cause of ruining many a poor horse for life.

It is a good plan in dry, hot weather, and whenever the horses' hoofs become hard and brittle, to oil them with oil.

You cannot expect your farm machinery, which has been out in the weather, to do good work. You should protect it.

Oats, barley, wheat and rye ground together make a good feed. Fat produces laziness, and activity is needed for growth.

Sheep are the animals that will put life into a worn-out soil, and at the same time put money in their owner's pocket.

Feeding and breeding cannot be taken up with success in a moment. It takes years of practice. It can be continued from father to son, year after year, so much the better.

Let sows be regarded as pig factories, and be kept in the very best possible condition for producing the most and the best results possible.—*The Central Methodist*.

SEEDING DOWN THE LAWN.

Unless a lawn is seeded to grasses that can endure constant mowing, as well as remain green during a dry season, it becomes unsightly instead of ornamental. When seeded down in the spring it becomes at times necessary to grow oats, wheat or some grain crop on the lawn, in order to shelter the young grass from the effects of the noonday sun in dry weather. This may be avoided if the seed is sown in the fall. August being a suitable month, at which period of the year the rains are usually plentiful, and the young grass is not then so easily overrun with weeds. Should the grass not make a good "catch" the ground may again be seeded over in the spring by simply scratching the surface with a rake; but it is seldom that seed sown in August or September fails, if a plen-

tiful supply of seed be used and the ground properly prepared.

It is customary to use a mixed seed for lawns, which is proper, but sometimes too many kinds are used, and the best grasses are crowded out by those not so desirable. Bluegrass alone makes an excellent lawn grass, but bluegrass and white clover, equal proportions of seed of each, are sufficient, and the seed should be used liberally, four ounces to the square rod not being too much, as some of the seed will fail to germinate, while birds and parasites will destroy a proportion. The lawn plot should be first spaded (or plowed, if very large), and raked over until the soil is made as fine as possible. Lime, at the rate of forty bushels per acre, should be broadcasted over the plot, the ground rolled and the seed sown. The ground may then be simply brushed over, so as to barely cover the seed, or the seed may be sown and rolled down. No other work will be necessary until spring, and the grass will thicken every year. Bluegrass is capable of withstanding considerable drouth, and though apparently dead, if the drouth is continued, it takes new life after the slightest shower. It is not so easily injured by trampling as some other grasses, and does not grow in stools, or tussocks, as is the case with orchard grass, while its appearance is a deep green. White clover is also hardy, and as its leaves differ entirely from those of bluegrass, the two kinds answer all the purposes of a lawn, and will thrive well together.

The fall is the time to manure the lawn, as the frost will pulverize the manure and render it fine. If fresh manure is applied in the spring it will sometimes do injury, unless before frost disappears. The manure used in spring, if any, should be well rotted. Re-seed all bare places as soon as the grass begins to grow, and in April apply potash in some form liberally, as both bluegrass and white clover delight in lime and potash. Do not be tempted to mow the grass too early in the spring, but give it time to become well rotted before the first cutting. Mowing will then keep down the weeds. An application of salt-petre, early in the spring, at the rate of a pound per square rod, will also prove advantageous. If all the grass seed usually sown were to germinate there would be about 2,000 plants to the square foot. It takes about 74,000 seeds of timothy to weigh an ounce. Careful experiments have shown that timothy seed covered by two inches of dirt cannot shoot into growth. Covered from three-quarters to an inch only, about one-half of the good seeds will come forth. Red cloverseed cannot get through two inches of covering, and other small seeds have even more difficulty in that respect, hence do not cover the seed but lightly.—*Philadelphia Record*.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

Dr. I. B. Scott, D. D., editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, will preach at the St. Paul M. E. Church of Bay St. Louis, Miss., Sept. 13, 1903. Fraternally,
W. L. MARSHALL.

The Second District Conference of the Nashville District convened at Sparta, Tenn., July 23-31, 1903, in Kynett Chapel, with Rev. M. Williams, presiding elder, in the chair. Opening sermon was preached by Rev. I. S.

Rucker. Visitors, Rev. C. E. Alexander, Cumberland River District; Prof. A. C. Maclin, professor of mathematics in George R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo., and Rev. H. B. McNeil, pastor at Sparta M. E. Church. Rev. C. E. Alexander spoke in the interest of the conference and Prof. Maclin gave an interesting talk. The Lord's Supper was administered at 11:30 by the presiding elder and ministers to a large number. Monday night at the Missionary Anniversary an interesting paper was read by Mrs. H. K. Patric; speakers, L. M. Moors, D. D.; T. W. Johnson, S. M.; Prof. Maclin and Dr. Hammons. A good collection followed. Rev. P. R. Wood preached at 11 a. m. Thursday. Sister H. K. Patrick conducted the young people's exercise Thursday evening; one soul was converted. Thursday night L. M. Moors preached. Many came to the altar for prayer and eleven proclaimed the love of God. May the Lord's blessing rest on Bro. Erwin, the pastor, and the people of Sparta. I. S. RUCKER.

W. S. Leake, Pastor, Lexington, Miss.—Our third quarterly conference was to convene at Treadwell Grove, July 25-26, but on account of the death of C. B. Ford, July 24, one of our local preachers, the conference was held on the 27th at Lexington, with Rev. B. F. Woolfolk in the chair. Many of the brethren were present with good reports, which showed the work in a prosperous condition. Paid the elder \$11.50; pastor, \$95.50. Raised for benevolence, \$12.60. Total raised for all purposes this quarter, \$142.50.

J. M. Marsh, Reporter.—The first session of the Greenwood District Conference and Epworth League Convention convened in the M. E. Church at Ebenezer, Miss., July 28-Aug. 2, 1903. At 9:30 a. m. Wednesday, the Epworth League was called to order with Mr. G. H. Hubbard, the president, presiding. The president's report showed that he had been hard at work for the Master. Many local chapters were represented. Their reports showed that all departments of the Leagues had been kept alive and much work accomplished to help the pastors raise their benevolent collections. The delegates from Shellmound and Pickens read fine papers on the following subjects: "Methods of League," "Usefulness and My Place in the Army of League Workers." The following brethren preached soul-stirring sermons during the session: Rev. J. W. Parks, Rev. H. B. Hart and Rev. G. Orange. The district conference convened Friday, July 31, Rev. B. F. Woolfolk in the chair. All pastors were present except Rev. P. O. Jamison and Rev. G. Spencer, who were sick. The presiding elder's report showed that he has been doing faithful work. His district is having great success. With but few exceptions the pastors' reports were encouraging and showed success spiritually and financially. The following subjects were ably discussed, "The Emergency Fund," "Rust University," and "The Southwestern." The names of five persons were handed the presiding elder of persons wishing to enter Rust University next fall. The brethren pledged themselves to secure 103 subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN by October 31, 1903. The benevolent reports showed an advance over any previous year. The following brethren preached glorious sermons: Revs. S. H. Nevils, G. W. Hunt, S. D. Troup, M. C. McEwens and J. M. Marsh. The good people and pastor of Ebenezer deserve much

praise for their royal entertainment of the district conference. Invite us again, Ebenczer.

WAYCROSS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The annual meeting of the Waycross District Conference convened at Waycross, Ga., July 23-26, 1903. Rev. W. A. Holmes, D. D., pastor, had made extensive preparations for the gathering. Conference was organized on Thursday morning, Rev. A. B. Allen, D. D., presiding elder, in the chair. He is one of the rising young men of the church. Rev. McD. Spencer, of Blackshear, was chosen conference secretary; Revs. James A. Peake and I. T. Griner, of Thomasville and Valdosta, respectively, assistants. The work was pushed from the offstart. The presiding elder, familiar already with every branch of the district work, went about the work of the conference with the spirit and understanding of a veteran. The several reports from the various fields of labor showed a marvelous increase along all lines over last year. At the close of the conference there were many hearts pleased and rejoiced at the good work that had been accomplished. The several sessions were well attended, every day an increase of interest and attendance was manifest. The night meetings were especially interesting; multitudes attended them. On the Sabbath, when the conference closed, the great church, which will seat comfortably six or seven hundred, was taxed all day to its utmost capacity to accommodate the thronging crowds. Rev. Mrs. Jennie Bratton, of Blackshear, preached at 9:30 a. m. The audience was thrilled with her burning words. At 11 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Allen, presiding elder, conducted the service. The elder was at his best and it is impossible to describe the effect of his matchless sermon. At 3 p. m., Rev. I. T. Griner occupied the pulpit and preached a telling sermon. Rev. J. A. Peake preached one of those stirring sermons for which he is so noted, at the night service. Many could not get to hear him and turned away with regret from the church. Dr. Holmes, the pastor, speaking of the conference, says that it was an unparalleled success in every way. Never, to his knowledge, has the city of Waycross been moved to such an extent or stirred with such religious fervor. Old citizens confirm this view. The conference was, truly, epoch-making, and as such it will continue to live. Wm. H. Clarke, Conference Reporter.

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The Epworth League Convention of Aberdeen, Upper Mississippi District, convened July 28-29, 1903, at Baldwin Chapel, Brooksville Circuit. Rev. J. Burton presided. Devotional exercises by Rev. J. H. Everett, of Macon Charge. Prof. A. B. Coleman was elected secretary. Rev. W. M. Bell, of West Point Circuit, offered prayer, after which the president addressed the meeting in a few striking remarks touching upon all the departments. Reports showed a marked improvement along all lines. Very good papers were read and received hearty applause. All members of the cabinet were present the first day and much interest was shown. Among the many visitors were Rev. McDavid, of Quit-

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man; Dr. N. H. Williams, Holly Springs District, spoke of the advantages of attending Rust University, and the church in general. Many able discourses were made for the good of the cause. Drs. G. G. Logan and I. B. Scott made strong speeches to the body. Truly, they are great men. Rev. Golden and his people royally entertained us and deserve much credit. The next session will be held at Macon Charge, Mississippi. Officers elected: President, Rev. J. Burton, West Point Charge; secretary, Prof. A. B. Coleman, West Point Charge; assistant secretary, Mrs. Washington; corresponding secretary, Miss L. M. Harris; treasurer, Mrs. Patience Massengale; president of Junior League, Rev. E. A. Franklin.

The Jackson District Conference held at Yazoo City, Miss., July 29-Aug. 2, in the St. Stephen M. E. Church, the finest colored church in the state, was one of the greatest conferences the district has had. Dr. G. W. Smith and his hospitable people had everything well arranged and entertained the conference royally. The report of Dr. J. M. Shumpert, presiding elder of the district, showed prosperity on all lines of church work. But few pastors were missing. Many local preachers attended. The reports of exhorters, Sunday school superintendents, Epworth League presidents, class leaders, and district stewards were good. The sessions were very well attended. The benevolent collection was larger at this time than at the last annual conference. Rev. N. Toole preached the annual sermon. A large collection was raised by the stewards. We gave 80 annual subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN and took the banner from Meridian District. The following divines preached during the conference: W. L. Mills, W. L. Lamb, J. K. Comfort, Wm. McMorris, H. Roundtree, W. F. Waters, the energetic assistant business manager of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, preached Sunday at 11, and Dr. J. M. Shumpert at night. Visitors: Rev. J. C. Hibbler, presiding elder of the Meridian District; Rev. S. A. Cowan, presiding elder of the Shubuta District; J. K. Comfort, pastor of Elthaville and Laurel; Rev. R. H. Patton, pastor of Union Church; Dr. H. J. Clements, of Flint Medical College of New Orleans; Rev. J. I. Garrett, pastor of Handsboro; Dr. J. M. Weems, of the M. E. Church, South, the pastor of

Yazoo City, and his presiding elder, Dr. J. L. Lewis, of the Jackson District. One hundred and thirty dollars were subscribed for the emergency fund. N. Toole was made conference reporter.

Rev. D. Dewitt Terpeau, Pastor St. John's M. E. Church, Hudson, N. Y.—Our church was greatly awakened during our anniversary, July 26-28, when Rev. W. F. Hemsley, of Philadelphia, was with us. As a result of his visit last Sunday we took into the church five young women. We raised \$115 on Sunday, the 26th, in our rally. This may not seem much, but our people here can appreciate this more than others, as it is a record breaker for the place at this time of the year.

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Blackshear, Ga.—Dear friends to the cause of suffering humanity—I make this statement to you: A white gentleman and his devoted wife have given ten acres of land in a most desirable place for the erection of an old folks' home and industrial school for the orphans of our race. We have one small building erected and are asking for help to build a school, so that we may take up the poor children who have no one to look to for help. We are incorporated for no other object than to render assistance and temporal comfort to old, infirm and indigent people of our race, and to afford a home and refuge for orphan children. This being purely charitable and benevolent in its objects, has no capital and is organized for no individual pecuniary gain. Any amount you feel like giving to help in this cause will be appreciated. Please send to the Blackshear Bank in favor of the Old Folks' Home and Industrial School, or send to Rev. McD. Spencer, Pres.

A. J. Wilson, South Atlanta, Ga.—On Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 4, 1903, the Woman's Home Missionary Society of South Atlanta, Ga., surprised the pastor with a handsome purse. Thank you, sisters; that is right. When you are going out on a raid don't take the night, come in the daytime. On the same afternoon about 5 o'clock, Mrs. E. H. Oliver's class of boys, young members of the church, led by L. J. Price, Jr., Jerada Sparon and Wilbour Oliver and others tried their hand and presented the pastor with a nice purse. Thank you, boys; you have started in young to make it pleasant for your humble servant. Come again; I am your pastor.

J. B. Brooks, Pass Christian, Miss.—The leading rally on pastor's salary was given a few weeks ago by the twelve tribes of Pass Christian. The following ladies led the different tribes: V. Covington, M. L. Steward, E. M. Shief, N. E. Steward, P. Beldon, M. Manuel, M. Collin, H. Terrell, L. Benjamin, L. Robinson, and E. Kennedy. These energetic ladies rallied up \$95 in about eight days. Rev. D. D. Armstrong and G. I. Vaughns, of Biloxi, rendered valuable service. The pastor is very much encouraged and sees no need of complaint. He and his people all feel at home together. We have the best set of workers on the coast.

M. Bailey, Secretary, Griffin, Ga.—Rev. F. R. Bridges, our beloved pastor, had a rally for Heck Chapel's debt, July 26th. It was a high day. We had with us Rev. E. D. Giddens, of the Savannah conference, and pastor at Zebulon, Ga. Brother Giddens was at his best. We like to hear him. At

night the clubs reported as follows: Mrs. Dr. Wilkins, \$26.60; Rev. Mrs. Bridges, \$15.80; Mrs. Ella Phillip, \$8.25; Miss Lizzie Alston, \$6.50; Mrs. Lealo Pactreck, \$4.60; Mrs. Mary Hammett, \$2.50; Miss Alberta Alston, \$4.35; Mrs. Mattie Flemister, \$2.60; Mrs. Sandy Dickerson, \$4.15; Sallie McGinty, \$2.00; Miss Beula Dickerson, \$7.40. We paid off two important notes this year. Our friends contributed much to our collection. Total amount raised, \$137.87.

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John Steele, Reporter, W. H. Bloomer, Pastor, Jeffersontown Circuit.—This charge is doing a good work this year. Our pastor is a power in our church and we, as members, want to thank the Lexington Conference for sending us such a man. The church has been growing stronger since his arrival. He has built up a good Sunday school, a good congregation, we are having good class and prayer meeting and a most excellent choir, and we thank the Lord for these blessings for our church is alive, both spiritually and financially. July 26 was a high day. We had a rally and an old-time lunch meeting, and raised \$115.

Albert McCamy, Steward, Oliver Springs Charge.—The fourth quarterly conference of the Knox District convened at Branch Hill Aug 2, 1903. Rev. W. T. Marley, presiding elder, in the chair. Reports showed an advance over last year in every way. Sunday was a glorious day. Rev. W. F. Marley, D. D., preached two soul-searching sermons from Matt. 6:10. Fifty took the Lord's Supper. We paid the presiding elder up to date and had \$10 to pay our pastor. This is the way we have been doing all the year. Rev. R. M. Green, our pastor, is a strong preacher and a believer in pure holiness. He always keeps a keen eye on every interest of the church. With the help of our sisters our church has been painted, inside and out. It is a beauty. God bless our church, bishops, elder and our pastor. We are ready to hold a ten days' meeting Aug. 30. Pray for us.

Timmin, Miss.—The St. Paul Epworth League met Sunday, Aug. 9, with J. Turner in the chair. Program: Scripture lesson, Brother Geo. Bassett; "The Best Way to Conduct the Epworth League," D. Bassett; "Who is our Neighbor?" H. Jones; "What Good is the Epworth League to the Church?" A. B. Wyatt; A Lecture to the young people by Miss A. B. Wells; "The Best Way to Conduct a Revival Successfully." We are preparing to meet the conference league at Vicksburg in September.

F. L. Kirkpatrick, Pastor, Andrew Chapel M. E. Church, Fort Worth, Tex.—We began our work here after the adjournment of the annual conference at Luling, Tex., pushing it every way possible. The Lord has been with us. Up to date we have had 42 conversions, 80 accessions and have raised nearly all of our benevolence, have paid all of the old indebtedness and our church is spiritually alive. Our third quarterly conference held Aug. 8-9, was a success; 110 persons partook of the Lord's Supper. Paid presiding elder

\$15; pastor \$131.66. We hope to go to the next annual conference with a round report. Pray for us.

Union Memorial Church, St. Louis, Mo.—Many of our friends no doubt are anxious to know why we are not going ahead with our new church enterprise. The World's Fair so affected prices and the money market that we found it would be too great a sacrifice to build at present, though we are no less determined to have a new church. We realized \$546 at our June rally. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen will be with us Aug. 24.

A. J. Simpson, Dayton, Tenn.—When our pastor, Rev. A. Davis, came to us about ten months ago from the conference he found a very poor place in which to hold services. But he preached, prayed, and worked and said to the people, "We will finish this house, God being our helper." So, today, we have a respectable place, almost out of debt, in which to serve God. Rev. Davis is a good pastor and a gentleman; he has done a wonderful work here this year. In our class rally of July 16 we raised for the pastor \$25. But we can never pay him what he deserves. It would be well if the East Tennessee Conference had many of such men as he. Brethren, let us all wake up and begin to work for God and his cause. We can do more than we are doing. The exhorters must go to work. We need not expect something for nothing. God says, "Go teach all nations" and here we are not trying to teach one and calling ourselves men of God. Brethren, we want to do something and prove that we are workmen and need not be ashamed. God grant that we had more men like our pastor, Anderson Davis. I am afraid he will be wanted somewhere else next year and we will not get him. Our presiding elder is Rev. J. B. L. Willis, and we think him a very good one. We want the 3,000 subscribers asked for by Oct. 31st secured and will help roll the wheel until the victory is achieved.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Dr. G. Griffin Logan, field agent of the Missionary Society of our Church, has been with us during the greater part of our District Conference, setting forth his work so plainly and forcibly, stirring all hearts to the central missionary truths, indoctrinating them on the broad and plain basis of self-interest, self-support and self-sacrifice to the thought that the gospel be sent to all lands and all people; be it

Resolved, That we extend to him a rising vote of thanks. That we remember him always in our prayers, and that we carry him and the cause he so earnestly and logically represents to the throne of God. That we pray God's blessing upon him and his; that health, peace and prosperity may ever attend their pathway, and that he be spared for many years to push on this well-begun work, until men everywhere shall be touched by the fire he is kindling in these churches and conferences. That we follow him through the new-

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS.

Alexandria, Roanoke, Va. Sept. 9-13
Houston, Kendleton, Tex. Sept. 17-30
Vicksburg, Miss. Sept. 23-27
Little Rock, Little Maumelle, Ark. Sept. 24-27

Gainesville, Cedar Keys, Fla. Sept. 24-27
Alexandria, Roanoke, Va. Sept. —
Greenville, Gunnison, Miss. —
Mont Clair, N. J. Oct. 6, 7, 8.

CONVENTIONS.

Little Rock, Little Maumelle, S. S. Sept. 24
and E. L. Sept. 24
Chattanooga, Tenn., W. H. M. S. Oct. 28
Huntsville, Bryan, Texas. Sept. 15

papers in his extended travels through this Southland, and by presenting the missionary cause so forcibly before the people we serve, until he and the heads of this great church may be proud and well paid for their new agent's place in the field. C. L. DUNN.

Whereas, Dr. R. E. Jones, field agent of the Sunday School Union, representing our work in these Southern Conferences; and whereas, these field secretaries are bringing telling results to our conferences, and the great church at large; and whereas, he is bringing us from time to time well selected books and the best of literature to indoctrinate us in the principles of the church; and, whereas, his sermons have been and shall be burning coals of fire in our hearts and lives; be it

Resolved, That we stand by him and the cause he represents until this world will become intelligent in the fundamental principles of God's word. Be it further resolved, that he may be spared for many years to present his cause and Christ before the people and that he and the people may realize the fruitage of such Godly efforts. Be it further resolved, that before the annual conference convenes, we raise every dollar of the Sunday School Union assessment, making glad the heart of this, our Brother Jones.

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Felix Prescott, Baldwin, La.—The hearts of the people of Baldwin in general, and of Trinity M. E. Church in particular, have been gladdened by the advent of Rev. Thos. McCary, conference evangelist, in our midst. The pastor of our church, having been incapacitated by illness for active service, and therefore granted a vacation, our church was drifting like a ship without a rudder, and the congregation scattered like sheep without a shepherd. With indomitable pluck and heroic resolve Rev. McCary addressed himself to his apparently hopeless task. The prayers of the faithful, combined with his eloquent expounding of the Word of God, bore rich fruit; the church was reunited, the spirit quickened, backsliders reclaimed and sinners converted. Unanimous regret was felt and expressed

that previous engagements prevented him from staying to complete the work so well begun. Before leaving the worthy brother received substantial tokens of the esteem and good will of the people.

J. A. Swift, Alexandria, Tenn.—The grand session of the Cumberland River District Conference was held at Cherry Valley Aug. 5, 1903, with Dr. H. W. Key, D. D., in the chair. All pastors were present and many local preachers. It was one of the most profitable sessions the district has ever witnessed. The pastors made good and encouraging reports. The benevolence is in advance of last year. We had a spiritual uplift. Dr. E. W. S. Hammond carried all hearts by storm in his lecture and speech. The missionary sermon was preached by Rev. B. F. Anderson. The introductory sermon by H. Primm; Educational sermon by J. B. Booth. Sunday was a high day; preaching at 11 o'clock by C. E. Alexander, R. A. Dowell. At 3:30 p. m. by the writer, J. A. Swift. There cannot be too much aid of Cherry Valley for their kindness. Methodists and Baptists came together and royally entertained the conference.

Crawfordsville, Ark.—A. L. Greene, recording steward, of Crawfordsville charge, Newman's Chapel M. E. Church. Our third quarterly conference convened Aug. 8-9, 1903, with Rev. B. J. Griffin presiding elder of Forest City District, in the chair. We had good reports from the pastor, Rev. A. M. Brooks, the class leaders and Sunday School superintendents, which showed the work to be in a prosperous condition. The presiding elder lectured Saturday to the quarterly conference and all others present. On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock he preached to a crowded house. We had a meeting of several nights and days duration. The following Tuesday morning Rev. L. J. Terrell, one of the great revivalists of the Upper Mississippi Conference, pastor of Byhalia charge, came to assist in our revival. Sunday 42 anxious souls partook of the Lord's Supper. The impression our friend and brother made in this part of Eastern Arkansas will not be soon forgotten. We will hope he will return again. Three souls added to the old church during our meeting. We paid presiding elder \$11.25; pastor \$14.40; raised children's day \$8.00; paid sexton \$2.00; for the poor and oil 99cents; total \$36.64. Contributions on Brother Terrell's fair from Holly Springs, Miss., to Crawfordsville, Ark., and back, was \$6.25.

Rev. Kirkpatrick, Pastor, Fort Worth, Tex.—Andrews Chapel M. E. Church, South side, held its third quarterly conference Saturday night, Aug. 8, with our beloved Rev. L. H. Richardson, P. E., in the chair. The pastor, officers and members were on hand with reports in readiness, and full of the work, spiritually and financially. The presiding elder had offered a book as a prize, title, "When and Why Run a Revival," to be given to the class leader who raised and reported the largest amount of finance during the quarter on his salary. The prize was awarded to H. W. Hatten, leader of Class No. 4. Sunday was a high day. The presiding elder preached three of his soul-stirring sermons. Seven persons came forward during these services and connected themselves with the church; 5 were baptized. The Sacrament was administered to 110 souls. The presiding elder

was paid in full for the quarter ending. Total collection during the quarter and Sunday \$27.55. H. W. Hatten reported for the church, and Rev. F. L. Kirkpatrick, pastor, went to Smithfield, Tex., Aug. 12, to hold the third quarterly conference for Rev. L. H. Richard, our presiding elder. The following program was rendered by the Epworth League of the M. E. Church, South side, Wednesday night, Aug. 19, 1903. Devotionals; Address, Mr. Jos. Lewis; Anthems, League; Recitation, Miss Hattie Akes; Solo, Miss Myrtle Kirkpatrick; Debate, "Resolved that there should be an educational school in this country, affirmative, J. V. Mitchell and E. L. Parish, negative F. Martinez and Mr. Shelton. Critic, Mrs. P. E. Littles; H. W. Hatten, president; Miss Stella M. Houston, secretary. H. W. Hatten, leader of No. 4 baner class, Andrew Chapel M. E. Church, tenders his many thanks and appreciations to his classmates and his many friends who so faithfully stood by him the past six months in the church class leader's contest. I pray for our continued success until we have rallied around God's throne. Pray, dear readers, that God will bless this little band.

At Augusta St. M. E. Church, May 2, 1903, a grand reception was tendered Rev. C. I. Withrow, pastor. At an early hour the lecture room of the church was crowded with the elite of the city, representing every denomination. On the rostrum were seated Rev. Thompson, of Lexington, Va.; Rev. Lewis Johnson, of the Baptist Church; Rev. C. E. Hodges, of the Augusta Circuit; Rev. W. H. Moses, of Mt. Zion Baptist Church; Prof. O. J. Derritt, principal of city public school and Rev. C. I. Withrow. Mr. W. J. Pryor, Augusta Street's genial young master of ceremonies, called the meeting to order and in a few well chosen words extended a most hearty welcome to Rev. C. I. Withrow, at the beginning of his fourth year's pastorate. Program: Quartette, Misses Olive Houston, L. Branson, M. Branson and A. Peters; Prayer, Rev. L. Johnson; solo, Mrs. E. A. Burke; piano solo, Miss Olive Houston; address,

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Brethren—This round brings us to the conference. I am glad you are doing so well in your revivals. Help me, brethren, to say some good things about you in San Antonio. Your true brother,
A. BROWN, P. E.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT. FOURTH ROUND.

Oneonta and Altoona, Oct. 3-4; Village Springs and Selfville, 10-11; Avondale, 13-14; Warrior, 17-18; Blount Springs, 24-25; Bangor and Stought Mt., 28; Avenue E and 13th St., 29-30; Mt. Pleasant, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; Irondale, Nov. 3-4; Brownville and Woodlawn, Nov. 7-8; Horse Creek, 10; Cardiff, 11; Enon, 13-15; Springville, 17; Mantua, 21-22; Tuscaloosa, 28-29; Bessemer, 30; St. Paul, Dec. 4-6.

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OKLAHOMA DISTRICT. THIRD ROUND.

Eufaula, Oct. 10-11; Atoka Cir., at Colbert, 12; Grant, 14; Muskogee, Spencer Memorial, 17-18; Okmulgee, 19; Wetumpka, 20; Panther Creek, 21; Island Ford, 22; Elliott Cir., at Big Creek, 24-25; Guthrie, St. Paul, Nov. 1-2; Ardmore, Warren Chapel, 7-8; Ardmore Cir., at Springer, 9-10; Purcell, 11; Luther Cir., at St. James, 14-15; Shawnee Cir., at Earlsboro, 21-22; Oklahoma City, 28-29; Chickasha, 30; Hennessey, Dec. 5-6; Mt. Zion, 12-13; Chandler, 19-20; Langston, at Oak Grove, 26-27; Independence, 28; Ripley, Jan. 2-4 (1904).

Dear Brethren—Push the battle to the gate. Take all your benevolent collections during this quarter; send them in to the proper places and get receipts for same. Remember your pledge to the SOUTHWESTERN. Brethren, let us redeem that pledge. We can and we must do it. Look at the matter seriously and then begin your canvass. In these good days of plenty every member of the church ought to take that paper. I find in nearly every home from one to four papers that cost the family \$5 or \$6 per year. In some cases the whole lot coming to them is not worth 50 cents. Why not get these people to take their church paper and thus become intelligent Methodists. I appeal to you, brethren, do something for the SOUTHWESTERN. Your support will be better, the interest in your charge greater, your own work will grow sweeter. Try it. I will accept nothing as an excuse from this duty. Let us send in 100 subscribers at once. Let this quarterly conference be a season of great blessings to the church. With heart and hand in the work, I am yours for success,
D. G. FRANKLIN, P. E.

MARION DISTRICT. FOURTH ROUND.

Simpson, Sept. 5-6; Oak Grove, Sept. 12-13; Antioch, Sept. 19-20; Jackson, Sept. 26-27; Marion, Oct. 3-4; Eutaw, Oct. 10-11; Union, Oct. 17-18; St. Paul, Oct. 24-25; Selma, Nov. 1; Clinton, Nov. 7-8; Gainesville, Nov. 14-15; Spring Hill, Nov. 21-22; Mt. Sterling, Nov. 28-29; Allen, Dec. 5-6; Marietta, Dec. 12-13.

My Dear Brothers—If possible put your charge in Class No. 1 for mission and raise the entire claim for all causes. Remember your general con-

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NOTICE.

The collection at Nebo, Miss., Rev. O. W. Crump, pastor, which came out in the issue of August 13th, was \$17, instead of \$7.

NOTICE.

To the Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents of the various schools represented in the entire borders of the Upper Mississippi Conference:

Dear Brethren and Fellow Laborers—In accordance with an arrangement which we made at the last annual conference the Sunday School convention will meet in connection with the conference Epworth League, as you will see by programs already sent out. Now, Brethren, it is our duty to do all we can to make this meeting a success. To us is entrusted the care of the youth of the race, to instruct and to mold sentiments for time and eternity. We should spare no pains to act well our part at a sacrifice. Elect 2 delegates and have them present with papers on the subjects assigned your charge. Come yourself without fail. Yours truly,
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Greenwood, Miss., Aug. 14, 1903.

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THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY

Crawford, La., Aug. 28.—Mr. Alfred Wilson, while in the employment of the Myles Salt Co. at Weeks Islands, on Aug. 8 fell a distance of about three hundred feet, which caused instant death. He died as he lived, a sinner.

Brother Joseph Manuel, a faithful member of the Baptist Church at Georgetown, departed this life Aug. 25, with hope in Christ. He died as he lived, a true Christian. He was buried with Masonic honors, being a member of Doric Lodge No. 23, F. and A. M. "Make haste O man, to live, for thou so soon must die." R. S. WORSNAU.

Couparie, Miss.—Death has taken from our midst Sister Lillie Evans, aged 27 years. She said that all was well. She leaves a husband, three little children, father, four brothers, five sisters.
N. D. HOPKINS, Pastor.

New Orleans, La.—Mrs. Mary Louisa Morrison, wife of Mr. Sherman Morrison, died in Christ Aug. 25 at 11:05 a. m. at Reserve, La. St. John's

parish. She realized and said to her husband that he had done all for her he could. She was a faithful and true wife, a bride of eighteen months. She was held in the high esteem and confidence of all her friends and acquaintances. She leaves a faithful husband, father, three sisters and a large number of friends. Brother Sherman Morrison is one of our best local preachers of Haven Chapel, New Orleans, and a constant reader of the SOUTHWESTERN. We commend the bereaved family to Him who said, "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." They have our prayers and sympathy. The remains were interred in St. Peter's Cemetery at Reserve, La. Servant of God "Well done." We shall meet again on the Resurrection morning.
J. H. THOMPSON, Pastor.

Schriever, La.—Sister America Jackson died Aug. 22, 1903, aged 21 years. Sister Jackson was converted during Rev. Ed Powell's administration. She was reclaimed just a few months before her death. Seven days afterward, Aug. 25, Sister Louisa Jackson died, aged 16 years. She also was converted under Rev. Powell and joined the church in 1902. They leave a father, three brothers and one sister to mourn their loss. We pray that the Lord may strengthen Mr. Robert Jackson in his bereavement.
C. W. KERSHAW.

Monroe, La.—On the 20th of July Sissy Brown departed this life in full faith. She was a backslider, reclaimed two days before her death. She was the sister of one of our leading members, Sister Mary E. Norman. Her funeral was largely attended. Heaven has gained a precious jewel. We will meet her again. SANDERS CARROLL.

Brookhaven, Miss.—Sisters Ellen Maiden and Malissle Proby departed this life July 30, 1903, at the ripe age of 80 years. Both had been faithful members of the church for over 40 years. They said, "I am ready. I have been preparing for this hour many years." Both leave children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to mourn their loss. Sister Maiden said on her deathbed, to her granddaughter Ella, "Here is one dollar for the new church." Rev. B. L. Crump and L. W. Price attended the funerals.

Opelika District.—Sister Hannah Rollins, aged 72 years, departed this life March 8, 1903. She lived a true member of Rivers Chapel church for 30 or 32 years. She leaves three daughters, four sons and grandchildren. The funeral was attended by W. E. Smith, the pastor, and Rev. R. H. Fleming, pastor of Central Alabama.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Dennis Mills, La.—Mr. David Piper and Miss Martha Robinson were happily joined together in holy wedlock, Aug. 16. Mr. John Carter and Miss Virginia Scoot were married in July. D. S. Kilbourne officiated at both ceremonies.

Little Rock, Ark.—At the home of the bride's parents, Aug. 26, Mrs. Della Couiter and Mr. William Jackson were quietly united in the bonds of holy wedlock. We hope that success, joy and comfort shall ever crown their efforts through life. Rev. P. W. Webb, the pastor, officiated.

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residence the marriage of Mr. Richard Johnson to Miss Mary Jackson was consummated. Many valuable presents were received. We hope for them a prosperous voyage through life. R. H. Warren, pastor, officiated.

Marietta, Ga.—On Aug. 19 the marriage of Sister Mamie Cricklin to Mr. Mose Williams was solemnized by W. I. Sagoes, pastor of Marietta Charge M. E. Church, of which the bride is a member.

Bunkie, La.—Mr. Joseph Jones and Miss Olivia Bloch were united in the sacred bonds of wedlock at Marshall Chapel M. E. Church, Wednesday night, Aug. 26. God bless the young couple. Emerson Hutchman officiated.

Okolona, Miss.—Mr. J. T. Plunk and Miss Cora Tubbs were united in marriage August 26, 1903. The bride is one of our county teachers of high reputation, and a graduate of the Nurses' Training Department of Rust University. We wish them a happy voyage through life.

Mr. Frank Williams and Miss Cordelia Carter were united in holy wedlock Aug. 25, 1903. The bride is a lady of rare ability and a great musician. She is a graduate of Jackson College (Mississippi). We predict a bright future for them.

Mr. Dee Allen and Miss Daisy Stovall were united in holy matrimony Aug. 24, 1903. We bespeak for them a happy voyage through life. D. A. Bragg pastor, officiated.

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LITERARY NOTES

The *New England Magazine* announces many new features during the coming volume, which begins with the September issue, while it will retain those familiar features which have for fourteen years made it a household word in the homes of the Northeastern states. The new features of pictures and thumbnail sketches of men and women who are before the public eye, and of events that are now new but will go down into history, has been begun this month and will continue—a department sure to entertain and to be worth preserving. For sale at all News-stands; 25 cents per number. Annual Subscriptions, \$3.00. America Company, Publishers, 5 Park Square, Boston.

The *Living Age* of August 22 reprints from *The Quarterly Review* an article upon Pope Leo XIII. It is not written in a tone of indiscriminate eulogy, but it treats fairly and comprehensively the chief incidents of his long term of office, and his attitude toward the social and political questions of the time.

Whatever may be the most important period in a man's life—whether he concentrate his wisdom on the choice of a wife or the choice of a profession—it is certain that in a woman's life the crucial period occurs when she is called upon to select a husband. In *The Cosmopolitan* for September, Lavinia Hart discusses the problem of how to win a man, and how to hold his love.

The man who will trade on the reputation of another, and offer you a substitute for some well-known brand of food or medicine, is no better than the swindler who offers you a gold brick. Ten chances to one his own article is about as cheap as the brick.

Everything in the September *McClure's* is worth reading. Ray Stannard Baker contributes an extremely noteworthy article on the present industrial situation in Chicago, a really amazing disclosure of what the author does not hesitate to call a new form of industrial conspiracy. He recites the facts of the combinations between employers and workmen in various trades to suppress the competition of independents and prey upon the public. A thrilling Civil War article, "Andrew's Railroad Raid," will recall a notable incident of the Union campaigns of '62 in the West. The story of the ill-fated raid is finely told by Frank C. Dougherty, a participant and one of the few survivors.

Singing and rude dancing are the chief characteristics of the games played by Southern picanninnies, Timothy Shaler Williams shows, in an article on "The Sports of Negro Children" in the September *St. Nicholas*, to show that the little blacks, all unconsciously, are keeping alive much quaint folk-lore by their sports.

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9:40 p. m. Sunday Excursion... 7:30 a. m.

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Thursday night, Sept. 3d, the members of Wesley Chapel gave a welcoming reception in honor of their newly appointed pastor, Rev. T. J. Johnson. They lifted a collection of \$9.25. Sunday evening 220 partook of the Lord's supper. Collection \$16.15.

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The City Mission, says the pastor, Rev. D. S. Smith, is yet alive. They have organized a league to be known as the Bishop H. W. Warren League of the M. E. City Mission. The assistance rendered this work by Sisters M. Mix and E. A. Thomas is greatly appreciated. Mrs. S. L. Cannon is yet at her post. The presence of Rev. J. H. Thompson, president of the Epworth League, in their midst Aug. 25, was encouraging. Their call to all ministers of the Gospel is, "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

COTTON.

Spot cotton has fallen somewhat in this market, selling at 11½¢ during the latter part of the last week. Futures also are lower, yet over 11¢ was offered for September; 9½¢ for October and 9¼¢ for November and December.

The government statement showed an average condition of the crop on Sept. 1st about 20 per cent. higher than last year. The boll weevil is doing great damage in Texas, but seems not to have yet invaded the other cotton states.

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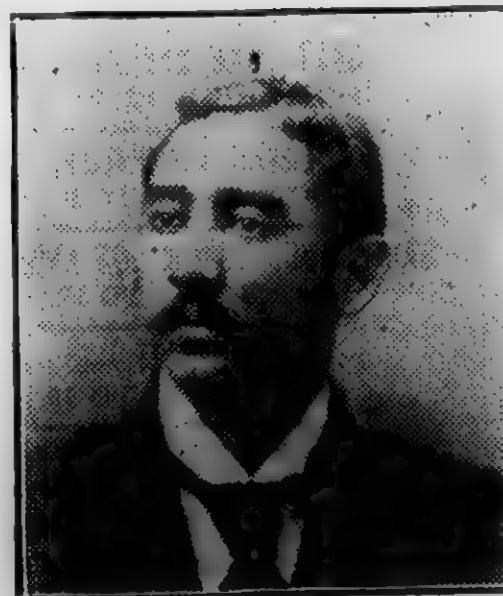
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Southwestern Christian Advocate

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Editorial Notes

Remember SOUTHWESTERN week.

The *Christian Observer*, a Presbyterian family newspaper published in Louisville, Ky., is now over ninety years old. It is well worthy its years.

Another southern statesman comes forward and offers his services to present a bill in the United States Congress looking to the repeal of the fifteenth amendment. This time it is Senator Carmack of Tennessee. As it seems to us the matter had as well come up now as later, hence we simply say to the Senator, Go ahead!

Think of an airship, under perfect control, heaving into view and passing over the great city of Indianapolis, Ind., in six minutes. Whether this be considered reasonable or not, it is said to have occurred Sunday afternoon, the 13th inst. If true, it indicates how rapidly the world is moving; if not true, it is evidence of the fact that the average newspaper correspondent is no more reliable in such matters than in those which pertain to the American Negro.

What shall we do? We dislike so much to lose our old subscribers that the business department of the SOUTHWESTERN usually sends out a warning notice, informing subscribers that their time is about to expire. We do this, notwithstanding the fact that the yellow tag on which the name is printed serves notice every week of the year of the date of expiration. Some people scold when we send them a notice and others complain if we do not; now which shall we do? Meanwhile we urge upon all our old subscribers to renew as promptly as possible.

It is announced that a special committee of ministers of the African M. E. Church for the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, appointed by Bishop Derrick to consider President Roosevelt's advice to suppress the criminal element, recommend that all their pastors shall deliver discourses on the benefits of honesty, industry and morality. This is good advice, but what we would like to know is, on what have they been preaching previous to this recommendation?

Last week brought to view three crimes against women by white men, and no one was lynched or burned. This is as it should be, and yet it goes to show, as we have always claimed, that lynching is sustained by race hatred and not by the detestableness of crime. Two white men were arrested for assaulting a sixteen-year-old white girl near Alexandria, La., before her helpless mother's eyes; one in Pensacola, Fla., for assaulting a colored girl, and another aged white man at Morristown, Tenn., was sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years for assaulting a fourteen-year-old colored girl.

Mr. Graves Supports Lynching

The address delivered on "The Mob Spirit in The South" before the Chautauqua Assembly some days ago by Mr. John Temple Graves, editor of the *Evening News*, Atlanta, Ga., has attracted considerable attention. As published, the entire address was largely made up of the wild assertions to which this brilliant man is so given, and his line of argument was based on the supposition that Negroes are for the most part lynched for the nameless crime against women. That this is not true, Mr. Graves undoubtedly knows, and many of his auditors as well. The fact is, as statistics show, a very small per cent of the lynchings are for this offense. Still, it served the speaker's purpose to so impress the audience, since his prime object was evidently to arouse sentiment in the North against the Negro. He spoke as though the crime is one peculiar to the Negro, whereas it is one of the crimes of humanity. Mr. Graves spent much time urging deportation or separation, which has been his hobby for a number of years. But it seems he is no better prepared to present a practical scheme than he has ever been. He is a splendid rhetorician, really a brilliant man, but he is neither just nor logical. He is the victim of his own prejudices, and allows them to lead him to expect and advocate the impossible.

Before concluding his address, which was on another subject, Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, made some remarks in reply to Mr. Graves, for which he deserves the thanks not only of every Negro, but of all who believe in justice and fair play. The following, taken from an editorial report on the subject, as found in the Doctor's paper, will indicate to some extent his line of argument. That says:

"Turning then to the issues which had been raised, he criticised Mr. Graves for making the lowest type of the Negro the measure of all; for ignoring the fact that the greatest improvement ever seen in the world's history in a similar period of time has been made by thousands of the Negro race; for forgetting or ignoring that very few relatively of the really educated Negroes have been guilty of the unspeakable crime specified, or of other crimes of the worst class. He then said that the burdens of civilization have been placed on the Negro; that self-support and self-guidance are now demanded of them; hence many of them have to migrate from place to place looking for work, and to live in an unwholesome way. Hence insanity and consumption, not prevalent among them before emancipation, are now very common. That under the circumstances, as among other races, a certain proportion of them will be guilty of crime, and being Negroes they are more likely to be arrested, and if arrested to be friendless and convicted, than in a multitude of cases among whites, where they will either not be arrested or not be convicted.

He further criticized Mr. Graves for not recognizing the fact that the Negro is a man, and that a race, if inferior in its present development, under proper treatment as men, may develop rap-

idly, as has been the case with the Anglo-Saxon race. * * *

"As to the remedy of separation of the races, he claimed that it was a chimera, and that to say that it is the only remedy is to perpetuate as far as possible the horrible code of lynching, which will make inevitable more crime than it prevents, besides making everyone who participates in it a criminal."

In concluding this statement, we desire to say that one of the clearest and most just discussions on the subject of lynchings that we have seen is by Judge C. B. Lore, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware, who was also an invited speaker during the Chautauqua Assembly. From this excellent address we have space for only one paragraph. Touching the subject of rushing the courts, he says:

"The work of the mob in such a case not only brands the State and the nation with indelible disgrace, but tends to multiply crime, and if the question of color or race happens to be involved, it provokes race hatred and race war.

"The claim that because courts in any case refuse to railroad the criminal to the gallows is an excuse for brutal lynching is not worthy of consideration before intelligent people. The murderers themselves and blatant demagogues seek such excuse for their acts, but they, like the ostrich fleeing for shelter, only bury their heads in the sand, and leave the body of their sin exposed.

"Any court of justice that would listen to the mob and suffer it to prescribe its methods, time and action should be abolished as a mockery of human justice. The very fact that the people are mad and frenzied and that the mob is at the door calls for a cooling time, that reason may resume her throne.

"The effect, therefore, of mob rule may be summarized as follows:

- "1. It brutalizes the individual man.
- "2. It destroys free government.
- "3. It increases crime."

Dark Enough Already

Zion's Herald never minces words; what it has to say it says. Relative to the situation in Mississippi we find in its issue of Sept. 9 the following:

"Major Vardaman, who has announced that he believes in limiting the public money to be expended in Mississippi for the education of black children to the amounts which the blacks themselves pay into the State treasury, has met with success in the 'second primaries,' on the Democratic ticket, which is considered to be equivalent to an election as Governor. Mississippi enjoys at present the unenviable reputation of standing forty-fifth in the scale of general enlightenment. The school enumeration of 1900 showed over 351,000 persons, or nearly a quarter of the whole population, who were illiterates. Major Vardaman will, if elected, do his best to deprive a multitude of colored children of all opportunity to learn anything calculated to elevate them in the scale of citizenship, on the ground that education would spoil them for the lower forms of service for which alone in his opinion they are fitted. This threat to establish a new slavery—the domination of ignorance—has been received in blind

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Our Contributors

Christian Education, the Bedrock of Civilization

By LUCIUS V. HARRISON.

We gather from the annals of ancient, modern and current history that it is absolutely necessary to underlie civilization with Christian education.

The coal mines of Pennsylvania, the salt mines of Utah and the gold mines of California are superficial layers, formations that have under them bed-rocks. In constructing a magnificent building it is necessary to have a firm foundation; even so it is with establishing true civilization.

Messrs. Livingston and Stanley admitted that it is essential to civilization—and no men have given more time to the civilization of mankind than these two. Christian education was, to the civilization of the Ethiopian, the American Indian and to the Chinaman as the bed-rock is to the gold of the Klondike. America, the greatest civilized country of the new world; America, one of the most highly enlightened countries of the globe, has for its foundation one bed-rock, as it were, and that is, Christian education. Christian education has rendered a service of greater value to American life in training and civilizing men than in promoting scholarship. It has affected society more generally and deeply through its trained and civilized men, than through its contributions to science. Its work for America and for the world has been done at second hand through the men whom it has educated.

The Christian schools and colleges of America have been rather mothers of men than nurses of scientists and philosophers, and, as a result, national culture and refinement is received.

Our manners, our refinement and all the good appendages civilization has in this American world of ours depended upon bed-rock, and that bed-rock is Christian education. In judging the value of this civilization of which I speak, the value it has rendered society through its sons, I say it is the most successful method in developing the character and working power of individuals. Many of those who become men of light and learning would still have been down among their fellows had they never completed the work of any of these Christian schools and colleges; but these institutions of polished civilization have rendered unique and peculiarly rich service. They have in every instance increased ability and made ability more efficient; they have rendered indifferent ability good and given a superlative excellence to that of a higher degree.

The large majority of divines, statesmen and lawyers throughout the United States are not graduates, but men who have incessantly contended for a higher civilization, bed-rocked with Christian education. But what is called lower, and the higher, civilizations are but two parts of one great scheme each ministering unto and each receiving ministry from the other; if the lower civilization be slovenly, superficial and ineffective, the higher civilization is also slovenly, superficial, weak and ineffective. If civilization be not bed-rocked with strong, effective, inspiring Christian education, it falls into methods of narrowness and superficiality not fit for man!

Further, civilization bed-rocked with Christian education has embodied a broad and noble patriotism. This patriotism has been free from provincialism; it has sought that just government might prevail; that toleration of opinions might become common; it has endeavored to incarnate

the cardinal virtues in State. No youth has been more eager than the youth of polished civilization to doff the student's gown and don the soldier's uniform! One who has been to an institution and attained Christian educational civilization has not for his motto, "My country, right or wrong;" rather, he loves his country and is willing to die for it as long as it embodies those principles of external and infinite relationship—he loves his country not because he loves the world much. If these Christian institutions are the systems of polished civilization, they exist as a part of our commonwealth; their means of elevating humanity embody the power of promoting scholarship as one of the means of elevation. It is not wealth nor birth, prestige nor family, which opens the doors of Christian institutions, but it is the simple desire to use the facilities offered by them for the enlargement and enrichment of character.

America has made great contributions to the civilization of the world, but these contributions have been indirect. Although she has made none more valuable than are found in the missionary movements of the Christian church, these movements have been genuine and large endeavors for the establishment of a higher type of civilization. They include the teachings of principles, the worship of one God, the institution of Christian schools, the creation of written language, and, to some extent, that of a literature. This is true civilization!

Missionaries have reduced to writing some seventy languages, twenty-six of which are to be put to the credit of American civilization, bed-rocked with Christian education. Such laborers represent linguistic and literary triumphs of a rare and exceedingly high order. And at once it is to be said that the missionaries who have been and are bearers of civilization to the Chinaman, the South Sea Islanders, the Africans and to degraded people in all parts of the globe, have found their most valuable training for this service to be pure Christian education! * * *

Could my tongue be heard around the world I would speak to the teachers of the rustic West, the missionaries of the crude South, the explorers of the rural North, and the visitors of the drowsy East. Though my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, I would unhesitatingly say: Christian education is the bed-rock of civilization.

Houston, Tex.

Some Things for Young People

By R. B. BROWNLEE.

If I had the ability and talent to deliver a quiet, little lecture to the young men about to marry, I would say: If you wish to win and keep a pure woman's love, don't prate about marriage being only a civil contract, instituted for convenience sake, and that it is binding only upon the woman. A true gentleman is always and forever chivalrous towards women. He always holds the sex of his mother in reverence. Why I utter these words, is that there are some women that have proved their inferiority, and the best class of young men are looking upon them with much condescension. Why? Simply because the veil has been withdrawn from their eyes. But the majority seem to stand on the high intellectual and moral plane. Of course, there are a great many of our young men these latter days who are lacking in the essentials of manliness. At the present, here at this place, the young men, the supposed future church, seem to have boycotted the church work. Our honorable president of the Epworth League resigned be-

cause he had to contend with that class of people that did everything except what is elevating the race. Several of the other church societies here have run down completely for the want of proper young men. When the average young man begins to think seriously about getting married, he looks about him for a woman he can respect, whose life has been stainless and above suspicion. At the same time his own life and character should be pure. If not, what would he have to offer a pure-hearted, clean-souled, high-minded girl? Is his soul clean? Is his heart pure? Is his life record decent? Has he not been sinning in impurity and physical immorality year in and year out? In a quiet way, perhaps, but still sinning, until in reality he is not a fit mate for even the most degraded woman, to say nothing of a pure one. The way to win a girl is to deserve her, and then keep her love. How? By being always the lover, the gallant, chivalrous lover, even though fifty years married.

I know a young man, a friend of mine, some twelve or fourteen months in the cause. He considers other society irksome. He never wears flowers or brings his wife flowers and little gifts (not expensive ones, because his means will not permit). He always attends her with chivalrous attention wherever she is, and is never happy when she is not. And they take lover-like walks together. He looks upon a woman as something sacred, for he was born in that atmosphere and educated in it at home. It is as much a part of him as his breath. And what of her? She makes cosy, shaded, cool corners about the house where he may stretch out and rest from bending over a hot anvil, hammering, all day long. She follows him about and picks up his small longings, tidies his drawers many times a day, puts the buttons on his collars, lays out his clothes. Think of that, O, ye emancipated sisters who are bewailing the juggernaut of matrimony! She is restless when he is out of sight, prefers his company to society, and to have one of the sweetest little sons, just the picture of health. This young man treats his wife just as if she was a queen, and she regards him as a king among men. I think such a marriage is heaven upon earth, and a thousand years would be all too brief a time in which to enjoy such happiness. A marriage like that is a union of hearts and souls.

Men like this—and the world is full of them—cannot only win women, but, best of all, they keep their love.

Who can help loving a man who is manly, noble, refined, pure and true to himself and to a woman who puts her heart and life into his keeping? And as for marriage, what else, besides God's love, has earth to offer worth the life for—than love?

Pine Bluff, Ark.

Should the Tennessee Conference Consist of Six Districts

The West Nashville District Conference journeyed a few days ago at Dickson, Tenn., where we had a very grand session. Among the resolutions that were passed was one that we petitioned Bishop Goodsell for the sixth district. Without debate this resolution was passed. Afterward I reflected upon it, and in my reflection the question, Why six districts? settled in my mind. Does it mean a larger missionary appropriation, or does it mean the forward movement? It may mean both. But I would like to express my views upon the latter.

In considering this question, in the very outset it is seen that the presiding elders' territory is too large for them to advance the work. I mean that they have too many appointments. When a presiding elder holds a conference in the week he accomplishes little or no good, and the people say that the presiding elder just comes to get his quarterage, without doing anything for it. We, the pastors, know that the presiding elder is a business agent for the church, but the people do not seem to realize this fact, notwithstanding some of us have tried to teach them the lesson. They think the presiding elder ought to preach, and preach their souls happy before they feel that they owe him a quarter. Thus, a weekday visit by the presiding elder seems to do harm rather than good. This is especially true in the Tennessee Conference.

Second, the quarterly conferences have lost their old spiritual fervor in the Tennessee conference, and more than a few pastors have conceded this fact. Why is this true? I shall give my answer in a few brief words: I think a presiding elder can better help the pastor to forward the work by spending more time with him on his charge. The way he may have more time to spend at a charge, his district should be composed of twelve appointments and not more than thirteen. This would enable him to hold a Saturday and Sunday service at each appointment. If this could be done, better results could be had. And we would no longer hear great resolutions in our conferences as to building our church in Columbia, Clarksville, Jackson, Mount Pleasant and other beautiful cities of the grand old State of Tennessee.

Give the sixth district and cut the presiding elder's appointments down so that he, with pastors, may work up the old quarterly conference's fervor. Then we may unite in truth with the missionary convention that was held in Cleveland, Ohio, in October, 1902, in the forward movement.

W. ELLISON,

Pastor of Seay Chapel, Nashville, Tenn.

Legal Bureau, Afro-American Council

Dear Sir:

You no doubt recall the case of H. T. Johnson, plaintiff (Editor *Christian Recorder*), vs. the Pullman Company, recently tried in the Federal courts in New Jersey, a civil rights action for damages on account of plaintiff being refused and denied the full and equal accommodations, privileges and facilities accorded other persons by said Pullman Company, in that he was refused a breakfast in one of said company's dining cars.

The case was tried to a court and a jury, which awarded plaintiff a verdict for the sum of \$500, the highest sum they could award, on the 18th day of May, 1903. The Hon Kirkpatrick, before whom the case was tried, entered an order setting aside the verdict and giving the Pullman Company judgment notwithstanding the verdict.

The case is now in charge of the above named bureau and the necessary steps have been taken to carry the case on appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The facts are these: Plaintiff was a passenger on the train of the Seaboard Air Line from Florida to Washington, D. C., and went into the dining car at the second call and asked for breakfast and was told that they were not ready for him, and on the third and last call he went again and asked for breakfast and was, by the superintendent, refused on account of his color.

There are three points involved: On the first we contend that the acts complained of are clearly

against the 13th and 14th amendments of the Constitution, as these amendments clearly mean and indicate that persons of color are to have equal rights with white people, especially in all matters of interstate commerce as distinguished from the State law.

Second: The civil rights act of 1875, under the construction put upon it by the Supreme Court in the case of *Robinson vs. The Memphis and Charleston Railway Company*, 109 U. S., 4, clearly asserts that, that act is only unconstitutional as applied to the several states. In this case is not a question of state law, but the question of a train running from one state to another, and therefore comes under the head of interstate commerce, and the decision in the *Robinson* case expressly reserves this question and does not declare the act of 1875 unconstitutional in this respect, and further, as this train was running in the District of Columbia, the *Robinson* case is not in point because the decision expressly says, "it is not decided whether the law as it stands is operative in the territories and the District of Columbia."

The Hon. Kirkpatrick set aside the verdict and ordered judgment for the defendant upon the express grounds that the *Robinson* case did apply notwithstanding the fact that at the trial he held otherwise and refused to allow the defendant to go to the jury on that theory of the case, though it was expressly set forth in the pleading.

Third: The Common Law of England is the law of this country, so far as not altered or amended by the statutes or decisions of the courts of this country. It cannot be denied that the defendant, by holding itself out as a public caterer of refreshments, etc., is bound by the common law to treat all citizens alike and without discrimination so long as they are willing and able to pay.

The record in this case is undeniably in favor of the plaintiff and squarely raises the point as to whether or not, under the laws, constitutionally or otherwise, a Negro has a right on an interstate train to refreshments served to the general public. There are no side issues in the case, but simply a request for refreshments and an admitted refusal on account of color, thereby raising the question of law whether the defendant company was within its rights in doing so or whether plaintiff was denied a right and privileges due him as a citizen.

The case, too, presents the question of the rights of interstate passengers and all matters of interstate commerce are exclusively under the control of federal legislation, and whether or not the Negro as an interstate passenger can be discriminated against by an interstate carrier is a point never before squarely raised in the United States Supreme Court.

We feel it our imperative duty to have this case go to the Supreme Court of the United States; if not, then the decision of Judge Kirkpatrick will stand as the law throughout the land, and there will be no place where the Negro can secure accommodation from the Pullman Company unless that company or its employees choose to accord it to him.

The rigor of the "Jim Crow Car" now being adopted by nearly all of the southern and border states has been modified to the extent that those of the race who wanted to could secure accommodations in the Pullman cars. If this decision stands, this escape is no longer open to us. It means just this: that the Pullman Company can deny the Negro accommodation, and he is without remedy. In its effect it reaches all parts of the country, north, east, and west, as well as the

south, and even into the District of Columbia and the territories. Special attention is called to the fact that Federal Statutes have at all times been held to apply to the District of Columbia and the territories, but this decision of Judge Kirkpatrick reverses this holding and takes them entirely from under the operation of the Federal Statutes in so far as those statutes give the Negro equal rights on public carriers and public caterers. If the Pullman Company can refuse to serve a meal, it can refuse to sell a seat or a berth.

We are happy to announce that we have not relaxed one fractional part of our zeal and effort to bring before the Supreme Court of the United States the cases involving the suffrage question and that the decision in the *Giles* case (recently decided, and known as the *Alabama* case) does not decide the points involved in the cases we have pending. One of these cases will be argued in the Supreme Court of Louisiana early in October next, and from that court will be appealed to the United States Supreme Court, and we feel assured that when these cases come before the United States Supreme Court with the points involved, raised and presented, we will have from that court a decision squarely on the question whether or not a state can actually disfranchise a citizen on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude without violating the Federal Constitution.

We have associated with us in these cases some of the best lawyers in the country, and we are confident of winning a victory.

We also wish to especially emphasize and call attention to the following: Section 1 of the XIV amendment to the Federal Constitution by express declaration creates and confers as a primary right citizenship of the United States; and there is no dispute but that the duty to protect the lives and property of its citizens is an inherent duty of every government; and where there is a duty to protect, the power to protect is correlative. The citizen then is of right entitled to claim at the hands of the Federal government protection, and the XIV amendment expressly provides that "No state shall * * * deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law." Prohibiting the state to deny protection is in every sense a direct requirement to provide it. We therefore conclude that when a citizen is put to death in any manner or is in any way deprived of his property, except by due process of law and in default of the protection required by this amendment, there is denial of equal protection by the state—a violation of the amendment, which Congress may prevent and punish by legislation. Section V of the XIV amendment expressly authorized Congress to enforce its provisions "by appropriate legislation." The Bureau is charged with the duty of securing such legislation, and we will seek to have a measure passed by the 58th session of Congress that will afford to the citizens Federal protection against mob violence and secure to them peaceful enjoyment of the rights guaranteed by the Federal government.

Situated as we are, we cannot surrender any one of our civil or political rights without suffering a loss. We therefore appeal to our brothers throughout the country to furnish the necessary money to carry these cases through the courts. We may do collectively what will be impossible for us to do individually to bring these cases to a final determination and to secure such legislation as will work better protection to the citizen. We therefore ask that you be good enough to contribute such amount as you feel you can and urge that a failure to respond now may mean a

prolonged disregard of both our political and civil rights. Yours very respectfully,

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"Thy gifts, alas, cannot suffice,
Unless thyself be given."

Let us call the whole hymn the greatening of life. As are the thoughts so is the life. The last verse of the original eleven is:

Be docile to thine unseen Guide,
Love him as he loves thee;
Time and obedience are enough,
And thou a saint shalt be.

THE GREATENING OF LIFE.

O how the thought of God attracts
And draws the heart from earth,
And sickens it of passing shows
And dissipating mirth!
'Tis not enough to save our souls,
To shun the eternal fires;
The thought of God will rouse the heart
To more sublime desires.
God only is the creature's home,
Though rough and straight the road;
Yet nothing less can satisfy
The love that longs for God.
O utter but the name of God
Down in your heart of hearts,
And see how from the world at once
All tempting light departs!
A trusting heart, a yearning eye,
Can win their way above;
If mountains can be moved by faith,
Is there less power in love?
—Frederick W. Faber (b. 1814, d. 1863).

Greatness of Faith

To be loved is better than to be admired—and admiration is the privilege of a few brilliant natures, while love is within the reach of any pure and loving heart. And so of the subtler beauties of art and the simpler beauties of nature. Art is the privilege of the few, but nature opens her treasures wide. "There is no price set on the lavish summer, and June may be had by the poorest comer." But nature is as much more beautiful as she is more free than art. It is a splendid law of all God's world, a law that makes the whole world shine with the splendor of his love, that everywhere the finest is the freest. The lower blessings are often the exceptions, but the higher blessings are meant to be not the exception, but the rule. If this be so, then how must it be with that blessing which outgoes all others, the blessing of faith, the blessing of living under the perpetually recognized lordship of Christ? The finest of all gifts of God—may we not look for it to be the freest, too? Free as the air, which is the most precious thing the world contains, and yet struggles as nothing else in all the world struggles to give itself away—crowds itself in wherever it can go, and moves whatever will let itself be moved by its elastic pressure.—*Bishop Brooks in California Advocate.*

Christ in the Home

There is no place where a man's religion is so valuable as in his own home. Many a man appears very religious on Sunday, but if you could see him at home with his family, at the table, or when he loses his temper over some trivial thing,

you would not wonder when he says he cannot do personal work, and it would not do any good for him to speak to his own children about becoming Christians. A man in Iowa had been storming at his family, especially at his poor wife, one day, until he had spoiled the pleasure of everybody in the home for that day at least. Then he went out, slamming the door behind him. His little boy had stood at one side, listening to it all. He looked into his mother's face and tearful eyes, and, coming across the room, took her hand in his own, and exclaimed, "Mother, we made a awful mistake when we married, father, didn't we?"—*Unidentified, The Religious Telescope.*

The Hidden Gem

That is a beautiful incident told of a certain church member who was unfamiliar with some of the most precious promises in the Bible. The story is old, but it will bear repeating for the benefit of those who have not read it.

A well-to-do deacon in Connecticut was one morning accosted by his pastor, who said: "Poor Widow Green's wood is out. Can you not take her a cord?"

"Well," answered the deacon, "I have the wood and I have the team, but who is to pay me for it?"

The pastor replied: "I will pay you for it on condition that you read the first three verses of the forty-first Psalm before you go to bed to-night."

The deacon consented, delivered the wood, and at night opened the word of God and read the passage: "Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon earth; and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing; thou wilt make all of his bed in his sickness."

A few days afterward the pastor met him again. "How much do I owe you, deacon, for that cord of wood?"

"Oh!" said the now enlightened man, "do not speak of payment; I did not know those promises were in the Bible. I would not take money for supplying the widow's wants."—*Christian Observer.*

Woman's Dominion

Potatoe Fritters

After mashing potatoes through a colander, add three eggs, beaten, a desert-spoonful of flour, the same of butter, salt and a pint of milk. Beat well and drop from a large spoon into boiling fat. The fritters should be well immersed and taken out as soon as they rise to the surface of the kettle.

Stuffed Tomatoe Salad

An attractive and delicious salad for country luncheons may be prepared thus: Select deep red, smooth, round tomatoes, having them of equal size. Chill them, and peel them without scalding. Cut out the stem end, and scoop out the seeds; place stem end down on a plate, and set on ice until needed; then fill with chicken salad capped with whipped cream, or apple celery and almond mayonnaise, or cucumber and sweet bread cupped with a daisy made from slices of hard-boiled egg.

Peach Butter

Remove the skins from the peaches by immersing them for a minute in boiling water, when they can be easily skinned; weigh them when peeled and take pound for pound of sugar. First cook the peaches soft in a little water, then

add half of the sugar and stir half an hour; then use the remainder and continue to stir for half an hour longer. Just before it is done season with ground cinnamon and cloves to taste. Take up and preserve in self-sealing jars.

To Make a Happy Home

Learn to govern yourselves, and to be gentle and patient.

Guard your tempers, especially in seasons of ill-health, irritation and trouble, and soften them by prayer and a sense of your shortcomings and errors.

Remember that, valuable as is the gift of speech, silence is often more valuable.

Do not expect too much from others, but remember that all have an evil nature, whose development we must expect, and that we must forbear and forgive, as we often desire forbearance and forgiveness ourselves, says the Philadelphia Ledger.

Children Should be Taught to be Thrifty

A savings bank account is a great incentive to thrift in children. If one is begun for the baby, even with a very small sum, and added to through childhood and youth with a certain proportion of the money that otherwise would be spent carelessly and thoughtlessly by the child, there will be a very respectable amount on the credit side of the ledger when the depositor is eighteen years old. The habit of self-denial is not the least of the substantial benefits that follow a wise economy of money.—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

In the field of trained nursing, colored women are winning success. There is one institution in New York City where they may receive training. That is at the Lincoln Hospital, on the upper East Side. Until about six years ago there was no hospital in New York that would admit a colored woman to the nurses' training course. For many years Lincoln Hospital was run in the interest of colored patients only. Consequently colored nurses were a necessity, and hard enough it was to get them. It has been proved that colored women make high-class trained nurses and that there is a good field for them in New York. At first many of those who received diplomas at Lincoln Hospital left with the avowed intention of confining their ministrations to their own people. Now, however, many of them have other ambitions and are employed by all.—*The News Journal.*

Woman "The Arbiter of Praise or Blame"

Woman's function in the world is not so much to be admired as to admire, to praise, to encourage and to comfort. The woman who makes her life a search for admiration is abdicating her finest power over mankind. She is by right, as Ruskin puts it, "the arbiter of praise and blame." She sets the standard of her men folk high or low, as she chooses. What she shows a hearty contempt for is sure to lose ground as a social usage or opinion. Whatever laxity of manners or of morals she tolerates is equally sure to gain ground. If she lends her countenance to the lascivious theater, a low-pitched literature, a paganized art, men will never reform these evils. If she sanctions the living of an empty, idle and frivolous life, then that will be the life of her male friends. But if she set herself against these things, they will be disused and despised. Not childhood only, but the world at large, is plastic under her hands. If the bombshells of war were all to explode in her china cosets, Ruskin suggests, wars would soon cease out of the earth.—*Sunday-School Times.*

Young Friends

HEAVEN.

The lesson hour was nearly past
When I asked of my scholars, seven,
"Now tell me each one, please, in turn,
What sort of place is heaven?"

"Oh, meadows, flowers and lovely trees?"
Cried poor little Norah-street Kitty;
While Dorothy, fresh from country lanes,
Was sure 'twas "a great big city."

Bessie, it seemed, had never thought
Of the home beyond the river;
She simply took each perfect gift
And trusted the loving Giver.

Then up spoke Edith, tall and fair—
Her voice was clear and ringing.
And led in the Easter anthem choir—
"In heaven they're always singing."

The desk bell rang. But one child left,
My sober, thoughtful Florry—
"Why, heaven just seems to me a place—
A place—where you're never sorry."
—Sunday School Times.

A Good Pledge

1. Speak no unkind or harsh word of anyone.
2. I will repeat no unkind remarks I hear of anyone, and discourage others as much as possible from saying unkind things.
3. I will judge my neighbor leniently, remembering that my own faults are probably far greater.
4. I will never say one thing to others and yet think quite differently; this is hypocrisy.
5. I will make no injurious remarks on the failing of others, remembering these words: "Consider thyself, lest thou also be tempted."
6. I will put the best construction on the motives and actions of all my neighbors.
7. I will act unselfishly peaceably and forgivingly, obeying my Master's command, "Love one another."—Christian Companion.

Violet's for Mother

She walked timidly into a florist's where the young proprietor was selling a society girl a bunch of American Beauties. She was nine years old. An old shawl covered her head and shoulders, showing garments scrupulously clean beneath it.

"I want some violets to take to my mamma," said the little one, holding out a dime.

"I think some cheaper flowers would do, my girl," said the man.

"No, sir," came from the tot. "I want violets. Ain't that money 'nuff to pay for them? My mamma is sick an' my papa's dead. Mamma, she gets whiter and whiter every day, and jes' coughs off. This morning she felt so weak and bad I jes' thought she'd die. But she said if she could only live until the warm springtime came again, and she could smell violets once more, she jes' knew she'd get better, an' I had this dime, so I—"

But the florist was fumbling before a glass case marked "Violets, seventy-five cents per dozen," and there was moisture in his eyes and an ache in his throat.

In a little while he had a big bunch—more than a hundred—wrapped up. He gravely took the child's ten cents, gave her the precious blossoms, and held the door open, bowing her out as gallantly as if she were some grand customer.

The dime he carefully wrapped up in a piece of paper and put in his purse.

"Dying for a breath of springtime and the sweet odor of violets," he muttered.

That's all.

But that ten cents! Why, that dime would almost buy a sinner's ransom at the gates of heaven.—Christian Uplook.

Learn to say kind and pleasant things whenever the opportunity offers.—The Central Methodist.

Educational

Meharry Medical College

September 2nd, 1903, at 3.00 p. m., Meharry Medical College opened its twenty-eight session. The opening exercise took place in the Dental and Pharmaceutical Hall, with a crowded house. Prayer was offered by Rev. M. Williams, presiding elder of the Nashville District, followed by some very choice selections of music by Miss Mamie Braden. Dean Hubbard then spoke at length with respect to the work of the school and the graduates of the same. He showed that more than half of the colored physicians of the United States are graduates of Meharry Medical College. The Doctor emphasized the importance of being a Christian physician. He said those who are in the lead as practicing physicians are men of prayer—men, who are loyal to the Church and to God.

Much enthusiasm abounded throughout the exercise as many visitors spoke encouragingly of the work done at Meharry. Their speeches were elegant, inspiring and greatly enjoyed by all. Among the speakers were the following: Bishops Evans Tyree, of the A. M. E. Church, and C. H. Phillips, of the C. M. E. Church. Revs. Geo. W. Moore, Field agent of the American Missionary Association, M. Williams, presiding elder of the Nashville District, T. W. Johnson, pastor Clark Memorial, and other prominent ministers of the city.

Additions are being made annually to the school buildings. Improvements, at a cost of \$400.00, have been made in the Dental Department. In addition to this about \$300.00 have been spent in repairing the buildings and improving the school grounds.

A special course on "Pediatrics" has been arranged for and will be conducted by Dr. W. H. Baskette. Dr. E. M. Turner, of Little Rock, Ark. has been appointed as an assistant instructor in the Pharmaceutical department and will begin his work in a week's time.

Mercy Hospital, which furnishes the clinical work for the College has been repaired and the operating room enlarged at a cost of \$400.00. The school is rapidly growing along all lines. At the present it is the largest Negro Medical school in the world. The following is the enrollment for the first week: Medical students, 111; Dental students, 44; Pharmaceutical students, 10; Total, 165.

The total enrollment last year was 341. It looks as though the number will run to 400 the present year. We are not surprised at the growth of Meharry Medical College, when such a leader as Dean Hubbard is at its head. Let it be the prayer of the Christian people that he may be preserved and his life prolonged for many years, in order that he may see his great plans mature.

J. A. McMILLAN.

Brownsville, Tenn.

Opening of Samuel Hueston College, Austin, Texas

Samuel Hueston College opens for the fall term Monday, September 28, 1903, at 10 a. m. We urge all of our old students and all new

students who expect to attend to be present the first day. Often the whole year's work is a failure because of the loss of the first month.

At 8 p. m., of the opening day, Rev. A. M. Mason, of Georgetown, and others will deliver opening addresses. Miss C. L. Jackson, our music teacher, who has just returned from Chicago, where she has been taking an advanced course in music, will have charge of the musical program.

Everything is in fine shape for a good year's work. Every member of the old faculty will be present, with additions. So do not let the boll weevil scare you away. Save all you can and come on.

We must educate or we are doomed.

Respectfully,

R. S. LOVINGGOOD,

President.

The Day of Prayer for Public Schools

The National Reform Association has again sent out its appeal for the observance of the Second Lord's Day in September, or some other suitable day, as a season of united prayer in behalf of the public schools. This day was suggested because the schools are then opening for the year. The Association is not concerned what day be observed, provided this great interest is not forgotten. The decision of the Nebraska Supreme Court last October against the Bible in the schools and the reconsideration and modification of that decision in the following January so that the Bible still remains in the schools of that State; the more recent adverse decision by the Supreme Court of California and the fact that similar decisions had been previously given in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Montana and Washington are referred to as indicating a drift or tendency which ought to awaken the deep concern of Christian patriots.

Mississippi and Louisiana Normal and Industrial College

The Mississippi and Louisiana Normal and Industrial College opened Monday, September 7, with an enrollment of 55, and is increasing daily.

The opening exercises were very impressive and instructive. The opening address, by President I. W. Crawford, abounded in profound and wholesome advice; it will never be forgotten by the students, teachers, and visitors who were present to hear him.

Among the distinguished visitors and speakers present was Rev. L. J. S. Bell, who said in his remarks that the opening exercises excelled any he had ever witnessed in his life.

The new members added to the faculty this year are Profs. D. H. O'Neal, James Ross, the writer, and Mr. J. D. Bryant, tailor.

A boys' dormitory is now in process of construction, and will be completed at a cost of several thousand dollars by October 1.

Respectfully,

MISS MARY S. CARTER,

Sec'y of College.

Magnolia, Miss.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S. C. Conference

The Rev. Benjamin M. Jones, of Minneapolis, University of Minnesota, 1903, sailed Wednesday, September 2, by steamer Teutonic, for England, en route to Burma, where he is to engage in mission work.

The Rev. Frank R. Felt, M. D., and Mrs. Felt, who have been on furlough in the United States, sailed from New York, Saturday, Sept. 5, on the steamer Anchoria for Bombay. They expect to reach India Oct. 17.

The Rev. William D. Waller, of Karachi, India, who has been making a short visit to his brother, the Rev. Alfred D. Waller, at Terre Haute, Ind., has been called to Copenhagen, Denmark, by the illness of his wife. Mr. Waller sailed from New York August 29.

The Rev. Carl Herman Guse, a member of the Minnesota Conference and a graduate of Hamline University, Class of 1903, is booked to sail from New York on the steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm, Tuesday, September 8. Mr. Guse will visit his former home in Germany, and will then ship from England for Bombay. He is to enter mission work at Raipur, South India.

Mrs. Marinda G. Greenman, wife of the Rev. A. W. Greenman, of Buenos Ayres, Argentina, accompanied by two sons, reached New York by steamer Lucania, Saturday, August 29. Mrs. Greenman came from Argentina by way of Genoa, Italy. She left New York, Monday, August 31, for Evanston, Ill., where a son and a daughter have been attending college.

Mrs. Helen Thomson, wife of the Rev. John F. Thomson, D. D., of Buenos Ayres, Argentina, reached New York, Thursday, September 3, coming direct from South America by way of Rio Janeiro, on the steamer Merchant Prince. She was accompanied by three sons, Charles, Reul and Donald, and a daughter Jessie. Mrs. Thomson and her four children left New York on Friday, September 4, for Delaware, Ohio, where she will make her home while in this country and where the children will attend school.

The Carpathia, sailing from New York, Sept. 1, carried a party of outgoing Methodist missionaries. These were: Dr. William T. Hobart, returning to his work in North China, by way of England and the Trans-Siberian railway; Rev. Harry F. Pemberton, of Eddystone, Pa., Dickinson College, 1903, and Mrs. Zora Cline Pemberton, of Gardner's Station, Pa., who are new missionaries going to Raipur, South India Conference; Rev. George W. Briggs, of North Branch, Mich., Northwestern University, 1903, and Mrs. Annie Montgomery Briggs, of Ireton, Ia., Northwestern University, 1901, who are to teach in the Parker Memorial High School, Moradabad, India; Mr. Clarence Howard Riggs, of Indianola, Ia., Simpson College, 1903, who goes to Burma; and Miss Alice Miriam Northrup, Illinois Wesleyan, 1900, a daughter of the Rev. J. A. Northrup of Braceville, Ill., who goes to Lucknow, under the Northwestern Branch Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Miss Northrup will spend several months in residence at Cambridge University, England, in special training before proceeding to India.

The Idols Converted

A missionary in Travancore, India, saw one morning a native coming to his house with a heavy burden. On reaching it he laid on the ground a sack. Unfastening it, he emptied it of its contents—a number of idols.

"What have you brought these here for?" asked the missionary. "I don't want them."

"You have taught us that we do not want them, sir," said the native; "but we think they might be put to some use. Could they not be melted down and formed into a bell to call us to church?"

The hint was taken; they were sent to a bell foundry and made into a bell, which now summons the native converts to praise and prayer.—*The Ram's Horn*.

A New Edict in China

The authorities in China have issued an order requiring all students in Chinese universities to render worship to Confucius. This will debar many Christian students from attending Chinese universities, and result in the resignation of many Christian professors. This renders it all the more necessary that missionary schools and colleges should be liberally supported. The Tung Chow College is now asking for an endowment of \$250,000. Every graduate of this college is a Christian. Canton College is much in need of funds for buildings. The native Christians in China need special prayer during this trying crisis. The general outlook in China is most encouraging. The only backward step has been this edict requiring Confucian worship.—*Missionary Review of the World*.

The Census of India

The summaries of the census of India taken last year have now been received, from which it appears that the total population is 294,362,676. This is an increase of a little over seven millions since 1891, when the population was 287,223,431. The smallness of the increase within the decade is doubtless to be accounted for by the ravages of the bubonic plague and the famine.

But the census reveals some interesting facts in reference to the Christian population. The Duanodaya, of Bombay, has collated some of the figures, showing that the Protestant Christians now number 1,148,259; the Roman Catholics, 1,202,039; and the Eastern Church, 573,050. This makes a total Christian population of 2,923,348. In 1891 the census returns reported 559,661 Protestant Christians, while including the Roman Catholic and Eastern churches there were 2,159,781 bearing the Christian name.

This shows that Protestant Christian adherents have more than doubled within the last decade, while the total number enumerated as Christians have increased twenty-eight per cent. These are certainly encouraging figures, but, encouraging as they are, they by no means indicate the full measure of advance which the Christian religion has made among the Hindoos. No statistics can measure the leavening forces of Christianity which are now at work within the Indian Empire.—*Missionary Herald*.

Epworth League

Epworth League Convention

The Epworth League Convention of the Cumberland District of the Washington Annual Conference met September 2-6, at Clarksburg, W. Va., and held a most interesting session. Prof. I. C. Cabell, district president, presided with grace and dignity. President Cabell is an enthusiastic leaguer, and never fails to create enthusiasm where ever he goes. The program was carefully arranged so as to cover, in the papers and discussions, a large range of topics of vital interest to young people. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. Daniel W. Shaw, D. D.;

subject: "The Holy Ghost and the Redemption of the World." It was a sermon full of scholarly research and practical wisdom preached in the demonstration of the spirit of power. It was the fusing hour for the League and set the pace in spiritual things for the whole session. The reports showed progress and energy all over the district.

At the same time the District Conference of the Cumberland District held its session. The District Conference taking the morning hours and the League Convention the afternoon and evening. Presiding elder Briggs should be congratulated upon the splendid showing of the District. All the traveling elders were present except three, together with a large number of local preachers, Sunday school superintendents, class leaders and League presidents. The reports from the churches showed remarkable progress. Rev. Moses Lake at Charleston had organized two new Sunday schools and paid \$700.00 of debt during past six months. Rev. W. I. Ryder had paid off the debt and burnt the mortgage, at Wheeling; Rev. G. W. W. Jenkins had built a new parsonage of seven rooms, at Parkersburg; Rev. Beane has his new church ready for the lathers, at Clarksburg; Rev. S. P. Huskins reported all benevolent collections taken. Dr. Shaw, of Pittsburg, reported a new church organized and maintaining regular services and fine Sunday school. He also reported plans to organize another mission, shortly. All over the district things are moving forward. Dr. Bowen, Secretary Penn, and President J. McHenry Jones were among the prominent visitors to the League Convention and District Conference.

XENOPHONE.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

BY REV. DANIEL SHAW, D. D.

Topic September 27.

The Work of Home Missions.

(Missionary Meeting.)

Scripture References: Matt. 25:31-40.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday. The Labourers. Matt. 20:1-7.

Tuesday. The Wicked Husbandman. Matt.

21:33-41.

Wednesday. Feeding the Hungry. Matt.

15-21.

Thursday. Self First, Others Last. Matt.

26:14-16.

Friday. Saving Others, Losing Self. Matt.

27:39-46.

Saturday. Preaching Though Persecuted.

Acts 8:1-8.

This is to be a missionary meeting. As a rule people do not care to go to missionary meetings because they are usually very dry meetings to the average auditor. But did it occur to you, that things are usually dry when you do not understand them? If, therefore, you would wake up your interest in any subject whatever, study the subject until you know something about it.

Now there are two kinds of missions about which we hear a great deal, namely: Foreign Missions and Home Missions. These two fields of work stand over against each other. The difference in the work being, that one represents work in foreign lands, and the other represents work in our own land. They do not differ in any other respect, except as the grade of civilization requires different methods. In spirit they are one.

The Foreign Missionary society carries the Gospel to the heathen, far away. The Home Missionary society carries the Gospel to the heathen in our own land.

The Foreign Missionary Society builds churches and chapels among the un-churched, far away beyond the seas; the Home Missionary society builds churches and establishes missions among the un-churched at our doors. There are some people in our churches who say they do not believe in Foreign Missions; then there are some who say they do not believe in Home Missions. We believe this is due to lack of understanding as to the great work being done in both fields. Mission work takes its name from the class for which it is done. If they are at home, then it is Home Missions. If they are across the seas, then it is Foreign Missions.

Today you are to think about Home Missions.

When the Church Extension Society by its strong arm raises up a church in the new West, and seeks to preempt the ground for God, that is Home Missions.

When the City Evangelization societies of our Church plants a mission in the midst of Slavs, Hungarians or other unchurched masses in our great cities, that is Home Missions.

When the Gospel tent is set up for a few months during the summer, where Gospel meetings are held every night, that is Home Missions.

When the Woman's Home Missionary Society plants and supports Deaconess Training Schools and then sends out trained women to teach from house to house the truth of God; to visit the sick and dying in hospitals and lowly houses, that is Home Missions.

The need is urgent. Godless masses are crossing the seas to us, year by year. They come to us without a Sabbath or a Christian ideal. Unless we save them they will destroy us. In the midst of these millions who crowd our shores is the ever-increasing demand for Home Missions. Dear Leaguer, the work is at your very door, go into it in the name of Him who is our wisdom and strength.

Pittsburg, Pa.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson XIII—Sept. 27, 1903. Quarterly Review. Golden Text—*"The Lord is my light and my salvation."*—Psa. 27. 1.

Lesson I.—*Israel Asking for a King.* I Sam. 8. 1-10. Who was ruler in Israel at this time? What corrupt practices were complained of? To whom was the request taken? What was the answer of the Lord? God wants us, while being loyal subjects to our earthly rulers, to ever bear in mind that He alone is King over all.

Lesson II.—*Saul Chosen King.* I Sam. 10. 17-27. What had Samuel done to Saul before the events of this lesson? What did Samuel bring to the remembrance of the people? How was the choice made? How was Saul received by the assembly? What friends and what enemies did the new king have? For high and responsible positions our special fitness and preparation received in home, school and church makes us fit subjects.

Lesson III.—*Samuel's Farewell Address.* I Sam. 12. 13-25. On what occasion was this address delivered? What did Samuel say of himself? What impressive event occurred? What

was the effect upon the people? What did Samuel promise to do for them always? What wise counsel did he give? The best possible proof of our uprightness is faithful service in the work of God for and among his people.

Lesson IV.—*Saul Rejected as King.* I Sam. 15. 13-22. What was Saul commanded to do? How did Samuel feel about having to tell him of his sin? What did Saul give as an excuse for disobedience? What answer did Samuel make? Of what sins was Saul guilty? What judgment was pronounced upon him? Unless we, too, are honorable and good, we will not be retained in honorable service.

Lesson V.—*Samuel Anoints David.* I Sam. 16. 4-13. What command was given to Samuel? How did the elders of Bethlehem regard his coming? For what were preparations made? How was the future King selected? What was his appearance? God seeks out and honors a hard-working young man because he is good and obedient.

Lesson VI.—*David and Goliath.* I Sam. 17. 38-49. What people invaded the land of the Israelites? What challenge was given? Why did David undertake to fight? What help did he refuse? What was said between him and God? How was the victory won? If our trust is in God, our works are for him, our belief is that he is all powerful, he will give us victory over every sin that may confront us.

Lesson VII.—*Saul Tries to Kill David.* I Sam. 18. 5-16. What position did David have with Saul? What made Saul envy David? What affliction did Saul have? What did he try to do to David? What was David's conduct? In the faithful discharge of our duty, although we may have enemies, none can harm us; God gives us work to do and he will enable us to perform it.

Lesson VIII.—*David and Johnathan.* I Sam. 20. 12-23. What was the occasion of this meeting? What did Johnathan promise to make known to David? What covenant did they make between them? What was the sign agreed upon? What was the result? Let us seek the acquaintance and cultivate the friendship of one truer than all earthly friends.

Lesson IX.—*David Spares Saul.* I Sam. 26. 5-12, 21-25. What was Saul trying to do? What did David and his companions do? What proposal did David reject? How was Saul made aware of what was done? What effect did it have upon him? God will give every one of his children an opportunity to prove him by doing good for evil.

Lesson X.—*Death of Saul and Johnathan.* I Sam. 31. 1-13. Where was the battle fought? Who were slain first? What did Saul fear? How did he die? What did the Philistines do to the slain? What was the brave deed of the men of Jabesh-gilead? Many young persons begin life with bright hopes and apparent success, but by some wilful act of disobedience bring their prospects to a dark and bitter ending.

Lesson XI.—*David Becomes King.* 2 Sam. 2. 1-10. Where had David been living? Who were with him? What guidance did he seek? Where did he have his capital? What was the extent of his kingdom at first? What brave deed did he recognize? Who was made King of the rest of the country? When was David made King of all the people? Faithfulness in little things is the stepping stone to great responsibilities.

Lesson XII.—*Abstinence From Evil.* 1 Pet.

4. 1-11. Who is to be our example? What sins and vices follow the use of intoxicating liquors? What do those who love sin think of those who want to be good? What great truth is a strong motive for holy living? What kind of a life is a safeguard against selfish indulgence? No drunkard is a follower of Christ. If he should be saved he must crucify every sinful desire and live the life found alone in Jesus Christ.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation

Conference, Place and Time—	Bishop.
Alaska Mission	Cranston
Arizona Mission, Tempe—Sept. 24	Cranston
Atlantic Mission, Elizabeth City, N. C.—Oct. 21	Joyce
Black Hills Miss., Deadwood, S. D.—Sept. 3	Andrews
Blue Ridge, Smith Chapel, P. O., Glass, N. C.—Oct. 7	Joyce
California, Pacific Grove—Sept. 9	Cranston
California German, San Francisco—Sept. 8	Cranston
Central German, Cincinnati—Sept. 9	Walden
Central Illinois, Monmouth—Sept. 23	McCabe
Central New York, Canandaigua—Sept. 30	Goodsell
Central Ohio, Findlay—Sept. 16	Goodsell
Central Swedish, Chicago (Elim Ch.)—Sept. 10	Goodsell
Central Tennessee, Dickson—Oct. 8	Goodsell
Chicago German, Milwaukee—Sept. 16	Merrill
Cincinnati, Cincinnati—Sept. 9	Fowler
Colorado, Denver—Aug. 26	Cranston
Columbia River, Spokane—Sept. 2	Hamilton
Dakota, Aberdeen—Oct. 14	Fowler
Des Moines, Indianola, Ia.—Sept. 2	Mallalieu
Detroit, Flint—Sept. 16	Walden
East Ohio, Akron—Sept. 23	Mallalieu
East Tennessee, Morristown—Sept. 30	Joyce
Erle, Warren, Pa.—Sept. 9	McCabe
Genesee, Olean, N. Y.—Sept. 23	Goodsell
Holston, Knoxville, Tenn.—Sept. 23	Joyce
Idaho, Boise—Aug. 27	Hamilton
Illinois, Quincy—Sept. 16	Fowler
Indiana, Indianapolis—Sept. 9	Joyce
Iowa, Muscatine—Sept. 9	Mallalieu
Kalispell Mission, Kalispell, Mont.—July 30	McCabe
Kentucky, Covington—Sept. 16	Joyce
Michigan, Jackson—Sept. 23	Foss
Minnesota, Redwood Falls—Sept. 30	Fowler
Montana, Livingston—Aug. 13	McCabe
Nebraska, Lincoln—Sept. 16	Andrews
Nevada Mission, Loyalton, Cal.—Aug. 20	Hamilton
N. Mex. Eng. Mission, Albuquerque—Oct. 9	Walden
N. Mex. Span. Mission, Albuquerque—Oct. 8	Walden
North Carolina, Greensboro—Oct. 14	Joyce
North Dakota, Wahpeton—Sept. 24	FitzGerald
N. Montana Mission, Fort Benton—Aug. 6	McCabe
North Nebraska, Fremont—Sept. 23	Andrews
North Ohio, Norwalk—Sept. 16	McCabe
N. Pac. Ger. Mission, Davenport, Wash.—Sept. 10	Hamilton
Northern Ger., St. Paul, Minn.—Sept. 17	FitzGerald
Northern Minn., Duluth—Oct. 1	FitzGerald
N. Swed. Miss. Conf., Marinette, Wis.—Sept. 10	Foss
Northwest Ger., Charles City, Ia.—Sept. 16	Mallalieu
Northwest Ind., South Bend—Sept. 2	Joyce
Northwest Iowa, Sioux City—Oct. 7	Fowler
Northwest Nebraska, Valentine—Sept. 10	Andrews
Norwegian and Danish, Racine, Wis.—Sept. 3	Goodsell
Ohio, Portsmouth—Sept. 30	Merrill
Oklahoma, Guthrie—Sept. 30	Walden
Oregon, Salem—Sept. 30	Hamilton
Pac. Japan Miss., San Francisco—Sept. 4	Cranston
Pittsburg, Pittsburg—Oct. 7	Mallalieu
Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash.—Sept. 23	Hamilton
Rock River, Aurora, Ill.—Oct. 7	Andrews
St. Louis German, Pekin, Ill.—Sept. 10	Merrill
Southern California, Los Angeles—Sept. 16	Cranston
Southern Illinois, Mt. Vernon—Sept. 23	Walden
Tennessee, Martin—Oct. 15	Goodsell
Upper Iowa, Cedar Rapids—Sept. 23	Fowler
Utah Mission, Park City—Aug. 13	Cranston
West German, St. Joseph Mo.—Sept. 3	Merrill
West Nebraska, Lexington—Sept. 30	Andrews
West Virginia, Huntington—Sept. 30	Mallalieu
West Wisconsin, Chippewa Falls—Sept. 3	Foss
West Nor.-Dan., Tacoma, Wash.—Sept. 17	Hamilton
Western Swed., Saronville, Neb.—Aug. 27	McCabe
Wisconsin, Green Bay—Sept. 16	Foss
Wyoming Mission, Newcastle—Aug. 6	Cranston

Alabama, Anniston—Dec. 3. Foss
Atlanta, Covington, Ga.—Dec. 10. FitzGerald
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex.—Nov. 26. Walden
Central Alabama, Birmingham—Dec. 10. Foss
Georgia, Ellijay—Dec. 17. FitzGerald
Mobile, Union Springs, Ala.—Dec. 17. Foss
Savannah, Brunswick, Ga.—Dec. 3. FitzGerald
South Carolina, Sumter—Nov. 26. FitzGerald
Southern German, Perry, Tex.—Dec. 2. Walden
Texas, Houston—Dec. 9. Walden
West Texas, San Antonio—Dec. 16. Walden

In order that our readers might know the dates fixed for fall conferences of our territory and the Bishops appointed to hold them, at the earliest possible moment, we had them sent us by wire last week immediately on the adjournment of Bishops' meeting. This week we are pleased to present official list in full—except foreign conferences, which will appear later.

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Dark Enough Already

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terror by large classes of the colored people, many of whom suppose that they are to be driven back into actual bondage. The Legislature of Mississippi will probably interpose a check on the Vardanian program, which none the less has stirred up criticism and resentment far beyond the bounds of the State over which the Major will probably soon be elected Governor."

Echoes of National Negro Business League

Mr. Gilbert C. Harris, of Boston, Mass., is a hair worker and merchant. He makes wigs and switches, beards or anything else that can be made of hair. Mr. Harris works twelve young people.

Dr. W. H. Ballard, the Lexington (Ky.) druggist, runs a business which requires the services of four clerks, and fills 6,000 prescriptions annually. His business is situated in the central part of the city and is patronized by both colored and white.

William A. Crosthwait, Esq., is one of the most successful lawyers in the city of Nashville. The editor of the SOUTHWESTERN was permitted to make his office his headquarters while attending the Business League, and was accorded by him other courtesies as well. Along with Col. W. E. Mollison, of Vicksburg, Miss., and Mr. M. S. Alexander, of Louisiana, we enjoyed the pleasure of a drive to the famous Belle Meade Stock-farm.

Mr. Phillip A. Payton is a successful real-estate dealer and insurance man in New York City, and looks as tho he never wants for a meal.

Mr. Edward Berry, the successful hotel man of Athens, Ohio, has no bar connected with his house and begins business sufficiently early on Sunday morning to have prayer with his twenty or more employees. In other words, he puts his religion in his business.

Among the many courtesies shown us by old friends while in Nashville none were more enjoyed than the meals and pleasant associations in the homes of Bishop C. H. Phillips, Prof. J. Ira Watson, Mr. E. E. Gibson and Dean Hubbard of Meharry Medical College.

The shirt factory conducted in the city of Nashville by T. G. Ewing and others began business in November, 1900. Not only are shirts made, but overalls, skirts, shirtwaists and even dresses. Last year 750 dozen garments were made for wholesale merchants, and 1,200 dozen individual orders were filled. Nine girls are at work, six of whom are operators, one cutter, one designer, one buyer and salesman. The company is now making an effort to increase its stock so as to enlarge its business sufficiently to fill the many orders received.

One of the most interesting parties attending the League was Mr. A. C. Howard, of Chicago, who has made a fortune manufacturing shoe polish. While he does some business in the States, his trade with Mexico comes pretty nearly exhausting the supply of his establishment. His polishes are of all colors and kinds.

Delegates to General Conference

West Wisconsin Conference—Ministerial: S. W. Trousdale, Platteville, Wis.; J. T. Morgans, Lancaster, Wis.; Henry Goodsell, La Crosse, Wis.; W. M. Martin, Sparta, Wis. Reserves: Edmund Trimm, Chippewa Falls, Wis.; George Merrifield, Eau Claire, Wis. Lay: Frank C. Jackson, Superior, Wis.; A. T. Jennings, Platteville, Wis.; A. B. Nelson, Grantsburg, Wis.; A. C. Taylor, Portage, Wis.

Cincinnati Conference—Ministerial: A. B. Leonard, New York City; J. W. Bashford, Delaware; W. P. Thirkield, Cincinnati; H. D. Ketcham, Dayton. Reserves: J. A. Story, Springfield; H. C. Weakley, Cincinnati. Lay: Alexander Boxwell, Franklin; W. R. Warnock, Urbana; James N. Gamble, Cincinnati; H. C. Minnick, Oxford. Reserves: Philip Roettinger, Wyoming; C. C. Nichols, Wilmington; S. L. Cook, Milford.

Northwest Indiana Conference—Ministerial: Deloss M. Wood, Valparaiso; E. A. Schell, Crawfordsville; W. H. Hickman, Greencastle; J. A. Maxwell, Mulberry. Reserve: J. S. Hoagland, Greencastle; H. G. Ogden, Frankfort; G. W. Switzer, Laporte. Lay: Marion Campbell, South Bend; William E. Carpenter, Brazil; Geo. F. Kieper, Lafayette; Judge J. W. Kent, Frankfort.



REV. S. H. CANNON, FAYETTE, MISS.

The present pastor of Fayette, Miss., Rev. S. H. Cannon, though young in the ministry has made a most excellent record. He is now holding his sixth appointment and has at each one either built a new church or repaired an old one. He is never satisfied with a dilapidated church or an uncomfortable parsonage. At Fayette, where he is at present, he has repaired and remodeled the church at a cost of \$700. He also put into it electric lights and built a cistern. In addition he has built a new parsonage of five rooms, at a cost of \$650, besides repairing a second church at Pine Grove. The benevolent collections have been increased 80 per cent., and this year the work will send to the annual conference \$82. At the same time Brother Cannon added more than 140 members and reports 80 conversions as a result of the revival. He has also more than thirty subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN on his work. He comes of Methodist parents, his father having been a preacher for 25 years and both of whom lived to a good old age. He pursued his studies in the Meridian Academy while pastoring in and near the city of Meridian. Mrs. Cannon is an able assistant in carrying forward all her husband's plans.

South New Orleans District Conference

We had the pleasure of attending the deferred session of the South New Orleans District Conference, which convened Sept. 9th in Jeanerette, La. The gathering was most hospitably entertained and there was no evidence whatever of the recent disorder occasioned by the murder of a white "dive" keeper. Rev. W. R. Butler, the presiding elder, presided with becoming dignity and yet with the utmost coolness and impartiality. The reports indicated a number of successful revivals, churches built or repaired and an advance in the benevolent collections. There were a number of interesting discussions on the conference floor and strong sermons preached while we were in attendance by Revs. J. D. Poole, M. S. Goins and Frank Walker. The conference gave the SOUTHWESTERN 35 annual cash subscribers and pledged a large number of others on or before Oct. 31st next. Rev. H. C. Gear and his excellent wife had charge of the entertainment and were nobly sustained by their devoted people and those of the other churches.

Among the visitors were Rev. Dr. J. F. Marshall, Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne and Rev. E. C. Goins.

A Great Church Financier Gone

We note with the keenest regret the death of the Rev. John H. Griffin, pastor Ebenezer M. E. Church, Washington, D. C. He died Sunday, Sept. 6th, 1903. Tho a young man and having been in the active ministerial ranks only about ten years, he had shown himself one of the most gifted financiers to be found. The burden he has carried at Ebenezer for the past six years is simply tremendous, while the record made by him is truly remarkable. He had been in poor health for some time, but it was hoped a vacation would restore him. The account sent by our correspondent will appear in due time.

Don't forget SOUTHWESTERN week, which embraces the fourth Sunday in September. Remember we are looking to you for at least five annual cash subscribers.

We wish every Southern white man might read and consider the following: "It strikes me," says Judge Powell, of Mississippi, "that for us to oppress where we should protect, to debase where we might lift up, is unmanly, and unworthy of the proud race to which we belong."

The spirit of greed and injustice is a sword that cuts both ways, and in its worst form knows neither color nor race. It has been found that the peonage system of Alabama enslaves poor whites as well as blacks. A case in point has been brought before the court at Troy, Ala., in which it was shown that an ignorant white man and his six sons had been forced to sign a contract which bound them to work from 1902 to 1905 to pay for \$46 worth of turpentine boxes they had been falsely accused of burning. Their master is worth \$100,000.

The interest being shown by New England Methodism in the superannuates of her annual conferences is refreshing indeed. As announced in our columns some weeks ago, the treasurer robbed these aged veterans of the fund which contributed so largely each year to their support. Almost immediately the crusade was begun to collect \$75,000 to replace what was lost. Zion's Herald has led in the effort and already about \$15,000 have been secured. Think of this, when there are conferences in our territory which collect from year to year the merest pittance for the support of their superannuates.

Personal and General

Miss Ellen V. Grimillion is visiting her sister, Miss E. N. Prescott, and the Misses Speight, at Poplarville, Miss.

Mrs. M. S. Kilbourne, of Stony Point Circuit, is spending some time at Clinton, La., with her mother, who is very ill.

Rev. J. H. C. Mean, who is in charge of the work at Balltown, La., was in the city last week on a brief visit. His work is doing well.

It is announced that the Rev. L. L. Green and Miss Laura A. James are to be married Sept. 22, 1903. The bride is of St. Martinsville, La.

The members of Wesley M. E. Church, Houma, La., are quite satisfied; they have now the pastor wanted for eight years, the Rev. M. S. Goins. We wish them success.

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Landry, of Berwick, La., are much gratified over the advent of a little girl that came into their home recently. Mrs. Landry's mother is with her.

Rev. R. Jones and wife, pastor of Mason and Sumner churches, Woodside, La., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Mary Norwood, at No. 1632 S. Franklin street, this city.

Rev. W. H. Higgins, presiding elder of the Pine Bluff District, Little Rock Conference, has been sick for five months, but is now, we are glad to learn, able to be at his post.

James H. Guy, Esq., of Topeka, Kan., informs us that a registered pharmacist can find work in that city by applying to Dr. W. E. Jackson, No. 404 Kansas Avenue, Topeka.

Rev. J. J. Obee, of Thompson Chapel, this city, took a flying trip to one or two of the district conferences, but now seems willing to remain at home till the annual session.

Bishop Dougherty, the newly-appointed primate of Vigan, will leave early in October for Manila, his purpose is to found there a college for the education of native Filipino priests.

Miss Maud Craig, of Austin, Tex., spent the summer in study at the University of Chicago. She passed thro the city on the 11th, enroute for home, and made this office a pleasant visit.

Mrs. Nancy Liptins and daughter, faithful members of the M. E. Church, of Polk, Ark., who have been ill for about three months of slow fever, we are glad to announce are up again.

We are pleased to note the fact that Mrs. F. A. Landry, wife of Dean Landry of Gilbert Industrial College, is much improved in health. She has been sick several weeks, but is now up again.

Rev. Doctor Morris, Huntsville, Texas, one of the superannuates of the Texas Conference, has been sick all the summer and hence unable to do any work. It is hoped, however, that he may soon recover.

Rev. J. R. Campbell, pastor A. M. E. Church, Biloxi, Miss., on his way home from McComb City, where he has been conducting a revival, called at our office and subscribed for the SOUTHWESTERN.

Mrs. J. A. Slate, of Taylor, Miss., the wife of Rev. J. A. Slate, pastor of the Sardis Circuit, and Mrs. Thomas, his sister, visited him at his charge recently. They received a warm welcome from the members.

Mrs. Lucinda Brown, wife of Rev. T. A. Brown, now of New Iberia, who has been in poor health for some time, is constantly improv-

ing, and Bro. Brown is hopeful that she will soon be entirely well.

Bishop Clark, the presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States, the oldest bishop in the Anglican communion, probably the oldest in the world, died recently at his home at Middleton, R. I., aged 91 years.

Rev. J. O. Richards and his excellent people expect to enter their new church at Whitehall, La., the second Sunday in September, which is the 13th instant. They are making an effort to clear off their obligations at that time.

We learn that Rev. D. C. Pharris, of Graff Bluff, La., has been called to the bedside of his wife, who is very ill with typhoid malaria, at the home of her father in Darrow, La. Rev. Pharris asks the prayers of all for her recovery.

Mrs. Emma Markham, wife of H. W. Markham, of Houston, Texas, is visiting her husband's relatives in Shreveport, La. A grand reception was given in her honor August 29, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Markham.

Rev. J. O. Williams, of Hempstead, Tex., seems a popular pastor. His congregation gave him a new suit of clothes last May, and they have just presented him another to wear to the district conference. We need to serve them a while for our own good. Bro. Williams has also been invited by the congregation to return for the fifth year.

Mr. Emile Alexander, a leading and well-to-do layman at Jeanerette, La., secured four new subscribers for us recently by offering to pay 25c on each subscriber. Under Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne's direction the plan worked admirably.

We have been reading *The Star of Zion* for the past eight years and feel gratified to say it is better to-day than we have ever seen it. It must be a source of information and inspiration to all its readers, and we congratulate Dr. Smith on the work he is doing.

Mrs. Fannie Angram, the wife of Rev. C. L. Angram, has been quite sick for some time. Brother Angram informs us that a scorpion ran up her back and frightened her so greatly that she injured herself. It has been necessary to have two doctors attend her, but we trust she may soon recover.

Rev. William Josep, pastor at Hearne, Texas, conducted a successful camp meeting Aug. 16th to Sept. 6th. There were twenty-one conversions and twenty-five additions in all. Brother Josey thinks the financial income will enable them to pay off an old debt on the church of sixteen years' standing.

The friends of Miss Jennie M. Adkinson, daughter of Rev. L. G. Adkinson, ex-president of New Orleans University, will be interested to hear of her marriage to Rev. Otha T. Usleman, of Pilot Grove, Mo. The ceremony took place in Atlanta, Ga., August 27, 1903. The father of the bride officiated.

We appreciate most highly the success of the canvass for the SOUTHWESTERN at the Navasota (Texas) District Conference recently held. We learn that the presiding elder, Rev. J. E. Bryant, Rev. S. M. Bolden and others championed the cause of the paper, naming the Rev. Dr. W. H. Logan to represent us. The result of the canvass is 21 cash subscribers.

Miss Cora R. Vignes, who spent several months studying in the Sewing and Millinery schools of Chicago, has returned to the city. While away she completed the courses in Dressmaking and Millinery. Miss Vignes, it is said, has become

especially proficient in cutting and fitting tailor-made suits for ladies. It is rumored that she will now go into business for herself in this city.

Dr. T. Adolf Jones, whose appointment to a professorship in Flint Medical College, this city, was announced in our issue of Aug. 27th, is on the ground and at work. He is in charge of the laboratory branches and has made a splendid beginning. The doctor has filled a number of prominent positions previous to his coming to America and was highly esteemed by the people among whom he labored.

News Notes

There are 4,500,000 miners and quarrymen in the world.

About 220,000,000 cigars are annually exported from Havana.

The total wealth of the world is estimated to be \$400,000,000,000.

An American gasoline motor-bus is now in operation in the London streets.

It is said that about 4,000 persons are killed each year in the streets of London.

Seven hundred thousand spindles are idle in Fall River, Mass., and over 70,000 operators out of work, as a result of the "corner in cotton."

A new constitution is wanted by the people of Greece. They declare that a revision of the constitution is necessary to the well being of the country.

It was announced recently that during the last year 800 saloons in Indiana have been put out of business and that about 250 townships in the state have no saloons.

Turkish troops entered the town of Krushevo and killed about 300 Bulgarians. Five hundred were killed in the town of Boufi. The women and children escaped to the mountains.

The biggest tree known of in the world, 350 feet in height, 51 feet in diameter and 6 feet above the ground was discovered inside a government reservation in the mountains of Fresno county, California, a few days since.

A typewriter called the Zerograph, that receives and prints wireless telegraph messages, and can receive a message when no one is present to adjust it, is the invention of an English electrical engineer by the name of Kamn.

The latest discovery in the world is wireless photographs. Nikola Tesla says the day is not far distant when one may sit in New York and have his photograph immediately transmitted by a wireless system to any place in the world.

A bronze chariot, which is believed to be the oldest relic of its kind in the world, dating from about the year 700 B. C., has been purchased in Paris by the Metropolitan museum of New York. It is supposed to have cost that museum something less than \$100,000.

Henry O. Tamer, the noted Negro artist and son of Bishop Tanner of Philadelphia, has an excellent studio in Paris, France.

One of the latest productions placed before the public is "The Tuskegee March Song," by N. Clark Smith, a composer of national note, the leader of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Felix Ware, a talented young man of musical ability, received recently the highest honors conferred at the Chicago Musical Conservatory.

New placer mines are being worked in the Lake Arkell district, 120 miles from White Horse and 20 miles from the Yukon river, which gives promise of as great riches as the Klondike region.

Chicago celebrated in a small way August 17, her one hundredth birthday. There will be a more elaborate celebration later.

Telegrams are now transmitted from Presburg to Budapest, over one wire, at the rate of from 50,000 to 70,000 words an hour.

The Cornell School of Forestry has been closed because the legislature failed to appropriate for it. This failure was due to the strong protest against the management of the Adirondack state land placed at its disposal.

Sometimes your jokes on others are far more pleasant to you than to those on whom perpetrated.

The Kiowa Indian Association of Oklahoma has adopted resolutions excluding all white persons from their meetings.

FARM AND FIRESIDe

Chas. C. Marshall Editor

Prof. C. W. Luckie, of Prairie View, Texas, has spent several weeks recently viewing the Indian Territory. He is well pleased with the signs of prosperity he saw, and declares that section a proper place for homeseekers and for those looking for openings to engage in business of any kind.

Prof. H. M. Broyles and Hon. C. M. Ferguson, both of Texas, are interesting their friends in a mining enterprise at Tucson, Arizona. The property is said to be rich in copper, silver and gold; and to consist of forty-eight mining claims located in the Sierrita Mountains. We have not sufficient data at hand to express an opinion on this movement.

The scholastic population of St. Joseph, Mo., is 2,200 colored children. Of these about 500 are annually enrolled in the schools. Fifteen hundred of them do not attend the schools, altho there are ample facilities for all. In order to reach the derelicts, Prof. N. C. Bruce, the principal of the colored high school, has begun a series of weekly educational meetings to arouse the colored population to patronize the schools. The superintendent of the city schools and other prominent white men of the city are helping him to reach the "unreached."

The bottom has at last fallen out of the cotton market, and prices of the staple are gradually getting down to normal figures. Our friends are now gathering their cotton crops and marketing them. With many, the question comes up to hold or to sell. It is a hard one to settle properly, for generally the market is as apt to go higher as lower. But at this time, we believe that cotton is selling for bigger money than we shall soon see again, and those who secure \$50 to \$60 per bale will be fortunate. Think over these things and use your own heads.

A FREE KIDNEY REMEDY.

Dr. D. A. Williams, East Hampton, Conn., says if any sufferer from Kidney and Bladder Disease will send him their address he will mail them free of all cost, some of the remedy they are looking for. The ONE that will cure them.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

Woodlawn—The 17th instant we were aroused by voices singing "open the door for the children." The church was lighted and crowded with the many friends who brought a great number of pounds, and presented Mrs. S. Fields a handsome sum of money. Sisters S. Hardison, C. F. Fletcher and S. Chetum, prime movers. The two latter named ones made the presentation speeches. Mrs. S. Fields, Miss J. Allen, J. Jacques and Mrs. Fields furnished music and a grand time was enjoyed by all. A few encouraging words by pastor, prayers offered, and all left happy. Those friends may call at any time.

S. E. Moore, Galveston, Tex.—Our third quarterly conference was held Sunday evening at 3 o'clock, Rev. Lee presiding. The reports showed noble work being accomplished by the people, both spiritually and financially. The presiding elder preached a soul-inspiring sermon Sunday morning to a large

and appreciative congregation. The business of the quarter had to be postponed until Sunday evening owing to the absence of the pastor. The Lord's Supper was administered Sunday night. Four persons were added to the church. Collection \$34.00. Rev. Bartley, our pastor, returned home Saturday, having spent a month in Canada. He visited the N. C. League convention and was greatly benefitted by his vacation. While Rev. Bartley was absent the congregation was in charge of Rev. Augusta Rhodes, who did nobly, not allowing one department of the work to lag.

S. Greene, Pastor, Rosedale, La.—On my departure for the district conference I was presented with a fine Stetson hat by the good sisters and sinner, young ladies of Rosedale, namely Sisters Lue Phillip, Leyer Earley, Mrs. Clara Johnson and Miss Hattie Scott. May the Lord bless these good people of Rosedale.

W. M. Johnson, Pastor, Mountain City, Tenn.—My fourth quarterly conference was held Aug. 15-16. Rev R. A. Swan presiding. The elder was on time at the quarter, and looked into every interest. He was much pleased with the work of the charge. The officers were on time with good reports, and manifested great interest in the work. The elder preached two of his best sermons Sunday to an overcrowded house. Many hearts were made to rejoice. Forty-five took the Communion. Collection \$32.61. Brethren, where are you?

Rev. T. C. Guyton, pastor; Jennie Kemper, secretary, New Hope, Mo.—Our quarterly conference, held at Auburn, Mo., Aug. 8, was a success. Presiding Elder C. M. Keeton presided. After devotions Jennie Kemper was elected secretary. The reports showed success along all lines. Elder C. M. Keeton preached a delightful sermon. Paid presiding elder in full, and had a good sum over for our dear pastor. Rev. H. Bragg preached an encouraging sermon in the afternoon. The elder baptized 6, of which number 3 were little children; 78 took Sacrament Sunday afternoon. Total collection for the day \$16.57. Our present pastor is the first one to introduce the Southwestern to the members here. He is an excellent pastor, and seems to be the right man in the right place.

The St. Louis District (Central Mo.) Conference has just closed one of the most interesting sessions in its history, notwithstanding that Farmington, the seat of the conference, was in the extreme southern portion of the district, yet more than two-thirds of the ministers were in attendance. The district league and Sunday school convention also met in the afternoon of each day and was well represented by the delegates of the league and visitors throughout the district.

ELLA BOLER.

Chas. C. Landry, Pastor, Bostrop, La.—I wish to thank these good people for the generous way they entertained the preachers at the district conference just held. Mrs. Bettie Scott, Mrs. Vinie Ellis, Mrs. Fanny Whilton, Mrs. Lucy Smith, Mrs. Ella Pierce, Mrs. Princella Davis, Mr. F. Hewitt, Mrs. A. Smith, Mr. Alex Hall and Mr. H. Jones. I wish especially to thank Mrs. Bettie Scott for presenting the pastor with a purse of seven dollars

The twenty-third session of the Austin, Tex., District Conference met in Georgetown, Tex., Aug. 18, 1903, at 9 a. m. The Sunday School Convention and Epworth League Convention were accorded the two first days. Bro. Grant Waters, of Austin, first vice-president, presided over the league meetings with perfect ease and dignity. The papers and reports were somewhat encouraging, though not a great deal had been done. All money collected went to Samuel Huston College, after expenses were met. Wednesday, Aug. 19, was given to the Sunday School Convention, which was ably presided over by the president, Prof. R. A. Atkinson. It was thought best by a majority of the district conference members that in order to stop an unpleasant discussion arising from a rule adopted at a previous meeting, a committee on revision of the constitution and by-laws be appointed, which was done by motion. Very interesting papers were read and discussed, and the president's annual address was timely. The anniversary at night was considered grand. Thursday morning, Aug. 20, the district conference proper convened, with Rev. N. J. Johnson, B. D., P. E., in the chair, who conducted the devotional service. The address was fine, subject, "Sympathy." The Lord's Supper was administered and the organization perfected. The presiding elder ordered a joint session of the district conference Epworth League and Sunday School Convention. The presiding elder and the writer were added to the committee on revision of constitution, with two from the Epworth League. Rev. Moses Smith of Waco presided over the conference, while the presiding elder was out with the committee. We think the revision very satisfactory. At night Rev. J. S. Medlock of Austin preached the annual missionary sermon. After the sermon President Lovinggood delivered an address setting forth the needs of a boy's building at Samuel Huston College. The Woman's Home Mission Folks held a great meeting Wednesday night for the erection of a Girl's Industrial Building in connection with Samuel Huston College. The presiding elder, having to leave to attend the Columbus District Conference, Rev. D. C. Lacy, pastor of Wesley Chapel, presided. Dr. G. G. Logan, field agent of the missionary society, on Friday addressed the conference. We are certainly proud of him. Revs. Moses Smith, of Waco, and D. C. Lacy made addresses. Conversions were exceedingly few, money scarce. On the whole, reports were not very encouraging. The concert given under the management of Prof. Lovinggood, "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," was a success. Collected at door, \$42. Less than \$200 of benevolent money had been raised, and less than \$300 for building and improving church and parsonage property, almost \$160 at Belton. Sunday services were well attended. The presiding elder preached at 11 a. m.; Rev. T. I. Moore at 3 p. m. and at night Rev. A. M. Mason. Members and friends at Georgetown deserve much credit for their entertainment of the conference. We have good young people in the league and Sunday school on this district, and we hope they will in time understand the spirit of their church. May the Lord bless them.

P. M. CARMICHAEL, Reporter.
Lockhart, Tex.

The tenth annual session of the Waynesboro, Savannah District, Conference convened at Brannen's Chapel, Statesboro, Ga., Aug. 6-9, 1903, with

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

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our sturdy and efficient presiding elder, Wade Hampton Brown, in the chair. Rev. J. S. Stripling, pastor in charge at Rocky Ford, Ga., was elected secretary. The greatest number of delegates answered to their names at the conference roll call than any time since its reorganization. Spiritually and financially the conference stood above par. Many visitors were introduced to the conference. Rev. George McElmore, representative of the Evangelical Christian Church, gave a short, complimentary talk of praise and encouragement to the grand old M. E. Church and was responded to by Rev. J. W. Fisher, pastor of Haven Memorial Chapel, Waynesboro, Ga. Morning and evening sermons were special characteristics of the conference. The business sessions were marked throughout because of the brotherly love and harmony that prevailed during the entire session. The Woman's Home Missionary Society rendered a most interesting and profitable exercise on Saturday afternoon of the session. Mrs. R. F. Fisher, president, presided, with Miss F. E. Bryan secretary. A most interesting paper as to the scope and actual work of this grand organization was read by Miss Lula Dempsey, of Sylvania, Ga. Mrs. R. F. Fisher gave a synopsis of money raised and work done and also made a most earnest appeal to the ministers, delegates and friends to be more useful in raising money and doing actual work in this noble cause for Christ and humanity. Rev. Mrs. Murphy, of Zebulon, Ga., made an interesting talk on what woman has done and what woman still may do. Last but not least, was the noble and womanly missionary talk by Miss Florence E. Bryan of Sylvania, Ga. She spoke also of the work woman is doing in the missionary field. And still the laborers are few in the white field of harvest. A collection of three dollars and twenty-five cents was taken. The literary program was rendered Saturday evening. Rev. M. P.

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Moore, pastor at Sylvania, made a talk on the "Evils of Sunday Excursions." Prof. Welborn Victor Jenkins read a most excellent and uplifting paper on the subject, "Will the Negro's Sun ever Rise?" Mr. Geo. E. Dorsey commendably presented his subject, "Is it right to Lynch a Man Under any Circumstances Without a Chance to Defend Himself Legally?" A paper was read by the writer, "Ought the District Conference have its Minutes Printed?" A grand old Methodist love-feast was held Sunday morning; preaching at 11, afternoon and evening. Memorial exercises were had in the afternoon. The following officers were elected by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, to serve this conference year: Mrs. J. C. Williams, president; Mrs. W. H. Brown, vice-president; Miss Lula Dempsey, secretary, and Mrs. S. P. Bryant, treasurer. The hospitality of the good people of Statesboro and their genial and affable pastor, Rev. J. C. Williams, will ever be remembered by all delegates that attended the conference. Monday morning we bade adieu to Statesboro and were homeward bound. It was our pleasure to ride a few miles with the great and noble Bishop Henry M. Turner, who was en route to Atlanta from Savannah, Ga. A pledge was taken for 44 new subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. Yours respectfully,

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The twenty-seventh session of the Atlanta District Conference was held at Fairburn, Ga., Aug. 5-9. Rev. E. H. Oliver, presiding elder conducted the opening services. After a few remarks by the presiding elder as to the success of the district and the bright outlook for the future, Brother C. L. Johnson was elected secretary. The reports from pastors showed that the district was spiritually alive. A revival all over the district resulted in a large number of converts and accessions to the church. It could be seen from each pastor's report that special attention is being given to our publications; more papers and books being sold and more literature distributed to our Sunday schools than ever before. The benev-

olence was in advance of last year by more than a hundred dollars. Reports from local preachers and exhorters were very creditable. Each local preacher is expected to take the SOUTHWESTERN. Perhaps never before have the finances of the church been looked after as they are now among our people. We are not increasing in numbers as fast as we did years ago, but are increasing in strength and influence and are doing more church work than ever before. The reports from Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues were very encouraging. The young people are taking hold of the church and the future looks up with the hope of a better day. We need to build up our class work. It will not do to let the class meeting die in the church. One of the great needs of the church to-day is class-leaders. Visitors: Rev. M. M. Alston, D. D., presiding elder of the Griffin District, and Rev. G. W. Arnold, D. D., presiding elder of the Gainesville District made telling speeches. We feel that the church is safe in the hands of such leaders. Prof. W. H. Croghan, LL. D., president of Clark University, was received with applause, and spoke with much freedom and ability. The conference, in the form of a resolution, pledged itself to stand by Clark University and to help Dr. Croghan to make his administration a success. Dr. Adkinson, president of Gammon, is looking for young men who are called of God to preach. His speech to the conference was favorably commented upon by all who heard it. Dr. Adkinson is the right man in the right place. Dr. C. C. Jacobs, field agent of Sunday School Union; Prof. I. G. Penn, assistant secretary of the Epworth League; Rev. J. P. Wragg, agent for the American Bible Society; Rev. W. W. Lucas of the Gainesville District; Dr. A. L. Samuel, of Rome; Dr. A. M. Wilkins, and Prof. Bowden, of Griffin, were with us. Any church could justly feel proud of such men. Six were converted and joined the church. Too much cannot be said of the pastor and people of Fairburn for their entertainment of the conference. The presiding elder, Rev. E. H. Oliver, presided with much dignity and ability. P. H. TRAVIS, Conf. Reporter.

The proceedings of the Louisville District Conference held at Cloverport August 6, 1903; Rev. Jos. Courtney, presiding elder, presided and with characteristic patience, pleasantness and fatherly care made the conference session all the more interesting and pleasant. All pastors with but few exceptions were present and made encouraging reports. A large number of District Stewards, Sunday school superintendents, Epworth League presidents and class leaders were present. Their reports showed marked improvement over previous years. Rev. E. A. White, presiding elder of the Maysville District, and Rev. Geo. A. Sisele, of the Indiana District, made able addresses on the "Needs of the Church." The Epworth League session in the afternoon of the second day was interesting and profitable. The district cabinet officers elected are: Dr. J. D. Long, president; J. W. Bruce, 2nd vice-president; G. W. Adams, 3rd vice; H. M. Carrell, secretary; Josephine Carlisle, assistant secretary; Maggie Warfield, corresponding secretary; Mary McHenry, assistant secretary; Annie Bell, treasurer. The conference session was unique in every particular. The entertainment was all that could be expected. The open door, storehouses made glad all hearts. The district is on the spiritual uplift, and

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F. H. Henry, Pastor, Oxford, Miss.—Our third quarter was held Aug. 20-23. All the officers were present. The quarter was very largely attended. The reports of officers showed an advancement along all lines. The church is alive spiritually and financially. Amount raised in the quarter \$81.50; total amount raised this quarter for all purposes, \$17.50. Presiding Elder N. H. Williams Sunday night preached a very able sermon to a large audience, and administered the Sacrament to 103 persons. Friday night before the quarter a heavy storm struck the parsonage, led by Rev. R. Demby, a local deacon of our church. They left many good things for the pastor and family. Come again, friends, you will always be welcome. Number received on probation this quarter, 7. Our benevolent collection is well in hand. Oxford charge is up along all lines. Thus ends one of the most successful quarters of the charge.

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G. W. Blackmon, Pastor, Huntsville, Ala.—My third quarterly conference met at Fuller Chapel Aug. 22, with the presiding elder, Rev. W. H. Nelson, in the chair. All officers were present with written reports, which showed a large improvement along all lines. The elder was at his best. His wife, who is the district president of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, has done much good among our women. The elder preached two powerful sermons and administered Sacrament to 59 persons. Paid the elder \$11.52; pastor \$6; the Woman's Home Missionary So-

cety 96 cents. We paid the pastor this quarter \$25; paid on our new church now in erection, \$47. We hope to finish it next month. Our work is alive and progressing along all lines. God bless our faithful members. Six young men of Lincoln Chapel presented the pastor, last Friday night, a purse of \$5. God bless them. We hope they will do the same again soon.

R. Howze, Pastor, Shubuta, Miss.—My third quarterly conference was held Aug. 15-16, with W. McNeal in the chair. Reports from the leaders showed showed the work to be alive. Raised during the quarter \$28.55. Paid presiding elder in full; pastor, this quarter, \$82.08. Raised for all purposes, \$107.88. The presiding elder preached Sunday night and all were filled with joy. Elder Cowen is a strong man in the pulpit and is loved by his brethren. A storm struck the parsonage August 8 about 10 p. m. We made ready for the occasion and were made happy with the many good things brought by the stormers of Pleasant Grove Church. They were led by Brothers J. McCarty, S. F. Sumerall, W. H. Williams, A. M. Howze and a number of others. God bless these good people. Come again.

W. C. Hilliard, Pastor, Evergreen, Miss.—My third quarterly conference was held Aug. 1, Rev. W. C. Clay, P. E., in the chair. Many brethren were present with good reports, which showed the work on the increase. Paid presiding elder in full; pastor \$31.00; raised for all purposes this quarter \$60.50; held one revival; 19 souls converted; 24 added to the church. Two subscribers to the paper. We feel that God is blessing us.

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Houston, Kendleton, Tex...Sept. 17-30
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Little Rock, Little Maumelle, Ark.

.....Sept. 24-27
Gainesville, Cedar Keys, Fla.Sept.24-27
Alexandria, Roanoke, Va.....Sept. —
Greenville, Gunnison, Miss.....Oct. 4-8
Tupelo, Amory, Miss.....Oct. 4-8
Tupelo, Amory, Miss, S. S.....Oct. 4-8
Mont Clair, N. J.....Oct. 6, 7, 8.

CONVENTIONS.

Little Rock, Little Maumelle, S. S.
and E. L.....Sept. 24
Chattanooga, Tenn., W. H. M. S. Oc. 28

Conference Notices

LAGRANGE DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Harris City and Mutual, Sept. 12-14;
LaGrange Circuit, 19-20; LaGrange
Station, 20-21; Troup Factory, 26-27;
Greenville, Oct. 3-4; Woodbury, 10-11;
Zebulon, 17-18; Concord, 18-19; Cullo-
den, 24-25; Barnesville, Oct. 31-Nov.
1; Liberty Hill, Nov. 7-8; Jackson, 9;
West Point, 14-15; Chipley, 21-22;
Whitesville, 28-29; Columbus and Wa-
verly Hall, 30.

Dear Brethren—The annual confer-
ence convenes at Brunswick, Ga., Dec.
3. Let us get ready to meet it with
full reports. Remember we came up
behind in benevolences at the last an-
nual conference. Our opportunities
are better this year. Let us make bet-
ter reports. Yours for the salvation of
souls,
J. D. JENKINS, P. E.,
P. O. Box 182, LaGrange, Ga.

ATLANTA CONFERENCE, ROME DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Rivertown, Sept. 18-20; Austell, 25-
27; Douglassville, 26-27; Tallapoosa,
Oct. 3-4; Carrollton, 9-11; Bowden, 10-
11; Temple, 17-18; Seney, 24-25; Villa
Rica, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; Cave Spring,
Nov. 7-8; Summerville, 14-15; Cohut-
ta, 15-16; Broad Street, 21-22; Floyd,
28-29; Cedartown, 29-30; Adairsville,
Dec. 5-9; South Rome, 4-6.

Dear Brethren—Time is short; look
well to every interest of the church.
Pray often and read all you can.
Bring the last dollar of your assess-
ment for benevolence. Pay the pastor
in full. The big rally for the SOUTH-
WESTERN closes Oct. 31st. Our share of
the 3,000 is 200. The Rome District
ought to lead in this contest. Let us
meet at the Conference with round re-
port. Yours for Christ and the church,
V. D. JENKINS, P. E.

TUPELO DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Amory, Sept. 19-20; Amory Circuit,
26-27; Houston, Oct. 3-4; Houston
Circuit, 7; Bell, 10-11; Union Grove,
17-18; Shannon, 22; Okolona Circuit,
24-25; Okolona, Oct. 30-Nov. 1; dis-
trict conference, 4-8; Pontotoc Circuit,
14-15; Pontotoc, 21-22; New Albany,
28-29; Cotton Plant, Dec. 3; Ripley,
5-6; Ripley Circuit, 10; Tupelo, 12-13;
Pontocola, 15; Corinth, 18-20; Cor-
inth Circuit, 19-20.

Dear Brethren—This announces the
fourth and last round for this confer-
ence year. Thus far the Lord has
been with us. Let us thank Him for
the past and trust Him for the future.
Let our motto for this quarter be,
"Work, work, work!" Remember,
brethren, that each one promised to
bring up a round benevolent report
for this year; let your words stand
for something—each one is making

his own appointments for next year;
make a good one. Please bring your
vouchers, for benevolent monies sent
in, to the district conference at Am-
ory. I am quite sure you can all do
so. This is imperative. Again notify
each local preacher who is not a sub-
scriber to the SOUTHWESTERN to come
to Amory prepared to subscribe or
else have his license revoked. The
Sunday school convention will meet
with the district conference. Each
school is requested to send \$1.50 for
the twentieth century offering for
Rust University; see to it that this is
done. We must raise the \$100 for
Rust. Brethren, work, work, work.
God bless you. W. C. CLAY, P. E.

OHIO DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Dayton, Sept. 23-27; Troy, 26-27, a.
m.; Xenia, 29; Springfield, Oct. 2-4;
Rushsylvania, 6; Marion, 7; Delaware,
8; Oberlin, 9-11; Elyria, 10-11; Lo-
rain, 11-12; Cleveland, 16-18; Cadiz,
19-20; Short Creek, 21; Mt. Pleasant,
22; Fleeshing, 23; Bridgeport, 24-26,
p. m.; Bellaire, 26, a. m.; Martin's
Ferry, 25-26; Steubenville, Oct. 30-
Nov. 1; Columbus, Nov. 7-8; Milford,
13-15; Batavia, 16-17; Rising Sun, 18;
Delhi, 19; Walnut Hills, 20-22; Park
Street, 27-29; Cumminsville, 28-29;
Madisonville, Dec. 5-6; Middletown, 8.

Dear Brethren—Let me urge you
again to heroic efforts. Have a re-
vival of religion in your churches.
Have the balance of minute money
ready on my visit. Increase your be-
nevolent collection. We must not fail.
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Sept. 24, 25, No. 4. Your brother,
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SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Benson, Sept. 25-27; Shady Grove,
26-27; Curtis, 29; Daniels Chapel, 30;
Flournoy, Oct. 3-4; Blanchard, 7-8;
Alpha, 10-11; Campti, 11-12; Cou-
shatta, 17-18; Lake End, 18-19; Scar-
boro, 24-25; Bedford, 25-26; Many,
Oct. 20-31-Nov. 1; Leesville, Nov. 3-4;
Deridder, 5; Columbia, 7-8; Fairfield,
11-12; Marthaville, 13-15; Allen, 14-
15; St. James, 19-23; Vanceville, 21-22;
Rocky Mount, 22; St. Paul, 26-30;
Kingston, 27-29; Mansfield, 28-29;
Hopps, Dec. 5-6; Grand Cane, 11;
Pleasant Hill, 12-13; Brownlee, 16-17;
Longstreet, 18-19.

Dear Brethren—Let us try and re-
port all our benevolent money by Nov.
18, 1903. Don't wait until the presid-
ing elder arrives before you begin rais-
ing the quarterage, but raise it before-
hand, so that when he comes he can
help you. Keep up the revival spirit,
and report the number of souls brought
to Christ. Remember the SOUTHWEST-
ERN; we lack 47 of having the num-
ber that we were asked to bring in.
God bless you. H. DANIELS, P. E.

SEDALIA DISTRICT.

THIRD ROUND.

Dresden, Sept. 26-27; Georgetown,
26-27; Blackburn, October 1-2; Wel-
lington, 3-4; Odessa Circuit, 10-11;
Lexington, 17-18; Malta Bend, 21-22;
Marshall, 24-25; Sweet Springs, Oct.
31-Nov. 1; Center View, Nov. 5-6; War-
rensburg, 7-8; Knobnoster, 10-11;
Windsor, 12-13; Clinton, 14-15; Stock-
ton, 18-19; Mt. Vernon, 21-22; Ozark,
26-27; Springfield, 28-29; Neosha, Dec.
1-2; Joplin, 5-6; California, 10-11;

Versailles, 12-13; Smithton, 17-18;
Sedalia, Simpson Chapel, 15-16; Seda-
lia, Taylor Chapel, 19-20.

Dear Brethren—We are for the third
time urging upon you to be diligent
in the work which the church has
given us. Don't fail to do your whole
duty along all lines of church enter-
prise. Remember each preacher makes
his own appointment.

W. H. SMITH, P. E.

GREENWOOD DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Lexington, Oct. 2-4; Owens, 3-4; Eb-
enezzer, 10-11; Durant, 16-18; Sallis,
17-18; Goodman, 23-25; Pickens, 24-
25; Hesterville, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; Val-
den, Oct. 30-Nov. 1; Valden Circuit,
Nov. 7-8; Minter City, 14-15; Money,
13-15; North Carrollton, 20-22; Car-
rollton, 21-22; Shellmound, Dec. 5-6;
Tchula, 5-6; Greenwood, 11-13; Green-
wood Circuit, 12-13; Winona, 18-20.
Yours truly,
B. F. WOOLFOLK, P. E.

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South Carolina—Sumter, S. C.,
Thursday, Nov. 26.

Alabama—Anniston, Ala., Friday,
Dec. 4.

Savannah—Brunswick, Ga., Thurs-
day, Dec. 3.

Central Alabama—Birmingham, Ala.,
Friday, Dec. 11.

Atlanta—Covington, Ga., Thursday,
Dec. 10.

Mobile—Union Springs, Ala., Friday,
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NOTICE.

To the Members of the West Tennessee District Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren—The adjourned session of the West Tennessee District will meet in Martin Oct. 14, 1903, at 3 p. m. The statistical blanks will be carefully filled. All benevolent monies will be counted and put in the receiving envelopes. I shall expect every brother to be present so that the business of the annual conference can proceed without the slightest hindrance on our part. All lay delegates will please meet at the same time and place. Pastors, urge upon the delegates elected the importance of their presence in the lay electoral conference. Remember your promises at the conference—a round report for every cause, and scores of souls brought to Christ. Remember our promises for the SOUTHWESTERN at Humboldt—the renewal of the old subscribers and five new ones. It can be done if every brother will urge the matter as I have in all of your meetings. I am praying and looking for success all over the district. Yours for the church,
J. A. W. MOORE, P. E.
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Second Year—Wm. H. Smith: Introduction to the Holy Scriptures (New Testament) pp. 448-770—Harris; Systematic Theology, Vol. XII—Miley; Discipline of the Methodist Church, Part 6 (Ed.) 1900—Jas. M. Harris; Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, Parts 3-5—Broadus; Lessons in Logic—Jevon; Outlines of Universal History—Fisher; One Thousand Questions on Methodism—Wheeler.

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Ladd; History of the Christian Church, Vol. I—Hurst.

Fourth Year—J. L. Smith: The Foundations of the Christian Faith—Rishell; Exegetical Studies in Isaiah (The Pentateuch and Isaiah)—Warren; Introduction to Sociology—Fairbanks. F. S. Bowles: Christian Ethics—Smith; History of the Christian Church, Vol. II—Hurst; and all sermons and essays.

Brethren, our duty is plain *ad e.* to ascertain the candidate's knowledge in each of the prescribed studies and report the same to the conference.

Please prepare for a fair but thorough examination. The examination must be written. R. E. GULLUM, Chairman.

NOTICE.

The members of the Alexandria District Preachers' Meeting are called to meet at Palmetto Tuesday, Sept. 22. Dear brethren, don't fail; business of importance will come before the meeting. Let everyone be present.

C. H. MONROE, President.

Bunkie, La.

NOTICE.

To the Pastors of the Shubuta District—We again call your attention to the missionary meeting to be held in Hattiesburg, Miss., Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1903. Dr. G. G. Logan will conduct the services. Let every pastor take a collection for missions and bring or send it to me by Sept. 21, at Hattiesburg, Miss. We want to give Dr. Logan \$100.00 for missions at this meeting. Yours truly

S. A. COWAN, P. E.

The Alexandria District Conference was held in the Booneville M. E. Church Aug. 5-9, 1903. Officers, Rev. S. Duncan, P. E., Revs. W. H. Jones, Wm. L. Amos, M. L. Baldwin, J. C. Brown, L. L. Green and J. A. Weaver, secretaries; Rev. C. H. Momal, treasurer; Bro. Alec Compton was appointed postmaster. There were many visiting brethren at the conference, and the session was a season of refreshing showers. Stirring sermons were preached, able lectures delivered and a spirit of love and good-will existed among all. Rev. S. Duncan is truly beloved by all the brethren. The secretary was ordered to cast the vote of the conference for his election as delegate to the General Conference. The district has advanced in all lines, as the following will indicate: Converts, 255; probationers, 291; 2,575 Sunday school children; benevolent collections, \$471; general collections, \$6,503. Raised during the conference session, \$216. Rev. Duncan is a born leader, a model presiding officer. Our secretaries were very efficient; they performed their work well. The pastor and good people of Booneville deserve much credit for their entertainment of the conference. The white people ought to be commended also for their good conduct towards us. Mr. Helm, a white gentleman, granted the use of his beautiful lawn for the Sunday services, which he and family attended, and in the collection gave \$10 each to Rev. Duncan, who preached. Among the resolutions offered, the course of the SOUTHWESTERN was endorsed and the General Conference is asked to continue the Rev. Dr. I. B. Scott as editor. W. J. M. PRICE, Reporter.

D. Hetton, West Green, Ala.—We have just closed our revival; 17 souls were converted. At our quarterly con-

ference we paid the presiding elder \$12; paid pastor \$73.

C. A. Jordan, Greenville Circuit—My third quarterly conference was held Aug. 13 with Rev. L. F. White, P. E., in the chair, as Rev. J. W. Winbush was detained by sickness. We had a grand time. Rev. White preached a soul-stirring sermon, which was a delight to all. Raised for all purposes \$21.40; for pastor \$15.55; presiding elder \$3.80; benevolent causes \$10.00.

Wm. White, Bentonville, Ark.—My first report had scarcely been sent when we had 10 more conversions in our two weeks' meeting. This makes 23 for the year. The good work moves on.

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grandly along all lines. Brother John Hodge, a class-leader in Chapel Hill M. E. Church, and Miss Josephine Slaten were happily united in marriage, at the bride's home, July 30. We wish them a happy and prosperous life. Up to date our charge has surpassed its financial record of last year.

Heidelberg, Miss.—We entered into our revival Sunday, August 2, at Pleasant Valley M. E. Church. The pastor, Rev. J. Jordan, preached ten sermons. He said he was glad that his young recording steward, Brother S. T. Harrison, was able to aid him. Twenty-five were converted. Raised in our collection \$25.10. We are going upward.

Matthew Holman, Pastor, Waycross, Ga.—Our third quarterly conference convened Aug. 12-13, 1903. Rev. A. Ballen, presiding elder, in the chair. He greatly stirred the people with his able sermons. Reports showed that everything was moving along nicely. The church was greatly revived; nine joined the church. The public school teacher, Prof. H. Hurst, as an educator and member of the M. E. Church, is doing a great work. Rev. R. S. Stacy was with us and preached two great sermons. Collection for the presiding elder \$5; pastor \$13.73; for the trustees, building of a new church, \$15.50; benevolence, \$2.50. The Southwestern was not forgotten. Total collection, \$37.40.

Indianola Charge, Wm. Thompson, Pastor.—This quarter has been one of much interest and activity. Our rally for the quarter resulted in the raising of \$43.00, largely due to Mrs. J. W. Davis, the wife of Rev. J. W. Davis, E. Johnson and H. Hull. Children's day was carried out to the letter. Collection \$18.20, due to the earnest and faithful efforts of J. S. Standly and Mrs. Mariah Spencer, superintendent. Our third quarterly conference is over. Our presiding elder, J. W. Winbush, gave us faithful service, and our district steward, E. Lee, was able to pay him in full. A goodly number partook of the Lord's Supper. Received 2 into the church. I shall ever fight on. Our church has been celled nicely. A bay window added, and other improvements made. The pastor has not been idle.

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Austin, Tex.—Sunday morning, Aug. 30, 1903, at an early hour, Mr. Geo. Carpenter, a native and resident of Austin, father of Mrs. Helen Trezvant, died at his residence, aged 41 years. Seventeen years ago, during the administration of Rev. Harry Swann, he was converted, joined Wesley Chapel M. E. Church and engaged in active service up to the time of his demise. He served in the capacity of class leader

for quite a number of years, a faithful member of the steward board, an excellent Sabbath school teacher and church worker in general. By trade he was a tonsorial artist. Mr. Carpenter was a member of the Mutual Benefit Association Life Insurance Co., and was elected Grand Master of the U. B. of F. fifteen years consecutively without opposition. His godly influence still lives in the lives of many who were associated with him. He leaves a dear wife and daughter, a host of relatives and friends of white and colored. Funeral was conducted by our pastor, Rev. D. C. Lacey, assisted by Revs. Metlock and Chapelle. His classmates offered resolutions and biographical sketch. He was laid to rest in Bethany Cemetery. A man of God has gone from us to his reward. "Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight."

Mrs. Kate Ford, a member of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, the mother of Mrs. M. B. Pierce, died recently. Rev. D. C. Lacey conducted the services. Wesley's choir furnished very excellent music. "Sleep on dear mother, 'till in heaven we meet."

B. V. CUMMINGS.

CARD OF THANKS.

We thank Rev. W. McNeil, his wife and many of his people who sympathized with and aided us in our distress; also Rev. J. C. Hibbler, presiding elder of my district, for his financial aid; Rev. Wm. Emerson and Rose Hill Church, who sent us \$6.00 on the 27th; also Brother Jas. Legrone of Haven Chapel, \$2.00; Sisters P. Louis, \$1.25; Mrs. H. Eavers, who accompanied my wife to see the baby and left money to get the delicacies it wanted; and many others who gave something to help in this time of great distress. Mrs. A. Mott, E. Edwards, Allen Legrone all came to our relief. We thank them greatly. REV. AND MRS. W. H. SMITH.

Dennis Mills, La.—Brother Jesse Semily, the son of Brother Horace Semily, a local preacher, died happily July 1st, at 3:25 p. m. "Sleep on, brother, in Christ; we will meet again." The service was conducted by the pastor, D. S. Kilbourne.

In memory of Mrs. Mattie Summerhill, wife of Rev. J. F. R. W. Summerhill, pastor of Duplex Circuit, who departed this life Saturday, Aug. 30, 1903, at 1:30 o'clock. For three years Sister Summerhill has been in our midst. As an ardent Christian worker, a devoted wife, and affectionate mother, a model woman, she had not a great many equals. In April of this year what was to be her final illness seized her, and we have marked with admiration and astonishment, the patience, forbearance, resignation, and faith unwavering that was hers until death claimed her. Her beautiful life culminated in a glorious testimony of the life to come and a request that everyone meet her in heaven. We leave the bereaved husband, two daughters, two sons, and relatives to Him who alone can fully assuage their sorrows and heal their wounds. Sister Summerhill's death has left to Rural Hill a lasting and holy inspiration.

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MONROE LEE.

Lake Charge, Scott County, Mississippi.—Our beloved pastor, Rev. Nathan Canon, went home to his reward July 20th, crying "Holy! holy! holy!" When he was told that death was near, he said to his wife: "Don't weep, we all

must die; the Lord is on my side; I am reconciled. The Lord will make a way for you." He leaves an aged wife and many friends of both Baptist and Methodist to mourn. E. Carter.

Fayette, Miss.—Sister Virginia Cullins, wife of Brother H. B. Cullins, and member of Adams Chapel M. E. Church was translated from labor to reward August 10, in full triumph of faith. Her funeral was largely attended. "Sleep on, dear Sister Cullins; we shall meet you again." The services were conducted by S. H. Cannon.

St. James M. E. Church.—Sister Sarah Johnson, aged 30 years, departed this life August 9th, after a short illness. She was a faithful Christian for 19 years and was one of our best members. Our loss is heaven's gain. She leaves a husband, five children, a mother, and a host of friends. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. D. Crockett.

Baton Rouge, La., St. Mark's M. E. Church.—Whereas it has pleased Almighty God, the Supreme Ruler of the universe, to remove from our midst our late Sister Fanny Walker, and Whereas, as the intimate relation long held by our deceased sister with the members of this church renders it proper that we should place on record our appreciation of her as a stewardess; resolved, by St. Mark M. E. Church, that while we bow with humble submission to the will of the Most High, we do not the less mourn for our sister. Resolved, that in the death of Sister Fanny Walker this church loses a sister who has always been devoted to the church's interest, active and zealous in her work as a stewardess, ever ready to render succor to the needy and distressed. One who was wise in counsel, fearless in action, an honest, upright woman whose virtues endeared her not only to her brothers and sisters of this church, but to all of her fellow citizens. Resolved, that this church tender its sympathy to the family of the deceased sister in this their sad hour of affliction. Resolved, that each member of the Board shall wear a piece of crepe for 30 days in honor of our sister. Resolved, that these resolutions be entered on the minutes of this church and that a copy be sent to the family. LOU THOMAS.

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St. Martinsville, La.—Mr. Robert Charles and Miss Alice Gant, both of St. Martinsville, were united in marriage at the home of the bride, Aug. 31, 1903. They are both loyal members of Mallalieu Chapel M. E. Church. We wish them much success through life. J. H. Pierre, the pastor, officiated.

Stelly Island, La.—Mr. Heyman Bowie and Miss Minnie Mitchell were united in the bonds of matrimony July 29, 1903. Also Brother Jack Adams and Miss Betsey Roberson were happily married at Doniphan Chapel M. E. Church, September 6. C. F. Angram, the pastor, officiated.

White Hall, La.—At the home of the bride, Thursday evening, Aug. 27th, St. James Parish, Mr. Paul Boudreaux and Miss Loretta Turner were happily united in the bonds of matrimony. Miss Turner is a member of our church and a sister of the Turner Bros. Mr. Boudreaux is also of this parish, and stands well in this community. They received many valuable presents from their friends. We wish them much success through life. J. O. Richards officiated.

Fayette, Miss.—Mr. Dennis C. Sweet, one of the reputable young men of this place, a blacksmith of high standing, was married August 25th to Miss Flossie Adams. The bride, to say the least, has all the virtues necessary to make their future home pleasant. Mr. Sweet is also a steward and class-leader of Adams Chapel M. E. Church, which was literally transformed for the ceremony; the decorations were beautiful. The wedding reception, which was a grand affair, was attended at the Masonic Hall. Rev. B. L. Crump of

Bolton, Miss., assisted in the ceremony the pastor, Rev. S. H. Cannon.

Mr. A. L. Boutin, who is acknowledged to be the leading brick mason about here, and who has had the contract of some of the most commendable buildings of this place, and is now foreman in the building of the Girls' Dormitory and Industrial Building of the Alcorn A. & M. College, was married July 27th to Mrs. Tempy Freeman. Both are members of our church. They have many friends. S. H. Cannon officiated.

Adamsville and Savannah (Ga.) Charge.—August 26, 1903, Mr. Gabe Montague was joined in matrimony to Mrs. Mary S. Montague. Both parties are near 65 years of age. A more lovely couple one seldom meets. They have a lovely and comfortable home. Having been previously married, they have joined hands, hearts and earthly substances. J. H. Ellis, pastor, officiated.

LITERARY NOTES

The special features of the *American Monthly Review of Reviews* for September are a character sketch of the new Pope by W. T. Stead; a profusely illustrated article on "The Cotton Crop of To-day," by Richard H. Edmonds; articles on "The Race Problem in the United States," by Dr. Lyman Abbott, and on "The Negro Problem in South Africa," by Arthur Hawkes; and "The New Movement for Religious Education," by Dean Sanders, of Yale University.

Beginning with the September issue readers of *The Chautauquan* will have their attention concentrated upon a number of special topics of the highest importance to Americans. It will be discerned that the editorial plan for an "American Year" of reading groups the contents of the magazine around the main theme of the "Racial Composition of the American People" than which there is no more serious question in the public mind to-day. In succession this series will treat Race and Democracy, Colonial Race Elements, The Negro, Immigration During the Nineteenth Century, Industry, Social Problems, Religion and Politics, and Amalgamation and Assimilation.

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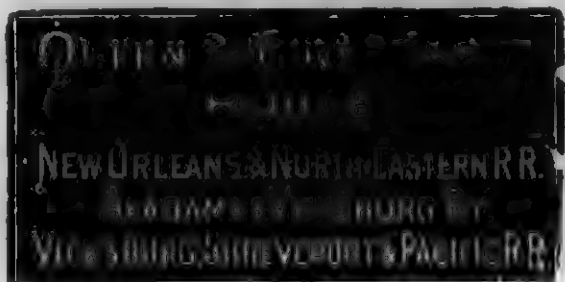
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COTTON.

On Monday in this city spot cotton sold for 10½, which is a shade higher than last week. Futures also advanced somewhat. Reports from Alexandria say the boll weevil pest has struck that section of the state—some sure specimens having been brought in from Lecompte and Lamourie, where it and the army worm were doing considerable damage.

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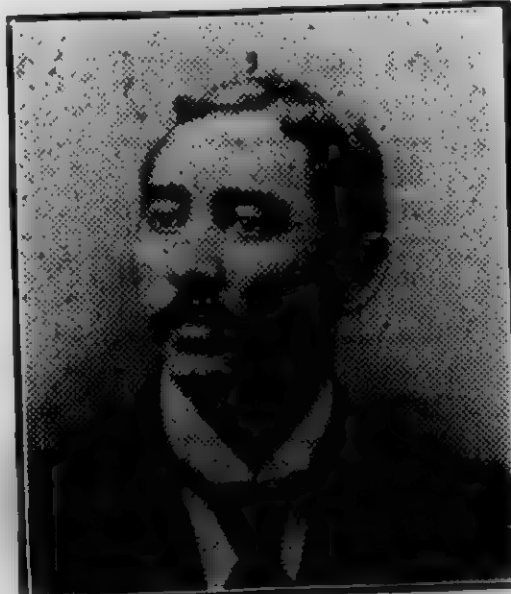
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Editorial Notes

Be sure to preach on Sunday, September 27, on reading good literature.

Your failure to send in your five subscribers will be a serious matter to us.

This is SOUTHWESTERN week; be sure to send us at least five subscribers before Thursday of next week.

It is announced that President Roosevelt passed through a storm in going from Oyster Bay to New York the other day, on the navy yacht Sylph. Somehow, we think it more than likely that he was "born in a storm."

The house of representatives of the Alabama legislature passed a resolution asking congress to submit to the states the repeal of 14th and 15th amendments to the constitution. Of course the request will not be granted.

Notices have been posted again at Sour Lake, Tex., warning Negroes to leave that community at once. It is gratifying to note that the officers of the law and the better class of citizens have come to the rescue and declare their purpose to permit no mob violence to be perpetrated. They need the laborers and propose to protect them.

The Travelers' Protective Association of Atlanta, composed of the drummers of that city have decided to boycott the railway hotel at Hamlet, N. C., because the management allowed Prof. Booker Washington and party to take a meal there some weeks ago. If these successful colored professional and business men had been servants it would have been all right.

In Maryland the democratic party proposes to make the race question the leading issue in the fall campaign. Hon. Edwin Warfield of Howard County is nominated for governor and one plank of the platform reads as follows:

"We believe that the political destinies of Maryland should be shaped and controlled by the white people of the State, and, while we disclaim any purpose to do any injustice whatever to our colored population, we declare without reserve in every conservative and constitutional way the political ascendancy of our race."

One of our exchanges, a southern daily, complains because of the indignities put upon certain white women by white men mentioned by it and emphasizes the fact that a white woman should be treated with respect under any and all circumstances. That is indeed an appropriate and timely suggestion but for its narrowness. The mistake of the South to-day regarding her women is that of respecting her because of her color rather than her sex. It would be just as wise to respect the rich woman and despise the poor one. But woman cannot be exalted by any such method. A woman is a woman and as such should be respected and protected.

How to Treat One's Successor in a Charge

We came up with a prominent pastor a few weeks since who had received the following note from an official in a brother minister's charge. Names and locality are omitted purposely:

Aug. 1st, 1903.

Dear Bro. ———:

I thought I would write to you to let you know how we are getting along with the church. Our pastor has been with us six months and we like him tolerably well, but we don't have no good preaching like when you were here. I do some work in the church, but not as much as I did under you. He calls on B—— and S—— to do much of the work I used to do. My daughter will get married next month, and we want you to come over and marry them. Mr. ——— is able to pay your expenses and will do so. We will let you know in time and you must be sure to come. I hope you will be our pastor again. All send love to you and sister. Yours in F. L. and T.,

On being asked how such a letter should be answered, we assisted in making the following reply:

Aug. —, 1903.

Dear Bro. ———:

I thank you for your letter and for your kind invitation to visit your city and perform the ceremony in the marriage of Miss Josie, your daughter. I am glad you like your pastor, and feel sure you will grow to like him better and better. He is one of the best men of the conference, and has been successful wherever he has gone. He does not make much noise preaching, but if you will listen to him closely you will notice that he is saying something all the time. He is really one of our best preachers and, besides, a splendid manager of church affairs. As an old friend of the family I should enjoy being present to participate in the marriage of your daughter, and will be if an invitation to do so reaches me through your pastor. Hence you will please speak to him about it, as I must respect his rights as pastor. Then, too, should I come, I shall desire that he be present and assist in the ceremony. Remember me to all of the family and friends. Yours in Christ.

The editor of the SOUTHWESTERN has lately been thinking over the entire range of what may be termed ministerial courtesy, and concluded to call the attention of his readers to the same. A discussion listened to in a district conference visited this season convinces us that there is much feeling, not to say bitterness, engendered between ministers as the result of misunderstandings and discourtesies. This is brought about often simply because the brethren concerned do not stop to think. They do not ask themselves the question, How should I feel if a brother minister should treat me as I have treated this brother? There seems to be four different causes for the soreness so often engendered, and these are: (1) Returning to a former charge to marry a couple; (2) To preach funerals; (3) To preach farewell sermons; (4) Stirring up disgruntled members either by personal contact or by correspondence. As to marrying couples and preaching funerals, the letters with which this article begins present our position exactly. The pastor should never be

ignored in such matters. He who respects and protects a brother's rights in such cases is really doing as much for himself. It is unnecessary to say more. As to returning to a charge immediately after the close of the Annual Conference to preach a "farewell sermon" and take a collection, there is no necessity whatever for such a course. If a man need a collection, let him go to his own charge. Still, if nothing else will suit, a thorough understanding with the new pastor should be had, and even then we think it should be an after collection, taken without previous announcement.

On the point of encouraging disgruntled members, we desire to say we have known of cases in which former pastors have devoted their best energies to such. In these cases they are prompted by the spirit of envy; they cannot stand to have their successor succeed better than they, hence they stir up all the "soreheads" they can find in his charge and then work to keep them aroused. These things ought not so to be, and on the principle that a hint to the wise is sufficient we trust they may disappear entirely from the ministerial ranks.

Figures Well Worth Considering

The following showing, comparing the birth-rate and death-rate among Negroes in certain cities, is taken from the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* and is well worth considering. That paper says:

"The reports of the last census give some interesting figures concerning the birth rate and death rate among Negroes in the United States. In fifty cities of the country the death rate among Negroes was found to be greater than the birth rate. In Boston, during the census year, there were 13,991 births and 11,227 deaths of white persons, the excess of births being 2,714. Among the Negroes the births numbered 240 and the deaths 327—a death excess of 87. In Greater New York the births of whites numbered 96,164 and the deaths 79,229, an excess of births of 16,935. The births of Negroes were 1,430 and the deaths 1,970, the deaths exceeding the births by 540. In Buffalo, Chicago and St. Louis a similar comparison of birth and death rates was made, with like results. New Orleans, which might be expected to make a showing more favorable to the Negro, shows an excess of births over deaths among the whites, the report for the Negroes being, births, 1,735; deaths, 3,310, or a death excess of 1,575. The white increase for the entire country, including the cities, between 1880 and 1890, was, for whites, 24.9 per cent. and for blacks 13.5 per cent. The white increase between the years 1890 and 1900 was 20.7 per cent.; the increase of blacks is 18 per cent. But these figures are accompanied by explanations that make the reported increase of 13.5 per cent. in the previous census too small and the gain reported in the following census of 18 per cent. consequently too large, the basis of comparison being unreliable.

"Taking into consideration their ignorance of the laws of health, the lack of medical care in case of sickness, and the conditions under which they are forced to live in the cities, it is surprising that the percentage of increase in the Negro population is as large as it is.

Our Contributors

Are Miracles Possible

BY REV. J. E. HOLMES.

It is stated on good authority, that the early founders of our Christianity had, aside from performing them, little, indeed, to say with regard to miracles. So silent were they along this line of Christian evidence that modern critics consider they have grounds for criticism. But, "silence gives consent," and the very fact of their silence shows that the working of miracles was a foregone conclusion. It is not truth that needs so much advocacy.

It is not righteousness that requires such an array of evidence in its favor. Truth and righteousness are *self-evident*. When Zacheus would explain away his excessive taxation, he talked much. When Saul would defend his unrighteous conduct, respecting the destruction of the Amalakites, he had much to say, so much so that Samuel said to him, "Hush! let me talk some—I want to tell you what God says about it." Peter wrought miracles, but speaks of Pentecost. Paul works miracles, but *speaks* of his conversion and the resurrection. God has not commanded us to go and *prove any thing*. We are to *preach* His gospel—it will *prove itself*. Stupendous undertaking! to seek to question an established fact that has stood the test of two thousand years. It appears to me that the objections are in the language of the day—late! But, there were a set of Christian apologists, who lived all the way from seventy to one hundred years, after the ascension, such as Quadratus, Justin Martyr, Tertullian and Origen, who spoke of Christ's miraculous power to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the leper, etc. There were, also, in those days such writers against Christianity as Celsus, Porphyry, and the like, who tried to attribute Christ's miraculous power to the working of demons, and reduce the Savior of mankind to the position of an ordinary magician. But, when the old testament prophets came forward and made their announcements (Isa. 35-5), and the arguments of these heathen writers "were placed before the scorching blaze of investigation they withered like feathers before a furnace."

Bishop Merrill wishes to know, "If one can question miracles, and not put a *limit* on God's power?" And can you? I *dare you to affirm*. No, sir; the truth is this: miracles are among the reasonable unreasonables. Did not the great God make earth, sun, moon, and stars? "Hath he not stretched out the heavens like a curtain;" "and does he not walk upon the wings of the wind?" (104 Psa. 2 and 3). Ah! my brother, there is a vast difference between a thing's being *contrary* to reason, and being *above* reason, and out of its reach. Thirty-eight years ago we were set free to serve God under our "own vine and fig tree," and that was, in very truth, the only place we had to serve Him.

But, behold! to-day the magnificent edifices, between whose consecrated walls "pealing anthems swell the note of praise." And as we cast our eyes about the great beams that stud the roofs we ask: What mean these wires creeping along the walls? and what mean those glass globes ever and anon peeping out from the ceiling? Why, sir, I am informed that from some secluded chamber the sexton presses a button, or turns a ratchet, and as if touched by an Omnipotent Hand, the building is instantly flooded with a beam of light that is only surpassed by the brightness of the

noonday sun. I challenge the continent for full explanation. Edison, Tesla, and Marconi, who have astonished the world by their wonderful achievements in the field of science, will tell you that there is something between cause and effect that is not thoroughly understood. They will tell you that there is, in the electrical field, certain causes that produce certain effects, but just why remains yet to be explained. Has not science demonstrated that "a slight change in the air we breathe, would wrap the elements in devouring fire, and stop the breath of everything that breathes?" Has science not revealed the fact that "the little draught of water with which we quench our thirst, holds enchained an electric force great and terrible enough to darken the heavens with its tempests and shake the everlasting hills with its muttering thunders?" Now, sir, if man is capable of such wonderful discoveries, we ask, WHAT MAY NOT GOD DO?

We repeat, there is a vast difference between a thing's being *contrary* to reason, and being *above* reason, and hence out of reach. Reason, like Moses, stands on the mount of science and revelation, and views a land over which it cannot pass. So taking the wings of faith she soars away to the utmost bounds, exclaiming as she goes: "With God, all things are possible."

ANDING, Miss.

How to Pursue the Conference Course of Study

BY REV. W. L. DUNCAN.

Without any preliminary remarks I shall proceed to discuss the subject as I see it. "Get the books: First of all make up your mind that you will put some time every day into the Word of God or whatever study or studies you are pursuing. That is an easy resolution to make and not a very difficult one to keep if the one who makes it is in earnest. It is one of the most faithful resolutions that any Christian ever made. The forming of that resolution and the holding faithfully to it, has been the turning point in many a life. Many a life that had been barren and unsatisfactory has become rich and useful through the introduction into it of regular, persevering, daily study of whatever they had in hand. The study may not be very interesting at first, the results may not be very encouraging; but, if one will keep pegging away, it will soon begin to count as nothing else has ever counted in the development of character, and in the enrichment of the whole life. The pursuit of this course should not be interfered with; nothing short of absolute physical inability should be allowed to interfere with this daily study. It is almost impossible, or quite so to make a rule that will apply to every study. I have known many busy people, including not a few laboring men, who give an hour to daily study. But this may not meet this case; if this can not be done and only fifteen minutes can be given, why a great deal can be accomplished, even at that. Wherever it is possible the time set apart for the work should be in the daylight hours. A good way is to lock yourself in with God alone. Make up your mind to study. It is surely astounding how much heedless reading will be done. Of all the studies, the Bible is the best and the safest. Some men seem to think that there is some magic power in "the Book," and that, if they will but open its pages and skim over its words, they will get good out of it. The Bible is good only because of the truth that is in it, and to see the truth, demands close attention. Your studies

are good for the like reasons; they must have your closest attention. Even a verse must oftentimes be read and re-read and read again before the wondrous message of love and power will begin to appear. Words must be turned over in the mind before their full force and beauty take possession of us. One must look a long time at the great masterpieces of art to appreciate their beauty and understand their meaning; and so one must look a long time at his studies and the great verses of the Bible to appreciate their beauty and understand their meaning, etc. When you read a paragraph, ask yourself what does this mean? Then ask: What does it mean for me? When that is answered, ask yourself again: Is that all it means? and don't leave it until you are quite sure that is all it means for the present. You may come back at some future time and find that it means a great deal more. If there are any important words in the verse weigh them, look up their meaning; and be profited therefrom. Study the books topically. Go through them and find what is said on the subjects. It may be important to know what God has to say on these subjects. It is important also to know all that God has to say. You are to be systematic. Do not take up subjects for study at random. Have carefully prepared in your mind just what you want to accomplish or what you want to know about, and take them up one by one in their order. If you do not do this, the probability is that you will have a few pet topics and you will be studying these over and over until you become to be a crank and possibly worse than that, a nuisance. True, you will know much about these subjects but about many other subjects equally important you will know nothing. You will be a one-sided man. Second: Be thorough. When you take up a subject do not be content just to study a few pages; go to the bottom and extract the honey; if you find the text book incomplete make additions of your own to it. Third: Be exact. Find out the meaning of every paragraph given in the book on the subject. Fourth: Arrange the results of your topical study or studies in an orderly way and write them down. One should constantly use pen and paper in any important study, etc. When one has gone through the text book on a subject, he will have a large amount of material but will want to get it into usable shape; this can be attended to if he knows "the how."

HONEY GROVE, Texas.

Cherished Memory

It is a pleasure indeed to recall the toils and triumphs of our living, retired and dead comrades who gave and are giving their lives for the cause of the Master. Memory is a good company keeper. Picking up a Minute, a few days since, 1882, the year I entered the conference, I was surprised to note how the rank and file had thinned out since that time. Seventy members and probationers of the West Texas Conference were then on the roll, not including the worn-out preachers. Here is what I gleaned: Retired, 3 dead, 24; in active service, 16. The number entered the same year on trial in my class was 1 retired and dead, 7; in active service, 4. The work of the ministry is growing harder every year and he who stays in the ministry twenty years and preaches that length of time to our people, is especially worthy of the "well done!" from his brethren and of a pension, also, if he wants it. Young men, get ready to take our places; we are too anxious to throw our mantle over you. We have done well but you must do better. G

knows, whom I serve, that I have done my best for my church and those also in my class. We want recruits. Old comrades, the muster roll will be called in the General Assembly of the first born by and by. Let us be faithful. Your comrade,
A. BROWN.
WACO, TEXAS.

Our Deaconess Convention, Indianapolis, Ind.

The first deaconess convention ever held among the colored people convened in Simpson M. E. Church, Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 3rd to 7th. Bishop Walden was announced to be present, but was detained and could not reach us. The following conferences were represented: The Lexington, Washington, Texas, Mississippi, West Texas, Louisiana, Atlanta, Tennessee and South Carolina.

During the convention many questions touching the advancement of the race were discussed. Some of the important questions before the convention were: "The Deaconess in the Moral Uplift of the Negro," "The Future of the Negro," "Our Women and Their Work," "Is the Negro a Menace to Society?" "Is the Church Losing Its Hold On Our People?" "Shall the Riley Deaconess Training School Be Removed or Retained Within the Bounds of the Lexington Conference?" The following persons took part in the discussions: Revs. L. M. Hagood, H. W. Tate, J. F. Walker, Rev. Mr. Gibson and Rev. W. H. Riley and others. The work of the Riley Deaconess Training School was discussed fully, and the convention passed resolutions asking the W. H. M. Society to keep our Deaconess Training School within the bounds of the Lexington Conference. Also resolutions were passed thanking the W. H. M. Society for aiding the deaconess work within the bounds of our conference.

W. H. RILEY.

Life of Faith

"God is Dear"

By REV. CHARLES A. S. DWIGHT.

A little boy, not yet six, to whom the hours of the Sabbath afternoon seemed rather long, was told by his father that he could sit at his desk and print Bible verses. "God is love," dictated the father, spelling the words slowly as the lad's fingers carefully printed them on the paper. Not long after the father found that the little fellow had added a "Revised Version" of his own, and had been printing several times over on different slips of paper and in different colors, the short sentence, "God is dear."

The lad's instinct was right. "God is dear" is the other side of the truth that "God is love." God is dear to us because He makes us dear to Him. The Bible recognizes this fact when it says that we love Him because He first loved us. The great fount of love in the divine nature is the source of all the little rills and springs of love in human hearts.

Yes, God is dear. Childhood feels this truth instinctively, and adult manhood as life advances experiences increasing proofs of its fact. God is the dearest of the dear. Jesus Christ, His Son, who reveals the great Creator to men, is the chiefest among ten thousand and the One altogether lovely. As life goes on, and perhaps as sorrows come, God grows dearer, grace has a sweeter sound, and Heaven lights up with a more splendid radiance. "God is dear." No matter what

doubts the devil may put into your mind regarding God's dealings with you, no matter how cares may multiply or depressions assail, hold fast to that tender thought! God loves to be loved. Let Him be to you the dearest of the dear.—*New York Observer*.

Closter, N. J.

Tennyson's Practice of the Presence of God

We know very little about Tennyson's inner religious life. His splendid biography recently published is remarkably silent concerning his religious experiences; but a favorite niece of his, who had many walks and talks with her uncle, has revealed in a recent magazine more of his innermost religious life than the world has ever before known, and proves that the great poet, though so reticent concerning his inner life, was in the deepest sense a comrade of the Quiet Hour. As they were walking together on the beautiful downs on the Isle of Wight, with the sounding sea ver in their ears and God's bright skies and great plains above and about them, he said to her: "God is with us now on this down, just as truly as Christ was with the two disciples on their way to Emmaus. We cannot see Him, but the Father and Savior and the Spirit are nearer, perhaps, now than then to those who are not about the actual and real presence of God and his Christ with all who yearn for him."

"I said," writes the niece, "that such a near, actual presence would be awful to most people."

"Surely the love of God takes away and makes us forget all our fear," answered Tennyson. "I should be sorely afraid to live my life without God's presence, but to feel that He is by my side now, just as much as you are—that is the very joy of my heart."

"And I looked on Tennyson as he spoke, and the glory of God rested on his face, and I felt that the presence of God overshadowed him."—*Michigan Christian Advocate*.

Concealed Affection

How much concealed affection we carry about with us! Notice the tendency to be ashamed of manifested affection. That the real, genuine affection is there, nobody questions. It is proved, from time to time, in too many ways, to be a matter of uncertainty. But we seem to be loth to frankly admit its existence or in anywise to show it. Our loved ones may hunger for it, but we let them starve on in pitiful poverty rather than make a sign. Some people profess love who have it not. That should be no excuse for people to hide the love they have. There can be little doubt that the world is hungrier for sympathy than for bread. Shall they continue to famish?—*Zion's Herald*.

Bringing Heaven and Home Together

Home is the best interpreter of heaven. Home is not a place or a state, but a fellowship. It is not the walls of a house that make a home, for many who are housed well enough are yet homeless, having none of the joys of mutual kindness and help which bind men and women in the life of the home. Nor is home an internal condition of feeling, but a fellowship which takes us out of ourselves and our feelings, and makes us feel with and for others. So heaven is the perfect fellowship of those who have learned to forget self in the joys of others. And, as home finds its center in the one who most perfectly exemplifies the love which is its life—generally in the home-

making mother—so heaven finds its center in Him whose life has the perfect exemplification of the spirit of sacrifice. "That where I am ye may be also" is its charter. Sunder the life of man from his, either in this world or the next, and you leave it to the contention and strife which constitute the misery of our human condition. With Jesus Christ as its center, heaven becomes intelligible as an eternal fellowship of joy and peace.—*Sunday School Times*.

Good Out of Adversity

Trials are profitable.

The rough diamond cried out under the blow of the lapidary: "I am content; let me alone."

"There is the making of a glorious thing in thee."

"But every blow pierces my heart!"

"Ay; but after a little it shall work for thee a far more exceeding weight of glory."

"I cannot understand," as blow fell upon blow, "why I should suffer in this way."

"Wait; what thou knowest not now thou shalt know hereafter."

And out of this came the famous Koh-i-noor to sparkle in the monarch's crown.—David James Burrell, D. D., in "A Quiver of Arrows," *Texas Advocate*.

Woman's Dominion

The Beautiful Life

To rise each morning with a thought of God in the soul, left over to fill a new mission from the night before; to kneel ere descending the stairs for the consecration of your life and the renewed assurance of his guidance of you, just for that day—this is the true preface of a beautiful life.

A Young Woman's Dream

A young girl one night dreamed she was in heaven, and she was being shown through the Holy City, examining and admiring the many beautiful residences, passing before one exceptionally beautiful that was being erected, so much so that the workmen themselves stepped back to gaze upon the beautiful home. Turning to her guide, she said, "For whom is this beautiful palace?"

"Why, that's for your gardener," answered the guide.

"For my gardener? Why, he would not know what to do in such a spacious dwelling. He would be completely lost in a mansion like this! Why, he lives in such a little bit of a cottage on earth. He might do better, I give him reasonable wages, but he gives so much of it to the poor, miserable people that he has hardly enough to keep his family, let alone any comforts of luxuries."

Walking on a space, they came to a little bit of a cottage. "And who is this being built for?" asked the young woman.

"Why, that is for you," answered the guide.

"For me!" she exclaimed in wonder and surprise, "Why, that cannot be for me. I have always been accustomed to a mansion of a house. I could not adjust myself to such a small house!"

"Still," plainly, but sadly, answered the guide, "it is for you. Our great architect does the very best he can with the material that is sent up to him."

With that she awoke, but the dream had such an effect upon her that she determined to henceforth lay up treasures in heaven.—*Religious Telescope*.

Standing Correctly

The art of standing correctly makes all the difference between a stately and an awkward carriage, and it is such a simple art that every woman should learn it. A certain much admired lady on the shady side of forty was once asked what she did to keep her figure so erect and youthful looking.

"I remember to practice the advice given me by my grandmother when I was young," she replied.

"What was that?"

"Always to keep the knees stiff when standing. The old lady kept this rule herself, and her stately air was the admiration of her friends. I shall never equal her, but her advice has proved very useful to me. Try it for yourself, and you will soon find how your appearance improves."

An erect carriage gives a woman the smart appearance which is so much admired, and it would be worth striving after even at some inconvenience. The old grandmother's method, however, demands nothing but the exercise of memory until correct standing becomes by force of habit second nature.—*The Evening Metropolis*.

Woman's Work in Arkansas

The third annual state convention of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was held at Van Buren, Ark., Sept. 10-13, with Mrs. A. T. Strickland, president, in the chair.

The evening of the 10th, welcome addresses were delivered by Revs. M. N. Langston, G. T. Saxton, and Mrs. M. Perry, of Van Buren, responded to by Mrs. Ophelia Vaughn, of Ft. Smith, after which, the president, Mrs. A. T. Strickland, gave the annual address.

Mrs. E. J. Sherrill, of Hot Springs, was elected recording secretary and the regular order of business taken up. The reports showed that the various auxiliaries are alive and at work. Mrs. J. H. Reed, of Little Rock; Mrs. E. J. Sherrill, of Hot Springs, and Mrs. J. C. Sherrill, of West Africa, read very interesting and masterly papers on various subjects. Mrs. H. M. Nasmyth addressed a large congregation Friday night, to the delight of all.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: For the state—President, Mrs. A. T. Strickland; vice-president, Mrs. J. H. Reed; corresponding secretary, Mrs. G. N. Johnson; recording secretary, Mrs. W. S. Sherrill; treasurer, Mrs. H. M. Nasmyth. District presidents—Ft. Smith, Mrs. M. N. Langston; Clow, Mrs. T. R. Wamble; Little Rock, Mrs. H. M. Nasmyth; Pine Bluff, Mrs. W. H. Higgins; Forest City, Mrs. B. J. Griffin.

The annual sermon was preached Sunday at 11 a. m., by the presiding elder, M. N. Langston, B. D. The program rendered by the Young People's Circle of Van Buren, Saturday night, was grand. The treasurer's report showed that the collections for the year amounted to \$184.30, a gain of \$102.30 over last year. Rev. S. Carter, of the A. M. E. Church, and Rev. J. C. Sherrill, of West Africa, were visitors, and each in a few words addressed the convention. The ministers present were: Presiding Elder M. N. Langston, S. McDonald, W. M. Lewis and G. T. Saxton. The president deserves much praise for her manner of ruling, the members for their faithfulness. Much credit is due the Van Buren auxiliary.

G. T. SAXTON.

Put away silk waists and ribbons wrapped in brown paper instead of white. If the silk is white, blue paper should be used to prevent yellowing.

Lemons may be kept for a long time—indeinitely, in fact—by keeping them under glass. If laid on a flat surface and covered by an inverted goblet they will neither mold nor dry up. It is even said that they can be preserved for six months.

Cheese Fingers.—Roll out a sheet of puff paste very thin, brush over lightly with ice-water, cut it into strips about five inches long and half an inch wide; sprinkle with grated cheese. Put one strip over the other, lay on a greased tin sheet and bake in a quick oven fifteen minutes.

Young Friends

THE JOY OF LIVING.

Oh, give me the joy of living,
And some glorious work to do;
A spirit of thanksgiving,
With loyal heart and true;
Some pathway to make brighter,
Where tired feet now stray;
Some burden to make brighter,
While 'tis day.

Oh, give me the joy of living,
In the world where God lives, too;
And the blessed power of giving,
Where men have so much to do;
Let me strive where men are striving,
And help them up the steep;
May the trees I plant be thriving
While I sleep.

On the fields of the Master glean,
May my heart and hands be strong;
Let me know life's deepest meaning,
Let me sing life's sweetest song;
With some faithful hearts to love me,
Let me nobly do my best;
And, at last, with heaven above me,
Let me rest.

—Ex.

Washington's Stone House

IT WILL BE A FEATURE OF THE MINERAL EXHIBIT AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Building material found in the State of Washington will be the basis for a unique display at the Universal Exposition at St. Louis in 1904. Washington has an allotment of 2,800 square feet in the Palace of Mines and Metallurgy, and in the center of this space the building materials exhibits will be made.

A small but ornate structure will be built in this space, and the other mineral products will be displayed around it. The building will be constructed of brick and stone. It will be 16 feet square, and 14 feet high. Just as many varieties of brick, stone and marble as can be secured will be included. The blocks of stone will be dressed in different ways to display the material to best advantage. Some faces will be polished, while others will be tooled, and others will be left natural. Different varieties of molded brick and different colors and styles of terra cotta will be placed about the top wall.

In spaces which may be designated as blind windows, the marbles of the State will be shown. Inside the building will be the office of the official in charge of the building, and pamphlets descriptive of the building will be issued. Besides the stones to be shown in the building, every quarry in the State will furnish eight-inch cubes, uniform and similar in the method of dressing.

Julian E. Itter, the famous landscape artist is painting a series of large landscapes, which will be used in decorating the walls of the Washing-

ton State building. Artists say that the Washington scenery exceeds in diversity and rugged beauty that to be found in any other country in the world.

The Washington State building will be one of the most unique and attractive on the plateau of States. It will be four stories high, and built entirely of timbers from Washington. Eight great timbers, 24 feet square and 100 feet long, rear their lengths into the air in an unbroken piece, meeting in the center, and forming the supports, after the fashion of great Indian wigwams. The stories are each smaller than the one below it, and the roof for the final story takes on a pagoda form, giving the structure a Japanese appearance.

The great Northwestern State will make a splendid exhibit of her agriculture and horticulture products.

A Word About Sunday Reading

MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

"Is this a good book to read to-day?"

The young girl who asked the question was away from home, and at home she was accustomed to make distinction between Sunday and week-day books. Her hostess looked up smilingly at the book presented, gave a cursory glance, and said:

"Why, yes, you dear little Puritan! Anything on this table may be read on Sunday. There is nothing really bad in this house."

Agnes went away with the bright-looking volume in her hand, and seated herself in a window overlooking a wide park. The story was entertaining; she read a few pages, but somehow she could not fix her attention on it; her dear mother's face kept coming between the author's words and herself. Mrs. Blank might approve the story, but Agnes knew that her mother would say: "Better put it aside till to-morrow, daughter." Presently she rose quietly, replaced the book on the shelf whence it came, and went to her own room.

Her hostess observed the action, but made no comment. Nevertheless, it touched a chord in her memory, for she, too, had been trained to keep Sunday sacred. Her husband laid aside his newspaper. He, too, felt uncomfortable. And a lad, Agnes' cousin, said, very decidedly:

"Well, for my part, I respect an out-and-out Christian."

We have six days to read about what is passing in the world around us; six days to read of travel, and to be amused by clever stories. Is it too much to give the spare time of Sunday to books which have something to do with the claims of God upon every one of us? This leaves us a wide range—missionary biographies, books which dwell on what we ought to do, books which have some relation to the Bible and the Christian life. Often we help others more by a quiet example than by much speech. Nobody need mind being called a Puritan, but each of us should mind offending the dictates of conscience.—*Forward*.

Educational

Gammon Theological Seminary

The next session of Gammon Theological Seminary will open October 1. Students will find it a great advantage to be present on the first day. Dr. J. C. Sherrill, secretary of the Stewart Missionary Foundation, and a returned missionary from Africa, will deliver a Missionary address. The Matriculation day address will be delivered by Dr. E. L. Parks.

The Faculty is the same as last year and each member is widely and favorably known for special qualifications for his respective chair.

L. Q. ADKINSON, President.

Meridian Academy

The patrons and friends of Meridian Academy

will please take notice that, because of the time needed to complete recitation rooms in the new building, school will open September 28th, instead of the 21st. A splendid faculty has been selected, and the following additional courses have been planned; A higher Normal Course, an advanced English Course, and a course in the Domestic Arts and Sciences. We urge all students who can possibly do so to arrange to be on hand opening day. We cordially invite the ministers and friends to be present at our opening exercises at 10 a. m., Monday, September 28th. W. W. LUCAS, Principal.

The Saviour Visits Ludsville Public School BAHM, LA., Sept. 5, '03.

A few weeks ago, just as I was getting ready to dismiss my pupils, a dark cloud arose, and it began to thunder.

I generally dismiss my girls first, but as they were passing out of the school room, it began to rain. They were summoned back. About fifteen minutes later the rain stopped; once more they were dismissed, but as before it began to rain again, and they were called back the second time. The whole school seemed restless by this time. I took my Bible; then I thought I would sing first. I told the pupils that God must have intended us to use that hour in doing some good work, or else He would have suffered us to get to our homes before the rain.

First, I asked that all those who were Christians should sit on one side. Only two beside myself were converted. I went to the blackboard, dividing it with a vertical line in the center. I headed the two sides, one "God's List," the other "Satan's List." I explained to the pupils that we were only three that were enlisted for our Saviour, and all the rest belonged to Satan, unless they would change. I told them I would pray for those who wanted to be followers of Christ, and would manifest it by coming on the Christians' side. Every student crossed the aisle except one, and a visitor.

I tried to explain to them that prayers could never harm them. I had said everything that I felt like saying to the two who refused to be prayed for. If ever there was quiet in a school room it was then. As the rain poured down, I said to those two who refused to come, "I am going to sing a hymn, after which I shall pray for you as well as the others, because you really do not know what you are doing." I sang, "My God Calls You." Just as I said, "He calls you by the lightning," there was a flash of lightning which perhaps God intended for the purpose. I thought it had fallen on the house, but I kept on talking to them. Finally they went over. I prayed and then I sang, "Come to Jesus." Thirteen were converted that day. It rained until five o'clock. O such a blessed rain. Two little boys who did not understand the nature of this revival ran home and told their parents that the children were "lightening struck."

Everybody who came in the rain to witness God's work stood spellbound for a while. I am teaching near the parsonage, so Mrs. Bell, the pastor's wife, and three other ladies came in to help sing and pray for the young converts. The pastor was away.

The gentleman with whose family I am boarding is a preacher; I thought that the work was great enough for a Physician, so I sent for him to witness the work of the Lord. I held prayer meeting from 12.40 to 1 o'clock for a whole week. Many are those who felt this great work.

Thirty-two were converted, two of them gentlemen who only came to witness the fact. Some of the people who were not loyal to the Church have become loyal members. The beauty of it all is that the Church revival began just as I closed my meeting sixteen of the members have joined the A. M. E. Church in which I am now teaching. Others have gone to make their home in different churches. I thank God that in accepting the work, out here, I have been able to help the people on spiritual lines as well as on educational lines.

LAURA B. LEFROY,
Teacher.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

How Some Indians Give

At a convocation held recently by Bishop Hare on the Pine Ridge Reserve, South Dakota, some 1,200 Indians were in attendance, many of whom had journeyed a week or more by wagon to be present. Of the 25,000 Indians in the State, nearly 10,000 are baptized members of the church. The living communicants number 3,280, while during the twenty-nine years of his episcopate, the bishop has confirmed over 6,000, and this among a people whom he found in 1873 in practical savagery. The fact was stated that the congregations had given to foreign and domestic missions during the past year over \$900, besides their gifts of \$300 to diocesan missions, to say nothing of the nearly \$5,000 for parochial purposes. The spirit in which Indian Christians give was well illustrated, when representatives of the Woman's Auxiliary handed in cash to Bishop Hare nearly \$2,400 for missionary and other purposes, besides reporting the expenditure during the last year of over \$1,000 for various religious and charitable purposes at home.—*Missionary Review of the World*.

Progress in India

Besides upbuilding a native church, Christian work of all kinds is affecting Hinduism in a wonderful way. Four facts gathered from personal experience will show how Hinduism is being affected:

1. Christ's holy life laid alongside the lives of their gods is leading many to say: "Our gods are not true incarnations. They are only images of sinful men." "If there be an incarnation of God, Christ is." The gods and the Puranas are not believed in as they were twenty-five years ago.

2. God's holy law is preached. This reveals sin in the soul which no rite or ceremony, no fast or penance can take away. The sense of sin is deepening. They feel they return from the place of pilgrimage as impure as they left their homes. We lead the needy and dissatisfied to the Fountain open.

3. The Christian view of the universe and of God leads the Pandits to know God themselves, sin, and salvation and silences the false philosophers.

4. The atheistic theory of the universe satisfies no one fully. You can easily see the flood of light thrown into the soul when the first chapter of John's Gospel is read. True, this was only the dawn, but have you ever had a sunrise without a dawn, or a dawn without a sunrise?

With all this, why are there so few baptisms? Because of caste, or casts, for they are legion. They are trades unions into which everyone is born, and must move, as masses and not as in-

dividuals. They contain all the trade and the wealth of the people, and hence expulsion is death. Many have said to me in real earnest, "Tell me how I am to feed my family and myself, and I'll to-day publicly profess the Christ in whom I believe." The principles of Christianity are working, and men are each day fretting more and more under the galling trammels of caste. Meanwhile, God uses it to keep the Church purer. Such are some of the results, and as we look at the means used we must say, "Thine, O Lord, is the glory."—*Rev. J. Trail, in Mission World*.

To the Presiding Elders, College Presidents, and to all in charge of Missions in the bounds of the Twelfth General Conference District.

Dear Brethren:—In short, the three financial boards of our church will meet in General Missionary Committee for the purpose of making appropriations and allowances to the various conferences and schools for next year. Please remember that we deal with the Missionary Society, the Church Extension Society, and the Freedmen's Aid Society. Now, if you have special interest in any one of these, you should write me fully and freely. A great many brethren write to the secretaries and expect them to act for them in matters of the interests they represent. It is alright to write the secretaries, but also write your representative; for in quite every case, the secretaries refer the letters to the representatives. Write both if you have any matters of interest to bring before the General Committee.

Please do not fail as conference representatives to give an account of the churches being built in your districts, as to the number and cost. As to the mission points, give an account of their condition, needs, progress, future outlook, and when each will become self-supporting. State also, when the district will become self-supporting as well as the points on it; whether your conference can do on less support from the boards next year than it did this year; whether your district has done more for the causes this year than it did last year, and whether your conference is going on to the line of speedy self-support. As educator, please tell what you wish to do in improvements, in special needs, in larger appropriations, etc. But in no case write to me for these items, unless you have written to the secretaries at Cincinnati and had your case opened there.

As representative of any special church or point, write everything of interest to inform me as to your condition and needs, and future growth. Please, dear brethren, communicate with me speedily.

Yours fraternally,
W. H. NELSON,

Representative of Twelfth General Conference District, Huntsville, Ala.

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

Topic October 4.

KNOW AND OBEY THE WORD OF GOD.
(This is Bible Study Rally Day.)

Scripture References: Matt. 19:17; James 1:22-25; Psalms 119:9, 18.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday: Christ's Advice. Jno. 5:29.

Tuesday: Christ's Light on the Future Life. Luke 16:19-31.

Wednesday. Promise of the Spirit. Joel 2:28—29.

Thursday. Fulfillment of the Promise. Acts 2:1—13.

Friday. Our Relation to Christ. Jno. 15:1—8.

Saturday. Blessed are they that do His Commandments. Rev. 22:13, 14.

This is Epworth League Rally Day, for Bible study. Before me on my desk is a letter from The Religious Education Association requesting the setting apart of one hour on October 4 for a special service in reference to Bible Study. It is fortunate that this great association, backed by the intelligence of the country, should make this call, and it is fortunate that they have selected the same date as that selected by the Epworth League. On this day we want each leaguer to take his Bible to the church at the hour when the pastor shall preach on the Bible and its relation to the religious life, or some kindred theme, and I suggest that the pastor have a responsive Bible reading at that service. I also suggest that the Daily Readings laid down at the head of this article be taken up in the regular league meeting, and thus the movement for a more careful study of the Bible be set on foot. Then, if possible, let classes be organized for the study of the Bible, either at home or in meetings set apart for this special purpose. If there be a Junior League let the President see to it that the Children are directed so that they may form the habit of reading the Bible daily.

The topic for study: "Know and Obey the Word of God," is of prime importance to each life. Two things stand out in this topic: 1. Knowledge. 2. Obedience. We may, with profit, look into these two phases of the theme.

I. KNOWLEDGE.—1. *How can we know.* The schools, the books and the teachers are answering this question on every hand to-day. We learn religious truth and get hold of religious knowledge as we get hold of knowledge in other branches. If we want a knowledge of mathematics we study mathematics. So with philosophy, literature and history. If we want a knowledge of religious truth we must study the Bible, which is its source. Shall I study it critically? Some one may ask—yes if you have talent and faith sufficient, if not you would better study it prayerfully. Make a habit of going on your knees with your open Bible, asking God to teach you the deep truths that only He can reveal unto you by the Spirit.

There is an important truth for the most part overlooked by us in our study of the Scriptures. That truth is this: The Scriptures were written under the inspiration of the Spirit and will be best understood by us when we study under the inspiration of the Spirit. A prayerful study of the Bible therefore insures the best knowledge of the truth.

2. *Shall I have a teacher?* Yes it is God's plan that some shall teach and some shall learn. In the Sunday school, in the League work and in the Church, God has raised up teachers. These are all doing their part and serving their purpose well, but none of these can take the place of the greatest of all teachers, the Holy Spirit. All teaching, as well as all learning, without Him will lead into the by-paths, rather than the great highways of truth. Some truths we learn of the Spirit we cannot learn of any other teacher. No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. I Cor. 12:3.

II. OBEDIENCE. 1. *Obedience to the Spirit.* Whatever other teachers we may refuse we can never afford to refuse the Holy Spirit, if we want wisdom. If day by day we are obedient unto the Spirit we shall increase in wisdom and spiritual stature. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

2. *Obedience to the truth.* Some years ago, I saw a man who was a classical graduate from Harvard University, and was a superb mathematician, tramping and begging his way across the country. He knew much, but did not use what he knew to advantage. Did you learn the truth after days of study and nights of prayer, then live in obedience of that truth? Of what use were it to study the Bible and learn its truths unless we are going to live in obedience to those truths?

3. *Results of Obedience.* We shall have peace and rest of soul. We shall grow in grace. We shall enter enthusiastically into the Lord's work. We will go to the League meetings regularly. We will attend the regular church and prayer meeting services. We will be working bees in the church hive, and not drones. We will not shirk our responsibility either spiritual or financial.

Dear Leaguer, make a vow with me to-day. That you will in this year seek the truth and yield obedience thereto as never before.

Pittsburg, Pa.

The New York District Board of Control has decided to take the initiative in opening a New York City Headquarters for Epworth Leaguers coming to the city to live. The plan ultimately contemplates a house where rooms and board could be obtained; a reading room with Methodist periodicals, Epworth League Reading Course, Missionary Campaign Library, City Directory, writing material, and all other things which a well equipped Bureau of Information ought to have. Committee rooms will also be at the disposal of such League Committees as may wish a convenient meeting place. For the present, that work may be commenced immediately, the trustees of the Washington Square Church have granted the use of such desk space as may be needed in the Washington Square Church House, 133 West 4th Street, Manhattan, with the privilege of designating the house as the Epworth League Headquarters. The superintendent, Mrs. D. H. McClain, will be in charge, and will have a directory of the Methodist churches in the city, with desirable boarding places in the vicinity of each, so that Methodist young people coming to the city may be promptly brought into relations with some Methodist church. That the young people may understand that the young laymen, as well as the ministers, are interested in the plan, the names of the laymen in the committees in charge are given, any one of whom will be glad to furnish all the information possible about the Methodist Church life in the city. Mr. H. B. Mingle, lawyer, 7 East 42nd Street; Mr. J. D. Merriman, lawyer, City Marshall's Office, City Hall; Mr. I. A. Johns, American Express Co., 65 Broadway; Mr. Wm. O. Gantz, lawyer, 52 Broadway; Mr. Chas. A. Hale, American Telephone Co., 15 Dey Street; Mr. R. W. Hill, lawyer, 150 Nassau Street. The Washington Square Church House is on West 4th Street, between the Square and Sixth Avenue, and easily accessible from any part of the city.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson 1—Oct. 4, 1903. Title—David brings up the ark. (2 Sam. 6:1-12) Golden Text—Blessed are they who dwell in thy house—Psa. 84. 4. Time—B. C. 1047. (Unhes) Places—Kirjath-Jearim. Nachou's threshing floor, and the house of Obed-edom, all west of Jerusalem.

David was at this time established in his new kingdom, and was living in royal style in his house of cedar made by Hiram, King of Tyre. He married a number of wives, and children were born in his home. When the Philistines heard that he had been made king over all Israel they waged war against him. They were defeated. Again they pitched their tents against Israel, and a second time they were routed. In 1 Chron. 13:1-14 are many facts bearing on this lesson not found in the text before us.

1. *Bringing the ark up to Zion.* (1-5) 1. *Going after the ark.* (1) David advised with the captains of thousands, and of hundreds, and with all the leaders, before he decided to bring up the ark. "The thing was right in the eyes of all the people." It is not well to enter upon any great work without first advising with friends. Judging from other occasions David, no doubt, sought direction from the Lord, also (2) *Next he called together 30,000 chosen men.* He likely desired to pay great honor to the symbol of the Divine presence, and to impress the people with the value of public worship. The more private secret worship is the better, and the more popular worship is the more will be benefited by it. (3). *The company journeyed west from Jerusalem about ten miles to Kirjathjearim, or Baal of Judah.* Its size and rank made it an imposing body. Never was a host bound on a nobler mission. (4) *The ark was made of arcacia wood and overlaid within and without with pure gold.* It was about four feet long by two and a half feet wide and deep. It contained, at first, the two tables on which were written the Ten Commandments, the pot of manna, and Aaron's rod that budded. It was called "The ark of the covenant," because in it was the contract God made with Israel at Sinai. The lid of the ark formed the "mercy seat." The ark did not belong to David, or to Moses, or Israel, but to God. It symbolized His presence. (5) *The cherubs stood at each end of the "mercy seat."* They were supposed to be in the form of human beings. Their wings were extended and came together at the top. They were thought to convey Deity when He appeared in His glory on earth. In the vision of Ezekiel the ark carried the throne of Jehovah.

2. *Bringing up the ark.* (1) *They set it on a new cart.* In this they followed the example of the Philistines and not the command of God. But they were not excused for doing as the enemies had done. They held it in high esteem for they did not place it on a cart that had been used for an unholy purpose. They had neglected the word of God, or they would have known the Levites only were to bear it on their shoulders. Ignorance is sin where knowledge is possible. (2) *They place the two sons of Abinadah to drive the cart.* Ahilo likely was before to lead the oxen, and Uzzah probably rode in the cart with the ark. The ark had remained in the home of Abinadah for about seven years. His sons had, no doubt, seen it often and had probably become so familiar with it that they had lost due reverence for it. (3) *David and the thirty thousand chosen men played "with all their might and with singing,"* the ark moved forward. They had with them stringed, and percussion instruments, on which they played, and to the music of which the

likely danced. They did not march as a funeral procession. "Dancing was a religious ceremony among the Hindoos. They considered it an act of devotion to their idols. It is evident David considered it in the same light. What connection dancing can have with devotion I cannot tell. This I know, that unpremeditated and involuntary skipping may be the effect of sudden mental elation." (Clark.) "From the most ancient times, both among the Jews and other nations, dancing formed a part of the ceremonies of religious processions and festivals, but the performers were usually a band of females. When persons of different sexes engaged, they seemed always to have kept in separate companies." (Whedon.) Public joy should always be "as priest. This was the second grave mistake. His before the Lord," and with an eyesight to His glory. Then it will never degenerate into that which is carnal and sensual. Some good men rule out all songs from the sanctuary, others admit only the Psalms, and others cannot worship if the sound of an instrument is heard in the church. Such good people are not in harmony with the sacred Scriptures.

II. *The death of Uzzah.* (6-7) 1. *Place*—"Nachon's threshing floor." It is elsewhere called the floor of Chidon. It is not to be considered as a proper name, but rather as a fixed place with roof and stock of fodder. There wheat was threshed and winnowed. It was likely near Jerusalem. 2. *The oxen shook the cart.* Some say they stumbled. Others think they kicked against the goad with which Uzzah was driving them. A third class believes they stuck in the mire. Others are of opinion they had thrown, or were throwing the ark down, by turning aside to eat grain from the threshing floor. By some accident the ark was in danger of being driving them. A third class believe they stuck injured. 3. *Uzzah "put forth his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it."* This was a direct violation of the commandment of God. (Numb. 4:15.) Uzzah was a Levite but not a priest. This was the second grave mistake. His motive was good but his act was bad. He did not think; but it was his place to think. His long familiarity with the ark, and his constant care of it, may have caused this presumption. The same command was given to Eve. (Gen. 2:17.) Her act was wicked, but her example was not so bad as that of Uzzah. 4. *God smote him there for his error and he died.* It seems that his punishment was great compared with his offense. But the judge of all the earth does right. His death was not so much a means of punishment as an object lesson to Israel. God likely extended mercy to his soul. It became necessary to make an example of some one. Enthusiasm must not control judgment. Both the form and the act of worship must be observed. Ignorance is no excuse for sin. Only those ordained of God shall handle holy things.

III. *The conduct of David.* (8-12) 1. *He was displeased.* He indulged in hard feeling towards God, and was grieved over the failure of his plan. There was likely vexation, grief, and indignation in his soul. His feelings were similar to those of Samuel when God rejected Saul. (1. Sam. 15:11.) He saw this stroke was at him, and all Israel, same as at Uzzah. Anger itself is not sinful, but sin is likely to grow out of it; therefore it is condemned. 2. *He named the place Perez-uzzah,* that is the breach or judgment of Uzzah. This was not given in malice, but to designate the spot. It

was a well-known spot six centuries after, when the revision was made by Ezra. A name never produces an event, but an event often causes a name. 3. *David was afraid of the Lord that day.* He did not feel that Uzzah was a great sinner; and his punishment merited, but the whole matter was a judgment sent on him, and on the nation, for their violation of God's law. 4. *He asked:* "How shall the ark of the Lord come to me?" There was a grave mistake some where. God was angry. Uzzah had fallen. Others were no better than he. They may be slain. The singing, playing and dancing ceased. A pall of sadness was on every face. What was to be done? 5. *The ark was taken into the house of Ebed-edom.* He was a Levite and had descended from Kohath. It was their duty to watch over the holy tent and its furniture. It required great courage on the part of Obed-edom to take the ark into his house at this time. 6. *"The Lord blessed Obed-edom and his house"* for receiving the ark. He likely increased their property, and comforts of home worship. Their blessings were both literal and spiritual. The same object may prove a blessing to one and a curse to another. 7. *The news soon reached David that the Lord was blessing Obed-edom.* The King called together nearly a thousand priests, as many more Levites, and a multitude of singers and players on instruments, and with them brought the ark into Jerusalem, and placed it in the tent he had erected for it.

To the Pastors and Sunday School Workers composing the conferences east of the Mississippi river (excepting Alabama and Mississippi).

Dear Brethren:—The session of our Annual conferences are fast approaching. Let us place a new school in every available place. If you cannot organize without getting aid in providing literature, write me the facts at once, and your matter will be placed before the Sunday school authorities, who will give it immediate attention. Don't fail to raise the regular assessment for Sunday School Union Giving by the presiding elder and the additional collection asked from the Sunday schools of an average of five cents per member from the enrolled membership of the Sunday schools. The assessment made through the presiding elder is to be raised from the congregation. The additional amount asked is to be raised through the Sunday schools. Observe Rally Day and report the result to Dr. Neely. Send at once for Rally Day programs and supplements, stating that you intend using them in raising collection for Sunday School Union. Sunday the 27th is Rally Day. Observe that day if possible, if you cannot, set apart another day and have your services as soon as convenient. See that the Sunday schools are graded in accordance with plan recommended by the corresponding secretary, Dr. T. B. Neely. Send to the Book Concern for treatise on grading and studies for the Sunday school, showing how to grade and what to study, by Rev. Thos. B. Neely, D. D., L. L. D. Paper cover 10 cents; cloth, 20 cents.

Brethren, the Church expects us to do more now than ever in developing our Sunday schools, because of the superior aid it is giving us in unsurpassed literature and every other needed help in the work. Let this be our motto:

"All organized schools made better; a new school wherever needed; every cent asked raised for the cause of Sunday School Union; a home

department and cradle roll in every charge; correct Sunday school statistics for annual conference report."

Write me regarding your progress or needs. Please report to me all new schools organized or where it is possible to organize one.

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Plan of Episcopal Visitation

Conference, Place and Time—	Bishop.
Alaska Mission	Cranston
Arizona Mission, Tempe—Sept. 24.....	Cranston
Atlantic Mission, Elizabeth City, N. C.—Oct. 21.....	Joyce
Black Hills Miss., Deadwood, S. D.—Sept. 3.....	Andrews
Blue Ridge, Smith Chapel, P. O., Glass, N. C.—Oct. 7.....	Joyce
California, Pacific Grove—Sept. 9.....	Cranston
California German, San Francisco—Sept. 3.....	Cranston
Central German, Cincinnati—Sept. 9.....	Walden
Central Illinois, Monmouth—Sept. 23.....	McCabe
Central New York, Canandaigua—Sept. 30.....	Goodsell
Central Ohio, Findlay—Sept. 16.....	Goodsell
Central Swedish, Chicago (Elm Ch.)—Sept. 10.....	Goodsell
Central Tennessee, Dickson—Oct. 8.....	Goodsell
Chicago German, Milwaukee—Sept. 16.....	Merrill
Cincinnati, Cincinnati—Sept. 9.....	Fowler
Colorado, Denver—Aug. 26.....	Cranston
Columbia River, Spokane—Sept. 2.....	Hamilton
Dakota, Aberdeen—Oct. 14.....	Fowler
Des Moines, Indianola, Ia.—Sept. 2.....	Mallalieu
Detroit, Flint—Sept. 16.....	Walden
East Ohio, Akron—Sept. 23.....	Mallalieu
East Tennessee, Morristown—Sept. 30.....	Joyce
Erle, Warren, Pa.—Sept. 9.....	McCabe
Genesee, Olean, N. Y.—Sept. 23.....	Goodsell
Holston, Knoxville, Tenn.—Sept. 23.....	Joyce
Idaho, Boise—Aug. 27.....	Hamilton
Illinois, Quincy—Sept. 16.....	Fowler
Indiana, Indianapolis—Sept. 9.....	Joyce
Iowa, Muscatine—Sept. 9.....	Mallalieu
Kalispell Mission, Kalispell, Mont.—July 30.....	McCabe
Kentucky, Covington—Sept. 16.....	Joyce
Michigan, Jackson—Sept. 23.....	Foss
Minnesota, Redwood Falls—Sept. 30.....	Fowler
Montana, Livingston—Aug. 13.....	McCabe
Nebraska, Lincoln—Sept. 16.....	Andrews
Nevada Mission, Loyalton, Cal.—Aug. 20.....	Hamilton
N. Mex. Eng. Mission, Albuquerque—Oct. 9.....	Walden
N. Mex. Span. Mission, Albuquerque—Oct. 8.....	Walden
North Carolina, Greensboro—Oct. 14.....	Joyce
North Dakota, Wahpeton—Sept. 24.....	FitzGerald
N. Montana Mission, Fort Benton—Aug. 6.....	McCabe
North Nebraska, Fremont—Sept. 23.....	Andrews
North Ohio, Norwalk—Sept. 16.....	McCabe
N. Pac. Ger. Mission, Davenport, Wash.—Sept. 10.....	Hamilton
Northern Ger., St. Paul, Minn.—Sept. 17.....	FitzGerald
Northern Minn., Duluth—Oct. 1.....	FitzGerald
N. Swed. Miss. Conf., Marinette, Wis.—Sept. 10.....	Foss
Northwest Ger., Charles City, Ia.—Sept. 16.....	Mallalieu
Northwest Ind., South Bend—Sept. 2.....	Joyce
Northwest Iowa, Sioux City—Oct. 7.....	Fowler
Northwest Nebraska, Valentine—Sept. 10.....	Andrews
Norwegian and Danish, Racine, Wis.—Sept. 3.....	Goodsell
Ohio, Portsmouth—Sept. 30.....	Merrill
Oklahoma, Guthrie—Sept. 30.....	Walden
Oregon, Salem—Sept. 30.....	Hamilton
Pac. Japan Miss., San Francisco—Sept. 4.....	Cranston
Pittsburg, Pittsburg—Oct. 7.....	Mallalieu
Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash.—Sept. 23.....	Hamilton
Rock River, Aurora, Ill.—Oct. 7.....	Andrews
St. Louis German, Pekin, Ill.—Sept. 10.....	Merrill
Southern California, Los Angeles—Sept. 16.....	Cranston
Southern Illinois, Mt. Vernon—Sept. 23.....	Walden
Tennessee, Martin—Oct. 15.....	Goodsell
Upper Iowa, Cedar Rapids—Sept. 23.....	Fowler
Utah Mission, Park City—Aug. 13.....	Cranston
West German, St. Joseph Mo.—Sept. 3.....	Merrill
West Nebraska, Lexington—Sept. 30.....	Andrews
West Virginia, Huntington—Sept. 30.....	Mallalieu
West Wisconsin, Chippewa Falls—Sept. 2.....	Foss
West Nor.-Dan., Tacoma, Wash.—Sept. 17.....	Hamilton
Western Swed., Saronville, Neb.—Aug. 27.....	McCabe
Wisconsin, Green Bay—Sept. 16.....	Foss
Wyoming Mission, Newcastle—Aug. 6.....	Cranston

In order that our readers might know the dates fixed for fall conferences of our territory and the Bishops appointed to hold them, at the earliest possible moment, we had them sent us by wire last week immediately on the adjournment of Bishops' meeting. This week we are pleased to present official list in full—except foreign conferences, which will appear later.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

PLEASE NOTE THAT

- 1—All business letters should be addressed to Eaton, Indiana, and all communications intended for publication to the Editor.
- 2—In sending matter for publication, write plainly on one side of the paper, and make your communication as short as the subject will allow.
- 3—When the ADVOCATE does not arrive regularly, notify us promptly.
- 4—Methodist pastors are our authorized agents, to receive subscriptions and collect dues for the ADVOCATE.

The Labor Problem in the South

The labor problem continues to assert itself in one way and another. The scarcity of labor in the farming districts of the South is again being felt. Relative to this subject we take the following item from the *Houston Post*:

"From various parts of the South come reports of a lack of labor that promises to retard the cotton harvest. A dispatch from Memphis states that, if the cotton crop is a large one, it will be almost impossible to gather it all, owing to a scarcity of men and women to do the work and the lateness of the opening of the season. It is explained that the cause of the dearth of labor is in the large increase in public work and the rapid strides in manufacturing.

"D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, N. C., has estimated that over 100,000 laborers in North Carolina have left the farm for the factories. It may be accepted that the movement has been along similar lines in many other of the Southern States. While there has been some influx of new material, it has been altogether inadequate, and now the South faces a very serious problem. With the white laborer going to the factories and the lumber mills and various works of construction drawing upon the Negro forces, the question may be pertinently asked, 'Who is to grow and pick the cotton?'"

No doubt the reason given by the *Post* for the withdrawal of the Negro from the farm does to some extent account for it, but not entirely. The fact is, the reason given is a very small part of the cause. If the Negroes of the country could have protection against that rough element of whites and a reasonable chance to educate his children, public works would have very little attraction for him. True, the wages are poor, but there is a charm and attractiveness about country life that he prefers, and would remain there if his home were properly protected. There are times during the harvesting season that laborers are paid about as well as they are at sawmills, etc., but even then it is difficult to get them to accept the unusual offers made for their services. Besides, no one who hopes for what is best for his children can be content with the very limited educational advantages provided in not a few country districts.

Then, too, we are fully persuaded that very much of the mob violence to which the Negro is subjected in some sections of the South, as well as the North, has its birth in the labor question and is fostered by that class of whites who consider it to their advantage to get rid of the Negro. They are largely responsible for the scarcity of Negro labor, and these conditions will continue unless they are restrained by the better class. There is a class of Negroes who would be helped both in morals and manners could they be kept in the country, and we sincerely wish it might be done.

"These are dark days for our cause, but God is with us, or, rather, we are with God. We shall yet triumph."—R. S. Rust.

Judicial Lynching

Under the foregoing title *St. Luke's Herald* publishes an editorial that not only meets our hearty approval but expresses our thoughts so thoroughly that we reproduce it here. It says:

"In the clamor to prevent lynching, it has been suggested that a speedy railroading of the accused into eternity, through the medium of a farcial trial, will satisfy the mob, slake its thirst for blood and break up lynching. Who is so childish as to believe this?

"Rather than yield one inch to the unlawful demands of the mob, let the lynching go on. The work of the mob is murderous and inhuman, but when courts are asked to sit under the pressure and demand of the mob to try a prisoner with the militia standing around him, with a jury afraid to render but one verdict—GUILTY! that such should be the resort, is simply indefensible and most outrageous.

"In the name of a just God, don't let us have judicial lynchings bear the stamp of approval.

"If the mob is to take charge of our judiciary, then truly is our government crumbling.

"In the first place, the very assembling of the mob is wrong. The slightest yielding to the mob is wrong. A trial carried on at the behest of the mob is wrong.

"When the crime is committed, let the law take its calm, deliberate, usual course; and whatever the crime, and whoever the criminal, let all be treated as the law directs—simply this, and nothing more, is right.

"Let the mob rule and lynch at will—but don't let the mob influence judge and jury and cause judicial lynchings."

Hasten, School Boy, Hasten Away

Now for the school room! Vacation—the long, hot vacation is over and the bells of tens of thousands of schools will within the next week or two signal the youth of the nation to return to their desks and their books. On the principle that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," it is thought best to release the pupils from school work during the hot summer months, that both their minds and their bodies may have a spell for relaxation and rest. This, experience has taught, is absolutely necessary. But since those days have now passed, it is the duty of every boy and girl to be found at the school room door, books in hand, on the day appointed for work to begin, ready to enter as soon as the door swings on its hinges. Parents should take the keenest interest in the matter and see to it that they start promptly and attend regularly. Every child should have a fair chance, no matter if he is dull. We mention this because some parents make this an excuse for not sending such to school. We wish all a pleasant and successful year's work.

Modification of the Probationary Limit

There are many who think our church should follow the example of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and abolish the present plan of six months probation. This idea is advocated by the Rev. Dr. Horace Reed, of Illinois, in the *Central Advocate*, or at any rate he would have the present form so modified as to destroy its identity and virtually eliminate it. While the *Michigan Advocate* believes in "probationary membership," it would not object to such change. As it seems to us, however, the removal of the "six months' probation, or probation for some length of time, may be all right for one class of persons who unite with the church, but not for others. For the majority of those who profess conversion we think the length of their probationary period may be regulated by the length of time required for proper instruction, as referred

to by Dr. Reed; but, many persons unite with the church on probation who simply "desire to flee from the wrath to come and to be saved from their sins." Such should be allowed time to learn to walk in the way of the Lord and to accustom themselves to the rules and requirements of the church. For all such cases, as it seems to us, the probationary period is so necessary that it would be a positive calamity to abolish it. To do so would mean that such persons must be received directly into the membership of the church, or else denied the encouragement and assistance which the probationary system affords. The suggestion made by Dr. Reed that a little book be prepared and the class of probationers to which we refer be required to read it through before they are admitted into full membership is a good one. In fact, such a course should be pursued even with those who have professed conversion. But reading the book or having it read to them cannot be expected to bring about a change of heart, tho it may affect the conduct, and hence could not fully prepare them for full membership in the church; unless our idea, that full membership in the church of God should be reserved for those who know the Lord in the pardon of sin, is an erroneous one. However, we should not object to seeing some modification of the present system brought about, provided admission to the church is not made so easy that those who seek its privileges are not prompted to feel they do not need to evince the desire to be saved by their fruits.

One of the questions that must be considered and we dare say will be settled by the next general conference, is that of Bishops for foreign fields. Bishop Moore thinks the wise thing to do is to select men from the mission fields for such positions. When the fact that such brethren know the language of their fields is considered, it would seem that this is the only thing to do, and yet we think, after all, that depends entirely on the man. Some men without the language would, under some circumstances, be worth more to the church than others with it.

While the South New Orleans District Conference was in session at Jeanerette, La., last week, a committee of young men presented the church a large clock. Rev. H. C. Gear, the pastor, announced that a committee of sinner friends desired to make a presentation, whereupon a clock with calendar attachment, about 2½ feet long, was handed Rev. W. R. Butler. The committee consists of Messrs. Terence Nichols, P. S. Tibbs and Prof. A. G. Brouard. The clock is valued at \$12. After the reading of their communication by Prof. H. W. McDonald, the address on behalf of the church accepting the clock was made by Prof. F. B. Smith.

We are gratified to announce that Rev. Dr. Joseph M. Carter, of the Central Tennessee Conference, has been appointed a field worker for the Sunday School Union and has entered upon the duties connected with the same. Dr. Carter has been faithful and loyal to the old church in the midst of many disadvantages and privations, and we congratulate him on this recognition so richly deserved, which has come to him. We are sure that the Board of Managers of the Sunday School Union could not have made a wiser selection and that Dr. Carter will meet with excellent success in his work. He will make his headquarters at Lexington, Tenn.

Personal and General

Mr. G. A. Keeling has been a route mail agent on lines leading out of Houston, Tex., for thirteen years.

The Oriental House is a hotel being conducted in Houston, Tex., by Mr. and Mrs. J. Will Jones, of that city.

Dr. Wm. F. Warren, of Boston University, has gone abroad to spend a year in travel and study on the European Continent.

Our church papers are gradually warming up to the discussion of subjects that are to come before the next General Conference.

Rev. B. H. Hart, pastor, Winona, Miss., passed thro the city this week, enroute to Bunkie, La., to visit his mother, who is very ill.

Mrs. Helen Noble, well-known in this city, is conducting a school for teaching sewing and corset-making in Philadelphia and Baltimore.

It is said that ex-Mayor Taggart of Indianapolis, Ind., will succeed ex-Senator J. K. Jones of Arkansas as chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Notwithstanding Caleb Powers' lengthy speech on his own behalf during his recent trial for the murder of Senator Goebel of Kentucky, he was again convicted and condemned to death.

Shreveport, La., has a Negro baggage master at the Union depot, and we note that some of his white friends are trying to stir up sentiment against him so as to have him replaced by a white man.

Bishop Warren and his wife and daughter sailed recently for Asia. They are to be abroad about eight months and while there the Bishop will visit the missions of the church in southern and eastern Asia.

The Rev. Dr. John W. Butler has been in Mexico more than twenty-nine years. His father's mantle as a missionary fell on him and he is proving himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him by the church.

Rev. J. C. Kilgo, D. D., has been chosen by the authorities of the M. E. Church South as its fraternal representative to the General Conference of the M. E. Church, to meet May, 1904, at Los Angeles, Cal.

The *National Baptist Union* of the 5th inst. is the Publishing House number and is creditable indeed. It shows by appropriate illustrations what has been and is being accomplished in the Nashville publishing house.

Fowler M. E. Church, Minneapolis, Minn., has again asked the return of its pastor, the Rev. Dr. P. A. Cool. He has, during the present year, cleared the church of debt and conducted its affairs with energy and acceptability.

By the request of Mrs. E. L. Brown, of Enterprise, Miss., we announce that the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which was to have convened at Ellisville, Miss., Sept. 23-24, will meet at that place Oct. 21-22, instead.

Mr. Joe Nichols, of Houston, Tex., the treasurer of the U. B. of F. Society, for the State of Texas, has held that position for thirteen years, during which time he has handled more than \$100,000, and is usually re-elected without opposition.

The *Michigan Christian Advocate* calls attention to the fact that the California book depository and *Advocate* are reported to be prospering and they will show at the next general conference that the

\$7,500 subsidy set aside for them has not been drawn, but a profit of \$10,000 will be produced.

The Rev. Dr. W. H. Logan, as a member of a committee appointed for the purpose, made a strong plea before the City Council of Houston, Tex., against the proposed separate car law, now pending in that body. His effort is highly commended by those who heard it and by the city press as well.

The St. Luke's Savings Bank of Richmond, Va., recently opened by the Order of St. Luke, with Mrs. Maggie L. Walker as president, has been invited to become a member of the Bankers' Association of Virginia, composed entirely of whites. Mrs. Walker is well educated, having been a teacher for years. We wish her success.

Dr. E. W. S. Hammond, dean of the theological department of Walden University, is filling the unexpired term of the Rev. D. C. Ransome, deceased, as pastor at Murfreesboro, Tenn. This is one of the strongest churches in the Tennessee Conference and will give Dr. Hammond a splendid opportunity for the exercise of his magnificent oratorical gifts.

Rev. C. C. Minegan, pastor of Mt. Vernon Church, Houston, Tex., in rebuilding after the memorable storm of three years ago, purchased lots and erected the church in that quarter of the city that places it in the midst of his membership. He is just at this time about completing the building, which is one of the neatest in the conference, and has been erected without church extension aid and without debt.

Rev. J. F. Barnes, pastor Boynton Church, Houston, Tex., is meeting with unparalleled success. Under his administration this church, which was for years a struggling mission, has become one of the most prosperous in that city. It is now brilliantly lighted with Bailey reflectors, newly seated with comfortable pews and in other ways made attractive and inviting. Boynton has also advanced in the benevolent collections and pastor's support.

Friday, the 11th inst., was the first anniversary of the marriage of Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Butler, in honor of which his district conference, in session at Jeanerette, La., arose en masse and gave the "Chautauqua salute" and then presented him a purse of \$7.50 to purchase a full leather traveling bag in which to carry his church requisites as he travels the district. The old bag was displayed by Rev. T. A. Brown, who made the motion to give him a new one in exchange for it, to the great amusement of the audience.

Rev. Dr. Chauncey I. Withrow, pastor Augusta Street M. E. Church, Staunton, Va., desires that we correct the impression which has by some means gone abroad that he had accepted the agency for the Maryland Agricultural and Industrial Institute. Brother Withrow said the offer was made to him, but he did not at any time get the consent of his mind to accept the position. He also hands us a letter from Bishop McCabe, expressing pleasure that he had not turned aside from his legitimate work.

Rev. J. D. Evans, of the Central Missouri Conference, pastor St. Luke's M. E. Church, Mexico, Mo., informs us that while the Missouri Annual Conference of the M. E. Church South was in session in his town he asked for two preachers for his Sunday services, and to his surprise and delight the conference sent him Bishop Charles B. Galloway, Rev. I. D. Vincil and Rev. W. O. Medeley. Brother Evans speaks in highest terms of the sermons preached, but especially of that by Bishop Galloway. His meeting was a success, spiritually and financially.

News Notes

Remember SOUTHWESTERN week.

The revolutionists have proclaimed a general uprising in Macedonia.

Prismatic Lake, in the Yellowstone Park, is the largest body of hot water in the world.

It is alleged by insurgents that 65,000 people have been massacred by the Turks in Macedonia.

Hong Kong, China, issues the oldest stamps in the world. They have not been changed since 1859.

Telegraphic communication is now established in all parts of Alaska covered by the signal corps lines.

A correspondent informs us that Mrs. Georgian Stewart is building a hotel of twenty rooms in Jennings, La.

The Anti-American law has been passed by the Hawaiian Legislature, excluding all Americans from coming to the islands.

Baltimore has the finest court house in the United States. It occupies a whole block, and cost, with the furniture, about \$3,000,000.

The revenue of the United States Government from all sources for the year ending June 30, 1903, are shown to have been \$558,887,526.

One of the two 5-inch guns of the Spanish warship Oquendo is to mark the birthplace of the late Rear Admiral Sampson at Palmyra, N. Y.

By a recent law a German woman's earnings are her own, and unless her husband is an invalid she cannot be compelled to give them to him.

Arsenic in Canada has become more valuable than gold, says an exchange. In the future the world will likely look to Canada for its arsenic supply.

Of the 42,800 newspapers published in the world, 19,760 are published in North America and 6,050 in the United Kingdom. Russia has only 743 newspapers.

The Standard Oil Company at Long Island City is probably the largest can factory in the world. 70,000 five-gallon cans are made from Welch tin every day.

The Federal grand jury of Washington, Sept. 8, returned indictments against six persons involved in postal frauds. Twelve or fourteen additional indictments are expected.

The highest railway in the world is the Ferrocarril Central del Peru. It takes passengers in eight hours from the tropics to the eternal snows. Its latitude is nearly equal to the highest summit in Europe, Mount Blanc.

A section of cable in the Caribbean Sea was recently raised from 1,350 fathoms of water, where it had lain for thirty years. Tests showed its core to be in perfect electrical condition, and the rubber insulator uninjured.

Located in Park Row, opposite the New York postoffice, New York City, is the tallest office building in the world. It measures 382 feet to the top of the two towers, 309 feet to the main roof, and has 29 stories, which contain 1,125 offices.

The American squadron ordered out for the protection of foreign embassies landed at Beirut, Syria, Sept. 4, the scene of the attempted assassination of the American Vice Consul Magelssen. Washington authorities do not consider the Turkish situation serious.

Mrs. Minnie Neal, of Van Buren, Ark., is anxious to know the whereabouts of Mr. Grant S. Neal, who, when last heard from was at Jacksonville, Ill. Mr. Neal was for a long while travelling agent for the Indianapolis Freeman, and we suppose he is yet.

Governor Yates, of Illinois, and his wife, assisted by State Auditor McCullough, Assistant Secretary of State Clanahan, and the State military officers, tendered a reception to the officers of the Eighth Infantry Regiment a few weeks ago. This regiment, including officers, are all colored men.

Mr. Louis Blaylock, publisher of the *Texas Christian Advocate*, has been appointed by Governor Lanham of Texas, police commissioner of Dallas. We read that the whiskey crowd and the friends of the gamblers who have kept Dallas a "wide-open town on Sunday" tried hard to prevent the appointment.

FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. C. Marshall Editor

One hundred and fifty colored men were in the Union ranks on Labor Day in St. Joseph, Mo.

Tuskegee has been asked to establish a department for preparing waiters and cooks for their work. We endorse this movement. It would be the proper thing to also open a department to teach barbers their work. White barbers are trained in schools where they learn much about the face and its needs. Colored barbers are denied admission to these schools, and so they have inferior preparation for their art.

The recent meeting of the National Negro Business League at Nashville, Tenn., was attended by hundreds of colored men, each of whom is doing a thriving business. It must not be forgotten that these men were the representatives of thousands of other colored business men who were not in attendance. It is marvelous to note the success which enterprising colored men are enjoying in all portions of our country. They have branched out into every avenue. They have started cotton mills, banks, insurance companies and have even laid out towns. In Jacksonville, Florida, some thrifty colored persons own, and are operating, an electric railway. Since Booker Washington pointed them the way great numbers who once walked with uncertain tread are now marching boldly to victory.

Corn, wheat and oats are still bringing fair prices, and the farmer who has given his attention to grains is in prosperous circumstances. And in much better condition is that farmer who has turned his grain and forage into flesh, putting his crops on the markets in the form of colts, cattle, swine and poultry. We hope to see our farmer friends pay greater attention to animal raising.

COYOTE HAS MANY ENEMIES.

EVERY MAN'S HAND AGAINST THE PEST OF THE PRAIRIES.

The coyote has small chance for life in the territories. It is hunted upon all occasions and by devious and sundry methods. As the cowboy careers along the plains he pops at it with his six-shooter. The wise ranchman has a shotgun or rifle hanging in a convenient place awaiting the appearance of a coyote near the ranch house. The hunter of more choice game never misses a shot at a coyote, while there are professionals who do little else but pursue it from one year's end to another. Besides, there are organized hunts inaugurated in settled communities for both pleasure and profit, when a large scope of the country is swept clean, and the coyotes falling into the meshes of the hunt are dispatched, and their skins tanned for rugs and doormats.

A late special from New Orleans says:

"The farmers of Louisiana and Mississippi are sending up a loud wail over the scarcity of labor. In some sections of the two states there is a labor famine, with no immediate prospects of relief in sight. The cotton fields are white with the fleecy staple, but the planters are unable to secure a sufficient supply of labor to gather the crop at any price. Wages for cotton

pickers are higher than ever before known, but the tempting prices offered have little effect.

"Last year the Mississippi planters employed Choctaw Indians from the eastern counties of the state to help during the cotton season, and the demand for labor was appeased to some extent through this source. During the past summer, however, the Choctaws have been moved to the Indian Territory by the Federal government to take up their claim allotments, and this source of supply is cut off. Many of the planters have sent labor agents to New Orleans to employ Italians, Greeks and other foreigners, but this class of labor is very unsatisfactory, as the foreigners are not successful cotton pickers. Unless the farmers secure help, much of this season's crop will rot in the fields.

Among ourselves we differ in many qualities, of body, head and heart; we are unequally developed, mentally as well as physically. But each of us has the right to ask that he shall be protected from wrongdoing as he does his work and carries his burden through life. No man needs sympathy because he has to work, because he has a burden to carry. Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing; and this is a prize open to every man, for there can be no work better worth doing than that done to keep in health and comfort and with reasonable advantage those immediately dependent upon the husband, the father, or the son.

There is no room in our healthy American life for the mere idler, for the man or the woman whose object it is throughout life to shirk the duties which life ought to bring. Life can mean nothing worth meaning, unless its prime aim is the doing of duty, the achievement of results worth achieving. A recent writer has finely said: "After all, the saddest thing that can happen to a man is to carry no burdens. To be bent under too great load is bad; to be crushed by it is lamentable; but even in that there are possibilities that are glorious. But to carry no load at all—there is nothing in that." No one seems to arrive at any goal really worth reaching in this world who does not come to it heavy laden."—Roosevelt.

ALL SOIL WILL RAISE CROPS.

YIELDS DEPEND ON CULTIVATION RATHER THAN FERTILITY.

Washington, Sept. 7.—Thorough cultivation of land and rotation of crops is of more importance than natural fertility of the soil in producing large yields of grain, according to a bulletin soon to be issued by the agricultural department. The Secretary of Agriculture announces that the bureau of soils has just finished an exhaustive investigation of the chemistry of soils as related to the yield of crops, the results of which indicate that practically all soils have sufficient available plant food for normal crop yields, and that this supply is constantly maintained through natural agencies in the soils dissolving the material of the soil grains. The difference in yield is dependent upon the condition and kind of cultivation and rotation of crops, maintaining certain necessary physical conditions in the soil, under which this plant food can be used by the crop. A bulletin has just gone to press giving the details of the investigation, and discussing the influence of climate, tex-

ture of soil, rotation, fertilizers, and soil management upon the yield of crops.

The work is based upon analyses by new and exceedingly sensitive methods, by which the amount of plant food in the soil moisture itself, which is the great nutritive solution for the support of crops, has been determined, and not by digesting the soils in acids which attack the inert mineral matter of the soils.

While the conclusions appear to be in conflict with the opinions held for so many years by agricultural chemists, they are in strict conformity with the experience of good farmers in all countries, and with actual facts which have long been established by agricultural chemists. The fertility of the soil is thus shown to be due to physical causes which control the supply of water and plant food, which it contains as the soil moisture in all cases appears to be about the same in composition and concentration. The fertility is therefore controlled by a physical cause, and a chemical examination of a soil cannot be expected to indicate the yield of a crop. It is believed that a simple physical method will be devised for determining the relative fertility of soils.—Ex.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

The eighth session of the LaGrange District, Savannah Conference, and camp meeting convened in joint session at Meansville, Wednesday morning, Aug. 12, at 9:30 o'clock, with the Rev. J. D. Jenkins, presiding elder, in the chair. The elder conducted the devotional exercises and made a few brief and timely remarks. He was assisted by the chairman, G. H. Lennon, Rev. Wm. Smith and Rev. John Crolly. Nearly all of the ministers of the district answered at roll call. G. H. Lennon was elected secretary, Prof. A. A. Thomas was chosen as assistant. The appointment of committee and permanent organization were perfected. The time was well proportioned so as to give ample provisions for a great spiritual feast in the camp meeting. The hours for preaching were fixed at 11 a. m., 3 and 7:30 p. m. Presiding Elder Jenkins was perfectly at ease and conducted affairs like a veteran. He read his annual report, which showed very marked improvements on all lines; it shows the district to be in a prosperous condition, materially, financially and spiritually. It also showed that many of the congregations on the district have improved fifty per cent. Many of the pastors read good reports, showing the spiritual condition of the various charges to be very encouraging. We expect a large number of subscriptions to the SOUTHWESTERN within the next two months. The welcome address was delivered by Mrs. Ida E. Colquit, who, on behalf of the people of Meansville and members of Philadelphia M. E. Church, extended to the conference a cordial welcome. The address of welcome on behalf of the Baptist Church was very ably delivered by Mrs. Irena Williams. The address of welcome in behalf of the city school was delivered by Miss Josie P. Butler, principal. Miss Butler is a graduate of the Georgia State College and a student of Clark University. Response, in behalf of the conference, was delivered by G. H. Lennon. Prof. A. A. Thomas delivered a very able address on behalf of the La Grange Acad-

emy of which the professor is principal. He made a strong appeal to the district for its unanimous support. The Woman's Home Missionary Society was represented by Mrs. F. P. Terrentine, president of Greenville, Ga. Mrs. Terrentine is very efficient and shows by her energy and tact that under her wise direction the Woman's Home Missionary cause has an assured success. The report read by Mrs. Terrentine was a signal of success and very gratifying to all who listened to it. Among the distinguished visitors was Dr. J. C. Murray, D. D., of Gammon Theological Seminary, who came to us as a messenger of greetings from the seminary. He also brought greetings from Dr. W. H. Crogman, president of Clark University. Dr. Murray delivered a very inspiring and helpful address and made a strong plea for an educated ministry. The seat of the next district conference is at Barnsville, Ga. Sunday was a day of great spiritual uplift among the entire community. Several strong sermons were preached, to the delight of all. Rev. E. D. Giddens and his most excellent people deserve the highest praise for the splendid manner in which the conference was cared for. May the choice benediction of our heavenly Father rest upon this pastor and people.

G. H. LENNON, Secretary.

All mothers of daughters should write to Mrs. M. Summers, Notre Dame, Ind., for a free copy of her "Advice to Mothers." See ad. in this paper.

The Topeka District Conference convened in Zion Chapel M. E. Church, Ft. Scott, Kansas, Aug. 5-9. Rev. H. South, presiding elder, presided and conducted the devotional service. On motion of Rev. D. Smith, J. S. Burton was re-elected secretary. He chose Rev. J. J. Cabbel as his assistant. By motion of Rev. L. E. Hayes, J. A. C. Wade was elected reporter to the various daily papers of the city, also to the SOUTHWESTERN. The report of Rev. H. South, presiding elder, showed a wonderful improvement on the district. Many church debts have been paid, quite a number of churches have been built and improved; \$125 of benevolent money had been raised. The local preachers and exhorters were urged to take the SOUTHWESTERN. One cash subscriber was secured. A strong and impressive missionary sermon was preached Wednesday evening by L. E. Hayes; \$4 was raised for missions.

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 Little Rock, Little Maumelle, Ark.
Sept. 24-27
 Gainesville, Cedar Keys, Fla.Sept.24-27
 Alexandria, Roanoke, Va.....Sept. —
 Greenville, Gunnison, Miss.....—
 Tupelo, Amory, Miss.....Oct. 4-8
 Tupelo, Amory, Miss, S. S....Oct. 4-8
 Mont Clair, N. J.....Oct. 6, 7, 8
 Greenville, Clarksdale, Miss Nov. 19-22

CONVENTIONS.

Little Rock, Little Maumelle, S. B.
 and E. L.....Sept. 24
 Chattanooga, Tenn., W. H. M. S. Oc. 23
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Oct. 21-22

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NOTICE.

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[We hope Bro. Davis will enjoy a great many such birth-days, and that the promise in Ps. xci:16 may continue to apply to him.—PUBS.]

NOTICE.

Dear Brethren of the New Orleans North District Conference: The minutes are now ready for distribution, but, owing to a lack of funds, it is impossible to distribute them until the full amount is paid. Brothers who have not paid will please call or send to J. J. Obee, on St. Roch avenue, near St. Claude street, or J. A. Lindsay, No. 1466 North Claiborne street, at once their pro rata, and oblige.

J. A. LINDSAY, Rec. Sec.

A. R. Rutledge, Pastor, New River, Fla.—I have just closed a revival which resulted in 8 conversions and 10 accessions.

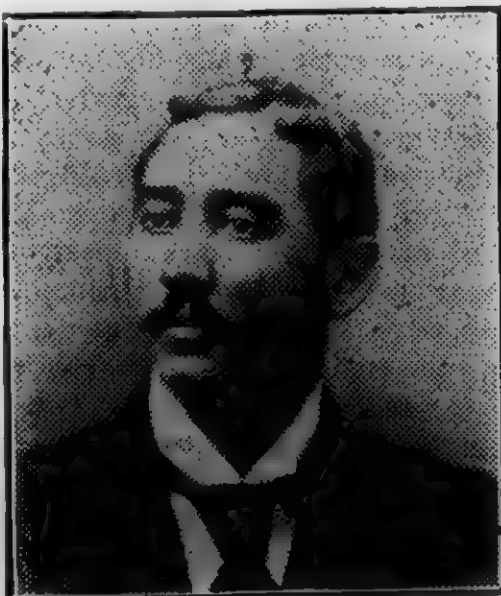
New Orleans, La.—The annual meeting and installation of the Young and True Friends' Benevolent Association of Carrollton, La., was held Monday night, Aug. 17, 1903. This society was organized July 26, 1886, and incorporated Aug. 9, 1888. It is composed of zealous and energetic young men. The following officers were installed by the Rev. J. H. Thompson, pastor Haven M. E. Church, who delivered an able address on "The Power of True Friendship." Messrs. H. C. Williams, president; L. W. Rapley, vice-president; W. H. Harding, recording secretary; A. J. Davis, financial secretary; E. N. Dixon, treasurer; David White, grand marshal; Lawrence Williams, first assistant; Jules Alexander, second assistant; Edward Freeman, sergeant at arms. President's address is Hilary and Maple streets, New Orleans, La.

Young men of good standing are cordially invited to enter our association. We propose to make it one of the leading societies in this part of the city. One yearly subscriber to the SOUTHWESTERN. The Ladies' Circle had the tables spread with the latest delicacies of the season.

J. H. THOMPSON, Reporter.

We have at hand a neat printed program of the Philadelphia District Annual Preachers' Meeting, to be held in St. Mark's M. E. Church, Mt. Clair, N. J., Oct. 6, 7 and 8, 1903. Rev. C. H. Fowler, Bishop; Rev. A. R. Shockley, presiding elder, and Rev. J. H. Blake, pastor.

The Opelika District Conference convened in the M. E. Church, Alexander City, July 15-20, 1903, with our worthy presiding elder, Rev. F. L. Teague, in the chair. Prof. Crawford was elected secretary, with Prof. S. A. Carlisle assistant. Because of the aptness and precision of these men, the business was dispatched readily. After organization and devotionals, the business session began. A large per cent. of the brothers answered roll call. Only one pastor was absent on the district. We had the best attendance at this conference than any known of in its past history. Our conference was highly favored by the presence of Dr. G. G. Logan, Field Missionary Secretary, and Dr. R. E. Jones, Secretary of Sunday School Union. The sermons, addresses and presence of the two men added enthusiasm and vigor to the occasion. They knew well how to present their cause and represent the grand old Methodist Church. Resolutions were passed endorsing their work. Marion Institute was well represented by Brothers J. A. Holliday and S. J. Jordan. The SOUTHWESTERN was represented by the Field Agents and several of the brethren of the conference. They realize that it is a potent factor in the uplift of humanity and without it we cannot fully understand the great church, therefore they renewed their resolutions to present it to their charges. Dr. Joseph C. Manning, postmaster of Alexander City, addressed the conference, setting forth the wrongs perpetrated on the unfortunate people of fair Alabama; appealing with all wisdom, skill and reasoning he could command that "liberty and truth" for all races alike may get a hearing. May this man live longer to see the fruits of his honest labors. As long as God lives, "Truth, tho crushed to earth, shall rise again." The best sermons ever heard at a district conference were delivered at this one. The



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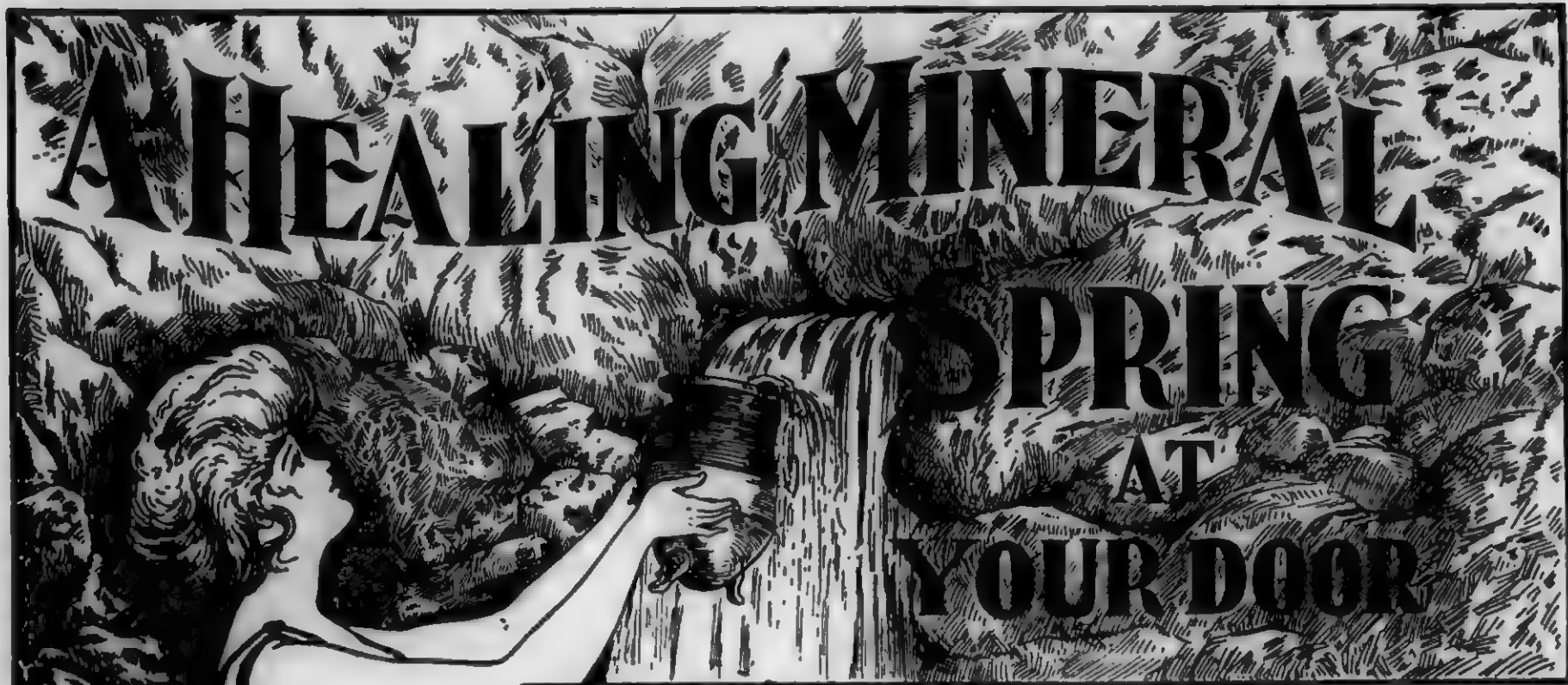
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papers read were well digested and rendered. Each person seemed to have been at their best. Too much credit cannot be given to ex-presiding elder, H. M. Brown, and the other committeemen for arranging such a literary program. The spiritual work of the conference and district showed a decided advancement; more converted, and the people, largely, are well pleased with their pastors. Miss Lula Benson, of Kowallaga, struck the keynote when she said: "What the church is now demanding, and what it must have, is educated, moral and virtuous leaders; and without them Methodism is dead and the hope of the youth is vain." Our Sunday School Union collection was good—more than the entire Mobile Conference raised last year. The missionary collection was beyond that of any previous district conference, nearly two-thirds as much as the entire district raised all of last year. We have learned to love our presiding elder, Rev. Teague, because of his impartial dealing, business tact and executive ability. Kindness and harmony prevail throughout our work. Elder Brown added life and strength to the work with his deep experience, fatherly guidance and discussions on the various papers. Total benevolences, \$290. We shall never forget Miss Aldine Williams, of Alexander City, now of Texas, who so ably and intelligently furnished the conference with music. When our conferences of Alabama are favored with a Central College, under the auspices of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society, like Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and other Southern States, which means a power for Methodism beyond our sanguine expectations, then we shall be ready to enter the race for victory. What we need is what we must have—Success.

C. L. DUNN,
District Missionary Secretary.

The Huntsville District Conference, M. E. Church, met at Athens, Ala., Aug. 12, 1903, with Rev. W. H. Nelson in the chair. The roll was called and Rev. G. W. Mann was elected secretary, with Rev. R. R. Powers and Miss B. G. Rooks, assistants. The sacrament was then administered by Dr. Nelson, assisted by the pastors, Rev. R. Warren, presiding elder of the C. M. E. Church, and Rev. G. W. Lindsey, pastor of last named church, were here, and introduced to the conference. The welcome address was here given by Rev. Lindsey, after which Rev. Warren made some very encouraging remarks. Throughout the conference the sessions were well attended, and the addresses of the members and visitors of the conference were both inspiring and elevating. Collections on the district as follows: Benevolence, \$258.61; ministry, \$1,607; trustees, \$654; other expenses, \$305.39; total, \$2,725. Much credit is due to the good people for kind reception and unexcelled hospitality shown the members and visitors of the conference. Cash subscriptions to the SOUTHWESTERN eight. Central Alabama Academy scholarship re-elected its former officers in the person of A. S. Williams, president; A. G. Glenn, secretary; Dr. W. H. Nelson, treasurer. Eight dollars were collected on the scholarship Recommended for admission: Brothers Wm. Jones, R. R. Powers, Eugene Mexion. Sunday service was a high day. At 11 a. m. Rev. A. G. Glenn; at 3 p. m. A. S. Williams; at 7:30 p. m., Rev. T. J. English. All was full gospel and demonstrations of the were well shown.

A. S. WILLIAMS, Reporter.



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The Lexington District Conference met in McDonald Chapel, Parsons, Tenn., August 18, with the presiding elder, Rev. W. R. Smith, in the chair. At 9 a. m. devotional exercise was conducted by J. H. Ellis, pastor at Adamsville and Savannah charge. The Lord's Supper was administered by the presiding elder, assisted by Dr. J. W. Johnson, pastor of Clark Memorial, Nashville, Tenn., Dr. W. Byrd, professor of languages, Walden University, B. G. Merrideth, pastor of McCade Chapel, Martin, Tenn., Rev. C. L. Kyle, pastor of Wildersville circuit, Rev. G.

H. Ward, pastor of the A. M. E. Church at Parsons, the place of this meeting. Welcome address was delivered by Dr. Parlow, editor of the Decatur News. He made a profound and deep impression. The welcome address delivered by Rev. B. G. Merrideth was excellent. The following divines also spoke: J. W. Johnson, A. C. Maclin, Dr. D. W. Byrd and G. H. Ward. At roll call the greater portion of pastors, local preachers and members answered. Rev. B. G. Merrideth was elected secretary by a unanimous vote; assistant secretaries, Rev. S. J. Boon

and Miss Eva Maney, of Martin, Tenn. The standing committees were made and adopted. An excellent program will be carried out.

J. H. ELLIS, Reporter.

P. A. Lemon, Victoria, Miss.—The Lord wonderfully manifested himself to us with a pentecostal shower of the Holy Ghost, during our revival at Taylor Chapel. The church is greatly revived. Eight precious souls were happily converted. Children's Day was a success; collection \$18.50. I am preparing to send in subscribers soon.

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Dear brothers, this is the fourth and last round of this conference year. Let us strive to excel. You cannot afford to come to the conference without the last dollar of your benevolence in hand. We are expected to do our part. May I depend on you for the same? God bless you in your efforts. I stand ready to help you. Yours for success,

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REV. JOHN H. GRIFFIN.

Rev. John H. Griffin, pastor of Ebenezer M. E. Church of Washington, D. C., and treasurer of the Washington Annual Conference, died at his residence after a few days illness, Sunday morning at 9:40 o'clock. Brother Griffin had been in poor health for some time, but it was hoped by all that his vacation would improve his health. He returned home Wednesday, attended a funeral and to some other church duties Thursday; he kept his room Friday, feeling assured that his end was near. In full triumph of a blissful reward he passed away Sunday, Sept. 6, 1903. His funeral took place at Ebenezer Church Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 2 p. m. Rev. M. W. Clair conducted the exercises. The opening hymn was announced by Rev. N. M. Carroll and Rev. C. G. Keys offered prayer. After the rendition of "Abide With Me," Rev. W. T. Harris read the 90th Psalm and Rev. J. A. Holmes read for a second lesson 1 Cor. 15. Hymn, "Servant of God Well Done," was announced by Rev. Loving, of Enon Baptist Church. Rev. Alfred Young, presiding elder, preached a brief but excellent sermon, portraying the life of Rev. Griffin as a teacher, preacher, worker, Odd Fellow and a Mason, from Phil. I, 21st "To die is gain." Eulogistic remarks of the life and worth and character of Alexander Dennis, W. H. Gaines, J. A. Holmes, S. A. Norwood, Dr. W. H. Brooks of New York, and Rev. Cleaves

of Israel C. M. E. Church. Resolutions from the various clubs, the official board, Sunday school and Epworth League of Ebenezer M. E. Church; from the official boards of Asbury, Mount Zion, Central churches of Washington; from the officials of Frederick City; letter of regret from Dr. I. L. Thomas and telegram from Dr. Hays, representing the Alexandria District Conference and Epworth League Convention, were read by Rev. C. G. Cummings. The exercises by the Odd Fellows and Masons closed the services. The floral offerings were numerous and handsome, among them were a pillow from the Chandelier Club and Mrs. Annie Brown, the evangelist; Cross and crown of roses and immortelles from the Coal Club, and one of galaxy leaves and roses from the church choir; harp from Numismatic Club; lyre from Sunday school; crescent from the Cosmopolitan Club; Gates Ajar, from the official board, and wreaths from Ladies Aid and Happy Twelve, Phyllis Wheatley Club and Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Fowler. There were fully two thousand persons present, including at least fifty ministers, which showed the great loss the city of Washington, the race and the Methodist Church has sustained through the untimely death of Rev. J. H. Griffin. He had been in the pastorate about ten years, having served Ebenezer six years and six months. He leaves a widow and nine children to mourn their loss. Interment was at Sandy Springs, Md.

New Orleans, La.—Joseph London, aged 13 years, the son of Sister London, a faithful member of First St. M. E. Church, died July 21, 1903, in full faith. He professed religion on his dying bed and requested to be baptized and connected with First St. Church. He was buried from the church. No Christian soldier ever faced death more fearlessly and gave more unmistakable evidence of his complete salvation than did this tender soldier of the cross.

Brother Charles Austin, a very faithful member of First St. Church, died suddenly July 31, and was buried from the church.

Miss Georgiana Lewis a native of the parish of St. James, but a resident of this city for over ten years, died August 4, 1903. Miss Lewis was a young lady of many excellent qualities. She was esteemed by all who knew her. Her remains were shipped to St. James for burial.

Mr. August Perry, husband of one of our members, died Aug. 18, 1903, aged 55 years. He prayed to the last, but gave no sign that his sins had been forgiven. J. A. Tirault, pastor First St. M. E. Church, officiated.

Florence, Miss.—Twill be sad to the many friends of Brother Briscoe Williams, a faithful member of Pine Grove Church, to learn of his death, which occurred Sept. 6. Brother Williams was a consistent Christian and always seemed to be cheerful even until death. The funeral was largely attended and conducted by the pastor, M. Cooper.

New Orleans, La.—Edward Bean died Monday, Sept. 7, 1903, and was buried Thursday, Sept. 10, from Wesley Chapel M. E. Church with Masonic and Odd Fellows honors. His funeral was conducted by Rev. Dumont, of Central Congregational Church and Rev. Wm. Davis, assistant pastor of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church.

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Sardis, Miss.—On the 31st of August, Mr. Julian Polk was crushed to death in a well, said to be 108 feet in depth. His remains were not found until about 4 p. m. Sept. 1, and the sad sight filled many hearts with sorrow. J. A. Y. DICKENS.

Marshall, Texas.—Rev. Isaac Logan of the Hardside Baptist Church, my wife's father, died at our home Aug. 31. He was brought there on Sunday speechless. It was his last request to die at our home. He had been at Big Sandy, Texas, with his son. I was away 13 days and knew nothing of his death until 8 days later. Kind friends did all they could for my wife. She thanks them for their services. M. Q. A. FULLER.

Burns M. E. Church, Kansas City, Mo.—Gladys Abernatha, the youngest child of the late Rev. Abernatha of the Central Missouri Conference, departed this life Aug. 7, 1903, aged 10 years. She was a conference claimant. Only one child survives.

Mr. Thomas Garret and Miss Eva Taylor were united in marriage Aug. 26. Both are of Kansas City. We wish them much success. James M. Harris officiated.

Corinth, Ga.—Sister Caroline Johnson, the wife of Brother Moses Johnson, an exhorter, departed this life Sept. 6, 1903. She was near 80 years

of age, and had been a member of the Watley Chapel M. E. Church for more than 40 years. She left home Saturday morning to spend a few days with her daughter and Sunday evening while talking with her great grandson death came for her. She leaves many relatives and a host of friends. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Brother Nat Brown, who was a faithful member of Watley Chapel, M. E. Church, died Sept. 7, 1903, after an illness of more than eight months, near 70 years of age. He served as class-leader quite a number of years, until on account of broken health he was compelled to relinquish his leadership. Of a peaceable, quiet disposition, to know him was to love him. Heaven has gained a saint. The funeral service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Tharpe, assisted by Rev. Grier of the C. M. E. Church. Peace to your ashes.

Servant of God, well done,
Thy glorious warfare is past;
The battle is fought, the race is run
And thou art crowned at last.
ELIZABETH JACKSON.

Zachary, La., Albert Chapel—Mr. Willie Norwood, aged 30 years, died at 8:15 a. m., Sept. 5, after an illness of about two months, although he was confined to his bed but three weeks. He was not a member of the church. He leaves a dear wife, brother and other relatives and friends. Brother J. T. Harrell attended the funeral, the pastor, Rev. E. H. Clark, being otherwise engaged.

LITERARY NOTES

Conspicuous among the October Fashion magazines is *The Delineator*. It presents charming and up-to-date autumn styles, valuable illustrated articles on topics of fashion, as well as literary contents of a high standard. In fiction, there is an excellent story, the second part of a Florida Cracker. The Children's Department includes a Firelight Story; an amusing tale called The Sentence of the Brown Owl; the continuation of The Hanging Gardens of Babylon, by Lina Beard; and the helpful Sewing Lesson, by Lucy Bartram. Of particular interest are the articles on The Child's Room, on Gardening, on Housekeeping and Culinary topics, on the recent books, on Childhood, on the Hygiene of Clothing, etc.

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CRESCENT CITY NOTES

BOYS' DEBATING CLUB.

The first meeting of this young club was held Sept. 10, 1903, and the following officers were elected: Ira B. Scott, Jr., president; A. Armstrong, vice-president; William Guerno, secretary; John Howard, assistant secretary, and P. Mullon, treasurer.

Love-feast was held Sunday morning at Wesley Chapel M. E. Church for the Sunday school children. Collection, \$2.51.

Rev. T. J. Johnson, the recently appointed pastor of Wesley Chapel, preached his introductory sermon Sunday night, Sept. 20, to a crowded house. A collection of \$17.38 was raised.

Sept. 14 Mr. Jules Arnaud and Miss Catherine Martin were united for life by Rev. T. B. Cooper, at the home of the bride, on Water street. We wish for them happiness and success.

NOTICE.

The reopening of Mt. Zion M. E. Church and the unveiling of the arch will take place the third Sunday, Oct. 18, at 1:30 p. m. A. Clark, president; A. Sandifer, secretary; H. James, pastor.

Little Iantha Whittington, aged nine years, in behalf of the Sunday school, presented to the Trustee Board of Mt. Zion M. E. Church, Sunday night, a purse of \$71.21, in words that would have done credit to one of more mature years. The response was made by J. D. Butler, acting president of the Trustee Board. Mt. Zion Sunday school, with its very efficient superintendent, Miss L. E. Taylor, is considered one of the best M. E. Sunday schools of the city.

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A Voice from the Silent South

We are pleased to call the attention of our readers to that most remarkable article on lynching written by Bishop Warren A. Candler, of Georgia, one of the bishops of the M. E. Church South. It appeared in the *Atlanta Constitution* Sept. 9 with the unqualified editorial endorsement of that great paper, and we reproduce it in full among our contributions on page 2. It is indeed refreshing to have some one discuss this question without regard to its political influence; some one who looks conditions squarely in the face and rises above the demand of that element of our citizenship which seems to be thirsty for the blood of the despised. Be it far from us to utter one word in defense of any man, be he white or black, who violates the person of a woman. Our utterances against lynching which we have given forth from time to time have been prompted by the fact that the law is actually being destroyed, and the solemn compact between citizen and citizen which sustains our government and our civilization as well, is being entirely obliterated. In addition, mob law embitters the feeling against every black face and leaves the Negro exposed to the wrath of any and every man who wishes to strike him. But as the Bishop makes so strikingly clear, only a very small number of those who fall victims to the wrath of the mob are even accused of assaulting women. Hence if only those thus accused were lynched there would not be more than one-fourth as many die at the hands of the mob as the number annually reported. This brave and manly utterance by Bishop Candler and the unequivocal and timely endorsement of the *Constitution* will not stop lynching, 'tis true, but they will exert a greater influence in that direction than anything that has occurred in recent years. Those who are so ready to participate in the crime of lynching do so because they think it meets with the approval of good people and because it causes them little or no compunction of conscience to take human life. Such utterances as those in question will not only convince them that many of the best people not only do not endorse but positively condemn their actions. It is really encouraging to note the large number of strong endorsements sent the Bishop by the Governor of the State of Georgia and many other prominent persons of both races. It is clearly evident to our mind that the Southern white man is not afraid of the Negro, except that fear which now manifests

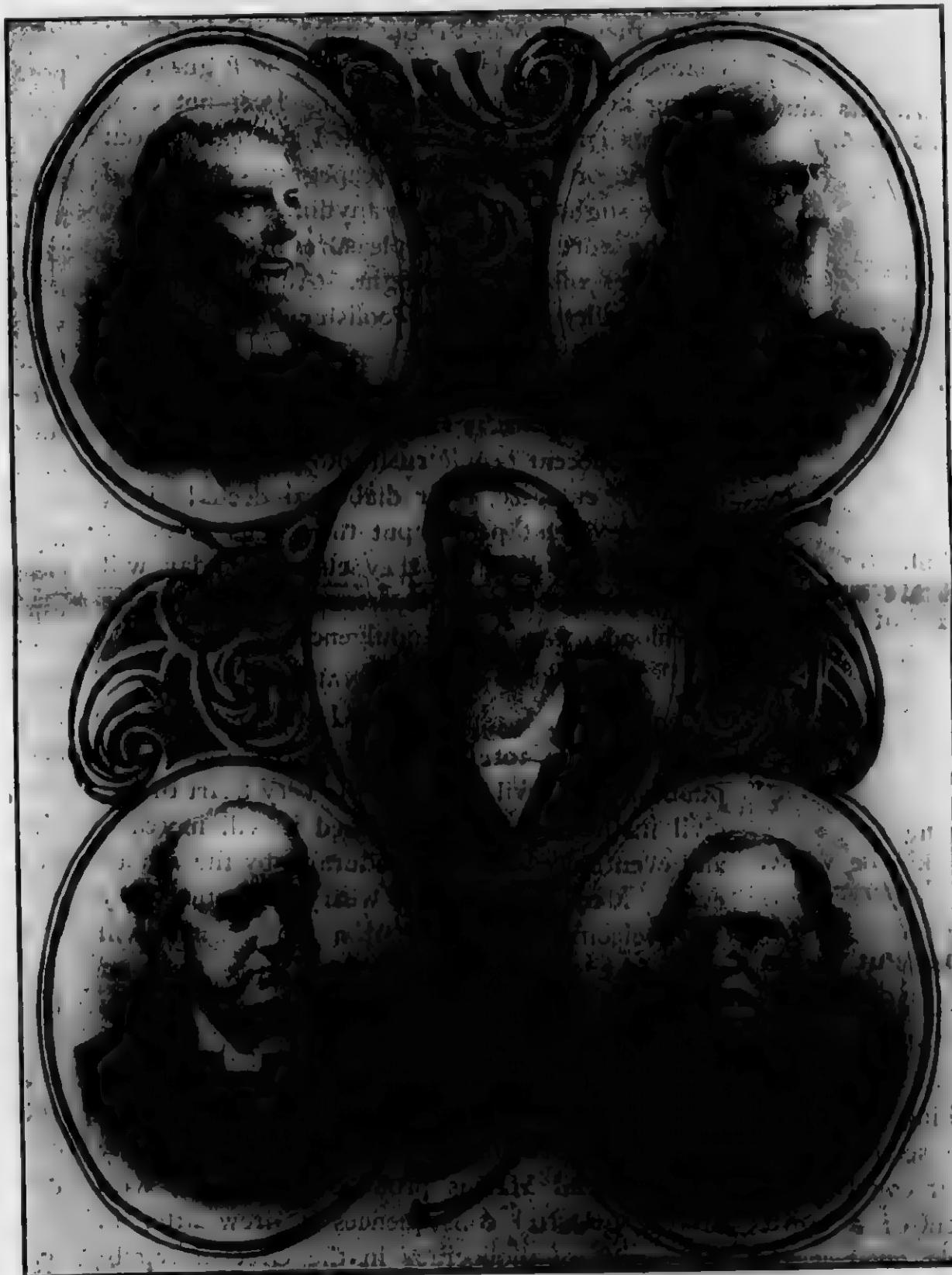
itself among the laboring element with whom he is brought into direct competition, and if a certain class of newspapers and small politicians could be restrained, our judgment is that the problem would soon adjust itself. Meanwhile the Negro, assisted by his friends, should do his utmost to develop and uplift himself, and show even the vicious members of the race the better way.

In conclusion we desire to say we have felt for

given task. Such men represent that element of this section which is properly called "the silent South," and we are glad they are beginning to speak.

Our Presiding Bishops

We are pleased to present our readers a picture of the Bishops who are assigned to preside this fall at the Conferences of our territory. They are all men of deep piety and large experience, and are for the most part well known to the brethren of the conferences. We are sure they will meet with a hearty welcome. Bishop Foss, who occupies the centre of the group, is assigned to the Central Alabama at Birmingham, the Mobile at Union Springs, and the Alabama at Anniston. Bishop Walden, who occupies the upper left-hand side, presides over the Oklahoma at Guthrie; the Austin at Fort Worth; the Southern German at Perry, Tex.; the Texas at Houston, and the West Texas at San Antonio. Bishop Fitzgerald, whose picture is in the upper right hand corner, has charge of the Atlanta at Covington; the Georgia at Ellijay; the Savannah at Brunswick, and the South Carolina at Sumter. Bishop Joyce, whose picture is in the lower left-hand corner, has charge of the Atlantic Mission, Elizabeth City, N. C.; the Blue Ridge, Glass, N. C.; East Tennessee, Morristown, and the North Carolina, Greensboro. Bishop Goodsell, who occupies the lower right-hand corner of the group, presides over the Central Tennessee at Dickson, and the Tennessee at Martin.



BISHOPS WHO PRESIDE AT OUR FALL CONFERENCES.

Bishop J. M. Walden,

Bishop C. D. Foss,

Bishop J. N. Fitzgerald,

Bishop I. W. Joyce,

Bishop D. A. Goodsell.

a number of years that the Methodist Episcopal Church South can do more to adjust the difficulties which beset the South than any other influence of our times. And this not simply because of the large number of public men and statesmen to be found in that organization, but because of her history, in relation to matters which concern the Negro, in the years gone by. This production of Bishop Candler, as well as recent utterances to the same effect by Bishop Hoss and others, lead us to the conclusion that the church is getting in line to take hold, and that vigorously, what we believe to be its God-

'We do not wish Negro missionaries. The Negroes in Africa do not like them because they speak English and have foreign ways. Besides, we are constantly annoyed by the difficulty of securing hotel and other accommodations for them when traveling to and fro.' From this latter remark it would appear certain notions about social equality are not confined to the South."

The editor of the *SOUTHWESTERN* has no idea who the "experienced missionary" is to whom reference is made in the foregoing. We only know that his reasons for not wishing Negro mission-

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"Do Not Wish Negro Missionaries"

Our Contributors

The Black Maid

The following significant poem, written by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, is taken from the *National Progress* of Chicago. It is said that the poem was written more than a year ago and dedicated to Paul Lawrence Dunbar by the author, but that she could find no magazine or great paper that would publish it until the National Progress Company was organized in Chicago. This Company gives the poem a prominent place in its August or initial number. The poem is grand because it is truthful, and was no doubt rejected by other publishers because it so clearly exhibits the white man's honor. Read it carefully and think it over.

THE DIFFERENCE.

BY ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

To the coal black maid
The white man said,
"You must yield your honor to me,
For I am king
Of everything,
Ay! king of land and sea!"
Now a beast or a bird mates but with its kind,
Yet a man will follow the lust of his mind.
The pitiless skies
Heard the black girl's cries
And men turned an ear of stone.
For the good God gave
To the king his slave,
And the world should let them alone.
And why should it talk of the white man's sin
When the black girl's child has a tawny skin?
The black man said
To the snow-white maid:
"You must yield to my brutal will.
I am morally blind
And I hate your kind,
And I know how to throttle and kill.
"I have no brains, but my sinews are strong
With the grudge of a hundred years of wrong."
The white girl's cry
Rose wide and high;
It hurt the ears of the world;
Then blind and stark
Out into the dark
A blundering soul was hurled.
For woman's honor all men will fight
And avenge her wrongs—if her skin be white.
—The Conservator.

"Must Put Down the Mob or be Put Down by It"

BY BISHOP WARREN A. CHANDLER,

Of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.
Editor Constitution: The lynching mania can no longer be considered a local, or sectional evil. It has spread to every part of our country and shows itself as the manifestation of a spirit that deserves the reprobation of the good everywhere without regard to party or place.

It is something worse than unfair for the people of the North to treat the subject as if it were a peculiar sin of the South, and it is something worse than a mistake for the people of the South to defend it as if it were their especial besetment about which they felt a self-convicting sensitiveness. It is the duty of all good people in every part of our country to unite in putting down the mob. For let us be well assured that the good people will put down the mob, or the mob will put down the good people.

When a lynching occurs, the law is more truly lynched than the victim of the mob's fury. It is an outburst of anarchy, and not an irruption of righteous indignation against an atrocious crime.

In defense of lynching, it is sometimes said: "Stop the outrages that provoke lynching and the lynching will cease." But, pray tell which outrage is meant? If reference to the horrible crime of rape is intended, it is enough to say in reply that it is not the cause of one-fourth the lynchings which occur in the United States. Two years since, for example, the figures for a year showed only sixteen cases of ravishing against 128 lynchings. In the case at Evansville, Ind., the original sin which gave rise to the lynching was the shooting of a policeman. But the mob sent a load of buckshot into the breast of a young girl of 15 years of age, who was in no wise involved. How can such reckless fury ever cure crime, or arrest disorder? Is there one home more secure or one life more safe by reason of such horrible outbursts?

Who composed this Indiana mob? Were its leaders men who were uncontrollably jealous for morality and justice? On the contrary, the arrests made subsequent to the lynching showed among the leaders three professional gamblers, three men known to the police as desperate characters, and one man who had been guilty of killing another some years ago. Is it not clear that this lynching was fomented and carried out by a lot of blood-thirsty scapegraces, who had not the slightest interest in anything good? They are the sort who find pleasure in the bloody brutalities of the prize fight. And yet men of respectability were found foolish enough to apologize for the atrocities!

And such are the men, generally, who organize mob violence. How delighted they must be when decent people rush into print to defend, if not to eulogize, their diabolical deeds! Is it not time decent people put their pens to better use? The mob which they eulogize today will turn upon its defenders tomorrow. The taste for blood grows with indulgence.

LYNCH LAW IS ANARCHY.

Lynch law, I repeat, is anarchy and anarchy is always the forerunner of destruction in republics. This evil strikes at the very heart of our civil institutions. If unchecked it will increase, and eventually become unendurable by the vicious even. Men will grow so weary of it that they will welcome any sort of strong hand which will undertake to put it down, even the hand of tyranny. They will argue that the tyranny of one strong, wise man is preferable to the many-headed tyranny of a brainless mob, as, indeed, it is. Then the hour for the "man on horseback" will have struck and he will appear. The anarchy of Sulla and Marius produced Cæsarism, with all the dreadful consequences it drew after it. The spirit of mobocracy in the Grecian republics made Philip of Macedon possible and opened the way for Alexander. Robespierre and his rioters gave Napoleon his chance. They slew the liberty which they professed to love.

And let no man suppose that such an outcome is impossible in our land and time. The American people are as quick as any to adore a military hero, and they can make one out of as small amount of raw material as any nation that ever kissed a sword or bowed to a plume. Witness the election of Jackson and the "rough rider" to the highest office. Moreover, it should be remembered that we turn out of the military academy of the nation annually more than a hundred young men whose future turns on the use of the sword. They are generally men of wordly honor and ambition. Many of them come from influential families, and have the influence

of such connections back of them. Would it be a strange thing if in all their number there should be found one capable of seizing power in the name of order? Or, would it be a matter of wonder if the people, having grown weary of disorder, should gladly welcome a strong, educated man of honor, who should appear and promise them peace and security? Stranger things have happened.

Depend upon it, no nation ever retains liberty after it ceases to maintain law. Lynch law protects no home, but does rather pull down the strongest defense of all the homes in the commonwealth. Our homes are sheltered by law, and they are not shielded by lawlessness.

We have problems enough to solve in this country, to be sure. But we have no problem which can not be solved by the practice of personal and civil righteousness every day. The man who will not try that remedy has no right to propose any other. In the end, all other solutions will be found worse than vain.

CONCERNING PROBLEM SOLVERS.

With reference to the various picturesque proposals which are periodically made to cure all our ills, it is, perhaps, not unkind to say that the silence of their authors would be more valuable than their speech. It seems that there is a certain amount of periodical space to be filled and a certain number of men who live by filling it with their pieces. When the weather gets warm and they find it hard to write any thing that will be read, what else can these men do but fall to solving all the problems of the nation—the South in particular—in order to settle their own pressing question. "How shall I manage to say something that will sell and provide for my board bill?" And then, too, the "chautauqua season" is a very dangerous period of the year, especially during those years when the congress of the United States is not in session and the thrifty statesman who is deficient in a sense of responsibility for his words, is "out for the stuff," and when platform managers, who have an eye for gate receipts only, are out hunting for "drawing" sensationalists, without regard for the kind of things that the sensation-mongers may pour out of their easy-acting mouths.

What a pity that these men undertake to handle matters so serious and so complex! Yea, what a peril! Adventurous sportsmen discharging fire arms in a powder house would not be a greater menace to good order and security.

Good men, helped of God, can solve all our questions if they can only find a way to muzzle the agitators, or if they can find a way to switch the agitators off on subjects that they can talk about without endangering the peace of society. I think, for example, that the race question could be settled if we can find out how to silence men who make merchandise out of its discussion. For one, I am not nearly so afraid of the race question as I am of the race of "chautauqua platformers and performers!" The apprehension of the mischief they may do all the races in our country haunts me all through the dog-days. I know how to get on with the Negroes, for I was brought up with them. But one of these problem-solving talkers scares me. I am not afraid of him for what he really is, but for what some well-meaning people may take him to be. A bleating calf jumping suddenly from under a chinquapin bush may make a really gentle horse run away; or a moon-eyed horse hitched alongside a reliable nag may shy at what he thinks is a bogie and frighten his mate in the most

dangerous misbehavior. It is thus some good men have been led to apologize for lynching. They have seen night-mares until they are prepared to conjure with a real horror in order to down a ghost.

The situation in the South is one of difficulty, of course. So is the situation in Chicago, or that of Paris, or that of London, or that of New York. Our homes in the South are safer than the homes of Chicago. Give me the Negro any time, in preference to the anarchists and free lovers. In fact, I do not wish to live in any country where there are no Negroes.

But if our difficulties were a thousand-fold greater than they are, lynchings would not remove them. Such deeds of lawlessness multiply all our troubles. If these things must be anywhere in our country, let them be confined to the North, where a denser population, composed of all sorts of heterogeneous elements, furnish greater provocations to them, and, perforce, more excuse for them.

We do not want any such barbarities to defend our southern civilization.

What Women Can Do to Elevate the Race

BY MRS. LIZZIE V. MITCHELL.

It has been said "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," and the greater part of the early training of the children, the men and woman of tomorrow, is committed to women. Solomon said: "Train up a child in the way it should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." If this be true, the women have excellent opportunities for shaping the destiny and thus elevating the race. We are commanded to first seek the kingdom of heaven and its righteousness and all else will be added unto us. It is therefore the duty of mothers to teach their children as early as they can understand it, and that is very early in life, for Jesus said: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Then lead and constrain them to present their little bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is their reasonable service. Teach them a better belief than that a child is not responsible for its sins until he is twelve years old, but that as early as he knows right from wrong, he has a right to seek eternal life.

Many of our people make a sad mistake by seemingly lending their children to the devil until they are grown, allowing them to keep bad company and learn all kinds of wickedness, thinking that they will then know more about coming to Christ and will return and be saved after they have "run their race." They don't know how long the race will continue, but one thing that we all know is, the young die as well as the old. I understand that the Catholic priests say: "Give me your children from six until twelve years of age and then you may have them; I will then be satisfied that they will always be Catholics." Well, if the priest can make Catholics of the children in six years, a good mother can make Christians of her children in the same length of time by bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

The young colored man who robbed a white woman of 25 cents some time ago in Louisiana and was sentenced to thirty-four years' imprisonment, must have been void of the early Christian training of a mother, and those who gave him such a hard sentence surely have not learned to do unto others as they would have others do unto them. The training that the mother of John and

Charles Wesley gave her children will cause men and women to do justice to their fellow men. As it is true that if you take care of the cents, the dollars will take care of themselves, so also, if you take care of the children, the grown people will take care of themselves.

If the mothers will inculcate the above principles into the minds of their children, I think they will have laid a good foundation upon which to build a life of usefulness and honor.

With this splendid knowledge they should be united to the Sunday school where they can be taught the Scriptures more fully. The mothers should go with them, take an active part and encourage them in the good work. To perform these duties properly, women should be the best and purest creatures of earth. They can and must teach by example as well as by precept, and the children will rise up in after years and call their mother blessed. They may not be able to say, like John Wesley, that they have never been able to find their mother's equal among women, but they should be constrained to say, "my mother was a good woman, who never taught me anything wrong."

Mothers should be careful of the company their children keep and should teach them to be truthful, honest, industrious and virtuous. And, until we are able to support ourselves comfortably in the city, women should persuade their husbands to stay in the country, where they can give their children profitable work in the home and farm, and where they may have the moral and Christian training of their own parents, which every child should have. And, not only in the homes are the women lending a helping hand in elevating the race, but they are found in almost every avenue of life answering to the Master's call. According to reports, in the schoolroom, the church, the charitable institutions, and in the mission fields at home and abroad, they are giving as good satisfaction as the men.

The work of evangelizing the world and uplifting fallen humanity, is too great for the men alone, and for this reason, no doubt the Lord wants us to help, and certainly we can do something; for He never demands of us what we cannot do. Mesdames Carry Steele and Dianna P. Watts, of Georgia, and James Hale, of Alabama; Amanda Smith, of Illinois, and many others too numerous to mention, are doing a marvellous work caring for the orphan and homeless children that perhaps otherwise would drift to destruction, grow up ignorant and become oppressed servants or almost slaves. But these women are educating them, teaching them habits of usefulness, lightening their burdens and making good citizens of them. A great work, indeed! We are taught that our greatest reward comes from benefiting others and they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars. These noble women are laboring in the United States of America, the land of the free and the home of the brave, and not only do we find women of our country fitting the race for usefulness in this world and for a crown of glory that fadeth not away, but if we cross the rolling waves of the Atlantic ocean and enter the dark continent of Africa, we will find Mrs. A. P. Camphor, Misses Dowell, Norah Gordon, Clara Howard and others pointing the heathen to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. When the call was made for missionaries to go into Africa to spread the Christian faith, these brave and inspired women arose and said: "Here am I; send me, send me!" They are not only Christianizing them, but they are educating

and training them to perform the duties of this life properly. The women's various missionary societies are training the young ladies to be energetic, decent, and frugal, which causes them to make better wives and happier home makers; if destitute of this training they might be unpleasant creatures, ignorant of their duties to themselves and their families. These very cultured women are helping to rid the communities of the one-room cabins for dwellings and are substituting better houses with more rooms, and they are keeping these homes more decently than the women did in the days gone by.

If you'll look a little further you'll find that some of our women are splendid lecturers. It was said of Mrs. A. P. Camphor's lectures in North Carolina, the winter of 1902, that "never woman spake like that woman." By these lectures she raised a great deal of money for the missionary cause in Africa. The eloquent and inspiring addresses of Mrs. B. S. Potter, during her recent visit to Utah and Wyoming, caused Messrs. Henry and Lee, president and secretary of the El Ray gold mine, to donate to the missionary cause a thousand shares of the El Ray gold mining stock. And these men were not Christians. It is said that women sometimes succeed in winning souls to Christ where men have failed.

These are some of the things that I think women can and are doing to elevate the race. And while we are teaching and training let us women instruct our people to raise such food as they can at home on the farm and with the money realized from their cotton buy land, stock, wagons, buggies and whatever else they need, thereby creating a spirit of self-support and independence. And that will help us to secure and retain the respect of other races.

By all means, let us teach our women to have more race pride, and put a higher price on virtue, for I believe the future success and happiness of not only the colored but all other races, depends largely upon the conduct of the women.

KAYLOR, Ala.

Life of Faith

THE MEMORY GUILD.

FOR LEARNING BEST HYMN.

BISHOP H. W. WARREN.

The only stable things in this world are thoughts, character, and the mind that has them. Bodies and worlds are in perpetual flux. Since Moses and all the roll-call of heroes in the eleventh of Hebrews had faith to endure as seeing him that is invisible, we ask for a like faith. This faith can be appreciated, as verses one and two, but it can never be appreciated except by loving foes and preaching it "by kindly words and virtuous life," as verse three. The fathers would never have attained its greatness except by long-continued practice. Abraham was ninety years old before the Lord could say to him, "Now walk before me and be thou perfect." In this faith is eternal steadfastness.

STABILITY.

Faith of our fathers! living still,
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word:
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free;
How sweet would be their children's fate,
If they, like them, could die for thee!

Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife;
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
By kind words and virtuous life;
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!
—Frederick W. Faber (b. 1814, d. 1863.)

Are You Safe

Two little girls were playing with their dolls in a corner of the nursery, and singing as they played:

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast;
There by His love o'ershaded,
Sweetly my soul shall rest."

Mother was busy writing, only stopping now and then to listen to the little ones' talk, unobserved by them.

"Sister, how do you know you are safe?" said Nellie the younger of the two.

"Because I am holding Jesus with both my hands—tight!" promptly replied sister.

"Ah! that's not safe," said the other child. "Suppose Satan came along and cut your two hands off!"

Little sister looked very troubled for a few moments, dropped poor dolly, and thought seriously. Suddenly her face shone with joy, and she cried out: "Oh, I forgot! I forgot! Jesus is holding me with his two hands, and Satan can't cut his off; so I'm safe.—*Peninsula Methodist.*

The Soul's Cry and the Saviour's Answer

"Lord, be thou my helper." Pr. xxx., 10.
Answer—"Fear not, I will help thee." Isa. xl., 13.

"O Lord I am in trouble." Ps. xxx., 9.

A.—"Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver thee." Ps. i., 13.

"Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." Ps. li., 2.

A.—"I will; be thou clean." Matt. viii., 3.

"Keep thou the door of my lips." Ps. cxli., 3.

A.—"Go and I will be with thy mouth and teach thee what thou shalt speak." Exodus iv., 12.

"God be merciful to me a sinner." Luke xviii., 13.

A.—"Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." I. Tim., i., 15.

"O that I knew where I might find him!" Job xxiii., 3.

A.—"Ye shall seek me and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jer. xix., 13.

"I am vile; what shall I answer thee?" Job xl., 4.

A.—"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. i., 18.

"Create in me a clean heart, oh, God." Ps. li., 10.

A.—"A new heart will I give you." Ezekiel xxxvi., 26.

"Leave me not, neither forsake me, oh God of my salvation." Ps. xxvii., 9.

A.—"I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Heb. xiii., 5.

"My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God." Ps. xlii., 2.

A.—"Thine eyes shall see the King in his beauty." Isa. xxxiii., 17.

"My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning." Ps. cxxx., 6.

A.—"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Isa. xl., 31.

"The terros of death are fallen upon me." Ps. iv., 4.

A.—"He that believeth on me, though he were dead yet shall he live." John xi., 25.

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Rev. xxii., 20.

A.—"Surely I come quickly." Rev. xxii., 20.
—*Christian Observer.*

God Love's You

Weary, tired, gloomy, glad, or cheerful, look up and smile. Go dis love. God loves you. Think over these things with something more than thoughts, one told me.

"God is more near to our soules than our own bodies."

"The Lord thy God is in the midst of thee, a mighty One who will save; he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love; he will joy over thee with singing."

"A root set in the finest soil, in the best climate, and blessed with all that sun and air and rain can do for it, is not so sure a way of growth to perfection as every man may be whose spirit aspires after all that which God is ready and infinitely desirous to give him. For the sun meets not the springing bud that stretches toward him with half that certainty that God, the source of all good, communicates himself to the soul that longs to partake of him."

"Be quiet; look up; smile back to God his love-smile. We are all of us the offspring of God, more nearly related to God than to one another, for in him we live and move and have our being."—*Rev. John T. Wilds, in The Observer.*

Woman's Dominion

In 1850 only one woman worked for wages to every ten men; now the ratio is one woman to four men.

Some Good Advice

You sometimes see a woman whose old age is as exquisite as was the perfect bloom of her youth. You wonder how it is her life has been a long and happy one. Here are some of the reasons:

She knows how to forget disagreeable things. She did not expect too much of her friends.

She retained her illusions, and did not believe all the world wicked and unkind.

She relieved the miserable, and sympathized with the sorrowful.

She never forgot that kind words and smiles cost nothing, but are priceless treasures to the discouraged.

She did unto others as she would be done by, and now that old age has come to her, and there is a halo of white hair about her head, she is loved and considered. This is the secret of a long life and happy one.—(Unidentified) *Religious Telescope.*

A Hot Sand Bag

Get some clean, fine sand and dry it thoroughly in a kettle on the stove; make a bag about eight inches square of flannel, fill it with the dry sand, sew the openings carefully together, and cover the bag with cotton or linen cloth. This will prevent the sand from sifting out, and also en-

able you to heat the bag quickly by placing it in the oven or on the top of the stove. After once using this, you will never again attempt to warm the feet or hands of a sick person with a bottle or brick. The sand holds the heat for a long time, and the bag can be tucked up to the back without hurting the invalid.—*Central Methodist.*

Woman's Work in Texas

The Annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was called to order by Mrs. T. C. Jackson, district president, in the M. E. Church at Caldwell, Tex., at 2 p. m., September 5th. Ten auxiliaries reported. \$9.00 in cash was collected. The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society on the Navasoto district is in a fair condition. Revs. J. E. Bryant, presiding elder, S. M. Bolden, Prof. H. B. Pemberton, and several pastors made good speeches in behalf of the work of the Society. This manifested interest is encouraging. A full report was promised by the Conference Annual Meeting in Houston, in December next. Let the women of every charge on the district try to put more life and greater inspiration in their work. Mrs. T. C. Jackson was re-elected president by acclamation; Mrs. Mary L. Groce, secretary, Hempstead, Tex.; Mrs. Abbie I. Pratt, corresponding secretary, Navasoto, Tex.; Mrs. L. A. Bolden, treasurer, Hempstead, Tex. We pray God's choicest blessings upon our work.

MISS PEARLIE MCGILL, Reporter.

A Garden with an Open Gate

"It was rather a tiresome walk, wasn't it?" and Margaret looked up pleasantly as Jean came in. "But, really, you have rather a beautiful look," she added. "Has any one given you a flower or anything?"

"Not a really truly one," laughed Jean, "but I have just passed Mrs. Gordon's and she was on the verandah. She got up and came down to the gate to meet me with just her very own smile, and some hearty questions about myself and the rest of us in that genuine way she has. It rested me all over. I fancy she did give me a flower—a little sprig of happiness in bloom. How kind she is and how loving! The best of it is she is always the same, and everybody knows exactly how to find her. She has such a real interest in people. I've heard her say so, but I would know it without telling."

"Her garden gate is always open, and that makes a difference," said Margaret.

"Expound your riddle, or your metaphor," said Jean.

"I was only thinking of a sentence from Dr. Van Dyke," Margarte answered. "It is fresh in my mind, as it happens. He puts the question: 'Are you ready to make a garden for your kindly feelings with the gate open?' Now you know, sister mine, that there are folks a-plenty who have kindly feelings, but we are not much the better for them. They keep the garden gate tight shut. Mrs. Gordon's is always open. She not only has, but she gives flowers, and any passer-by may come into her garden and welcome."

"True enough," said Jean, cordially. Then she added, thoughtfully: "I'm sorry for those shut-tight people who really mean well and have kind feelings, but are afraid, or don't know how to let them out. Those whose garden gates are always open are surely much happier themselves."

"Of course they are. But we have our own gardens and gates to look after. There is our little sewing woman going by. I'll step down and speak with her," and Margaret vanished with a significant smile.—*Zion's Herald.*

Young Friends

ONLY ONE WAY IS RIGHT.

"My boy," said Uncle Hiram, once, while giving me advice,
 "The saw that doesn't wobble is the one that cuts the ice.
 The saw that close applies itself within its narrow groove,
 Will soon or late fulfill its work by keeping on the move.
 When half-way through, temptation may beset it, like as not,
 To leave the place that seemeth hard, and seek a thinner spot;
 But shifting saws will learn at length, when failure they invite,
 There's many a way o' doing things, but only one way's right!"

"And bear in mind, my boy, through life, if tempted tasks to shirk,
 Success is but a second crop, the aftermath of work;
 A lubricator tried and true is perseverance oil,
 And fortune's smile is rarely won except by honest toil.
 A safe cross-cut to fame or wealth has never yet been found,
 The men upon the heights to-day are those who've gone around
 The longest way, inspired by the sayin', somewhat trite:
 'There's many a way o' doin' things, but only one way's right!'"

I knew my Uncle Hiram had achievement's summit reached,
 I knew him as an honest man who practiced what he preached;
 And so I paid the lesson heed, and rapt attention gave
 When, in an added afterthought, he said: "My boy, be brave!
 Act well your part; tenaciously to one straight course adhere;
 Though men declare you're in a rut, work on, and never fear;
 You'll realize, when you at length have reached achievement's height:
 'There's many a way o' doin' things, but only one way's right."
 —Roy Farrel Green, in *Pittsburg Advocate*.

Just as you now play a piece without the music and do not think what notes you strike, though once you picked them out by slow and patient toil; so, if you begin to set purpose, you will learn the law of kindness in utterance so perfectly that it will be second nature to you and make more music in your life than all the songs the sweetest voice has ever sung.—*Frances E. Willard*.

Grandmother's Rules

Always look at the person to whom you speak. When you are addressed, look at the person who speaks to you. Do not forget this.

Speak your words plainly; do not mutter or mumble. If words are worth saying, they are worth pronouncing distinctly and clearly.

Do not say disagreeable things. If you have nothing to say, keep silent.

Think three times before you speak once.

Have you something to do that you find hard and would prefer not to do? Do the hard thing first, and get it over with. If you have done wrong, go and confess it. If your lesson is tough, master it. If the garden is to be weeded, weed it first and play afterward. Do first the things you don't like to do, and then, with a clear conscience try the rest.—*The Century Methodist*.

Making and Keeping Friends

Making friends is easy to the girl who is bright and happy, whose society gives pleasure and who is genial, but the keeping of them demands more than this.

To keep a friend, don't get too intimate with her.

Do not demand too much of her in the ways of confidence.

And do not be too aggressive, wanting to

know why she hasn't done this and why she doesn't think as you do.

If her style of dress is not beautiful, don't tell her; it will only offend her, because deep in her heart she is convinced that she knows a great deal more about it than anyone else.

Do not find fault with a friend's friend, and do not expect to be the only one given a corner in her heart.

Be as considerate of her feelings as if she were a stranger, and remember that politeness is an everyday garment, and not one intended only for holidays. To sum up in a sentence, preserve the courtesy of the beginning to keep the friendship to the end.—*St. Louis Advocate*.

How Philippine Children Study

An American school teacher in the Philippines says that when she began the children did not know a word of English except the "Good morning" and "Good evening," with which they greeted the teachers, and they mixed these up in a very laughable way. Their faces seemed total blanks so far as any expression was concerned. It was a long time before she could get them to smile. They would much rather sit on the floor than on the nicest benches, and it shocked a boy very much to see a girl in the same room with himself.

At first the teacher had a great deal of difficulty in making them understand her. Their gestures are entirely different from ours. When she beckoned them to her they would run from her, and when she pointed to an object, they did not know what she meant.

They are very fond of singing, though their native songs are chants. But they sing "America," and "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," in a way that almost raises the roof.

One thing that makes their attendance very irregular is the fact that they have to work at home. They pick rice, and rub the husks off the kernels to prepare them for cooking for dinner.

The children of this country ought to become much interested in these little people whom it is our privilege to help to happier lives.—*Junior Endeavor World*.

Our Happy Girls

What more charming sight is there on these sunny autumn mornings than a group of school-girls, books in hand, chattering merrily as they saunter toward the schoolhouse?

Boys are all right in their way. From their ranks our future presidents and governors and lawyers and merchants and ministers must be recruited. But boys are boys. That is all. Are they half so winsome as our bright-eyed, merry-voiced girls?

The group of schoolgirls we met this morning, their fresh young faces as fair as any bud that grows on bush, their voices musical as that of the robin piping away on hedge or tree, how could we help pausing a minute to look after them in admiration?

But there came to us an anxious thought.

Tomorrow the little maids will no longer be the jolly, unconventional girls they are today. They will have outgrown their pretty frocks and jaunty hats. They will have crossed the line that separates girlhood from womanhood. They will have left behind the naturalness which has made their lives so charming. Society will demand obedience to its mandates. They must be prim and stilted. They will be slaves to fashion. They will carry

a hundred burdens to which their young lives are now strangers. They will be grown-up people, and grown-up people are so stuffy and proper.

Say, girls, do not be in a hurry to become young women. Remain girls as long as you can. Make the most of today—the free, untrammelled, jolly today. Scatter the benedictions that only girls can scatter. Make your home resound with your heartfelt songs and laughter. Drive the wrinkles from father's brow, and cause mother's white face to crimson with the pleasures which you plan for her. Think of tomorrow, but not too earnestly. Thank God for the golden today, and drink from its fountains of pleasure. Our happy girls! God bless them!—*Epworth Herald*.

Educational

Morristown Normal and Industrial College, Morristown, Tenn

The opening exercises of Morristown Normal & Industrial College were conducted in the chapel by President J. S. Hill. Possibly 150 or more students were present. Appropriate remarks were made by the president, after which teachers were introduced. The outlook for a prosperous year was never more favorable than now. A strong faculty will push the work to the highest possible attainment. The industrial feature of the school, for some time swinging on the pivot of the energy and determination of President Hill, now stands ready for the progressive young man or woman who seeks future usefulness. This department will steam out on its journey to success with the prayers and best wishes of a host of admirers. The afternoons will be set apart for industrial training.

Old students are returning early, and ere many weeks have passed the great struggle for a life preparation will be on in full. In order that all may have an equal chance for progress it is thought a night school will be instituted. To this the burdened faculty has consented, not content with the toils of the College classroom as their daily task, they seek the shades of night to toil with those who can not meet them in the glare of the mid-day sun. With this glorious opportunity extended for mental and moral improvement who is so nearly exhausted, so completely wrecked by the debris of ignorance as not to be able to seize the proffered hand and climb to safety?
 H. J. FORREST.

The Tuskegee Institute has quite unexpectedly received an additional sum of \$20,000 from the estate of the late W. I. Brown of Boston.

We wish to say to our good friends of the Moss Point Colored Citizens School Building, that the work is progressing. The carpenters will place the sheeting in order this week for the covering, and then we would like to see our friends who promised to give when we began work. Talk is cheap, but it takes money to build a school. The Building Committee asks one dollar per month till building is finished.
 S. H. WALLACE.

Moss Point, Miss.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.C. Conference

Statistics

A German magazine has recently published an estimate of the religious statistics of the world. According to his estimate, there are in Europe 384,500,000 nominal Christians; 6,600,000 Mo-

hammadans; 6,500,000 Jews. In America there are 126,400,000 Christians, in name. In Asia, 12,600,000 Christians, 109,500,000 Mohammedans; 200,000 Jews, and 667,800,000 pagans. In Africa, the Christians number 4,400,000; the Mohammedans 36,000,000; Jews 400,000, and heathen 91,000,000.

In Oceanica there are 9,700,000 Christians, 24,700,000 Moslems, and 4,400,000 heathens. In the whole world there are 240,000,000 Roman Catholics, 98,300,000 Greek Catholics, and 163,300,000 Protestants. It is a striking fact that Protestants are increasing in number faster than Catholics.

Too Many Priests

"According to a recent enumeration," says the *Church Eclectic*, "the following are the number of Roman clergy in the kingdom of Italy: Bishops, 272; clergy having some ecclesiastical charge 20,465. The cathedral at Naples has on its roll 112 priests; the church of St. Nicholas at Bari, 100 priests; St. Peter's, Rome, 120 priests.

"This will give an idea of how many clergy are only titularly employed in connection with the sacred ministry, and yet, notwithstanding this great nominal connection, there are over 100,000 priests in Italy who have no cures or any fixed employment.

"It is not to be wondered, therefore, that the traffic in masses continues to flourish so vigorously, as it affords to many men the only means of earning a trifle. Masses for the repose of the dead and for 'intentions,' are eagerly bought at second hand from the sacristans, who, while retaining the greater portion of the fee, are yet able thus to furnish their poorer brethren with some subsistence.—*Missionary Review of the World*.

Giving

It is an easy matter to say how much we would give if we had what we do not possess. The following story is a good illustration of this kind of spirit in giving. One native convert said to another:

"If you had one hundred sheep, would you give fifty of them for God's work?"

He replied: "That I would; I would be willing to give fifty."

"If you had one hundred cows, would you be willing to give fifty of them to the gospel work?"

"Oh, yes, I would," was the reply.

"But you would not do it if they were one hundred horses, would you?"

"Oh, yes, I would. You would see that I would."

"But if you had two pigs, would you be willing to give one of them?"

The man's countenance fell, and he quickly replied: "No, I wouldn't. You know I have two pigs; then why do you ask me that?"

He was willing to give what he had not, but what he had he was not willing to give.

Another incident found in an exchange needs no comment to enforce its application. A Christian man became interested in missions. His first earnest prayer was, "Lord, save the heathen." Later he changed this prayer to the more earnest petition, "Lord, send missionaries to save the heathen." His interest deepened, and he prayed, "Lord, if you have not anybody else to send, send me," and prayed with all the fervor of his heart. Then, in the truest humility, he added: "Lord, I am in earnest; send me; but if you cannot send me, send somebody." Still lacking assurance, he

prayed in the spirit of a submissive will and consecrated possessions: "Lord, send whom thou wilt; but help me to pay my share of the expenses," and this proved to be the right prayer.

Two most important principles are illustrated by these incidents. We should give from what we now have, and not wait to get more before giving to the Lord. "For, if there first be a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." It is also true that the Scriptures place equal emphasis on the privilege of going and the blessedness of sending. "How shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" Blessed the missionary that goes; happy the giver that sends!—*The Missionary*.

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

Topic October 11.

PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST.

Scripture Reference: Matt. 6:24-34.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday. God Gives More Than You Choose, When Right Choice is Made. I Kings 3:5-15.

Tuesday. God's Ability Beyond Our Asking. Eph. 3:20-21.

Wednesday. An Hundred-fold More. Mark 10:28-31.

Thursday. Godliness Profitable. I. Tim. 4:8.

Friday. Find Wisdom. Prov. 3:13-16.

Saturday. Remember Now. Eccl. 12:1-7.

You have frequently heard both from the lecture platform and the pulpit these words: "Life is what you make it." Wrapt within these words is a great truth, but this great fact does not complete the sermon. We must go a step further and tell men how to make the most of life. To tell a man that life is what he makes it may or may not move him upward. But when you tell him that by doing certain things he can enlarge and improve his life, he will do those things if he have proper interest in himself. The application of wisdom that a man makes to his own life determines the interest he has in himself. There are certain fundamentals that lie back of all else. The study of arithmetic must precede algebra, and both of these must go before trigonometry, and all of these must precede Calculus. To start the boy with Calculus would be but to fail in giving him any adequate conception of mathematics. If you would know mathematics you must put first things first. Now this is true of every branch of human knowledge. There are approaches to all avenues of wisdom and blessed are those who find them.

Now, if you want the ordinary blessings of life for which the world goes out in one mad rush, there is a sure and certain approach to them.

1. *Seek ye first the Kingdom of God.* What is the kingdom says one and where shall I go to seek it? The study of the kingdom is one of the most interesting subjects in the field of biblical truth. It is traceable through four periods in the Old Testament, culminating in the New Testament and finds its embodiment in Jesus Christ himself. It is therefore his kingdom even as it is God's.

2. *Why the Kingdom should come first.* Because that is the one thing needful and though we fail in every other quest we cannot afford to fail in this, therefore, put it first. First because

when we have become engrossed with the affairs of the world we may put off until too late this one important matter. Put the search for the kingdom first because the things of this life are very deceptive, and when we have but a shadow we often fancy we have the substance. Put the kingdom first, because it is the surest way of getting all the other things that men call necessities and for which men struggle.

3. *Because all things work together for good to the Children of the Kingdom.* We want all the good that we can get out of life. The surest way to get this is to get the kingdom, for it includes all the good that comes to man. When God blessed Solomon He gave him large blessings for which he had not asked, even riches and honor and the promise of long life if he would walk in His commandments.

4. *Seek the Kingdom first, because it reduces anxiety.* We are anxious about many things; vexed and torn by the common concerns of life, but if we will seek the kingdom first, these other things we will find added. Close fellowship with Christ will teach us that he is interested in all that pertains to our welfare. He knows we have need of food and clothing and if we do not sit down in sloth and indifference God will add these blessings unto us.

5. *Put it first, because it is the most important.* There are a great many things that we can get on without, and having gotten on without them we will not know the difference in a few years. But not so with the kingdom of God. Who ever goes forward without the king suffers daily loss and at last will suffer eternal loss.

Dear Leaguer, do not allow the things of time and sense to consume your thought and energy, but get hold of the things that make for peace in time and rest in eternity. Let not your heart be fixed upon the temporalities, but go after things eternal.

ARROW POINTS.

1. What have you been seeking?
2. Have you found the pearl of great price?
3. What are you seeking today?
4. In your search are you looking earthward or heavenward?

Pittsburg, Pa.

Sparks from the Convention Anvil

BY JOSIE B.

The Epworth League and Sunday School Convention of the Upper Mississippi Conference was a great success. There were more than 50 delegates in attendance.

The big choir of 45 voices did some fine singing. Miss Lackey of Greenwood and Miss Morse, of Columbus, presided at the organ. Say, that choir of Baptist, A. M. E's and M. E's did agree so well in rendering service for the convention.

Columbus had a large delegation who performed their part well. Mrs. M. E. Ferguson is their president. My! Don't things go!

Aberdeen had a fine delegation who played a grand part. Sorry they missed the next convention, but Columbus is proud.

The decoration of Wesley Chapel was the finest of its kind we have had the pleasure of seeing in this country. It was perfectly grand.

President Ferguson worked hard as usual to make things succeed, and they did succeed. He is proud of both his League and the choir.

What fine attendance and good congregations day and night!

Greenwood can certainly entertain her friends in great style.

"This is the best of all conventions that I have witnessed."—Jones.

God helps people who help themselves. The Negro is no menace.

"I would like to be pastor of these good people of Greenwood."—Jones.

One hundred and fifty badges were sold and worn during the convention.

Big collection? Well I should think so! \$152.15 it was a record breaker.

Rev. C. W. Whitehead, of Arkansas, was a happy visitor and preached the first sermon, which was enjoyed by all.

Rev. Lackey, the Evangelist, was indispensibly a help anywhere and at all times, a great League worker.

Dr. Logan was there also and spoke. The people showed their appreciation by raising \$15.00 for Missionary purposes.

What did they say about Sewell? Well, he is a great Sunday school man, and they elected him again for the ensuing year.

Those Morning Watch Meetings were simply good, and proved up somebody's fidelity and usefulness and faithfulness as well.

Prof. Shaw was in, fresh from Chicago, and spoke. He represented Rust University in good shape and distributed several catalogues.

With Ferguson re-elected that Conference League is destined to succeed, for he does not know impossibilities; things just must go.

There were eight pastors, one presiding elder and our conference Evangelist who stuck to the meeting and did their best. Eight in all were in attendance.

Did you hear Dr. Jones the Sunday school man? He distinguished himself in his speech, and excelled himself in his sermon; both were highly appreciated by white and colored people as well, and \$19.25 for Sunday School Union was quite a record. Greenwood breaks the record for Home Department in the Sunday school; 50 members in actual living condition.

That Pentacostal service was a grand service. Hart, of Winona, was there and preached a strong sermon on Sunday morning. We had a Troupe at 8:00 p. m. His name is E. C. T. Rev. F. L. White was there and took part in all the meetings. He will report the proceedings. L. F. Jones loves the League and brought up a good delegation with good papers. Rev. Spencer peeped in on us as also did Rev. Harvey.

Why did not some persons whose names appeared on program send just one postal card to say, "I can't be there, but God bless the meeting?" It is a meeting for the uplifting of our people and the advancement of the cause of Christ. Glad the pastors who are to lead the Church and youth are realizing this and taking such interest, as the pastor who keeps up will doubtless always be in demand.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson II—Oct. 11th, 1903. Title, "God's Covenant with David." (II Sam. 7, 4-16). Golden Text, "Thy throne shall be established forever." (II Sam. 7, 16). Time, About B. C. 1047 (Usber). Place, Jerusalem.

As the ark entered Jerusalem David chanced before it. Michael, Saul's daughter, and one of David's wives, looking through a window, saw him, and "despised him in her heart." The ark

was deposited in the tent David had pitched for it. The people were blessed and sent away. The king returned to bless his household. Michael met him and spoke in ironical terms about dancing. She probably knew a few rules of politeness the king had not learned. David let her know it was before the Lord, who had chosen him in the room of her father, that he danced. He also told her he would be more base than that in his own eyes, and would be honored by those of whom she lightly spoke. After this he seems to have given her a severe letting alone.

1. *The desire of David.* (1-3.) The king sat in his house of cedar. The hundred years war with the Philistines had passed. The nations about him were at peace. God had given him victory over his enemies. He desired to render something unto the Lord for all his benefits. No good man wishes to receive something for nothing, or much for a little. He did not feel comfortable dwelling in a mansion while the ark rested within curtains. The man is an ingrate who prefers better things for himself than he does for the Lord. This is the first we see of Nathan, the prophet. What we learn of him after this shows his prophetic power to have been of high order. In Israel the prophet was greater than the king. It sometimes became his duty to correct, rebuke, and even denounce the rulers of God's people. David consulted with him about building God a house. The king seems never to have entered upon any great work without first advising with others. Nathan gave his own judgment when he told the king to do all that was in his heart. The wisest and best of men, when not under the direct influence of the Holy Spirit, are liable to err. The doctrine of infallibility is the essence of blasphemy. Both were over-zealous. The matter was premature. God had given no command to that effect, and David was not the man to do that work. We should encourage the good intentions of others. God was well pleased with David's desire.

2. *The king's wish checked.* (4-7.) A Vision, in a Scriptural sense, is a revelation from God. It is a communication received in a waking condition. This vision was in the night. God likely spoke in an audible voice to Nathan. The matter was clear. All doubt was removed. He knew God had appeared and spoken to him. The Lord directs us through His written word, His preached gospel, and His Holy Spirit. 2. *David was called "my servant."* This was a special honor, for only a few, like Moses and Joshua, did Jehovah address in this way. The assertion: "Shalt thou build me a house to dwell in?" is negative. Elsewhere we read: "Thou shalt not build the house." God has a work for every man, and one may not discharge the duty of another. It was David's part to enlarge the borders of Israel, to compose Psalms for the temple service, to settle the courses of the priests, and to collect material for the temple. God feels for His people, adapts Himself to their state, and shares their experiences. 3. *Why was David not allowed to build the temple?* (1) *God had not commanded him to do so.* From the time God brought Israel up out of Egypt to that day, He had walked in tents, and had never spoken to any of the tribes about building Him a house. We should be slow to do what God has not ordered, lest we get wise above that which is written. (2) *He had "made great wars, and shed blood abundantly."* Nowhere is David charged with being unjust, of violating the will of God in any of his wars. In many instances the Lord directed him to go out to battle. He was good enough to write Psalms for the temple service. Why could he not build the temple? We know not. God seldom employs a soldier in any great spiritual work.

3. *The goodness of God to David.* (8-9.) While God would not suffer David to build the

temple, yet He was well pleased with his life. He found David in the sheep-cote, or pasture. Many bright minds exist in obscure localities. Labor is honorable, and God has always exalted it. He chose David because of his gifts and graces. It takes ability and opportunity to bring success. David possessed the highest class of mental, spiritual, and physical gifts, and God opened the way for him to succeed. He led him forward until he reached the throne of Israel. Success is sure if God is on our side. We may not always be victorious in the battle of life, but we will triumph in the end. God rules nations same as individuals. He not only placed David on the throne but made his name great. He stood second to no earthly ruler. No monarch of the east, west, or south was his superior. All true greatness is from the Lord, and brings with it great possibilities.

4. *The goodness of God to Israel.* (10-11.) 1. He appointed a place for His people. Eight centuries before this He chose Canaan as a home for Israel. We know not what constrained Him to select that land. His ways are past finding out. It was more than four hundred years after the choice was made before they were located in it. These were years of wandering and servitude. The goodness and justice of God may be seen in every act of their lives. That land was always considered a type of heaven, that "better country." 2. *God planted His people in the land.* He had chosen for them. He brought Abram out of Mesopotamia into Canaan, stood by him and his posterity while in that land, was with them during their bondage in Egypt, brought them forth by the hand of Moses, conducted them through the wilderness, and finally gave them homes in the land of Canaan. God makes choice of the sinner, leads him out from sinful surroundings, strengthens the inward man against evil, and finally brings him to a better country than Palestine. 3. *God would not allow the "children of wickedness to afflict them any more."* For about "four hundred and fifty years" He gave them judges. During this period they were grievously tormented by the Amalekites, Hittites, Jebusites, Amorites, and Canaanites. But these had been subdued by David. They never troubled Israel again. May this not refer to sin in the believer, until David's great Successor casts every root of bitterness out of man's nature, and perfect peace dwells within? 4. *He would make them a house.* David had purposed to build a temple for Jehovah, but now the Lord said He would erect a house for the king; that is, He would reward his desire with a permanent possession in the royal family. God must build man's house before man can erect a house for Deity. Does not this point to the church that would be built by Christ and endure through all ages?

5. *The Messiah Promised.* (12-16.) See here the political contract, and the covenant of grace. It was first made to Abram, then to Noah, then to the patriarchs, and here to David. It has two sides; one is literal and the other spiritual. 1. *This king literally is Solomon,* but spiritually He is Christ, the King of kings. In Isaiah we read: "I will make with you an everlasting covenant, even the sure mercies of David." Again St. Paul said: "Of this man's (David's) seed hath God, according to His promise, (this very promise) raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus." 2. *With a kingdom we associate territory, laws, and subjects.* The kingdom of Solomon extended from the Euphrates in the north to the Nile in the south. Its laws were given by Moses, and its subjects were all the tribes of Israel. The kingdom of Jesus covers the world. His laws are found in His written word, and all the spiritual Israel are his subjects. 3. *The reign of David would continue forever.* He would sleep with his fathers, but God would raise up of his posterity persons to sit on his throne. His kingdom was broken here and there; it was oppressed by wicked nations; many stripes were laid on it; yet through the mercy of God it continued, and never lacked for a ruler. When Jesus came He was the rightful heir to the throne, but it was not God's plan that his kingdom be of this world. It is spiritual, and will continue forever. It is righteousness, joy and peace in the Holy Ghost.

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"Do Not Wish Negro Missionaries"

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aries in Africa are not sufficiently weighty to cause any change on this line in the present policy of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He does not like them because the Africans do not like their "foreign ways" and their language. And yet these very features which are so objectionable to them constitute a large part of what missionaries are expected to teach. Not only so, but that "experienced missionary" will not have far to go to learn what we have learned from white missionaries themselves, namely: that the Africans object to white missionaries for the very same reasons. However, unless better reasons can be assigned for withdrawing them, the missionaries of both races will continue their work. Then, too, other churches besides our own are using Negro missionaries and, as is true of our church, seem much pleased with the work they are doing.

As to the matter of securing hotel accommodations, that has nothing to do with the merits of the missionary and will not influence the church one way or the other.

The announcement has been made that Gen. Luke E. Wright, of Tennessee, now vice-governor of the Philippine Islands, will succeed Judge W. H. Taft as governor of those islands. According to the dispatches from the Philippines as recently published in our daily papers, there is an element of American whites over there who do not hesitate to declare their preference for Gen. Wright as governor because he is expected to treat the Negroes and Filipinos after the Southern idea. They long for his inauguration. Seeing this statement enables us to understand all the better that declaration of the New York Age that "The appointment of General Wright to be governor of the Philippine Islands will be an insult to the Republicans of the United States, and a crime against the Filipinos and the Afro-American residents of those islands, which it is hard to believe President Roosevelt will perpetrate." Putting these two statements together we are convinced that the appointment of Gen. Wright as governor will be a serious mistake and will tend to delay the peaceful and proper adjustment of affairs in the Philippines.

One of the most unfortunate conditions that confront the Negro to-day is the fact that so many, for one reason or another, are flocking to the towns and cities. We feel that should they remain in the country many whose lives are blighted by the temptations and allurements of city life would be saved. As it is they are attracted by them at once, and many are almost hopelessly degraded. Not a few who in their country homes were under the influence of the church and Sunday school go to ruin speedily in the cities. Since it seems impossible to keep them in the country, the question is, what may be done to save them when they go elsewhere.

Not a Bad Showing

The last of the six district conferences of the Texas Annual Conference has just been held. The Conference is in the midst of an effort to erect a central building at its school, Wiley University, and is collecting money to complete the same. The building is of brick, four stories high above the basement; all windows are in and two floors beside the basement have been completed and are now in use. President M. W. Dogan has visited each of the conferences and collected \$911, which was contributed as follows: Palestine District, Rev. L. S. Blakeney, presiding elder, \$112; Marshall, Rev. O. I. Jones, P. E., \$118; Paris, Rev. Dr. Freeman Parker, P. E., \$120; Houston, Rev. E. Lee, P. E., \$171; Huntsville, Rev. W. A. Fortson, P. E., \$190; and Navasota, Rev. J. E. Bryant, P. E., \$199. These amounts bring the totals for the districts since the annual conference last fall up to the following: Houston, \$316; Marshall, \$309; Navasota, \$263.35; Huntsville, \$215; Paris, \$179; and Palestine, \$141. Total, \$1,469.35.



Prof. A. C. Maclin, A. B.

We are pleased to present our readers a picture of Prof. A. C. Macklin, A. B., one of the most prominent laymen of our Tennessee Methodism. He is a graduate of the Central Tennessee College of Walden University and a native Tennessean. The professor spent a number of years teaching in the public schools, but since his graduation has spent most of his time teaching in one of the schools of the Freedmen's Aid Society. He is an earnest Christian and is devoted to the interests of his church. The outlook for his future is bright.

The Way He Did It

The first echo from our SOUTHWESTERN week is from one of the veterans of the Mississippi Conference. He says:

BOLTON, MISS., Sept. 28, 1903.

Dear Dr. Scott—SOUTHWESTERN Day, Sept. 27, was a success. I preached a SOUTHWESTERN sermon, then followed with SOUTHWESTERN prayer meeting; after which we were made happy over six cash subscribers. We will send more soon. With God's help I shall work with you all the way through to uphold this great and good paper. We pray God's blessing upon you. * * * I am, as ever, your friend, B. L. CRUMP.

In referring to the fact that Commander Peary, who is preparing to make another attempt to find the North Pole, selected a Negro as the first member of his crew, the Galveston Daily News says: "This is not a bad indication. Some of the most trusty and faithful hands and friends in the world are Negroes."

A Railway Company Sues a Clergyman

We note that the Southern Pacific Railway has entered suit for \$10,000 against the Rev. L. L. Campbell, a prominent Baptist minister of Austin, Tex., and editor of the *Herald*. It seems he was seeking to turn business away from that line when the delegates were arranging for their trip to the National Baptist Convention at Philadelphia. It is said he notified delegates that there is yellow fever in this city and hence they would be quarantined, and that the road gave simply what is known as "Jim Crow" accommodations for Negro passengers. We have no idea what the suit will amount to, but we regret that Brother Campbell has placed himself in such an untenable position. We regret it for his sake and for the road as well. The fact is, we know of no road in the South that furnishes accommodations for colored passengers superior to those on six of the daily through trains of that line which come into and depart from this city. The early morning, or local, train carries an entire chair car for them, while the Sunset limited, which leaves at noon, and the night train carry standard coaches so partitioned that those who desire to smoke may occupy a small compartment for the purpose. Hence we regret to see a line that does as well by the colored travel as this deprived of its legitimate share of any business. As to the matter of fever and quarantine resulting therefrom, New Orleans has not been thus troubled for several years. It is difficult to understand how Brother Campbell managed to get himself into such a hole, and we do not wish to see the matter go as hard with him financially as things look at this distance.

The Alabama Legislature is not such a bad lot after all. The bill presented by the exmayor of Tuskegee proposing to reduce the annual appropriation to the Tuskegee Institute and another colored school of the State, not only was not passed, but was never allowed to come out of the committee room. On the other hand, a bill was introduced to increase the allowance to the Montgomery Normal and the vote on its passage stood forty to forty. This defeated it, of course, but nevertheless indicates the spirit of that body. The Legislature has also passed a bill prohibiting baseball, football, etc., on Sunday, which shows the trend of sentiment in that State.

Dr. F. H. Knight, president of the New Orleans University, is already at his post to begin the year's work. The Literary Department of the University opens on Monday, Oct. 5. Exercises appropriate to the occasion will be conducted in the Annex at one o'clock p. m., and at the same time the graduating exercises of the Nurse training department of the Sarah Goodrich Hospital of the Medical College will take place. All are invited to attend. President Knight has reasons to expect the largest attendance in the history of the institution; the attendance of the Medical College already excels any previous year. This year both a sewing and cooking department will be inaugurated and maintained by the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

In twenty years more than 500,000 divorces in the United States! During the same period in all Europe, with 380,000,000 population, as against 80,000,000, there were 214,841 divorces. More than 1,500,000 American children have seen their homes broken up. The lawyers have been paid \$26,000,000 for services in divorce suits.—*Fr.*

Personal and General

Mrs. M. L. Lee, of Slidell, La., has been visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Crockett at Hahnville, La.

The wife of Rev. W. P. Morrison, of Natchez, Miss., is yet seriously ill at her old home in Rankin county, Miss.

Rev. J. T. Leggett, pastor of M. E. Church at Princeton, Ind., is, we are glad to announce, now out of danger and convalescing.

Mrs. Ella E. Robinson, of San Antonio, Tex., who has been on a visit to her husband's relatives in Warsaw, Ky., passed through the city recently and spent a few days as the guest of Mrs. I. B. Scott.

Paul T. Gilbert, son of Editor Gilbert of the *Western Advocate*, has recently returned from the Philippines, where he spent two years as a teacher, and is delivering an interesting lecture on his experience there.

Prof. Booker T. Washington has gone to Europe for a brief rest. He does not expect to be gone more than about three weeks; his plan being to come home on the ship on which he leaves the country, on his return trip.

Dr. Claudius B. Spencer, the talented editor of the *Central Christian Advocate*, writes an exceedingly interesting article for *Zion's Herald* on "The Yellowstone National Park," and the article is accompanied by appropriate illustrations.

Miss Georgia Jones, who is to teach at the Wiley University this year, passed through the city last week from Bay St. Louis, Miss., enroute to Marshall, Texas. Miss Jones anticipates a pleasant year's work. We were pleased to have her call at the office.

Mrs. C. A. Wilkins, wife of Dr. J. A. Wilkins, of Houston, Tex., has returned from a pleasant trip to Tennessee, where she visited her son, Dr. Thomas H. Wilkins, and many of the friends of her school days. She speaks in highest terms of the many courtesies shown her.

While in Pensacola, Fla., recently we had the pleasure of visiting the office of the *Sentinel*, owned and edited by Mr. M. M. Lewey, who is so highly esteemed by newspaper men generally. Mr. Lewey has recently opened a first-class job office and is doing excellent business.

Prof. B. Landry, of Baldwin, La., a teacher in the Gilbert Industrial College, on his return from San Francisco, Cal., last week, where he had been attending the G. A. R. encampment, spent a short while in the city and gave the *SOUTHWESTERN* a pleasant call.

Dr. T. H. Wright, of Shreveport, La., and proprietor of Central Pharmacy, is in Chicago, Ill., taking a post course at the Chicago Polyclinic and Hospital, one of the leading schools of the country and whose faculty consists of forty-nine of the ablest men of that city.

Rev. W. Scott Chinn, pastor at Lake Providence, La., is in the city enroute home from Houma, whither he accompanied the remains of Dr. W. W. S. Mason. He is now erecting a parsonage, which, he says, will not only surpass the one he built at Lake Charles, but will be the best in the Conference.

A note from Rev. S. D. Davis, of Newberne, Ala., says: "The many friends of Rev. Dr. N. H. Speight, pastor of the church at Marion, Ala., will regret to learn that he is seriously ill and is expected to die at any moment. He has been confined to his bed since July 20. Pray for his recovery." This note bears date of Sept. 24. We trust Dr. Speight is now convalescent.

Rev. F. Carson Moore, of Austin, Tex., the first President of Wiley University, and for three full terms a presiding elder in the Texas Annual Conference, has passed to his reward. He was a man highly respected by all his brethren and of whom they unhesitatingly say, he was one of the best men that ever belonged to the Conference. Brother Moore is understood to have owned large tracts of land in the bottoms of the Brazos river, and has devoted his time since he left the Conference to looking after his business affairs. He gave a very desirable plot near Houston, Tex., for an Orphanage and a District Camp Ground. Mrs. Moore, who survives her husband has notified President Dogan that Wiley University is to receive Brother Moore's library.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Emma Beatrice Smith, the attractive and cultured daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neville Smith, of 2831 Dryades street, this city, to Mr. Wm. Dell McKoin, of St. Louis, Mo. The ceremony will be performed at First Street M. E. Church at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, October 7. Miss Smith is a graduate of New Orleans University, in which institution she has been a teacher ever since her graduation, and one of the most prominent young ladies of this community. While Mr. McKoin is not generally known in New Orleans, he is said to be a young man of the best standing and a successful undertaker. He has also held a government position several years. They will make their home in St. Louis.

At the annual session of the Cincinnati Conference held recently in Wesley Chapel, Cincinnati, O., Rev. Dr. Wilbur P. Thirkield, one of the secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid Society, was chosen a delegate to the General Conference. He has been a member of this conference only about three years, having been transferred to it from the Atlanta Conference. His election is not only regarded as a compliment to Dr. Thirkield but an endorsement of the work represented by him. Relative to his election the *Commercial Tribune* of Cincinnati says:

"A shout of applause greeted the announcement that Dr. Wilbur P. Thirkield, Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society, was elected with 96 votes. This election comes in the way of a great compliment to Dr. Thirkield, who has been a member of this conference for only three years."

Dr. W. W. S. Mason, only brother of Secretary Mason, of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, died Monday, Sept. 20, at Lake Providence, La., of typhoid malaria. Dr. Mason was a practicing physician and was having unusual success in his profession, and held the respect and confidence of the entire community. He had given special attention to surgery and in this particular line consulted freely with the leading white physicians of the country. He was a graduate of the New Orleans University Medical College. The immediate cause of the doctor's death was a congestive chill, brought on by going to see a patient, seriously ill, when he was himself too ill to go out. The interment took place at Houma, La., the home of his childhood, and where his parents lie buried. The consideration shown his bereaved family at Lake Providence by the best citizens, white and colored, indicates both his standing in the community and the kindly feeling that exists there between the races. Dr. Mason was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a consistent Christian. His brother came down from Cincinnati to attend the funeral.

News Notes

Mexico will build a \$15,000 capitol.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis, the widow of the President of the Southern Confederacy, is seriously ill at Buffalo, N. Y.

Our colored Methodist church of Los Angeles, Rev. G. R. Bryant, pastor, is planning to build an \$18,000 church.

At Pei Tang, China, the plague and cholera are raging. Two thousand deaths are reported there during the past two months.

Curtis Jett, the assassin of States Attorney J. B. Marcum, has been convicted at Cynthia, Ky., of the murder of Marshal Cockril and sentenced to death.

Captain R. P. Hobson, who is now in civil life, aspires to congressional honors, and hopes to succeed J. H. Bankhead, who represents the sixth district of Alabama.

All employees in the Government Printing Office have been required to take the oath of allegiance to the United States. This will prevent their placing orders of their unions above those of the United States government.

The time fixed for the ratification of the canal treaty expired at midnight of Sept. 22. The Colombian government has appealed to the United States authorities to hold open the canal question long enough to permit the negotiation of a new treaty.

The afternoon of Sept. 27 the Southern Railway's south-bound fast mail train, while running at full speed, jumped from a trestle 75 feet high, near Danville, Va. The train was demolished, and of the crew of sixteen men eight were killed and seven seriously injured.

Mrs. Carrie Nation has deeded a handsome building and two acres of land to the Associated Charities of Wyandotte county, Kans., to be used as a home for the wives, mothers and children of drunkards. An exchange says she is now writing a play, and will herself appear as the "Defender of Homes."

The eighth annual convocation of the Farmers' Improvement Society will be held at Columbus, Tex., Oct. 14-17. Prof. Robert L. Smith, of Paris, Tex., who is president, has devoted much time to the development of this organization, and much good is being done through its instrumentality. We note that addresses on the occasion will be delivered by Prof. H. T. Kealing, Rev. Dr. W. H. Logan and Mr. Hilliard Taylor, a practical and successful business man. The society stands for the abolition of the credit system; better methods of farming; the co-operative plan in purchasing supplies; the improvement and beautifying of homes, etc. There is to be an exhibit of fine stock and other products at the meeting.

Under the auspices of the Teachers' League of this city an educational mass meeting was held Monday night, Sept. 28, at the Central Congregational Church. The editor of the *SOUTHWESTERN* presided and addresses were made by Revs. Dr. G. W. Henderson, A. L. DeMonde and D. A. Graham; also by Prof. A. H. Caldwell and Messrs. Bauer and Coniffe, the two last named being representatives of the City Board of Education. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Students' Orchestra. The purpose of the meeting was to increase the attendance of colored children on the City Public Schools. Lack of space forbids our saying more at this time, tho we hope to be able to take up the matter at no distant day.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society is so much pleased with the magnificent work done at the King Industrial Home, connected with Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., that a new instructor in the person of Mrs. M. L. Donelson, of Ohio, has been added to the faculty. Mrs. Donelson's coming adds a new and greatly desired department to the industrial features of the school, namely, the Millinery Department. This is another evidence of the success attending Misses Elliot and King's labors. The *SOUTHWESTERN* congratulates the young women of the race on the opening of this new door to usefulness and self-support. We know of no other school in the South, other than Tuskegee, where the millinery business is taught.

FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. C. Marshall Editor

Illinois produces more corn than any of the other states. Missouri comes second in the quantity produced, but her average per acre is greater than any competitor.

The colored people of Kansas operate six large laundries, six newspapers, and many groceries. They have an insurance company, and have incorporated a company for mining coal. We understand they are already digging the coal, and will begin to market it this month.

The cotton planter should exert himself at this season to pick his cotton and house his corn. Delay means waste. Storms and varmints will do great harm, and reduce the profits of the farm. And after the crops have been housed he should prepare his land at once for the next crops. Turn the soil over, let it drink up the rains of winter, give the frost a chance to pulverize it, and you will be the gainer.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has a number of competent lecturers throughout the South telling the people of that section many valuable things about farming. Among the facts they teach are these—the South can raise other profitable crops than cotton, and her farmers should plant horehound and other plants used for medicines. We trust our colored farmers will strive to attend these lectures. They are for all of our citizens.

The Living Grows

The eighth time since its organization the Farmers' Improvement Society will hold its annual convocation at Columbus, Texas, October 14th to 17th. This meeting is expected to be its most important, for then it is intended to open the agricultural college of the society; and as the institution has grown 150 per cent during the year that is closing, the attendance will probably double the size of any previous meeting. Rev. W. H. Logan, Prof. H. T. Kealing and Mr. Hilliard Taylor are among the prominent visitors who will make addresses. We have frequently spoken of this society in these columns, and have been hoping its officers would be able to extend its work into the neighboring states. It aims to put the farmer, merchant, mechanic or laborer to thinking. It has helped many communities and should have branches at work from one end of Texas to the other. Its president, Robt. L. Smith, his wife and Secretary Mitchell are liberally giving their time to foster the good work. The society has five planks in its platform: Abolition of the credit system, better methods of farming, co-operation, proper care of the sick and dead, improvement and beautifying of their homes. We have attended these annual meetings, and have seen the sessions at work. We have seen their agricultural exhibits, and have seen their fair grounds and buildings. It is a permanent, progressive association of men and women. It deserves great success.

A FREE KIDNEY REMEDY.
Dr. D. A. Williams, East Hampton, Conn., says if any sufferer from Kidney and Bladder Disease will send him their address he will mail them free of all cost, some of the remedy they are looking for. The ONS that will cure them.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

The thirteenth session of the Gainesville district, Atlanta Conference, convened at Cartersville, Ga., August 11, 1903. The first two days were devoted to Sunday school and Epworth League work. The Sunday School and Epworth League Convention was called to order by President W. C. Strickland, a layman whom we were all proud to have among us. Quite a number of young people were present, making one of the most representative bodies of young people ever assembled on the Gainesville district to do Christian work. Special mention should be made of the papers discussed at this meeting, but time and space will not allow. The Sunday school superintendents' reports showed marked improvement on all lines. The League chapters were well represented. The presidents' reports showed life and growth on all lines of League work. Many of these delegates traveled over a hundred miles at their own expense. Thursday morning the district conference convened, with Dr. G. W. Arnold, D. D., in the chair. After the devotional exercises the presiding elder made a few touching remarks concerning the work we had assembled to do. The conference was organized and Rev. J. D. Lovejoy elected secretary. Upon his nomination Rev. E. R. Miller and the writer were elected assistants. After the usual preliminaries the address of welcome was delivered by Miss Alva Leach, of the Cartersville charge. Words cannot describe the welcome with which she greeted the conference and opened to us the doors to the many homes of Cartersville. The writer responded on behalf of the conference. The presiding elder's report was then read, which showed marked improvement on all lines, a gain in the benevolence of the church, and in increase in soul-saving. The pastors' reports were read and adopted. They showed an increase on all lines. We have at Gainesville, Ga., where our church was destroyed the first day of June, a splendid brick church in course of erection. Our pastor, Rev. J. D. Lovejoy, hopes to hold divine services in this new structure soon. No charges or complaints were presented against any member of the conference. Thursday night the annual sermon was preached by the writer to a large and appreciative audience of white and colored. Able sermons were preached by the pastors and visiting ministers.

Dr. J. W. E. Bowen delivered one of his best addresses, which the citizens of Cartersville will never forget. Dr. J. C. Jacobs was present and delivered one of his enthusiastic addresses to the League Convention. Distinguished ministers present were Revs. S. C. Upshaw, M. M. Alston, V. D. Jenkins, of the Griffin and Rome districts; E. H. Oliver, of the Atlanta district; A. J. Wilson, of South Atlanta charge; C. L. Johnson, of Gate City charge; J. O. Smith, of Cave Springs, Ga.; E. D. Pettie, of Carrollton, Ga.; S. A. Strickling, of Newnan, Ga.; Prof. F. M. Gorton, of Cave Springs, Ga. Brothers A. M. Wilkins, of Griffin, Ga., and A. L. Samuels of Rome, Ga., made it pleasant for the brethren. Both of these professional men delivered strong addresses before the conference. Dr. L. G. Adkinson presented the cause of Gammon Theological Seminary; President W. H. Orogman presented the cause of Clark University.

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Saturday afternoon Miss Annie E. Hall, our dearest of the Atlanta Conference, held one of the most enthusiastic Women's Home Missionary meetings we have ever attended. Quite a number of the pastors went home resolved to do more on this line than ever before.

Sunday was a high day. Many of the city pulpits were filled by our ministers. This was the end of one of the most important district conferences ever held on the district. Dr. Arnold is loved and esteemed by all in the district. They predict for him a bright future. We are all proud of him; he is one of our ablest rulers and wisest counsellors. The next session of the conference will be held at Lawrenceville, Ga.

No local preacher or exhorter license was renewed who was not a subscriber to the SOUTHWESTERN.

C. W. ADAMS, Reporter.

Darrow, La. — The seventeenth session of the Baton Rouge District conference is now the history of past achievements. It was one of the most successful and historic conferences ever held on the district in several particulars, namely: it took a new and appreciated departure by electing the writer, a lay member, its secretary by acclamation; it feasted on more tropical oratory than any of the past conferences. The venerable and loved

Duncan, Drs. Marshall, Albert, Chapman, Clement, Waters and Jones; Revs. Hamp James, Presiding Elder Butler, Sanders Carroll, H. J. Wright, T. G. Brown, Eugene Baptiste and Frank Harvey were there. Smith and Metoyer added to this magnificent flow of oratory. The leader of the Monroe District, Rev. Shallowhorne, and the warrior of the Baton Rouge District, Rev. Taylor, was present. Our invincible presiding elder conceived the idea, drew up a petition, and with a committee of ministers and distinguished visitors, accompanied by Rev. Shallowhorne, invaded the court and also the home of the mayor, and plead for the repression of crime and the enforcement of the Sunday law. The committee was given a most cordial reception, and the stores ordered closed, at least the Sunday during the sitting of the conference. Conversions reported, 138; benevolence, \$300; total monies raised during district conference, \$589.98. Too much credit cannot be given Rev. P. C. Colton and his good people, also the members of Darrow, in their entertainment of the conference. All honor to Rev. Shallowhorne and his estimable wife, who entertained the whole conference at their residence on Friday evening, in grand and elaborate style. All honor to our worthy presiding elder; may that cyclone of eloquence which swept our district conference land him over on the Pacific slope where he will be in time for a seat in the General Conference of 1904. Yours for our cause,

Jos. A. REDDIX, Conf. Secty.

The Huntsville District Conference, Epworth League Convention and Sunday School Institute met in St. James M. E. Church Tuesday morning, Aug. 11, 1903, with Presiding Elder Fortson in the chair. Many delegates were present at the opening. Devotional exercises conducted by the presiding elder. The secretary and treasurer were elected. Welcome address was delivered by the mayor of the city, Mr. T. S. Simms. Other worthy gentlemen of different denominations gave address

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es also. Rev. A. C. Culbreath and his good people were well prepared to take care of all who came. The conference is said to have been the best in the history of the district. Every pastor was present with his delegation and made splendid reports. Our visitors: Rev. W. H. Logan, of Houston; Rev. F. Gary, of Galveston; Rev. W. H. Jackson, of Navasota; Rev. O. I. Jones, President M. W. Dogan and Prof. H. B. Pemberton, of Marshall; Rev. S. M. Balden, of Hempstead, Huntsville; T. S. Simms, Mr. Gibbs, F. W. Warren, presiding elder A. M. E. Church, and J. J. Turner, of the Baptist Church. The session was largely attended. A special feature of the meeting was the Wiley University anniversary on Thursday night. President M. W. Dogan and Rev. F. Gary were the speakers. In the collections from each pastoral charge Huntsville led. Rev. J. H. Anderson and his people were all happy. Total collection during the session \$300. Sunday Rev. W. A. Fortson preached a delightful sermon and administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to 148 souls. This district conference, Sunday School Institute and Epworth League Convention will long be remembered. Presiding Elder W. A. Fortson and Mrs. S. G. Kay spoke every day in behalf of the SOUTHWESTERN. Sunday night the services were closed and all returned to their fields of labor determined to do more for the cause.

W. A. FORTSON, President.
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The Preachers' Meeting, Sunday School Institute and Epworth League Assembly of the Beaufort South Carolina Conference, which met in Zion Hill M. E. Church July 22-26, was pronounced by all as a decided success. Rev. Isaac Myers, of the Hampton charge, preached the introductory sermon. Many ministers answered at roll call. W. G. White was elected secretary, Isaac Myers, I. H. Fulton and J. L. Henderson, assistants. Reporters: *Southwestern*, L. W. Williams; *Southern Reporter*, W. G. Valentine; *Pee Dee Educator*, C. H. Harleston. The report of our accomplished presiding elder, Rev. Wm. M. Hanna, A. M., D. D., was an excellent one and it was ordered published in the *Southern Reporter*. The pastors' reports, with few exceptions, showed an advance along many lines. Hundreds of conversions were

reported and more than \$700 raised for benevolences. The business sessions were dispatched with tact and ability. Discussion: Resolved, "That the same identical body that is deposited in the ground will rise again;" affirmative, H. H. Fulton and J. L. Henderson; negative, W. G. Valentine and W. G. White. The facts presented reflected much credit upon the worthy participants. A number of very excellent papers were read. They thoroughly demonstrated the fact that the ministers of the Beaufort District are to be respected for their efficiency. A paper read on "Our duty to the cause of Missions," by L. W. Williams was ordered published in the *Pee Dee Educator*; "Triumph of Faith," by G. W. Gantt, was sent to the *Southern Reporter*. Excellent sermons were delivered during the session. Drs. I. E. Lowery, E. B. Burroughs, W. R. A. Palmer, J. E. Wilson, C. C. Jacobs and C. R. Brown. The remarks made by these eminent divines were edifying to all. Saturday the Sunday school and Epworth League delegates displayed great literary genius. The presiding officer introduced to the conference in fitting words Father Benjamin Allen, who is about 85 years old and the founder of a number of our best charges upon the district. His remarks touched our hearts and pockets and at the presiding elder's request we gave him \$5. Sunday after love-feast, which was of great spiritual force, the presiding elder preached a powerful and highly instructive sermon. The Sunday school mass meeting, led by Dr. Jacobs, was quite a success. Sunday evening at 8:30 the Rev. E. J. Curry preached the closing sermon which ended a great meeting. Rev. W. Thomas and members deserve much credit for the manner in which they cared for and entertained the conference.

L. W. WILLIAMS, Reporter.

G. H. Hatts, Metcalf, La.—Fairview M. E. Church.—Sunday, Aug. 23, we had with us our presiding elder, Rev. H. Daniels. He preached three sermons; raised \$11.30 and held our love feast at night. We had a crowded house and for 18 mourners. It seemed as though the elder brought the fire and grace of God with him. It is burning yet. Our beloved pastor with his great spiritual power is arousing the camp. Six sinners at the call of Rev. J. W. Lewis came and acknowledged Christ. The Christians are shouting; old soldiers of 30 and 35 years are stirred as never before. The school children, under Prof. D. B. Thompson, caught the happy spirit and for a while lessons had to be laid aside. So the professor joined the joyous throng and many children were happily converted.

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The Montgomery District Conference convened in Shiloh M. E. Church, Brewton, Ala., July 22-24, 1903, with the Rev. A. W. McKinney, presiding elder, in the chair. Rev. Geo. W. Lewis was re-elected secretary, Rev. L. D. Williams assistant; Rev. W. L. Davis was chosen by the conference as reporter. Many delegates were present and the session was one of the most interesting held in the history of the conference. Rev. H. N. Brown, Ep-



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worth League president of the Mobile Conference and pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Lanett, Ala., spoke in the interest of the league and preached a wonderful sermon to a large and an appreciative audience. The welcome address in behalf of the citizens was delivered by Rev. T. L. Routt, pastor of the Congregational Church; Prof. Hopkins, principal of the city school, spoke in behalf of the school; response by Rev. A. W. McKinney. The missionary sermon was delivered by Rev. L. D. Williams. Rev. S. D. Davis, of the Marion District, preached a very interesting sermon. Rev. F. F. Owen, the great church builder, brought more delegates to the conference than any other pastor. Sunday, at 11:30, the presiding elder preached an excellent sermon. W. R. Fisher and Thomas Palmer were recommended to the annual conference for admission on trial. Rev. Chuman and his good people spared no pains in making things pleasant for the delegates and visitors. All who know of Brewton's charge can say it is small, but a more loyal and up-to-date people cannot be found on the district. Brother John Scott, a local deacon of the charge, took an active part in all discussions. He is one of the leading grocery men of the town. Evergreen is the seat of the next session. A communication received from Dr. Logan, missionary field agent, asking our conference to adopt the motto of one dollar per member for the cause of mission." It was done. The finances of the district showed an advance over last year. May the Lord continue his blessings upon us.

W. L. DARIUS, Reporter.

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Bristol District Conference convened at Marion, Va., July 8. Devotional services were conducted by Presiding Elder R. A. Swan. Elder Swan has the work of the church at heart and he

and his men are pushing every interest of the church. Rev. Wm. M. Johnson preached the opening sermon, which showed thought and study on his part. F. A. Hatcher was elected secretary. The pastors were all present except one. Their reports showed the work to be in advance over those of previous years. Rev. G. G. Logan, field secretary of Missionary Society, was present. All were delighted to see and hear him. Rev. I. R. Hill and his noble people ably entertained the conference. Sunday was a great day. Able sermons were preached. When the meeting closed at night \$80 were laid on the table for the pastor's salary. Thus ended one of the most interesting and enjoyable district conferences I have ever had the pleasure to visit.

D. T. TURNER.

C. A. Taylor, Pastor, Cotton Plant, Ark.—We have just closed a successful meeting with 14 converted and added to the church. Rev. S. McDonald, of Ft. Smith and Rev. Byrd, of the Presbyterian Church, assisted us in the meeting.

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Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, B. V. Cummings, Reporter, Austin, Texas.—We have just closed a union camp-meeting, in which we had the assistance of Rev. Metlock, pastor of Simpson Mission; Rev. Chapelle, pastor of Grant's Chapel; Dr. N. J. Johnson, presiding elder of Austin district; Rev. Duncan, and our own pastor, Rev. D. C. Lacey. We have never heard the Word preached and sung with greater power and sweetness. All of the speakers were at their best and magnified the Lord in their service. The visible results, in addition to the church, 38 in number, is not what we hoped for, but God's people were greatly edified and strengthened, and we look yet for a harvest from this faithful sowing. "My word shall not return to me void."

S. A. Kelley, Pastor, Madisonville Circuit, Texas.—Our third quarterly conference was held at Wilson Chapel M. E. Church Aug. 22-23, with the Rev. L. S. Blakeney, presiding elder, in the chair. Officers were present with written reports. At 11 a. m. the elder preached. The Lord was with us. Our work is in a prosperous condition. We are preparing to build here at Wilson Chapel. Our presiding elder is just the man for the place. He was well pleased with the work accomplished. At 3 p. m. he lectured to the Junior and Senior League on all departments of the great church to which we belong. At 8 p. m. Rev. L. H. Horn preached an inspiring sermon. He is one of the old warriors. Paid the presiding elder \$17.85; raised for all purposes, \$60.60. Pray for our success. We are going to Houston with round reports.

S. Jossel, Pelahatchie, Miss.—Our third quarterly conference was held at Mt. Ridge M. E. Church Aug. 29, with Dr. J. M. Shumpert present. The brethren presented written reports, except five. They showed the work to be alive on all lines. Amount raised this quarter, \$117.95. Pastor, \$64; elder, \$22.95; for the church, \$31. In connection with the conference the church was dedicated by the elder and pastor, assisted by Rev. J. J. Jackson, a deacon. There was a grand time on the fifth Sunday. Dinner was served to all. We have closed two successful revivals—at Mt. Ridge ten conversions, at Mt. Pleasant nineteen. We had with us at Mt. Ridge the Rev. W. L. Mills, of Madison, who rendered us grand service. The sisters at Mt. Pleasant have purchased three lights for the church. This movement was led by Sister Dora Ormond, a faithful worker. Pray for our success. We have planned to send six cash subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN within three weeks.

J. W. McKenzie, Pastor, Sublime, Texas.—My third quarterly conference was held Aug. 8-9, with Rev. E. Cooper

presiding. The officers presented good reports. Fifteen dollars were raised. The presiding elder's assessment was \$10, so \$5 were paid to the pastor. The elder says the work is now in better condition than it has been for years. On Sunday at 11 a. m. the elder preached and administered sacrament to 69. Forty had been added to the church. Rev. Cooper, that Christian gentleman, is one of the old veterans that stood by his church in the dark days, and is much loved by the people whom he has served.

Printed programs are out of the twenty-fourth annual session of the East Tennessee Conference of the M. E. Church, which will be held at Morristown, Tenn., Sept. 30-Oct. 5, 1903. Rev. Bishop I. W. Joyce, D. D., will preside.

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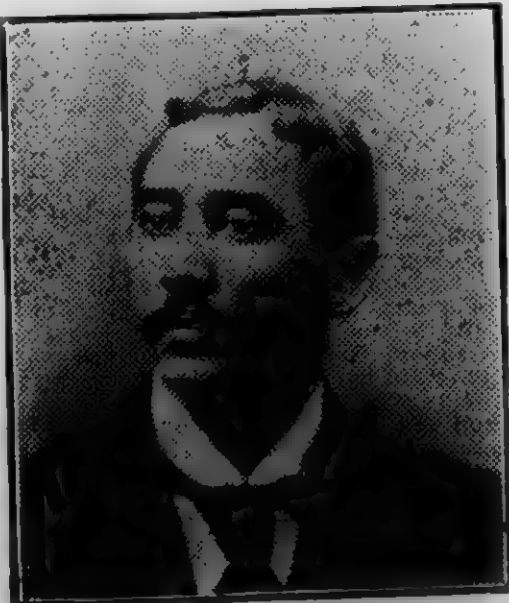
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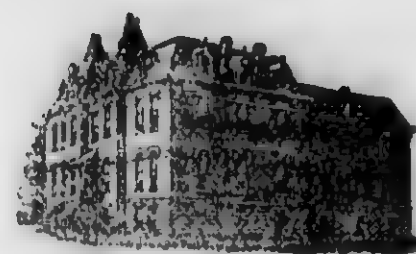
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D. P. Shaw, Pastor, Elliot Circuit, Duck Hill, Miss.—My third quarterly conference was held at Paine's Chapel M. E. Church Sept. 5-6, with Dr. N. H. Williams, presiding elder, in the chair. The reports showed the work to be alive along all lines. Dr. Williams was at his best. Our quarterly rally was a success. Raised for the day, \$50.61; total for the quarter, \$165.61. The presiding elder made a strong plea for the Southwestern and urged that the paper be helped to self-support.

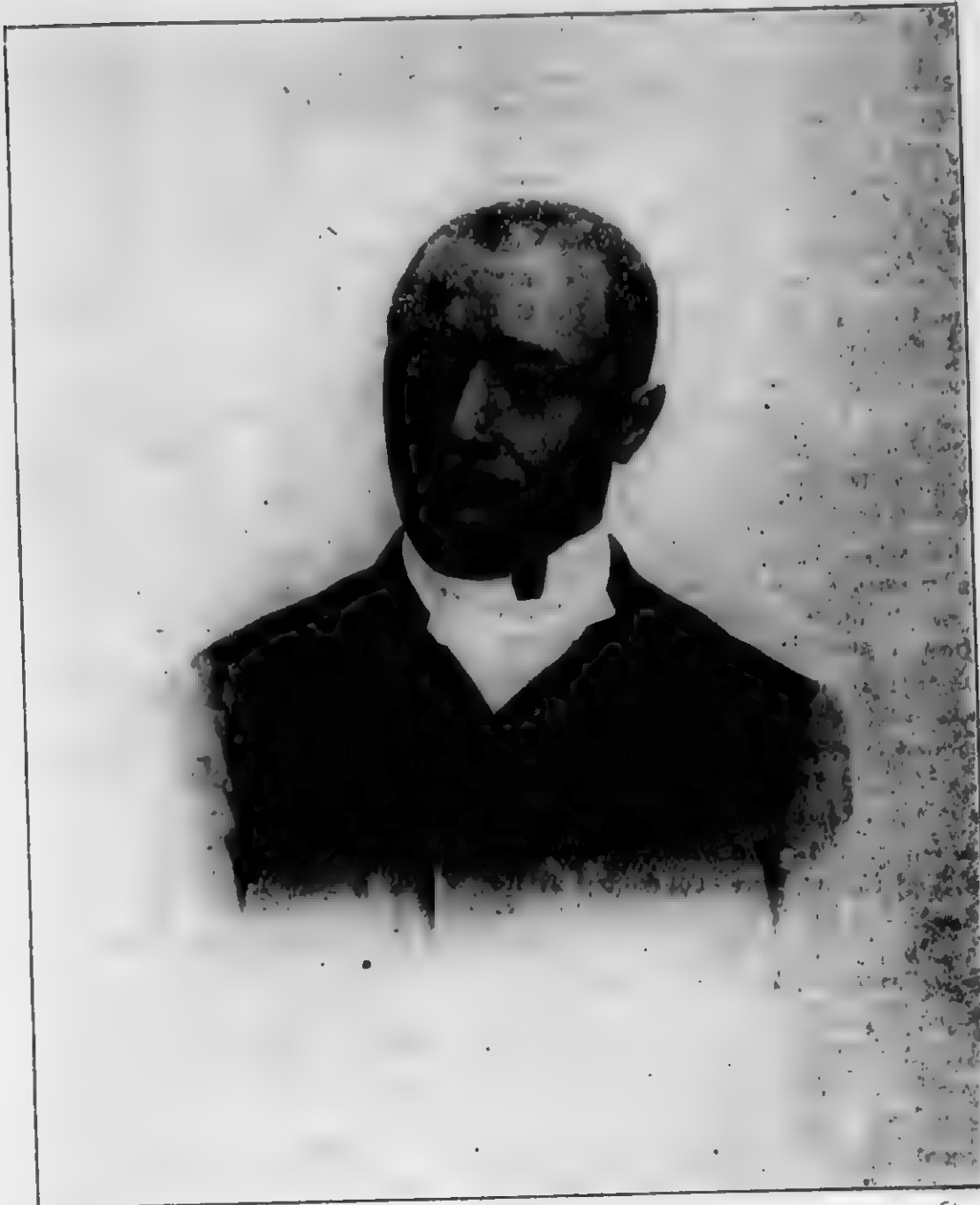
E. N. Peoples, Paris, Texas.—The fourth quarterly conference of Brookston (Tex.) Holiness Chapel convened Sept. 5-6, with the beloved presiding elder, F. Parker, D. D., in the chair. Officers were present with good reports. The presiding elder preached three inspiring sermons to the delight of all. Sixty partook of the Lord's supper. Raised for Elder Parker \$13.07. Rev. L. L. Neal, their most efficient pastor, seems to be doing all in his power to bring round reports to Houston. The grand old Southwestern is not forgotten. They are anticipating a great financial rally from the 12th to the 19th, known as a church fair.

Jessie O. Richards, Pastor, Central P. O., La.—We are working hard to get our apportioned subscribers to the Southwestern. We have had 52 converts this year and a few reclaimed. We are working hard on the new church and expect to enter it the second Sunday in September. Our new church, which is on the church extension plan, will cost about \$1,500 when completed. We are asking our friends to help us. Anything that you can do for us in this direction will be highly appreciated. Wishing you continued success, I am, yours in Christ.

R. B. Buchanan, Pastor, Sycamore, Chickasaw county, Miss, Pontocola Circuit.—Our third quarterly conference was held Sept. 4-5, with Presiding Elder W. C. Clay in the chair. Officers were present with good reports. Raised for pastor this quarter \$28.36; presiding elder, \$11. We had a good time during our revivals, having 12 conversions. The presiding elder preached two stirring sermons at the close of the meeting. Brother Hampton raised \$5.16. We are serving a good people.

J. O. Williams, Pastor, Hempstead, Texas.—Rev. J. E. Bryant held our third quarterly conference Aug. 28-30. Raised \$35. Paid presiding elder in full. A great number partook of the Lord's supper. Had a great revival, with 25 conversions and 29 additions. At the request of the presiding elder the large congregation, composed of Methodists and Baptists, voted unanimously for the return of the pastor for the fifth year.

N. R. Clay, Holly Springs, Miss.—We have just closed one among the greatest revivals in Asbury; 35 souls were converted and the majority of them added to our church, which is greatly revived; the indifference removed and the spiritual life of the church lifted to a very high plane. We are now looking eagerly forward to the reopening of Rust University.



REV. J. H. BLAKE,
Pastor of St. Mark's M. E. Church, Montclair, N. J., at whose church the Preachers' Meeting of the Philadelphia District, Delaware Conference, is to hold its session.

PROGRAMME PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT PREACHERS' MEETING.

To convene in St. Marks M. E. Church, Mt. Clair, N. J., Tuesday, October 6, 10.30 a. m. Devotions, Rev. A. S. Amos, of New York.

Historical Department—Devotions, Rev. C. E. Davis, Burlington, N. J.; Paper, "To what extent has the Negro contributed to the Missionary Propaganda of the Age," Rev. E. E. Parker, Camden, N. J.; Paper, "The History of the Negro in the M. E. Church," Rev. J. E. Gumby, B. D., Chester, Pa.; Paper, "The Influence of Wesley on Civilization," Rev. J. H. Scott, D. D., Chester, Pa.; After Song Service; Address of Welcome at evening session by Rev. J. H. Blake, Mt. Clair, N. J.; Address in behalf of citizens, Mr. Wallace W. Weeks; Response, Rev. W. S. Brown, Salem, N. J.; Address on behalf of Clergy, Rev. A. H. Bradford, D. D., pastor of Congregational Church, Mt. Clair, N. J.; Response, Rev. W. F. Cotton, A. M. S. T. B., Germantown, Pa.; Address on behalf of Church, Rev. J. T. Dobbins, D. D., pastor M. E. Church, Mt. Clair; Response, Rev. W. J. Moore, Magnolia, N. J. Note: The music for this service to be furnished by choir of St. Marks M. E. Church, New York.

SECOND DAY.

Theological Department—Devotions, Rev. I. D. Pitts, Mt. Holly, N. J.; Paper, "The Relation of Science to Religion," Rev. D. H. Hargis, Philadelphia, Pa.; Paper, "The Manhood of Christ," Rev. M. C. Jennings, A. B. B. D., New Haven, Conn.; Paper, "Evidences necessary for Identification in Heaven," Rev. S. S. Jolly, A. M., Atlantic City; Roll Call and reports of pastors.

Church Polity—Devotions, Rev. W. C. Dickerson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Paper, "Would the adoption of a proposed Merrill Amendment be a sacrifice of principle?" Rev. D. D. Turpeau, Hudson, N. Y.; Paper, "What is the best method to develop the Northern work

in the Delaware Conference?" Rev. C. W. Pullet, Orange, N. J.; Paper, "Should there be a consolidation of the Book Concern?" Rev. H. A. Monroe, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Presentation of work on District by A. R. Shockley, presiding elder; Song service, Rev. J. C. Love, Baptist Church, Mt. Clair, N. J.; Sermon, Rev. W. T. Hemsley, Philadelphia, Pa.; Reception of Fraternal Delegates, Response, Rev. F. C. Wright, Cape May, N. J. Note: Music for this service to be furnished by choir of Newman Memorial Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

THIRD DAY.

Ethical Department—Devotions, Rev. T. M. Hubbard, Frankford, Pa.; Paper, "Is the Theatre a nuisance to Public Morals?" Rev. J. W. King, A. B., B. D., Bridgeton, N. J.; Paper, "The Moral Demands upon a Minister," Rev. John Parker; Paper, "The Ethics of Systematic Giving," Rev. Joseph "The Moral Responsibility of Consecration among our Young People," Rev. C. E. Winston, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Educational Department—Devotions, Rev. Frederick Cullen, New York; Paper, "The Physic Foundations of Education," Rev. J. C. Dunn, Salem, N. J.; Address, "Education, Methods and Aims," Prof. W. C. Jason, Pres. of Del. State College for Colored Students, Dover, Del.; Address, "What can be done to increase an interest in Educational Work?" Prof. Frank Jenkins, A. B., Staten Island; Paper, Trigg, Principal Princess Anne Academy, Princess Anne, Md.; Song Service, Rev. Solomon Hammond, Bridgeton, N. J.; Sermon, Rev. C. A. Trindley, Philadelphia, Pa.; Resolutions, Collection, Announcements, etc. Note: Music for this service to be furnished by the choir of St. Johns M. E. Church, Newark, N. J. and St. Johns M. E. Church, Orange, N. J.

A cordial invitation is extended to the presiding elders and pastors from other districts of this conference to

be present and participate in the discussions.

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N. M. Crawford, Pastor, Sherrill Ford, N. C.—Our camp meeting at Motts' Grove camp-ground continued through five days and nights. The officers and members say it was the best meeting they have had for years. Ministers who have been attending these annual meetings for 30 years say the same. The very presence of the divine Spirit was felt among us from beginning to end. Many Christians here have been spiritually strengthened. Twenty persons were converted. A goodly number have joined the church. The fire is yet burning. We had with us the Revs. I. Wells, presiding elder of the Wilmington district; M. M. Jones, of the Western district; G. W. Brower, J. C. Addie, R. D. Bethehea and C. C. Jacobs, D. D., field agent of the Sunday School Union. He rendered us good service and left a great impression upon the people. We gave him \$10 for his cause. Our fourth quarterly conference was held in connection with the camp meeting. The officers were all present with good reports. The work done showed a good improvement. The district steward settled with our presiding elder for the year. Raised during the quarter for all purposes \$225. May God be praised.

The fifth session of the Epworth League Convention of the Starkville District was held August 26-27 at Eupora, Miss., M. E. Church, and was called to order by the President, G. P. Childress, who presided ably. Stirring sermons were preached by Revs. A. D. Sherman, W. T. Wright and G. W. Baker. The presiding elder, Thomas W. Davis, D. D., gave a grand lecture on Wednesday. Several distinguished brethren of the Baptist Church were introduced to the convention and spoke encouraging words. A good collection was raised. The convention is said to have been the best ever held on the Starkville District. Everybody seemed to have been spiritually alive. Rev. B. H. S. Ferguson, pastor of Greenwood, Miss., made a wonderful address and installed the following officers: Prof. G. P. Childress, president; Mrs. Mary Hubbard, first vice president; Miss A. D. Troutmon, second vice; Mrs. Callie D. Mallet, third vice; Miss Alice Edwards, fourth vice; Julia C. Knox, secretary; Miss Leanna Davis, treasurer; Mrs. P. L. Bullock, organist; Mr. W. H. Hawthorn, Junior president; Mr. A. W. Marshall, corresponding secretary. The Starkville District is looking forward to much success, with its great leader, Thomas W. Davis, D. D. May God bless him.

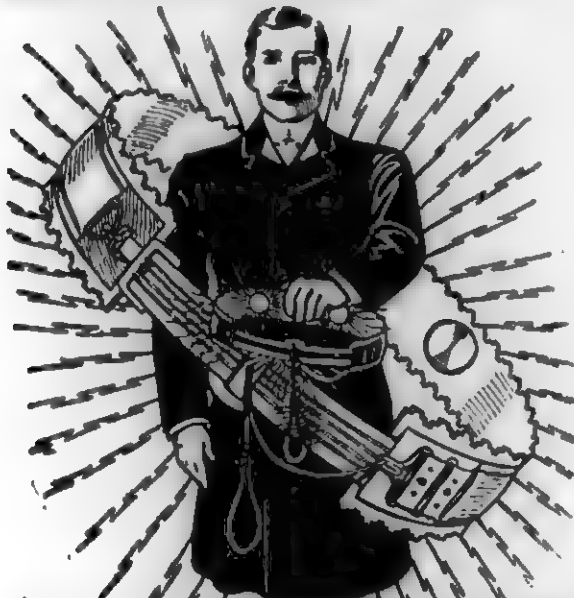
JULIA C. KNOX, Reporter.

J. A. Vincent, Pastor, Baldwin, La.—On the evening of Aug. 31 a surprise came to the parsonage, led by Mrs. Emaline Johnson, Mrs. Elisa Jackson, Peggy Richard and Brother Willie Johnson and other members. Numbers of pounds of choice groceries were presented the pastor, and the many friends were thanked for their kindness. We hope they will call again soon.

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M. C. Cavenes, Pastor, Dallas and St. Paul, Dallas Tex.—Our August revival closed Sunday night, Aug. 30, with 24 converts, 34 accessions and \$2.20 raised for all purposes. Dr. G. G. Logan lectured during the meeting. Rev. F. L. Kirkpatrick, of Ft. Worth, Tex., rendered very valuable assistance during the meeting. Pray for our continued success.

G. H. Lennon, Pastor, LaGrange Circuit, La Grange, Ga.—Just preceding our district conference we received into the church at Louise Chapel 11 young men and women. On our return from the conference we engaged in a series of meetings which resulted in a glorious revival and 23 precious souls were happily converted and united to the church. We are praying that the revival fire may continue. The stewardesses at Louise Chapel have furnished the pulpit with a new carpet and a handsome set of chairs. The Lord bless these faithful workers.

The Epworth League and Sunday School Convention of the Gainesville District (Atlanta) Conference met at Cartersville M. E. Church Aug. 11-12, with Prof. W. C. Strickland, district president, in the chair. A reporter was elected and the president introduced Mr. Robert Griffith, who extended to the convention a cordial welcome in behalf of the people of Cartersville, which was responded to by Mr. P. L.

Green. The first day was devoted entirely to the discussion of plans and questions pertaining to Epworth League work. Several very interesting papers were read and the subjects of absent delegates were given the house for open discussion. Visitors introduced the first day were Rev. Dr. C. C. Jacobs, eastern agent of the Sunday School Union, and Rev. Dr. Latimer, pastor of First Baptist Church of Cartersville. Tuesday evening at 8:30 the large audience was well entertained by Rev. J. P. Wragg, agent of the American Bible Society, and Prof. L. J. Price, president of the Lay Members' Association of the Atlanta Conference. Both delivered very able addresses. Wednesday morning devotional exercise. The day was given to Sunday school work, many interesting papers were read. Dr. Jacobs delivered a very helpful address on "A Model Sunday School and its Equipments." A Sunday School Institute was conducted by Rev. S. C. Upshaw, Sunday school tract agent of the Atlanta Conference. Wednesday afternoon discussions of Sunday school subjects were completed and reports of district league officers received. They showed that the officers had been active in pushing forward the work. Officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Prof. W. C. Strickland; 1st vice, Miss Alva D. Leake; 2nd vice, Miss Luessa Freeman; 3rd vice, Mr. P. L. Green; 4th vice, Mr. A. A. Roseboro; recording secretary, Mrs. R. A. R. Johnson; corresponding secretary, Mr. B. A. Johnson; Junior superintendent, Mrs. D. C. Richardson; treasurer, Miss Mittie Brown; executive committee, presiding elder, chairman; Mr. Robert Griffith, Mr. Henry Gholston. Wednesday evening at 8:30, closing exercise of the convention. The president introduced Presiding Elder, Rev. G. W. Arnold, D. D., who in very choice and appropriate words introduced Prof. J. W. E. Bowen, D. D., who for more than an hour swayed the large audience with his eloquence and logic. His subject was "Three Feet Make a Yard." He plainly showed that if the Negro is to become great he must do so by the same process of all others who have become great.

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New Iberia, La.—United for life, Sept. 7th, at the home of the bride, Mr. Bernard Hypolite and Miss Leolide Charla.

Sept. 16th, at St. James M. E. church, in the presence of a host of friends, under a beautifully decorated

arch and bell, Mr. Ivery Green and Miss Missie Louis were married.

Sept. 21st, at the parsonage, Mr. Peter A. Stanford and Miss Maggie Turpean were united in holy wedlock. May theirs be a peaceful journey through life. T. A. Brown officiated.

Shreveport, La.—At the residence of the groom's parents, 245 Christian St., Mr. Wilburn Blockman and Mrs. Serrelba Thurman, of Longview, Tex. Rev. H. J. Wright, pastor of St. Paul M. E. church, officiating. We wish them a safe voyage through life.

THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY

Cotton Plant, Ark.—Sister Georgia A. Mason, a member of the Baptist church, died at her home on Gumflat St., Sept. 15th, aged 26 years. She leaves a mother, four brothers, one sister, husband and two children. C. A. Taylor, pastor of the M. E. church at Cotton Plant, officiated.

Luling, Tex.—The death angel came on the 4th inst. at 11:30 a. m., and carried Sister Amelia Huff into the great beyond. She died in full faith and joy. She had lived a faithful member of Wm. Taylor Chapel M. E. church twenty-eight years. She was 51 years of age; leaves one daughter and a host of relatives and friends mourn their loss, which is heaven's gain. Her funeral was conducted by the pastor, J. W. Stone.

Crystal Springs, Miss.—Sister Mattie Brown was reclaimed for Christ and returned to the church Saturday, Sept. 5th. She soon fell in death, and was buried Tuesday, Sept. 7th.

Sister Nancy Lloyd departed this life Wednesday, Sept. 8th, and before her remains could be interred on the 9th, her husband, David Lloyd, joined her in spirit. Both were loyal members of our church. A. M. Trotter.

Greenville, Miss.—Robert Boatner, a faithful member and local preacher of the Revels Memorial M. E. church, died Sept. 12th, and was buried Sept. 14th. He died as he lived, in full faith. He was a young man just in the prime of life. We can but say:

Rest from thy labor, rest,
Soul of the just set free.
Blest be thy memory, and blest
Thy bright example be.

J. M. WALTON, P. C.

Abbeville, Miss.—Sister Ann Turner, a faithful member of Providence church for twenty-nine years, departed this life Sept. 14th, 1903. She leaves a husband, seven children, many grandchildren and a host of friends. Her last words to her baby daughter, when asked why she waved her hands, were: "I am clearing the way for you." The service was attended by the pastor, J. C. McGee.

Austin Circuit, Texas.—Early in the morning of Sept. 7th death came in our midst and took away Father Newton Collins. He was born in 1820. He leaves four daughters, three sons and forty-two grandchildren. Rev. Jas. Hutchinson conducted the service. Hattie Alexander.

Wesley Chapel, Wilson, La.—Sister



Physicians are calling attention to the fact that influenza or grip has come to stay. In the larger cities there has been a marked increase in diseases affecting the organs of respiration, which increase is attributed to the prevalence of influenza. Persons who are recovering from grip or influenza are in a weak condition and peculiarly liable to pulmonary disease.

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Alsey Monroe, the beloved wife of Father Monroe, died Thursday, Sept. 10th, in full hope of eternal life. She said to her pastor: "I started about forty years ago to make it to the city. Sister Monroe was 70 odd years old. She leaves a husband, three sons and one daughter to mourn her departure. She was laid to rest Saturday, Sept. 12th, by her pastor, assisted by the Rev. S. Bell, of Asbury M. E. church. A. B. HARRIS, Pastor.

Verdinville, La.—Sister Sarah He nandez, a faithful member of Fitzgerald M. E. church, departed this life Sept. 18th, 1903, in the full assurance of faith. She was ready and willing to go. Our loss is heaven's gain. She leaves a husband, two children, mother, sisters, brothers, and a host of friends. Rev. J. D. Pool, of Franklin, assisted the pastor in conducting the funeral. G. J. ROGERS.

St. Mark's M. E. church, New York.—Mrs. Mary E. Brown, formerly New Orleans, who occupied a floor our parsonage and was a constant reader of the SOUTHWESTERN, passed in the heavens the evening of the 16th. She was a good woman and greatly loved. W. H. BROOKS, Pastor.

St. Martinsville, La.—S. A. Trus Jr., aged 20 years, died Sept. 22, 1903, at 10 a. m. He was converted just before his death. A father, mother, four sisters and brothers mourn the loss. The family are all members of our church. Brother James Trus is one of our local preachers. J. H. PIERRE, Pastor.

Albert Chapel, Zachary, La.—On Sunday, Sept. 19th, at 3 p. m., Sister Callieann Johnson, aged 17 years, daughter of Sister R. Marbles, died.

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asleep in Jesus. Her last words were: "I am going home to rest." A father, mother, one sister, two brothers, and other relatives and friends are bereaved. She was buried in the public cemetery, Sunday, Sept. 20th, at 2 p. m. Brothers G. Washington and J. T. Harrell assisted the pastor, E. H. Clark.

Slidell, La.—Sister Jeanette Crandle, born November 11, 1871, confessed Christ in 1890, joined the M. E. church, and lived a faithful Christian until her death, which occurred Sept. 19th, 1903. She leaves a husband, eight children, four sisters and one brother. "I want you all to meet me in heaven," were her parting words. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. H. Dowry.

Port Allen, La.—Mr. Olarsker Manderpoll departed this life Sept. 2, 1903. He leaves a father, mother, two brothers and three sisters and a host of friends to mourn their loss. The Rev. B. J. Reddix, pastor of St. Mark, Baton Rouge, and A. Hasher, pastor of the Baptist church, conducted the funeral service. Our loss is heaven's gain.

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The response to our call for back numbers has been generous indeed. We now have all we desire for the dates in 1902. A few more of April 18, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12, 1901, are still desired.

CRESCENT CITY NOTES

Mrs. E. A. Thomas, a member of the City Mission M. E. Church, who has been quite ill, is now, we learn, improving.

Mrs. L. B. Bertrand, a prominent member and an official of Mt. Zion Church, this city, called at the office on business.

Dear Brethren: Rev. D. S. Smith, pastor of the City Mission, is in the midst of a revival meeting. He asks for your assistance.

Miss Ethel Davis, a popular young lady of Alexandria, La., is in the city spending a few weeks with Miss I. B. Butler, at 1924 Sixth street.

Mr. Layth Gurley and Miss Laura Conway were united in holy matrimony at the residence of the bride's parents, Sept. 19th, by Rev. Dr. B. M. Hubbard.

Rev. Geo. A. Payne, pastor at Pleasant Plains M. E. Church, left the city last week to attend the camp meeting at Woodside, La. Mrs. Payne returned recently from a visit to Patterson, Berwick and Morgan City, La.

At Wesley Chapel, Sunday, Sept. 27, the Tabernacle's annual sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. T. J. Johnson. Collection from the congregation, \$11.66; the Tabernacle, \$4.10; total, \$15.76.

Miss Katy Cook, of Vurdenville, La., is spending a while with her aunt, Mrs. Vining, of Carrollton. Dame rumor has it, that she will join the ministerial ranks soon with a New Orleans District preacher.

COTTON.

During last week there was a slight fall in the price of cotton, but on Monday of this week the price enhanced, owing to reports of a decrease in the Texas crop. Middling sold in New Orleans on Monday for 9%. Good judges estimate this year's crop at slightly less than last year, which if it proves true continued good prices will prevail.

FIRST STREET'S PASTOR POUNDED.

The members and friends of First Street M. E. Church, this city, pounded the pastor, Rev. J. A. Tircuit. The night of September 21st, the pastor and his good family were routed by this crowd about 11 o'clock. It was led by the ponderous presiding elder of the South New Orleans District, Rev. W. R. Butler. The following are some of the articles presented by the Conference Daughters, King's Daughters, Steward Sisters, the Invincible Club, and many friends: a parlor lamp, willow rocker, chinaware, kitchen utensils, table cloth, quilt, half-barrel of flour, groceries, several large cakes, shirts, collars, handkerchiefs, hosiery and a purse of money. After refreshments were served and congratulations extended all left for home.

NOTICE.

Gray, La.—The New Orleans South District Preachers' Meeting will convene at Vurdenville, La., October 7th. Every pastor of the district is requested to be present. By order of the president, E. Baptiste. F. D. Bowers, secretary.

Mr. John Burroughs is to contribute to *The Century* for 1904 a number of articles on "Current Misconceptions in Natural History," giving his views as to what he believes to be errors of observation, record, or deduction on the part of contemporary writers on nature subjects.

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Mr. William Robinson, of 2427 Iberville street, visited relatives in Mobile, Ala., last week.

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Editorial Notes

"Make every occasion a great occasion—a great occasion—for you can never tell who may be taking your measure for a higher place."

A prominent Southern daily paper says: "The Democratic party can never win on 'vengeance' politics." That party seems to think that in some of the States it can win on no other.

"The Saloon would abolish the Church if it could," says Prof. Samuel Dickie, "and the Church could abolish the Saloon if it would." May the day soon come when it will.

Those who helped did well during our SOUTHWESTERN week, but my, how much better report we would have if you had done your part. Be sure to let us hear from you before the close of the month.

Say what you will, but we notice that women are being chosen lay delegates to the next General Conference right along. It looks as tho there will be a dozen or more before it ends. Well, that is their right and no one has a right to object, for they are chosen by the votes of the men.

The school authorities of Biloxi, Miss., according to reports published in the daily papers, are having quite a serious time separating the children supposed to be colored from those supposed to be white. This, as it seems to us, is a grave reflection on both races. Evidently the white man is such an expert counterfeiter that he does not know the spurious from the genuine. This city has had a similar trouble and we learn it is not ended yet.

The most rabid of the Southern papers are opposed to any statesman of this section introducing a measure in the congress of the United States looking to the repeal of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments. They take this position not because they oppose their repeal but because they fear that should the attempt be made by a southern man it may be regarded a sectional movement. This is indeed a shrewd movement, but our judgment is that the animal's identity will be discovered, no matter what kind of skin he may wear.

Somehow, we do not believe that the true solution of the race question lies in the intermarriage of Negroes and whites, notwithstanding the assertion to this effect by Mr. John Alexander Dowie, of Chicago, who claims to be a prophet. We believe the true solution of the race question as it concerns the two races mentioned lies along the line of each recognizing the rights of the other and an impartial enforcement of the laws of the land. So far as the mixing of the races is concerned there is enough of that being done already. We believe the Negro race has a future and we desire to see it wrought out and also to do our part in bringing it about.

Success in the Ministry

"I want success," says the pastor who is trying every method, good or questionable, he can think of to raise money in his church work. Continuing he says: "A man is nothing without success." Well, in a sense he is right. But after all it depends on what is termed success. What may be termed success in some lines of business is not success in others. The fact is it depends very much on the object one has in view. Nothing is success to the speculator unless he is realizing largely on his business ventures. His object is making money. Say all the nice things you wish to the politician, but he wants votes; his object is to get the backing of the people and nothing is success with him unless this is accomplished. Now then, what is the minister's object? Is he accomplishing that for which he is in the ministry? Not only so, but is he doing so by such means as will not in the end prove injurious to his cause?—by such means as will destroy the good that might otherwise be effected? In this connection it must also be admitted that what would be considered success by one minister may not be so considered by another, tho all are supposed to be, and really are engaged in the same kind of work. The difference may grow out of the particular object in mind at the time and then it may be the result of the difference in their mental constitution. If it be the former it is only temporary and that is hardly sufficient to affect the general purpose of a life. As to the latter we think there is no doubt that some men are so constituted that when they fix their mind on some one particular line of thought or procedure it becomes a part of them so to speak and they lose sight of all else. And being so much absorbed in the accomplishment of the particular end in view, no matter what else may be brought about as the result of their labors they have not succeeded till their principal object be attained. Thus in doing church work one man is absorbed in the salvation of men and the upbuilding of his membership; to him no matter what is accomplished he has not succeeded till this is done. Another may think of nothing but raising money and he does not feel that he is succeeding unless this is done. Now to our mind they both do themselves and their cause an injustice. While the first consideration of every church should be the salvation of souls, yet it is necessary that its financial interests be properly looked after and success is not attained unless this is carried forward with its spiritual life. On the other hand, a church should not be allowed to "go to seed" financially. That is to say, it should not be permitted to develop into a financial machine, simply a money getting establishment, making it appear that this is the principal purpose for its existence. We do not believe that either mode here referred to indicates real success—the highest success. The church has both its spiritual and its secular interests and neither must be neglected. Still as weak as that man may be considered who

neglects the temporal affairs because of his absorption in the spiritual, it must be admitted that the world has far more respect for him than for that one who seems to have forgotten all else in his anxiety to get money. True success then, according to our mind, means the carrying forward and properly looking after every interest of the church. Specialists may be needed at stated times but the evenly balanced, well rounded man does most for the cause of Christ.

The Presbyterians Do Not Favor Separation.

A committee appointed to consider the question has voted against any division of the membership of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America on the color-line. There are 15,000 Negro members in the church and one of the questions which the committee was called upon to consider is that of setting them apart as a distinct organization. According to the reports of the secular press, in their recent session at St. Louis, Mo., they not only voted against this but oppose the enactment of any class legislation, or other designation of the race in the enactments of the church. The chairman of the sub-committee, Rev. Dr. S. J. Nicolls, is represented as stating the case thus: "While final action as to the report was not taken, this much was developed in the conference of the committee: (1) No favor will be given to a separate church idea; (2) no recommendation will be adopted pushing the colored people out of the church; (3) no legislation discriminating against any race or color."

"Revolutions Never Go Backward"

Under the heading of "Race Prejudice," which it greatly deplores, the *Philadelphia Methodist*, Dr. S. W. Thomas, editor, publishes a timely and sensible editorial in its issue of the 26th ult. We should be pleased to reproduce it in full, but find room only for the closing paragraph, which is as follows:

"The most strenuous effort is being made to remove the 14th and 15th amendments. Revolutions never go backward—those amendments are in our Constitution to stay. Of course, every conceivable means is being employed to evade or neutralize them. We deprecate the action of several states which abridges the rights of the colored man to vote, for if you take away this right, manly men will not, if they can get away, stay in such a territory. The natural home of the Negro is in the Southland, his opportunities for making a living are greater, but his moral and intellectual training is not greatly to his advantage. The people in the South need the labor of the colored man, and as a rule they are not hostile to him, except when there is claimed for him or by him equality—socially, and before the law. He will be treated as an inferior in both these respects, but there will come a time, when he is owner of property, when he ranks in intelligence with the better classes, and morally with the best. Then right living and right doing will harmonize both parties and he will be recognized or abandon the country."

Our Contributors

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Pearls of truth in ev'ry line,
Jewels, too, in lustre shine,
'Tis with peace and pleasure fraught,
Bringing evil things to naught.

'Tis more precious, we are told,
Than the diamond or gold,
More than rubies 'tis adored—
Wisdom of the Savior, Lord.

'Tis a mine of precious gems,
Greater far than diadems,
Ev'ry gem abounds in love,
Fit for crowns in heav'n above.

Love the Bible, gentle youth,
Dive and find the "pearls of truth,"
Treasure thus the life divine,
Make the precious blessings thine.

Age should hearken to its voice,
And in wisdom make a choice,
Keep it hidden in the heart,
From its precepts never part.

To thy path it brings a light,
One that guides thy steps aright,
Bids the darkness turn to day,
Drives the dreary night away.

It was tried by wicked hands,
But against the world it stands,
All through time it still shall be,
And throughout eternity.

Orangeburg, S. C.

MRS. L. A. J. MOORE.

The Relation of the American Negro to the Evangelization of Africa

BY MISS H. H. BEASON.

In the Eastern Hemisphere there is a large body of land rising high above the sea level, second in size of the continents on the globe with a maximum width of four thousand six hundred miles, and an estimated area of eleven million, three hundred and sixty thousand square miles; this plateau is called Africa. It contains rich and valuable gold, iron, copper and coal mines, also rich diamond fields. Salt is also found everywhere plentifully. Animals of various kinds, many of which yield abundant profit to the continent, as well as many delicious fruits are found here. Yet, on account of the little progress, the ignorance and superstition of the inhabitants, Africa is called the Dark Continent. In nearly every section of Africa the inhabitants are heathens. In the interior they are barbarous and uncivilized. Slavery exists in most parts, the tribes in the central part are continually warring one with the other, and indulge in all manner of heathen practices and customs.

For twenty years Christian nations have talked of, and prayed for this continent, and nearly all evangelical churches have sent missionaries to Africa. Yet, today nearly two-thirds of the natives are heathen.

The questions arise, what must be done to evangelize Africa? and, what part should the American Negro take in the evangelization?

Africa has twice as many inhabitants as North America, and two-thirds of them belong to the African or Negro race. The natives are not civilized. Explorers tell us that in the interior idolatry and cannibalism abound; that an old king, to appease his anger, will have hundreds of men, women and children slain. Why this state of affairs when the earliest civilization dates back to this continent? What must be done?

In the year 1620 there landed at Jamestown, Va., a Dutch vessel with twenty native Africans, who were sold into slavery. Thus, slavery began in America and the trade was carried on between America and Africa with considerable vigor until 1776, when the Continental Congress resolved that no more slaves should be imported. Yet, slavery continued to exist in this country for nearly three centuries. Men, women and children were bought, sold, subjected to all manner of cruelties, prohibited from obtaining an education, until other countries and nations condemned these atrocities, and the Negro himself began to make an effort to gain liberty.

From the small number that landed at Jamestown, the Negro race increased until, when that wonderful proclamation of Abraham Lincoln went forth, there were four millions set free, and today, in the United States there are eight million people known as colored or American Negroes. Though the direct descendants of the Africans, they differ greatly from them in manner, habits and customs. The American Negro has made rapid progress notwithstanding the opposition and prejudice to which he is subjected, and is steadily advancing in all the pursuits of life. In thirty years, from a state of barbarism, superstition, ignorance, degradation and crime, he has risen, until today colored men have filled all the positions of honor and worth in this country except that of Cabinet officers and President of the United States. They have come from the cotton plantation up! up! to that of teachers, professors of colleges, Representatives and Senators of the United States. Today the American Negro is advancing in business, industrial pursuits, rare arts as well as in politics. Still, the masses of them are in ignorance and poverty and are despised by the dominant race. Why is this? we ask. Will the Negro ever get his rights in this country?

We have pondered over these questions and we answer them with the old maxim that, "A river never rises higher than its source." The masses of the Negro race in America will not rise to the point of intelligence, industry and thrift that a few of the race have attained, until the inhabitants of the interior of Africa have been taught civilization and have accepted Christianity. The colored man of this country is the direct descendant of the African. In Africa at the present time barbarism, superstition, slavery, heathenism and idolatry reign supreme, notwithstanding the fact that missionaries have gone there from all parts of the world, and mission fields of all denominations have been established.

In order that the American Negro attain the highest standard in every respect, Africa must be evangelized. It must be brought to Christ. Its resources and wealth must be used for the glory of God. And it is the American Negro that must bring about this evangelization.

Explorers say that the natives of the interior will not allow a white man within their villages; and this is the part that must be saved, with its vast sources of wealth. If Christianized, this

continent will become a great power in the world. * * *

The leading journals and magazines give us graphic accounts of the condition of affairs and thrilling stories of the Boers treatment of the natives, their hardships and cruelties. Yet, England's contention is not to better the condition of the natives; not their temporal, educational and spiritual uplift, but to get control of and hold that region and its vast wealth. This condition in itself makes it all the more necessary for the American Negro to take part in the evangelization of Africa.

In the universe all things are arranged by God for a purpose; while we look upon the introduction of slavery on this hemisphere as a curse, yet, in the providence of God, it may have been to serve His noblest purpose. We do not advocate emigration to Africa, but it is the American Negro of resolute will, great physical strength, deep resource, educated mind and consecrated heart that God wants and intends shall go to that continent and carry these attributes—science, industry, thrift, also the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ, which he has obtained and learned in this country.

The Negro of America should hold regular meetings of prayer for Africa; should send and give their dollars; should support missionaries in this field; should establish missions in the interior. Some of the especially gifted, talented, consecrated men and women of the race should be willing to sacrifice every interest and go to this dark continent to teach, pray, preach and do all their hands find to do.

One of the Methodist Episcopal bishops tells us that nothing inspires the natives as much as the missionaries of color. He stated that Rev. Dr. Camphor, a resident of one of the Southern States, has accomplished more for the betterment of the natives than Bishop Taylor could do in all the years of earnest toil he gave that continent. Also, that an operation performed by a colored female doctor was more inspiring to the natives than if they had witnessed the same performed by a hundred white physicians. To some it may seem unreasonable to sacrifice the best men and women of the race, but the Scriptures teach that God wants the best people to do his work. It was Paul, the most learned man of his day, God selected to preach the Gospel to the Greeks, because he was able to cope with them and answer all their questions. In order that Africa shall be evangelized, the best men and women of the race must go to Africa, inspire confidence in the natives, instruct them in the doctrines of Christ, also teach them how to govern and control themselves, carry on trade and exchange friendly relations with other countries, so that the wealth of that country might become a power in the world.

Christ died to make man holy; man has died to make him free. Let the American Negro be willing to die, if need be, to make Africa a Christian country; to break down prejudice in this country and help to lift up fallen humanity everywhere. Thus showing to the world that not only does the Anglo-Saxon race stand for carrying peace, Christianity and industry everywhere; but in the coming century the American Negro will stand for overthrowing Buddhism, Mohammedanism, and establishing Christianity throughout Africa. Let the watchword of every American Negro be, "Christ for Africa, and Africa for Christ."

Contrast the condition of Africa at the present

time with that of America when the Pilgrim Fathers landed on Plymouth Rock. The condition of Africa is far superior to that of our country at that time. But, notice the advancement made in this country during these years. What was the Indian's hunting ground then, where they chased the buffaloes and deer is adorned now with schools, colleges, academies, churches, hospitals and asylums. The great forests have been cleared away and factories, machine shops and great business houses have been erected. Our country has so increased in political, business and educational enterprises, until today she ranks as the foremost country of the world, and stands as a monument for liberty, justice and humanity.

Africa has the intellect and the wealth. All she needs is to have these elements properly developed. This can only be accomplished by the American Negro of intelligence. The white man would only establish a government for him. He would take his prejudice with him, thereby doing harm. Twenty or thirty of such American Negroes as described, going to Africa and laboring zealously, the next century will find that the great desert has disappeared and its place filled by fertile fields. The jungles will become the grounds for universities, colleges and academies. The boy of Africa, besides being taught all the branches of learning, will have access to trade and mechanical schools. This, with the mind well developed, the hand skillfully trained and heart consecrated, the institutions of learning in Africa will excel all other like institutions of the world. Its mineral products will be vaster than any other country has ever produced. It will not be said that Ethiopia *shall* stretch forth her hand, but that Ethiopia *has* stretched forth her hands; that she has erected her monuments and all the world has heard the fame thereof and bows in submission to that great continent—Africa.

Washington, D. C.

Two Great Storm Centres

REV. T. COTTON.

I remember listening a few years ago to John G. Woolley in one of his earnest, somewhat sensational speeches; one sentence struck me forcibly. "These are tremendous times," said the orator, and the declaration receives cumulative confirmation in these more recent days. The labor movement has advanced beyond the domain of reason, compromise, or settlement by negotiation. However these may figure in the agitation, the movement is evidently under the control of those leaders, who are least responsive to reason, and the appeals of true American citizens, the defenders and preservers of law and order. This is but the repetition of history; the French revolution will remain an impressive object lesson for the study of the Christian and true patriot through all time. The first leaders and actors in that fearful drama went down before the relentless fury of what Ruskin terms "A barbarian wolfpack," and this seems to be the drift of the present conflict between labor and capital: to ravage communities and destroy civilization itself.

But it is chiefly on what is known as the *Negro Problem* that I desire to offer a few words. This question seems to be a storm center, which thickens and grows darker day by day; the cloud is not confined to the southern sky, but casts its baleful, ominous shadow on every port of our national domain. Have I any remedy to suggest, or advice to offer? Scarcely any, at least not

at present, yet permit me to suggest that a good rule for God's people is the command of Moses, at the Red Sea, "Fear ye not, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." 2nd. Make the line cleavage as distinct as possible between the worthy and worthless of the colored race, and lose no opportunity of expressing the deepest abhorrence of certain revolting awful crimes, and offer a ready and earnest co-operation with the constituted legal authorities in all their efforts for the arrest, conviction, and speedy punishment of all perpetrators of these heinous crimes, irrespective of race or condition. 3rd. Let the Christian colored man press on along every path of progress which tends to the building of a people; let him care and struggle for home property, education, and above all right living, in this way he will inevitably grow in weight and power in the face of whatever may be devised and attempted for his suppression and virtual enslavement. 4th. It will be a vitally important aid in his struggles to cultivate the friendship and aid of the true and good among the white race, and there are many who are his true friends, even in the South; while the records show a multitude of those who have shared in a measure the black man's heaviest burden and bitterest cup, whom fidelity to his cause have led them even to prison and to death. A great valiant host gave their lives on fields of Civil War for the black man's freedom, and living hosts in Church and State are giving freely of their means, while a goodly multitude of the noblest and best have consecrated their lives, their gifts, their scholarship and all their powers to the high and glorious task of completing the work commenced by the great Emancipator.

Traverse City, Mich.

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Life of Faith

The world wants men—large-hearted, manly men;
Men who shall join its chorus, and prolong
The psalm of labor and the psalm of love.
The age wants heroes—heroes who shall dare
To struggle in the solid ranks of truth;
To clutch the monster error by the throat;
To bear opinion to a loftier seat;
To blot the error of oppression out,
And lead a universal freedom in.
And heaven wants souls—fresh and capacious souls,
To taste its raptures, and expand, like flowers,
Beneath the glory of its central sun.
It wants fresh souls—not lean and shriveled ones;
It wants fresh souls, my brother—give it thine,
If thou indeed wilt be what scholars should;
If thou wilt be a hero, and wilt strive
To help thy fellow and exalt thyself,
Thy feet, at last, shall stand on jasper floors;
Thy heart, at last, shall seem a thousand hearts—
Each single heart with myriad raptures filled—
While thou shalt sit with princes and with kings,
Rich in the jewel of a ransomed soul.

—Selected.

The palace however beautiful can not be different from the material of which it is composed, and the hovel however deformed is but the sum of the things out of which it was builded. Its deformity is the deformity of its parts. Our character will not be different from the material which has entered into it. Much depends on the way we build, but much also on the material out of which we build. "Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?"—*United Presbyterian*.

Friendship's Plumb Line

Friendship is judgment. That is only another way of putting the old proverb that a man is known by the company he keeps. One of the best ways of estimating a character is by noting the kind of friends it has drawn to itself. The builder looks down his plumb-line to see if he is building rightly; let a man once in a while look along the line of the friends he is making to see if he is building his life rightly. If he has the thoughtful and the helpful and the pure-minded near him in association, it is probable that he is growing that way himself. If he finds that he is drawn to the coarse and the careless, and they are drawn to him, it is probable that by this fact he can judge himself, and by it others can judge him. Nor let one say in dispute that Jesus was the friend of sinners. It is true he was; but it was not to their sin, nor by it, he was drawn to them, but to their possible good. And it was not their sin that drew them unto him, but their need and desire of that which

was good. When a sinner is drawn to Christ, it is rather by that friendship than by his sin that he will be judged.—*Sunday School Times*.

Woman's Dominion

To the Treasurers of the Lexington Conference, Woman's Home Missionary Society:

DEAR SISTERS—This is my last plea to you, to kindly forward your assessment made your auxiliary for the delegates' fund to attend the Annual Meeting of the W. H. M. S. in Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 28, 1903. The following auxiliaries have responded: Troy, Ohio; Springfield, Ohio; Bloomington, Ind.; Princeton, Ind.; and Indianapolis, Ind. I learn that some of the auxiliaries have raised their amounts but have not sent it to the Conference Treasurer. Please do this at once, as the delegates need some time to get ready, should we raise a sufficient amount. Bear in mind the persons to represent us are Mrs. W. B. Harris, our Conference Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. J. T. Leggett, our Conference President. Hoping to hear from you very favorably, I remain, yours for the cause,

MATTIE A. SISSLE,

Conference Treasurer of W. H. M. S.

Washing and Cleaning Carpets

I feel encouraged to receive such a kind letter from a reader of the SOUTHWESTERN, telling me how she has been helped often by its recipes and advice. She asks to know how to clean her carpets at home, as it costs quite a good deal to send them to a professional cleaner. I will tell you of an excellent method, which you will find easy and satisfactory. You say you have a washing machine and wringer, and these are the principal agents in doing this work. Take the carpet from the floor and beat out all the dust. Then take the widths apart and wash one at a time. Heat a full boiler of soft water and add enough pearline to make a good strong suds. Put one width of the carpet in the washing machine, pour the suds over it and wash until the water is very much soiled. Put then ext width of carpet in fresh suds and continue doing this until it is all washed. Then pass the widths through the wringer and rinse through two clear waters. You will be so charmed and surprised to find yourself with a new carpet, clear and bright, and fresh as if just bought. Sew your widths together as tho new, for it will be the same as new. Ingrain and rag carpets can be washed in the same way. JANE.

A Practical Alphabet

Always use the same size cup for measuring everything for the article you are making.
Be sure and have a good fire and not let it get low about the time the bread is ready for the oven.
Cut slices of bread evenly and not too thin.
Dare to use a little less spice and sugar than a recipe calls for.
Engage earnestly in every household work if you expect success.
Find a better place for cooking utensils than under the sink.
Good bread of entire wheat should be the staple, and the maker thereof should take a family prize every three months.
Health is in well prepared nutritious food.
It is economy of time to wash the baking dishes as soon as done with them.
Juices of fruits are more wholesome than jams and jellies.

Kindling wood should always be ready, and plenty of it.

Lamps for pantry and kitchen are more convenient when set in brackets.

Molasses is a heavy sweet for frequent use, and not good for bread and beans.

Nuts should be well masticated, or finely ground, if served in place of meat.

Other foods are better than puddings and cakes.

Prepare your fire at night ready for lighting in the morning.

Quiet nerves will be the result of orderly plans in the kitchen.

Restless, uneasy children often become so from indulgence in eating between meals.

Salt your food as little as possible.

There is death in the dishcloth, kill it by scalding or cremation.

Utensils for cooking cannot be too thoroughly washed.

Vegetables should be cooked in as little water as possible.

Water cannot be too fresh and pure for cooking uses.

Exercise your highest skill in everything you prepare for the table.

Youth will set her seal upon a wrinkled face if one is cheerful and properly fed.

Zeal in one's work is the way to make it light.

& never a troublesome piece of drugery.

Religious Telescope.

Young Friends

HIS FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL.

She lost her little boy to-day;
Her eyes were moist and sweet
And tender, when he went away
To hurry down the street.
She stood there for the longest while
And watched and watched him; then
She said—and tried to force a smile—
"He'll not come back again."

Inside the house her tears would come,
She sank into a chair
And sobbed above the battered drum
And trumpet lying there.
The sunshine stole into the place—
It only made her sad
With thinking of the pretty grace
His baby tresses had.

She minded all his little ways;
She went to see his crib,
Up in the attic; then to gaze
At platter, spoon, and bib.
And all the trinkets he had thought
So fair to look upon—
Each one of them this murmur brought:
"My little boy has gone."

She wandered through the house all day,
To come on things he'd left,
And oh, she missed his romping play,
And felt herself bereft!
When he came home, with shining eyes,
To tell of school's delight,
She kissed and held him motherwise
Each knows the little boy departs
And baby days are done;
With something of affright.

This is the pain in mothers' hearts
When school days have begun;
Each mother fain would close her ears
And hush the calling bell,
For, somehow, in its tone she hears
The sounding of a knell.

—Zion's Herald.

Rules by Which to Rise

"Success" gives these pithy maxims for ambitious young people:

Find your purpose and fling your life out to it. Try to be somebody with all your might.

What is put into the first of life is put into the whole of life. Start right.

The first thing to do, if you have not done it, is to fall in love with your work.

Don't brood over the past, nor dream of the future; but seize the instant and get your lesson from the hour.

Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities; seize common occasions and make them great.

A great opportunity will only make you ridiculous unless you are prepared for it.

The lucky man is the man who sees and grasps his opportunity.

Don't dally with your purposes. Not many things indifferently, but one thing supremely.

The world always listens to a man with a will in him.

The man with an idea has ever changed the face of the world.

Find a way or make one. Everything is either pusher or pushed.

Not everything that succeeds is success. A man may make millions and be a failure still.

Guard your weak point. Be lord over yourself.—*Central Methodist.*

To obey because one loves and desires to obey, and because one has to, is a good evidence of the genuineness and thoroughness of consecration. And, more than that, it changes the same outward act from an irksome duty to the sweetest and most satisfying delight.—*Forward.*

Educational

Rust University Opening

Students in grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 were registered September 28th; the day students on the 29th. The boarding students were registered Wednesday, September 30, and at 11 o'clock on this day the formal opening occurred.

After singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee," the president called on Rev. J. M. Walton and Rev. J. J. Johnson to lead in prayer.

President Foster made a speech in which he outlined the work of the year, and introduced the new teachers. Their names are Mrs. Jennie Balcom, Miss Florence Wheelock, Professors Lake and Comeron, and Miss Norris, Miss Florence Cooper, a graduate of Rust University of last year is University housekeeper.

The following ministers were present: Dr. G. G. Logan, Rev. T. L. Inghram, Rev. B. F. Woolfolk, Rev. W. C. Clay, A. B.; Dr. N. H. Williams, Rev. J. M. Walton, Rev. J. J. Johnson, Rev. L. F. Jones, Rev. N. R. Clay and Rev. J. E. Bradford, also Rev. W. Newell, of the C. M. E. Church.

The president called on the following persons to speak: Dr. N. H. Williams, Rev. W. C. Clay, and Rev. B. F. Woolfolk, presiding elders in the Upper Mississippi Conference, and Dr. G. G. Logan, Field Secretary of the Missionary Society, and Prof. McKissack. They all made speeches expressive of their interest in the University and the cause it represents.

The enrollment was larger than any previous year. The meeting closed with prayer by Dr. Logan and Rev. L. F. Jones.

J. BEVERLY F. SHAW.

Meridian Academy opened the 28th ult. with 120 students. The day looks bright for the Academy. Many visitors were out to witness the occasion. Those seated upon the platform and who made excellent addresses were Dr. G. G. Logan, Dr. J. W. Holmes, Revs. W. H. Smith, P. Blue, J. C. Lodge, A. J. McNair, P. A. Taylor, Lawyer Hill, S. Halloway, and the able faculty. We are expecting great things from Dr. Lucas, the prin-

cipal, and the Academy this year, for we believe he is the right man in the right place.

A. J. McNAIR.

Last of Children's Day Reports

Many of the pastors were so slow about sending in their Children's Day reports that we held those that were late coming in until we now have reason to think there are no others to follow:

Sardis, Miss., J. A. Y. Dickens, reporter, collection not given; Byhalia, Miss., A. P. Parker, reporter, collection \$9.22; Roland, Ark., M. F. Strong, reporter, collection \$20; Greenville Circuit, Miss., C. A. Jordan, reporter, collection for all purposes, \$15.55; New Edenburg charge, Ark., W. H. Speed, reporter, collection, \$4; Green Grove and Hawkins, Tex., E. H. Holden, reporter, collection \$8.50; New Salem, Miss., G. M. Frazier, reporter, collection \$14.06; Ocean Springs, Miss., H. L. Kennedy, reporter, collection \$6.20; West Pascagoula, Miss., H. L. Kennedy, reporter, collection \$2.75; Mt. Vernon, Miss., B. J. Roberson, reporter, collection \$20.35; Buffalo, Miss., B. J. Roberson, reporter, collection \$13.50; Rocky Ford, J. S. Strippling, reporter, collection \$10; Glasgow, Mo., Geo. W. Reeves, reporter, collection \$3.20; Hernando, Miss., C. E. Moody, reporter, total collection \$34.10; Summit, Miss., L. J. S. Bell, reporter, collection \$4; Columbia, Miss., A. Jackson, reporter, collection \$16.11; Gunnison, Miss., J. G. Hall, reporter, collection \$4.25; Columbus, Miss., E. D. Bounds, reporter, collection, \$3; Musko-gee, I. T., A. W. Talbert, reporter, collection, \$4.91; Lawrenceburg and West Point, Tenn., L. J. Jenkins, reporter, collection \$11.75; West Point Circuit, Miss., J. H. Wesley, reporter, collection \$40.84; Columbus, Miss., H. B. Williams, reporter, collection for all purposes \$48.40; Vanceville, La., S. H. Miller, reporter, collection \$12; Ellisville, Miss., J. K. Comfort, reporter, collection not given; Dallas, Ark., R. B. Henry, reporter, collection \$1; Marietta, Ga., W. G. Sagoes, reporter, collection \$5; Ardmore, I. T., W. McDonald, reporter, collection \$56.25; Okolona, Miss., D. A. Bragg, reporter, collection \$30.25; Mt. Vernon Circuit, Mo., M. T. Hooks, reporter, collection \$8; Harriston charge, U. R. Beverly, reporter, collection \$8.16; Union Church Circuit, Miss., R. H. Patton, reporter, collection \$19.21; Sonora Circuit, Ky., B. J. Ward, reporter, collection not given; Hickory and Newton, Miss., N. Callies, reporter, collection \$18.55; Corkville, Tenn., E. F. Carter, reporter, collection not given; Lake Charge Circuit, Miss., N. Cannon, reporter, collection \$11.88; Huntsville, Ala., A. G. Glenn, reporter, collection \$7.71; Macon, Miss., J. H. Everett, reporter, collection not given; Lobdell, La., F. C. Hamilton, reporter, collection \$6; Brookhaven, Miss., G. A. Smith, reporter, collection \$67.25; Webb, Miss., C. L. Abram, reporter, collection \$6.70; Handsboro Circuit, Miss., J. A. Garrett, reporter, collection \$23; Nashville Circuit, Ark., Wm. H. Hebrew, reporter, collection \$5.30; Litchfield, Ky., R. F. Broadus, reporter, collection \$9.21; Canton, Miss., L. L. Stumpert, reporter, collection \$50; Cotton Plant, Ark., A. A. Taylor, reporter, collection \$20.31; Waco, Ga., G. A. Veil, reporter, collection \$6.36; Bledsoe, Ark., S. J. Brown, reporter, collection \$8; Roberts, S. C., W. L. Williford, reporter, collection \$4.67; Madisonville Circuit, Tex., S. A. Kelley, reporter, collection \$10.53; Starkville Circuit, Miss., Geo. W. Baker, reporter, collection \$10; Vaiden, Miss., H. G. Saulter, reporter, collection, \$27.86; West Station, Miss., H. G. Saulter, reporter, collection \$5.75; Bell Circuit, Miss., N. B. Blackman, reporter, collection \$9.22; Carthage, Mo., G. B. Abbott, reporter, collection \$6; Keithville, La., P. P. Smalley, reporter, collection \$13.10; Moss Point, Miss., L. H. Wallace, reporter, collection \$9.25.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

A Notable Missionary Convention

The missionary leaders of the Methodist Epis-

copal Church have announced a great Missionary Convention to be held in the Academy of Music, at Philadelphia, Pa., October 13-15. The convention is to be a delegated body, its clientele being drawn from the New England and Middle Atlantic States. An attendance of more than 2,500 is anticipated. The convention will be self-entertaining.

Technically speaking, the convention is held under the auspices of The Open door Emergency Commission of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This commission was originated by the Board of Bishops, and was organized primarily to devise ways and means for promoting a larger missionary interest and enthusiasm among the three million members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of this commission Bishop Edward G. Andrews, of New York, is chairman. Under its auspices there was held at Cleveland, Ohio, in October, 1902, the first General Missionary Convention of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The denomination was profoundly stirred through that gathering, and the great subscription made by that convention of more than \$300,000 to the cause of Methodist Missions attracted widespread notice. It was because of the success of that gathering that the call came for the holding of a similar convention within more easy access of the Atlantic seaboard.

At the forthcoming convention, at Philadelphia, six great sessions will be held besides the afternoon that will be given to Section Conferences. It has already been determined that no financial session will be held. The invitation to hold the convention in Philadelphia came from a representative committee of ministers and laymen of that city, who provide the place of meeting and make other local arrangements. The Program Committee of The Open Door Emergency Commission, which has arranged for the session, consists of Bishop Edward G. Andrews, chairman; Mr. S. Earl Taylor, secretary; Dr. A. B. Leonard, corresponding secretary of the Missionary Society; Dr. Frank D. Gamewell and Dr. Edward M. Taylor, Field secretaries of the Missionary Society, and Dr. John F. Goucher, a member of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society and President of the Woman's College, at Baltimore, Md. Dr. Gamewell, best known as the man who superintended the defenses of the besieged legations at Peking, in 1900, is in Philadelphia, and is co-operating with the Local Committee in preparing for the convention.

Convention Speakers and Themes

"Keynote of the Convention, or the Problem stated," Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, D. D., LL. D.

"Our Missionary Society and its Achievements," James M. Buckley, D. D., LL. D.

"Our Missionary Society and its Urgent Needs," Adna B. Leonard, D. D., LL. D.

"Success and Opportunities in Evangelizing the World": At Home, Henry K. Carroll, LL. D.; In Africa, Edwin H. Richards, D. D.; In India, Bishop James M. Thoburn, D. D., LL. D.; In China, Homer Eaton, D. D.; In Japan, Rev. David S. Spencer; In Korea, Rev. George Heber Jones, Ph. D.; In Europe, William H. Crawford, D. D., LL. D.; In Latin-America, Charles W. Drees, D. D.

"Difficulties in Evangelizing the World, At Home," James M. King, D. D.

"Difficulties in Evangelizing the World, Abroad," William F. Oldham, D. D.

"The Church's Imperative Duty," Mr. John R. Mott, M. A.

"The New Era in Missions," Bishop James M. Thoburn, D. D., LL. D.

"The Rising Tide of Missionary Life in the Epworth League," Joseph F. Berry, D. D.

"Young People and the World's Evangelization," John F. Goucher, D. D., LL. D.

"The Missionary Responsibility of the Pastor," Edward M. Taylor, D. D.

"District and Local Missionary Campaigns and Rallies," J. B. Trimble, D. D.

"Go or Send," William F. McDowell, S. T. D.

"The Place of Missions in World Movements," Bishop Charles H. Fowler, D. D., LL. D.

"Jesus Right to Reign," Bishop Warren A. Candler, D. D., LL. D.

"Closing Address," Bishop Edward G. Andrews, D. D., LL. D.

Other speakers, whose acceptance have not yet been received by the Program Committee of the convention, will be announced later.

Section Conferences

On Thursday afternoon of the convention, instead of meeting in the great hall, delegates will separate into smaller groups according to the special relation they may hold to church and missionary work. These Section Conferences will be held in various churches. Each will have its own chairman and officers and special program, and opportunity will be given for such discussion of problems as is not possible in the larger sessions. The special Section Conferences, as at present arranged for, are as follows:

Presiding Elders, Ward Platt, D. D., Chairman.

Pastors, W. F. Anderson, D. D., Chairman.

Sunday School Superintendents, Mr. W. W. Cooper, Chairman.

Epworth League Officers, Mr. S. Earl Taylor, Chairman.

Laymen, J. E. James, M. D., Chairman.

Conference and District Secretaries, C. E. Davis, D. D., Chairman.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. Cyrus D. Foss, Chairman.

Woman's Home Missionary Society, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, Chairman.

The Mission Work of the Methodist Episcopal Church

The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1819. The first foreign missionary was Melville B. Cox, who arrived in Liberia, Africa, in 1833. Since this beginning, work has been organized in Liberia, Angola, Portuguese East Africa, Rhodesia, and Madeira Islands, in Africa; Burma, China, India, Japan, Korea, and Malay Peninsula, in Asia; Bulgaria, Austria, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Finland, in Europe; Argentine Republic, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and Uruguay, in South America; Mexico, Philippine Islands, and Borneo. Mission work is carried on in the United States among Bohemians, Chinese, Finns, French, Germans, Indians, Italians, Japanese, Negroes, Portuguese, Scandinavians, Spanish-speaking peoples, and Welsh.

During 1902 the Missionary Society expended \$735,981.91 for Foreign Missions, and \$482,810.82 for Domestic Missions.

The latest statistics show that there are in the Foreign Field 30 annual conferences, 469 missionaries, 851 native ordained preachers, 201,288

members in foreign lands, 1,210 churches and chapels, 10 theological schools, 58 high schools, 1,113 other day schools, and 4,196 Sabbath schools.

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

Topic October 18.

THE LAW OF THE HARVEST.

Scripture References Jno. 12:23-26.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday. Life Out of Death. 1 Cor. 15:35-38.

Tuesday. Life Lost for Christ, is Found. Matt. 10:37-39.

Wednesday. Law of Discipleship. Matt. 16:24-25.

Thursday. Best Vision, From Above. Mark. 8:22-25.

Friday. Jesus Preparing for His Own. Jno. 14:1-3.

Saturday. The Christian's Home. Rev. 21:10-23.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. So said the prophet Israel, centuries before Jesus Christ was born. God was then working out his plans and men stood amazed before the depth of wisdom they could not understand. God was working out of a wisdom infinite, and man was beholding his marvelous work out of a wisdom finite. Men were so puzzled and confounded in the face of divine revelations that God found it necessary to call their attention to the fact, that His ways and thoughts were not like man's ways and thoughts. This was eminently charitable on the part of Deity and made it possible to lead man up a little toward the highest wisdom and persuade him to conform his ways to God's ways, rather than trying to squeeze Providence into his own mold. This has been the "century old" task of Jehovah, to teach and bring man to a new conception of life. The task of the centuries is still with us and wherever Christ is born again into human hearts this new conception becomes the ideal, and men turn away from the ordinary to the extraordinary views of life.

Today we are to study the laws of the harvest.

1. *Life out of death.* This seems the paradox of paradoxes. How life can come out of death will forever be a mystery to human knowledge. But that is the law of the harvest. I will never forget my first experience at seed planting. I was a mere child when I went out into the garden with my mother, eating a peach. When the seed was bare, mother said, "Why don't you plant it and grow a tree?" Plant it and grow a tree! thought I. But I took a stick and made a hole in the rich loam by the garden walk and buried the seed. For several days thereafter I dug that seed up at least once a day, that I might see my tree grow, but being taught better, I allowed the seed to remain in the earth and nature took her course, and by and by a little leaf appeared and my tree was kissed by the sunshine, nursed by the rains, and rocked by the winds until after a few years it bore its fruit. I lost the seed, but I got a tree in return: life from death. Jesus sought to teach us that the way to life and glorification lay through death.

2. *The glorification of Jesus.* Some splendid things had been done by Jesus, but in none of these did his chief glory exist. He could not

come into his glory without dying. The path to life and radiance was dark and dismal indeed. From that path flesh seeks to turn away. Even the Christ in his human nature sought to escape the cup of suffering and death, which have been transmitted into high noon of a more glorious day.

3. *The spiritual harvest.* This is what Jesus sought. How was he to produce and mature it? There was but one way, and to follow that way led him to his cross and Joseph's tomb. Now this is the strangest of ways. Who other than a God could have planned and executed it? Had not Jesus died, his kingdom could never have come with power. Power enough to conquer the world. Thus it happens that Jesus Christ, by his death and suffering, becomes the spiritual seed of the human race, and wherever the Word of God has way and the spiritual life flourishes, we have a presentation of the harvest growing out of the death of Jesus.

4. *The world's indebtedness.* Would you discover, would you know the royal souls to whom the world is indebted, go not to the halls of mirth and laughter, but go to the sorrowful ways, the Gethsemanes and the dungeons, where men have marked their way with tears and blood, and where the silent stars looked down on their prostrate forms and the passing breeze caught up the sighs wrung from their hearts. These souls have enriched the world by giving, and won for themselves the only true honor and glory, by losing themselves for others. For example: Abram, by forsaking land and home and kindred, won for himself a name, Father of the faithful; Moses, by forsaking the quiet of the shepherd life and leaving behind him associations dear to him for forty years, became the leader and emancipator of a race; Huss and Luther, Latimer and Ridley gave their lives to the helping of others, and so have carved their names on Fame's enduring tablet.

ARROW POINTS.

1. Humiliation before exaltation.
2. Enrich others by giving yourself.
3. Win your victories in the way of suffering.
4. The man is fruitless who is not brave enough to die.
5. No man can tell the vastness of the work accomplished by Jesus Christ when he died.

TO THE PASTORS OF THE HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT:

Dear Brethren:—In working up the Spiritual Department of the Epworth League, on our district, I request that each pastor drop me a card, telling me of the success of this Department and giving me the names of the 1st vice-presidents on his work. If he has no 1st vice-president, I hope he will see to the existence of a League and elect one. Please strive for this district's success. Yours in the work.

BLANCHE TODD,

1st Vice-President Huntsville Dist.

Dodge, Tex.

Roll of Colored Delegates Attending Sixth International Epworth League Convention, Detroit, Mich., July 16-19, 1903

[Being confident that this list of delegates furnished us by the committee is not complete, we do not care to publish it, but since the committee insist that it be done we yield.—ED.]

G. W. Arnold, Meridian, Miss.; J. W. E. Bowen, Atlanta, Ga.; G. W. Brower, McPelah, N. C.; Stella A. E. Brazley, New Orleans, La.; Orel

Brooks, Monroe, La.; Henry Brown, McDonough, Ga.; Fanny F. Blackwell, New Albany, Miss.; D. W. Bell, Lumberton, N. C.; J. L. Bowdion, Griffin, Ga.; J. T. Beason, Washington, D. C.; M. L. Beason, Washington, D. C.; Wm. Bartley, Galveston, Tex.; Ella Brown, Covington, Ky.; R. A. Crolley, 202 E. 40th street, Chicago, Ill.; P. J. Cook, Cleveland, O.; Charles B. Carter, Richmond, Va.; Maggie B. Cox, Memphis, Tenn.; P. M. Coleman, Richmond, Va.; R. L. Dickson, Cleveland, O.; Robt. Druine, Lynchburg, Va.; M. W. Dogan, Marshall, Texas; T. L. Ferguson, Springfield, O.; Elsie Gooch, Ella Gooch, Covington, Ky.; Laura S. Harris, Memphis, Tenn.; H. W. Hatten, Fort Worth Texas; T. J. Johnson, New Iberia, La.; M. M. Jones, Greensboro, N. C.; A. M. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.; D. L. Jenkins, Luna Landing, Ark.; C. C. Jacobs, Sumter, S. C.; H. L. King, Luna Landing, Ark.; D. H. Hearse, A. M., Cowpen, S. C.; Hattie A. Lattimore, Fallston, N. C.; G. W. Lemon, McDonough, Ga.; T. Benson Lock, Washington, D. C.; Josephine McNairy, Nashville, Tenn.; A. J. Mitchell, New York City; J. A. McRae, Winston-Salem, N. C.; W. H. Marshall, Cheraw, S. C.; A. H. Newsome, Charlotte, N. C.; E. H. Oliver, Atlanta, Ga.; W. J. M. Price, Natchitoches, La.; J. P. Price, Memphis, Tenn.; I. Garland Penn, Atlanta, Ga.; Dulcinea Pierce, Memphis, Tenn.; W. R. A. Palmer, Charleston, S. C.; Lentitia Price, Cincinnati, O.; J. W. Queen, Stockbridge, Ga.; Marie Penn, Atlanta, Ga.; D. L. Riley, Handsboro, Miss.; Mary Shepard, Cincinnati, O.; Francis Smith, Cincinnati, O.; Mary L. Starks, Hempstead, Texas; Eliza Scott, Hempstead, Texas; I. B. Scott, New Orleans, La.; W. G. Singleton, Richmond, Va.; N. D. Shamborguer, Lumberton, N. C.; Mrs. I. B. Scott, New Orleans, La.; Aurena Smith, Oxford, Miss.; Marietta Smith, Covington, Ky.; H. W. Tate, Cincinnati, O.; J. W. Tharpe, Hogansville, Ga.; Sidolar Tolar, New Orleans, La.; C. B. Turpeau, New Orleans, La.; Thomas P. Thomas, Richmond, Va.; B. M. Taylor, Jefferson, Texas; W. H. Vaughn, Covington, Ky.; Ora Wilson, New Orleans, La.; John A. Washington, Chicago, Ill.; E. A. White, Maysville, Ky.; J. W. Wells, Lenoir, N. C.; I. W. Wells, Maxton, N. C.; Oton Wiggins, Monroe, La.; Leonora B. Williams, Hempstead, Texas; J. O. Williams, Hempstead, Tex.; Maggie Williams, Lenoir, N. C.; Miss Nellie White, Springfield, O.

Committee on Registration—Henry W. Tate, chairman; Maggie B. Cox, Hattie A. Lattimore, Cor. Secty.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson III—Oct. 18th, 1903. Title, "David's Confession." (Psalm 51, 1-18). Time, About B. C. 1034 (Usher). Golden Text, "Creat in me a clean heart, O God." (Psalm 51, 10).

David is no doubt the author of this hymn. It is the greatest of his penitential psalms. Its spirit, doctrine, and evangelistic character, have caused it to be repeated throughout the church in all ages. It teaches depravity, transgression, conviction and repentance.

David was at this time a great sinner. He had broken three of the commandments. The tenth which says, "Thou shalt not covet;" the seventh, which warns against adultery, and the sixth, which tells us we must not take human life. These principles he had violated against light and knowledge. He knew he was doing wickedly.

Nathan brought David's sin very clearly before him in that beautiful parable found in II Sam. 12, 1-6. The prophet made such a nice selection of words that even the shrewd mind of the king did not observe the drift of thought until he had condemned himself. Nathan then told him he was the man, and reminded him of all he had returned evil for good. He told David the sword would never depart from his house, and that others would do to him as he had done to them. The king confessed his sin. Nathan told

him that the Lord had put it away; he would not die for it.

This entire Psalm is a penitential prayer. David casts himself entirely on the mercy of God. (Vs. 1, 2.) Mercy is that kindness of heart which enables one to treat another better than he deserves; a disposition to administer justice with mildness. The king divests himself of all self-righteousness, and then asked God to show mercy for the sake of His own loving kindness. David acknowledged that he was a transgressor. But he knew God could wash away his sins, blot out his iniquities, and cleanse his heart from unrighteousness. He believed in a personal God who dwelt with men as individuals.

David confessed his sin (vs. 3, 4) and acknowledged his transgression. His evil life was ever before him. He could not shake it off, or put it out of his sight. Uriah's blood cried after him from the ground. It demanded revenge. He felt that the sword would not depart from his house. He had committed the worst of crimes against men, but he knew they were nothing compared with his offenses against God. Jehovah had done much for him, and had hedged him about with His law and His Spirit. David took all the blame of his transgression upon himself. He desired God to be clear when He spoke, and justified when He judged. We are near the kingdom when we apply the truths of the Bible to our own lives.

In verses five and six David acknowledged that he was sinful by nature. He hated his sins and also the disposition within him that led to them. The verses clearly prove original sin. The verb "shapen" simply denotes being born, and the words "in sin" means being born with a sinful nature. Elsewhere David spoke of the admirable construction of his body, but here says he was shapen in iniquity. He also spoke of the piety of his mother, (Psa. 1, 1:16) but here says she conceived him in sin. By nature she was a daughter of Eve, but by grace she was a child of God. David was the offspring of lawful and honorable marriage, yet he received from his parents Adam's fallen nature. Young children are not sinners. They have violated no law; they have neglected no duty. They possess a depraved nature as a result of Adam's transgression. Jesus came to take away the sin of the world; not merely the transgression of law, and the omission of duty, but original sin as well. When the heart is in unison with God there will be no trouble about the life.

In verses seven and eight David seems to pray for a deeper work than that of pardon. He desires the Lord to purge him with hisop that he might be clean and to wash him that he might be whiter than snow. Hisop was used to sprinkle the blood of the sin offering on the people. David prayed for the purity of heart of which this ceremony was a symbol. This washing was also a figure of soul purity. The Jews were familiar with the use of water as a type of spiritual cleansing. To be made white as snow was a great blessing, yet when snow is melted impurities are always found in the sediment. But David desired to be made so pure that no dregs of sin could be found in his nature. He had rejoiced in the Lord, but now his soul is filled with sadness. And he prayed that God would again give him joy and gladness. The reference to broken bones indicates that the entire frame work of the physical man has been fractured by the shock of sin. Surely a more

terrible picture of the work of sin cannot be found.

David desired to be separated from his transgressions. (vs. 9-11.) The Lord is asked to hide His face from David's sins, or rather to put the king's sins out of His sight. David wished to be separated from his wicked works—from the body of sin. Then he desired the Lord to hide that body out of His sight; to cover it in the atonement for sin; to blot it out as a thick cloud. The heart is the center from which all the intellectual and spiritual faculties spring. He knew well if the fountain-head should be cleansed the entire stream would be pure. The reason judgment, will, conscience, affections, emotions, desires would all be right. The King's deep earnestness is seen in the repetition of the request not to be cast away, and for God's Spirit not to be taken from him. His one wish was that his entire life be controlled by the Lord.

In verses twelve and thirteen David prayed to be restored and upheld that he might do good. Salvation means saved from. Salvation from sin means saved from the power and pollution of evil. Those who are saved have also the joys of salvation. It is impossible to possess an object and not have the effect which that object produces. To pray for the joys of salvation is to ask for salvation itself. David no doubt felt his weakness; his inability to stand without help. Hence he asked God to uphold him with His free spirit. Those whom God sustain will never fall. Apostasy is possible. David at one time possessed salvation, now he does not have it, but asks God to restore it unto him. David did not feel able to teach others until God had taught him. He desired to impart to transgressors the ways of the Lord; the doctrines of the Bible. He would teach them so forcibly that sinners would be converted unto God. The minister should have historical and experimental knowledge of sins forgiven.

David also asked pardon for violating the sixth commandment. He had caused Uriah to be put in the front of the battle, that he might be killed. Now he asks God to deliver him from blood guiltiness; to forgive him for committing murder. If Jehovah should do this, then his tongue should sing of God's righteousness, and his mouth should show forth the Lord's praise. God did not desire, in this case, the sin offering, or the whole burnt offering, or David would have given them. They were too cold and formal. But the sacrifice of a broken heart and a contrite spirit—a soul made tender by a godly sorrow for sin—He would receive.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation

Conference, Place and Time—	Bishop.
Alaska Mission	Cranston
Atlantic Mission, Elizabeth City, N. C.—Oct. 21	Joyce
Blue Ridge, Smith Chapel, P. O., Glass, N. C.—Oct. 7	Joyce
Dakota, Aberdeen—Oct. 14	Fowler
North Carolina, Greensboro—Oct. 14	Joyce
Tennessee, Martin—Oct. 15	Goodsell

Alabama, Anniston—Dec. 8	Foss
Atlanta, Covington, Ga.—Dec. 10	FitzGerald
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex.—Nov. 28	Walden
Central Alabama, Birmingham—Dec. 10	Foss
Georgia, Ellijay—Dec. 17	FitzGerald
Mobile, Union Springs, Ala.—Dec. 17	Foss
Savannah, Brunswick, Ga.—Dec. 8	FitzGerald
South Carolina, Sumter—Nov. 26	FitzGerald
Southern German, Perry, Tex.—Dec. 2	Walden
Texas, Houston—Dec. 9	Walden
West Texas, San Antonio—Dec. 16	Walden

In order that our readers might know the dates fixed for fall conferences of our territory and the Bishops appointed to hold them, at the earliest possible moment, we had them sent us by wire last week immediately on the adjournment of Bishops' meeting. This week we are pleased to present official list in full—except foreign conferences, which will appear later.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

PLEASE NOTE THAT

- 1—All business letters should be addressed to Eaton Ins. and all communications intended for publication to the Editor.
- 2—In sending matter for publication, write plainly on one side of the paper, and make your communication as short as the subject will allow.
- 3—When the ADVOCATE does not arrive regularly, notify us promptly.
- 4—Methodist pastors are our authorized agents, to receive subscriptions and collect dues for the ADVOCATE.

The Houston District Conference

The editor of the SOUTHWESTERN had the pleasure of attending this body at its recent session at Kendleton, Tex., and he recalls the meeting with very great pleasure. We enjoyed it all the more because the brethren gave us more than sixty annual cash subscribers (they brought from two to seven each), but would, we are sure, have enjoyed it anyway. It is always a pleasure to go within the bounds of our own conference, but this pleasure is greatly heightened when we are so cordially greeted by the brethren and the people. We met old friends whom we had not seen for nearly a dozen years. They seemed delighted to meet us, but they could not have been more so than were we to meet them. One dear old mother expressed her gratification thus: "Bless your heart, hunny, you looks a little older den when I seed you last, but you air jest as good lookin' as ever." We need not tell our readers that she is a woman of most excellent judgment. But in addition to it all the Houston District is perfectly loyal to the old SOUTHWESTERN. The half dozen or more churches of the city of Houston, thanks to their faithful pastors, have placed that city in advance of any other city in the country in the number of subscribers secured. Besides, there is not a pastor in the district but that does something on this line.

Kendleton, where the conference convened, Rev. Isom Snell, pastor, is a colored colony organized by that remarkable preacher-statesman, the lamented Benjamin F. Williams, who was for years in the foremost ranks of the Texas conference. At present our people own all the land for ten or fifteen miles around. It is usually a prosperous and flourishing community, but for seven years has suffered from short crops. However, the brethren of the conference did not know the difference as they were cared for as tho the people were in the midst of their wonted prosperity. When the collection was taken for Wiley they gave more than has either of the other five churches where district conferences have been held during the present season.

Rev. Edward Lee, the presiding elder, and his brethren expect to make a better report in their benevolent collections this year than since the storm. They went over a thousand dollars last year, but they propose to do still better this season. A number of new churches have been built and successful revivals conducted. Rev. Wm. McKinzie, who calls himself "the unbleached American gentleman," was reported quite ill and therefore was not present. The next session will be held at Orange.

The editor has a number of invitations to District Conferences which he cannot possibly attend since he starts on his round of Annual Conferences next week. This will, we trust, be a satisfactory explanation to all the brethren.

China expects the general evacuation of Russia from Manchuria to take place Oct. 8.

This One Leads Thus Far

The following letter explains itself:

PONTOTOC, MISS., Sept. 29, 1903.

Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., New Orleans, La.:

DEAR BRO.—Enclosed find \$27.00 for which please send each of the persons named the paper. I promised you I would send ten, but I thought I would send all I could get. Yours,

Pontotoc Cir. W. C. CONWELL, P. C.
Upper Mississippi Conference.

Who will beat this?

Our readers will, we are sure, be gratified to learn that the congregation of St. Mark's Church, Chicago, is now rejoicing that they have paid their church debt. This congregation bought the State Street M. E. Church, May, 1900, for the sum of \$8,000, and in three and a half years have paid the entire amount. Rev. J. W. Robinson, their pastor, is to be congratulated for the managing of this achievement. Sept. 13 the congregation paid in cash the last \$1,000 due. St. Mark's is a flourishing church. They have a Sunday school with an enrollment of 300 scholars and a wide-awake Epworth league. Now they need a larger and better building and we hope to see them get it at no distant day.

Opening Day at New Orleans University and the Third Annual Commencement of the Nurse Training School

Monday, October 5th, was opening day at New Orleans University. The first day's enrollment was a record breaker. The outlook for a good year is very promising. Students had been arriving since the first of the month. The attention of several friends was attracted by the piles of trunks being unloaded, when one of the pastors remarked, "We brought a train load of students to the University this morning."

The commencement exercises of the training school in connection with "Opening Day" is a new feature. The exercises were held in the annex.

This spacious hall was none too large for the crowd.

The city pastors, their congregations, and friends from the country as well, were out in great numbers.

The graduating nurses had a very excellent program. The Rev. Dr. F. H. Knight, president of the University, introduced Rev. F. T. Chinn, who offered prayer. Music by Prof. H. Weber. Class song, "He Leadeth Me," was beautifully rendered. An essay, "Nursing the Sick," was read by Mrs. Louisa Ross. Miss Lottie Groomes entertained the audience with a piano selection. The Rev. Dr. R. W. Perkins, president of Leland University, addressed the nurses. He said that trained nurses are the result of Christianity; it is a part of the church work, and that if everyone is a possible candidate for the kingdom of God, it is the business of the church to nurse the sick as well as to teach the strong. Mr. J. F. Hilton sang a bass solo.

During the addresses from pastors, Rev. Stephen Duncan, president of the board of trustees, presided. Rev. F. T. Chinn spoke in a lively but effective manner. Dr. A. E. P. Albert also addressed the audience. His words were well received. Dean H. J. Clements of the Flint Medical College, spoke concerning the work of that department and of the nurses being sent out. The diplomas and certificates were conferred by Dr. Knight.

San Miguel, a small place on the Yucatan coast, made famous by Cortez, the Spanish explorer, was destroyed by a recent tropical hurricane.

Cookman Institute to be Rebuilt

Our school at Jacksonville, Fla., has been out of doors, so to speak, ever since the great fire in that city. The friends of the cause will be glad to learn that Secretary Thirkield announces that the important deal for a new site for Cookman Institute was closed some days ago. This gives the school possession of about six acres on one of the best streets in the city. It will be reached by two street car lines, one of which, built and operated by colored capitalists of Jacksonville, runs through one end of the grounds. He has just closed a contract for the putting up of two splendid buildings for the Academy. The entire contract has been let to Mr. Henry Jones, who is one of the leading Negro contractors of that city. The entire drawing of the plans and specifications for the buildings was given to Prof. W. Wilson Cooke, Superintendent of the Slater Manual Training School of Claflin University. He is a graduate of that institution. The work is very satisfactorily done, and the buildings will be very attractive in appearance as well as thoroughly adapted to the uses of the school. The contract price is over \$15,000.

Rev. Dr. George P. Mains, of Eaton & Mains, in an address to the Pacific coast Methodists, said of the sensational statement to the effect that the New York Book Concern has lost \$634,298 the past four years: "I am prepared deliberately, definitely, positively, to declare that, in the sense and for the purpose for which the sensational statement seems to have been written, it does not contain one word of truth. On the other hand, it is adapted gratuitously to strike the reputations of men of unsullied integrity, and to do unspeakable damage to a great Christian institution which is most largely dependent for the success of its mission upon the confidence and good-will of the Church at large. Moreover, the very management of this institution, which is assailed by this newspaper article as one of mismanagement and incompetency, received the very high endorsement, both for fidelity and ability, of the Book Committee at its session in New York in February last."

General Conference Delegates East Tennessee Conference

Ministerial: Dr. J. S. Hill, president Morristown Normal and Industrial College; reserve, Rev. W. E. Mitchell, presiding elder Pulaski District.

Lay: Wm. W. Derrick, M. D., Knoxville, Tenn.; reserve, Chas. D. Schell, farmer, Graham, Va.

Rev. W. E. Harrison, A. B., a member of the Gulf Mission Conference, is under appointment to go as a missionary to the Hinghua Mission, China. He left New Orleans this week for New York, where he takes the required examination on the 13th inst. Mr. Harrison is a native Louisianian, a graduate of the State University at Baton Rouge and of the Tulane Medical College, this city. Tho a young man in the work, he is considered a decided success as a preacher and much is expected of him should he be accepted for foreign duty.

Through the influence of two prominent laymen of the Holston conference, Messrs. John W. Patton and John W. Fisher, for the second time in the history of that conference and so far as we know of, any conference, the entire salary of every pastor was paid. This is indeed a remarkable showing.

Personal and General

Mrs. Robert Anderson is running a first-class restaurant in Jennings, and is meeting with much success.

Rev. J. C. Eusan, B. D., pastor at Giddings, Tex., has been spending several days in the city, after a visit to his mother in another parish.

Rev. C. C. Landry, pastor at Bastrop, La., passed through the city last week enroute home from Baldwin, where he had been on a visit to his father.

Prof. and Mrs. Robt. E. Brown, who were married some weeks ago at Huntsville, Ala., have returned to their post of duty at Wiley University, Marshall, Tex.

A correspondent informs us that the Misses Isabella and Patience Green and Miss Annie B. Green, of Rosedale, La., left Oct. 5th to resume their studies in the New Orleans University.

Miss Stella A. E. Brazley, of this city, who made such a hit singing at one or two concerts in Chicago where she spent the summer, is again at home and has begun her work in the schoolroom.

Rev. G. W. Baker will preach the opening sermon of the District Conference of the Starkville (Miss.) District to convene at Weir, Miss., the 20th inst., instead of Rev. J. W. Byrd, as announced.

President Roosevelt and family have returned to Washington after a sojourn of about three months at Oyster Bay, N. Y. It is called his vacation, but he seems to have been busy most of the time.

Miss Angella Turpeau is visiting friends and relatives in St. Martin and Iberia parishes. She is now on her way to New Orleans, where she will register as a boarding student of New Orleans University.

Rev. W. Hartley Jackson, of Navasota, Tex., informs us that the Rev. J. E. Bryant's barn was recently burned during his absence on the district. The building and all feedstuff, amounting to about \$700, were a total loss.

Campbell College, of Jackson, Miss., a school of the A. M. E. Church, conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on the Rev. T. W. Davis, presiding elder of the Starkville (Miss.) District M. E. Church, at its last commencement.

Dr. R. W. Billups is still practicing his profession at Harwood, Ark., tho inducements have been offered him to go elsewhere. The colored people there could do well if they would. It is a Negro colony and we judge they are too free.

Dr. M. C. B. Mason was in the city last week, called hither by the interment of his only brother, who had died in Lake Providence, La. The Doctor is much improved in health, looking as well now as tho he had not recently passed through a severe spell of sickness.

Hon. T. V. McAllister, who recently resigned as Collector of Customs at Vicksburg, Miss., has been appointed Receiver of Public Monies at Jackson, Miss., vice I. T. Montgomery, resigned. We do not know whether Mr. McAllister's successor at Vicksburg is white or colored.

Rev. A. Becks, of the Washington conference and pastor at Hinton, W. Va., has just succeeded in clearing his church of a debt of ten years' standing. As a result the membership is much encouraged and have been shouting over the victory for two weeks. We rejoice with them.

Mrs. John B. Hall and daughter, of this city, are again at home after spending their vacation visiting friends and relatives elsewhere. Miss Ida spent part of the summer in Chicago and then

joined her mother in a visit to an aunt at Guthrie, Okla. Mrs. Hall had not seen her aunt for thirty years.

Rev. H. B. Hart, of Winona, Miss., passed through the city last week enroute home from Bunkie, La. On account of the serious illness of his mother he was summoned there some days ago. Mrs. Eliza Hart, his mother, is now eighty years of age and has been seriously ill for some time. She is still quite sick but Bro. Hart felt safe to leave her for a few days.

Mr. T. C. Rankin, A. B., who was not allowed to fill a clerkship in the postoffice at Alexandria, La., to which his mark in a civil service examination entitled him, is employed at the People's Livery Company, Shreveport, as a bookkeeper. We are pleased to learn that this Shreveport enterprise is a paying business. Mr. Rankin is one of the graduates of the New Orleans University.

Rev. S. M. G. Taylor, pastor at Eola, La., was in the city recently and seemed delighted with the thought of the work being done in his charge. He has conducted a successful revival, as the result of which seventy-six were added to the church. Bro. Taylor does not forget the SOUTHWESTERN either as our records will show. He was a delegate to the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Honor held recently in New Iberia, La.

Rev. S. B. Beauford, of Newnan, Ga., sends us a communication in which he takes occasion to condemn in most positive language the political spirit being manifested by some of the brethren this year in their eagerness to secure election to the General Conference. We take occasion thus to give the substance of his article and we trust that it may be satisfactory to him and prove an all sufficient hint to the wise wherever such things as he complains of are in vogue.

Tho warned of his serious illness in a previous issue of the SOUTHWESTERN, we are sure it will be a positive grief to those who knew him to learn of the death of the Rev. Noah H. Speight, D. D., pastor at Marion, Ala., and a member of the Mobile conference. He was in the midst of the days of his strength, being only 45 years of age. We regret the want of information prevents our giving anything definite as to his affliction. His dying words were: "I have given my life for my church, my home and my God!" He leaves a wife and two children.

News Notes

Chicago formally celebrated her one hundredth anniversary Sept. 26.

The new battleship Maine has been tested and is pronounced satisfactory.

The first cotton ginned in Cuba was recently ginned at Talipan, a suburb of Havana.

The Filipino government will annually send a hundred youths to the United States to be educated.

As a result of fireworks, etc., on our last Fourth of July, 475 deaths and 3,983 other casualties are reported.

St. Louis banks have formally accepted Secretary Shaw's offer of a government loan of \$3,000,000.

John Edward Bruce, of New York, is publishing a high class monthly magazine in the interest of colored people.

Thirty-one native Filipinos have arrived in St. Louis to assist in the erection of the Philippine exhibit buildings.

There are 200 cases of yellow fever reported in Linares, Mexico; 2,000 people are sick, and business virtually dead.

President Roosevelt has announced that in future only men of long experience will be appointed for the consular service.

It is claimed that the bones of Hernando Cortez, conqueror of Mexico, with his bust, have been discovered in the City of Mexico.

A bust of Queen Victoria and tablets of the Duke of Edinburgh and Empress Frederick were unveiled at the Church of Crathie, near Balmoral Castle, England.

Harry Garfield, the son of a former president, will accept the chair of politics at Princeton College, it is said, at a great personal sacrifice, as his law practice is worth \$20,000 a year.

The United States army transport Kilpatrick arrived at New York Sept. 13th from Manila, with the bodies of 7,300 United States soldiers, killed during the war in the Philippines.

Sir Michael Herbert, the British ambassador to the United States, who was spending his leave of absence from Washington at Davos Platz, Switzerland, died at that place, Sept. 30th.

Madame E. Hereford, known over the South as the colored nightingale, said to be the only member of the race who ever rivaled Black Patti, died recently in Atlanta, Ga., after a short illness.

The United States government may purchase the entire town of Bremerton, where the Puget Sound navy yard is located, in order to suppress the liquor traffic there. It is said to be held at \$350,000.

An exchange says: The Negro Baptists of Augusta, Ga., and vicinity, in convention succeeded in raising \$3,000 in cash for the Walker Baptist Institute, a normal and industrial school located in Augusta, owned and controlled by Negroes.

The president's message to the extra session of Congress, Nov. 9th, will concern chiefly the question of Cuban reciprocity, while the regular session of December will deal with various topics, the most important of which is that of an isthmian canal.

George D. and Barancas F. Cosby, convicted at Montgomery, Ala., of violation of the peonage law, have been granted full and unconditional pardon by President Roosevelt upon recommendation of Judge Jones and the petitions of Alabama Negroes.

Twenty-five thousand square feet for a wireless station has been assigned Marconi, of London, England, the inventor of wireless telegraphy, by the Exposition management of St. Louis. Wireless messages will be flashed during the Fair to distant corners of the old world.

It is asserted by the Macedonian revolutionary headquarters that they have positive information of the massacre of the whole Christian population by Turks, September 28th, of the town of Mehonja, province of Seras, with the exception of ten men, who escaped with the news.

The McKinley memorial statue at Adams, Mass., the first to be erected in this country to the memory of President McKinley, will be unveiled Oct. 3. Ex-Secretary of the Navy John D. Long, who was a member of both Cabinets of the late President, will be the principal speaker.

For the first time in its history, Chestertown, Md., is to have a school house for colored children, the basement of the M. E. Church having served the purpose heretofore. The building now being erected will accommodate but half the children. Next year, it is said, it will be enlarged for the accommodation of all.

Major General Corbin, adjutant general of the army, will assume at once the command of this department of the east, with headquarters at Governor's Island, N. Y. General Chaffee, now commanding the department of the east, will assume, in the war department, the duties of chief of staff, when General Young retires in January.

A call from the Philippine government has been received by the civil service commission for 150 male teachers. Salaries ranging from \$900 to \$1,200 annually. Examinations will be held in various cities Oct. 19 and 20. The commission says: "Peace has been established in the Philippines and the conditions of living are improving every month."

Mr. Gilchrist Stewart, a Tuekegee graduate of the class of '95, whose ability as a butter and cheese maker is widely known, was unanimously selected by the board of directors of the Dairy Association of Ontario as the superintendent and dairy instructor of the Western Fair, which is being held at London, Ontario. This is considered the largest and greatest fair held in the Dominion of Canada.

FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. C. Marshall Editor

A good farmer is a benefit to the whole community in which he lives. There is no need of one going to Africa or Asia to become a missionary or to study law that he may enter an honorable profession. Every country community needs graduates of the agricultural college to inspire its members with the dignity of the greatest of all vocations pursued by man. The live stock on the farm, the grains and grasses in the fields, all need improvement by means of husbandmen better educated. Country homesteads all need the improving hand that is guided by a trained head. Social life in the country, perhaps more than all, needs the ameliorating, helpful influence that comes through such education.

STRANGLING BEET SUGAR INTERESTS.

What is to become of our rapidly growing beet sugar industry? The trust, not long ago, is reported to have set aside \$100,000,000 to purchase an interest in the various plants of the country. It is said they already dominate the situation in Michigan. Certain it is several Michigan beet sugar factories have been recently combined. The trust is reaching out for stock in California, Nebraska and elsewhere. What is it to mean?

If the Cuban reciprocity treaty is adopted by the next congress, well may sugar beet growers ask, in what way are we to be benefited?

Estimates place the Cuban cane crop of this year at 1,000,000 tons, practically all of which will be sent to the United States; last year the crop amounted to 975,000 tons. A discount of 20 per cent on duty would knock off about four or five million dollars. It is said a controlling interest in all the Michigan beet sugar factories can be secured for \$7,500,000. Those who want this country to produce and manufacture its own sugar, have but one duty to do. Our great manufacturing industry has been built up largely by the aid of a protective tariff; not with reciprocal arrangements with other nations.

Red cans for skimmilk. That's what the authorities at Chicago say. Why not? Skimmilk has its value and its uses. But the consumer has a right to know what he is buying—skimmilk, oleo, shoddy or currant jelly. Push 'em into the broad sunlight of truth.

DER KAISER TOO FRISKY.

Germany now excludes American potatoes, live plants, grapes vines, fresh fruits and some other products. The exclusion is based on the claim that these articles are infested with "insects or fungi." Now let Uncle Sam reciprocate by excluding German beet sugar and German toys, because they may be "unhealthful." This will bring the kaiser to terms quick. Our country imports about \$100,000,000 worth of stuff from Germany each year, and she buys from us about 200 millions worth.

MONEY IN COUNTRY AND CITY.

The country is full of money. Rural banks have millions more than ever. A great number of national banks, with \$25,000 to \$50,000 capital, have been organized in country towns during the past two years. Farmers are using checks like other business men.



A HEALING MINERAL SPRING AT YOUR DOOR

PERSONAL TO SUBSCRIBERS!

WE WILL SEND to every subscriber or reader of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, or worthy person recommended by a subscriber or reader, a full-sized One Dollar package of VITAE-ORE, by mail, Postpaid, sufficient for one month's treatment, to be paid for in one month's time after receipt, if the receiver can truthfully say that its use has done him or her more good than all the drugs and dopes of quacks or good doctors or patent medicines he or she has ever used. Read this over again carefully, and understand that we ask our pay only when it has done you good, and not before. We take all the risk; you have nothing to lose. If it does not benefit you, you pay us nothing. Vitae-Ore is a natural, hard, adamant, rock-like substance—mineral—Ore—mined from the ground like gold and silver in the neighborhood of a once powerful but now extinct mineral spring, compared to which the springs of the present day are but pygmies, whose waters, impregnated with the healing and medicinal qualities of the Ore found at its base, no doubt apouted for centuries before the foot of man trod the Western Continent. It requires about twenty years for oxidation. It contains free iron, free sulphur and magnesium, and one package will equal in medicinal strength and curative value 800 gallons of the most powerful, efficacious mineral water drunk fresh at the springs. It is a geological discovery, to which there is nothing added or taken from. It is the marvel of the century for curing such diseases as Rheumatism, Bright's Disease, Blood Poisoning, Heart Trouble, Dropsy, Catarrh and Throat Affections, Liver, Kidney and Bladder Affections, Stomach Disorders, LaGrippe, Malarial Fever, Nervous Prostration and General Debility, as thousands testify, and as no one, answering this, writing for a package, will deny after using. Vitae-Ore has cured more chronic, obstinate, pronounced incurable cases, than any other known medicine, and will reach such cases with a more rapid and powerful curative action than any medicine, combination of medicines, or doctor's prescription which it is possible to procure.

Vitae-Ore will do the same for you as it has for hundreds of readers of this paper, if you will give it a trial. Send for a \$1.00 package at our risk. You have nothing to lose but the stamp to answer this announcement. We want no one's money whom Vitae-Ore cannot benefit. You are to be the judge! Can anything be more fair? What sensible person, no matter how prejudiced he or she may be, who desires a cure and is willing to pay for it, would hesitate to try Vitae-Ore on this liberal offer? One package is usually sufficient to cure ordinary cases; two or three for chronic, obstinate cases. We mean just what we say in this announcement, and will do just as we agree. Write to-day for a package at our risk and expense, giving age and ailments, and mention this paper, so we may know that you are entitled to this liberal offer.

This offer will challenge the attention and consideration, and afterward the gratitude, of every living person who desires better health, or who suffers pains, ills, and diseases which have defied the medical world and grown worse with age. We care not for your skepticism, but ask only your investigation, and at our expense, regardless of what ills you have, by sending to us for a package. ADDRESS

REV. N. A. BARR

HAS USED IT AND ALSO SEEN ITS ACTION IN OTHER CASES.

READ WHAT HE SAYS:

WILLIAMSTOWN, PA.—I have been troubled for a number of years with an anemic condition of the blood and weak digestive organs. I tried different remedies that were recommended to me and received treatment from a number of eminent physicians. While I could not say that I received no help at all from these, the benefit derived was only temporary. When I ceased taking these treatments the beneficial results immediately were lost. I could scarcely eat a full meal without experiencing a nausea and headache. I had about come to the conclusion that what cannot be cured must be endured. Through your advertisement to send a package on trial my attention was directed to Vitae-Ore. I sent for a package nearly three months ago. I have now commenced to use the third package, and I can truthfully say that Vitae-Ore has helped me more than any other remedy or medical treatment I have ever taken. I can now eat and relish a hearty meal. I have also put out among my personal friends four and a half packages of this medicine. Six different persons are using it, mostly chronic cases of long standing in Liver, Stomach, Blood and Kidney Trouble. The reports that have been received from these people are all favorable. In every instance, where the directions are followed, the writer honestly believes that Vitae-Ore will do all that is claimed for it, especially in Digestive, Blood and Kidney Disorders.—N. A. BARR, Pastor West Market Street Church.

THEO. NOEL COMPANY, S. N. Dept. Vitae-Ore Bldg,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

That's right. Put your money in the bank, where it will be loaned to other people, who will use it until you get ready to use it yourself. Local banks are a convenience of which the rural districts need more. They are much better than postal savings banks, which would drain money away to Washington.

The Illinois Central Railroad in its fifty-third annual report makes an exceedingly fine showing. There was an excess of income over operating ex-

penditures of nearly seventeen millions of dollars, from which it has paid its taxes, interest, leases, two semi-annual dividends to stockholders and placed over a million dollars to the future dividend fund. It has added 56 new engines and 9,666 new freight cars to its equipment. Double track now extends from Chicago to Fulton, Ky., (except on the Cairo bridge), and but few miles yet remain to complete that work to Memphis. The work of reducing the grades and double-tracking is also being done between this city and

Jackson, Miss. In the near future it will have double track over its entire line to Chicago. It is indeed a great and a well managed system.

For Over Sixty Years.

Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over 60 years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind.

No Hair?

"My hair was falling out very fast and I was greatly alarmed. I then tried Ayer's Hair Vigor and my hair stopped falling at once."—Mrs. G. A. McVay, Alexandria, O.

The trouble is your hair does not have life enough. Act promptly. Save your hair. Feed it with Ayer's Hair Vigor. If the gray hairs are beginning to show, Ayer's Hair Vigor will restore color every time. \$1.00 a bottle. All druggists.

If your druggist cannot supply you, send us one dollar and we will express you a bottle. Be sure and give the name of your nearest express office. Address, J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

Conference Notices

N. O. DISTRICT SOUTH.

FOURTH ROUND.

Virion, Oct. 17-18; Napoleonville, 23-25; Woodlawn, 24-25; Thibodaux, 26-27; Houma, 31; Ponchatoula, Nov. 4; Berwick, 7-8; Morgan City, 8; Franklin, 13-15; Centerville, 14-15; Schriever, 16-17; Godman, 21-22; Baldwin, 22; Oliver, 24-25; Jeanerette, 28-29; St. Peter, 29; Union, Dec. 4; Crawford, 5-6; Williams Church, 8; Simpson, 10; Hubertville, 12-13; New Iberia, 19-20; Camp Parapet, 27; First Church, Jan. 3-5; Wesley Chapel, 6-10.

Dear Pastors—Let us come up to conference with full reports, as we can not afford to go back one inch on any line. Yours for the Master,

W. R. BUTLER, P. E.

1924 Sixth St., New Orleans.

Dear brethren of the Cumberland River District Conference—Please be at Martin, Tenn., the 14th of October, at 2 p. m., so as to have all reports ready. We will be there to assist you. Please be prompt and act. I am yours in the work. H. W. KEY, P. E.

Pastors and presiding elders of the Upper Mississippi Conference are requested to send the names of all persons other than regular members of the conference who are expecting to attend the next session, to Rev. D. A. Bragg, pastor at Okolona, Miss. By this is meant lay delegates and candidates for admission.

NOTICE.

To the Candidates and Examiners of the Atlanta Conference:

Dear Brethren—There is to be no changes in the assignments for the coming examination. The examiners have the same books that were given last year. Respectfully,

J. P. WRAGG, Registrar.

REDUCED RATES FOR NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Reduced rate round trip tickets from all points in southern Virginia and North Carolina to Greensboro, N. C., will be on sale Oct. 12 and 13. Be sure to call for reduced rates on all roads.

ROBERT E. JONES, Secretary.

The Preachers' Meeting of the Baton Rouge District will convene at Wesley Chapel, Baton Rouge, La., Oct. 15,

instead of Oct. 8. All members are requested to be present to discuss important matters pertaining to the future of our district.

B. J. REDDIX, President.
J. E. ROLAX, Secretary.

The total amount raised at Oxford, Miss., F. H. Henry, pastor, during the third quarter for all purposes was \$177.50 instead of \$17.50, as reported in the issue of September 10th.

NOTICE.

The members of the Lexington District, Tennessee Conference, will please meet in McCabe Temple, Martin, Tenn. (the seat of the Annual Conference) at 2 o'clock p. m. Oct. 14, 1903. Please bring your statistical report with you for inspection and correction, if necessary. Don't leave your benevolent monies behind for the committees to send to you at the seat of conference. They may be late in sending it, and thereby give trouble to the conference treasurer, and place you in a bad shape before the conference. Yours for the cause of Christ and his Church,

W. R. SMITH, Presiding Elder.

Box 34, Paris, Tenn.

The pastors of the Pine Bluff District, Little Rock Conference, and the judges elected at each charge on the district at the first quarterly conference to hold an election to elect a delegate to the Lay Electoral Conference to be held in connection with the next Annual Conference of the Little Rock District. Each charge will hold the election at 9 o'clock on the first Saturday in October, 1903. All men and women 21 years of age are voters. Please take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

W. H. HIGGINS.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

St. Paul and Vincent, Oct. 1-2; St. Peter, 3-4; Clinton, 4-5; Asbury, 6; Beach Grove, 7-8; Macedonia, 10-11; Mt. Carmel, 11-12; Stoney Point, 16-18; St. Luke and Plain View, 18-19; Jones Creek, 21; Summer and Mason, 24-25; Melville, 27; Wiley, 28; Slaughter, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; Lindzia, Nov. 2; Zackery, 3; Albert Chapel, 4; Deerford, 5-6; Baker, 7-8; Union, 14-15; Letsworth, 15-16; Batchelor and Island, 17-18; New Road, 19; Lobdell Circuit, 20; Conrade, 21-22; Musson, 28-29; Rosedale, 29-30; Jackson and Mt. Zion, Dec. 1-3; Norwood, 4; Wesley, 5-6; Bayou Goula, 11; Plaquemine, 12-13; Port Allen, 19-20; Darrowville, 26-27; Donaldsonville, 27-28; St. Mark, Jan. 9-10; Wesley, B. R., 16-17.

Brethren, at the last Annual Conference the Baton Rouge District made a good showing, but we have such things as good, better and best. We should make a better showing this conference year than ever before. Much depends on you as workers as to how you will come up. Do not put the matter off. Commence now; I ask that by Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, all the benevolences be raised, and that the pastors write me by the 30th, reporting all of your benevolences raised. He who wants to lead must show himself a leader. I hope not one will come short in the apportionment. All local preachers who did not get to the district conference must get the studies laid down in the Discipline and be ready for the examination at the fourth quarter, and must have the Southwestern before I come. Be sure you are attending the Sunday school. Do

not forget the Southwestern; redeem your pledges at once. I hope the pastors on the Baton Rouge District will make a house to house canvass while the people have money and put the paper into every family. Be ready to pay in your minute money and also get the presiding elder out of the way, so that he can help the pastors when he comes.

H. TAYLOR, P. E.

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Belton and Kell Branch, Oct. 3-4; Temple and Troy, 10-11; Austin Circuit, 17-18; Luling, 24-25; Lockhart, Nov. 1; Smithville, 3-4; Wesley Chapel, 7-8; Sam Houston College, 10-11; Simpson Tabernacle, 14-15; Georgetown, 21-22; Burnett and Liberty Hill, 24-25; Winchester, 28-29; Littig, Dec. 5-6; Davilla, 9-10; Giddings, 12-13.

Dear Brethren—The close of the 4th round places us close to the Annual Conference. In the face of all the difficulties that you have had to encounter, we nevertheless expect each one to meet the Annual Conference with a round report. Push your benevolent claims now, while money is in circulation. Have the respective committees raise the full apportionment for Sam Houston College. We must have the boys' building. Don't forget your apportionment for general conference expenses. Let us make one united effort on the first Sunday in November to secure an average of five subscribers for the Southwestern in each charge. Do all of the above and I assure you of a good apportionment next year. Yours in His name,

N. J. JOHNSON, P. E.

STARKVILLE DISTRICT, UPPER MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

FOURTH ROUND.

Ackerman, Oct. 3-4; Bellefontaine, Nov. 26-27; Bradley, 11-12; Cedar Bluff, 28-29; Eupora, Dec. 12-13; Friendship, Nov. 9-10; French Camp, Dec. 5-6; Kilmichael, Nov. 21-22; Kosciuska, Sept. 26-27; Kosciusko Ct., Sept. 29; Liberty Hill, Oct. 10-11; Louisville, Oct. 17-18; Mathiston, Nov. 30; Rock Hill, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; Starkville, Nov. 6-8; Starkville Ct., Nov. 14-15; Stewart, Nov. 23; Spring Hill, Oct. 19-20; W. G. and S. C., Nov. 2; Weir, Oct. 24-25.

Second district conference Oct. 20-26, at Weir, Miss. Now brethren, please come prepared to report your full assessment for benevolent money. Bring at least five subscribers for the Southwestern. The time is out Oct. 31 and Dr. Scott will have to close his book.

THOS. W. DAVIS, P. E.

NEW ORLEANS NORTH DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Gretna, Oct. 21-22; Haven, 23-26; Thompson, 27-28; St. Matthew, Oct. 29-Nov. 1; Asbury, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; Pleasant Plains, Nov. 2-3; Malden, 4; Union, 5-6; St. Charles, 7-8; St. John, 9; Mallieu, 11-12; Franklinton, 14-16; Balltown, 18-22; Mt. Zion, 24-25; Mandeville, 28-29; Covington, Nov. 30; Scott Chinn, Dec. 8-9; Slidell, 12-13; Litcher, 18-20; Whitehall, 19-20; La Place, 21; City Mission, 22.

Dear Brethren—Conference is coming on and it is necessary to push things vigorously. Collect and send on general conference expenses at once. Bring up balance on the benevolence, the minute money. Send in subscriptions to the Southwestern as rapidly as possible, that we may reach the self-supporting basis by Oct. 31.

Yours faithfully,

J. F. MARSHALL, P. E.

JACKSON DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Morton, Oct. 24-25; Forest, 27; Pelahatchie, 28; Linwood, 28; Clinton, 29; Brandon, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; Jackson, Nov. 20-22; West Jackson, 21-22; Smith Creek, 23; Saratoga, 24; Taylorville, 25; Anding, 26; Lintonia, 27; Green Hill, 28-29; Bellewood, Dec. 1; Roseneath, 2; Yazoo City Ct., 4; Yazoo City, 5-6; Benton, 12-13; Madison, 16; Vaughan, 17; Canton, 19-20; Canton Ct., 19-20; Couparie, 21; Carthage, 22; Good Hope, 22.

Fraternally yours,

J. M. SHUMPERT, P. E.

CARD OF THANKS.

Wilson, La.—I desire to thank the good people of Darrow for their kindness towards us just before I left. For two years they have been good and kind and now that I have been removed from them, they came to the parsonage and presented us with socks, stockings, calico, white cotton flannel, shoes for the children, handkerchiefs, perfumes, collars, five dollars' worth of fine cut glass, underwear and shirt waists for Mrs. Harris and \$9 from the sinner friends. We thank these good people and wherever we go in our hearts they shall ever have a home.

REV. AND MRS. A. B. HARRIS.

CARD OF THANKS.

Monroe, La.—I desire to convey my thanks and appreciation for courtesies rendered to me by the following named organizations: To the Sunbeam Benevolent Society, of St. James M. E. Church, Monroe, La., for contribution of \$5 on the occasion of their 24th anniversary and to the King's Daughters of the same church, for \$5. I pray that the good work for which they are organized may be fruitful of the best results. Very truly,

C. D. SHALLOWHORNE.

D. D. Armstrong, Pastor, Biloxi, Miss.—At Israelite M. E. Church, Sunday, Aug. 30, was rally day for classes Nos. 2 and 3. There were no services during the inclement weather. The Rev. Wm. Herman, of Escatawpa, and Rev. G. I. Vaughan, of Biloxi, preached at 7:30 and 8:30 p. m. The classes reported as follows: Class No. 2, Albert Watson, \$18.14; Class No. 3, Jas. Pittard, \$11; congregation, \$6; total, \$35.14.

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Oct. 21-22

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

The Forrest City (Ark.) District Conference convened at Marianna, Scott's Valley M. E. Church, August 26, 1903, Rev. B. J. Griffin, presiding elder, in the chair. Rev. W. H. Crawford, of Little Rock, assisted the presiding elder in the devotions. Rev. J. W. Jackson was re-elected secretary, Miss Elena Stylls assistant. Rev. W. McIntosh was re-elected statistical secretary; Rev. E. J. Pinkett, reporter. All pastors were present except two. In spite of high water on part of the district and the fact that the last annual conference detached four charges, there was still a marked advancement on all lines, many conversions and more accessions were reported. The benevolent collections were one hundred dollars in advance of the reports of last year. The conference pledged to raise its apportionment of subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. Dr. J. M. Cox, "Old Reliable," was with us Saturday and Sunday. A Nurses' Training School is his latest project for Philander Smith College. The conference organized a Home District Missionary Society, with the following board of managers: J. W. Jackson, A. M., W. McIntosh, Ph. D., A. T. Stephens, G. B. Donnelly, C. A. Taylor, J. M. Clark, W. M. Green, S. B. Davis and S. T. Cooper. The women's auxiliary board: Mrs. Rosa Donnelly, Sallie Cannon, Pauline M. Jackson, Amanda E. Davis, J. M. Clark, Ellen Hurd, Mollie Carter, H. S. Haynes, J. Annie Pinkett, A. L. Green and Bessie Brooks. The object of this board is to stimulate greater interest in missions in both old and new work on the district; to promote greater interest in the various benevolences of the church and to secure better support for the preachers; to encourage all members of the church to greater activity in the evangelization of the world and to quicken a spiritual activity among Christians. Its first meeting will be at Brinkley, Oct. 15-16, 1903. A spiritual blessing was experienced at each meeting, inspiring sermons were preached each day at 12 M. and at 8 p. m., by Revs. W. McIntosh, Ph. B., S. J. Brown, Philip Owens, J. M. Clark, S. B. Davis, G. B. Donnelly, W. H. Crawford, C. A. Taylor and W. A. Smith. Each charge was asked to raise two dollars for home work. The conference adjourned to meet next at Crawfordville. J. W. JACKSON, Secty.

B. J. GRIFFIN, P. E.

E. J. PINKETT, Reporter.

FOREST CITY DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Epworth League and Sunday School Convention met also at the same time and place as conference, Rev. J. W. Jackson in the chair. After devotions by the president, E. J. Pinkett was elected secretary. The attendance was full and enthusiasm ran high. Instructive and entertaining papers were presented and discussed. Important subjects: "Guide to Success," "Success or Failure in the Sunday School,"

"How to Help the Epworth League," "How to make the League Go," "Work!" "Can the Sunday School Succeed Without the Co-operation of the Pastor?" "A League Offensive and Defensive." The literary programme rendered on Thursday night was an intellectual feast to the crowded house. The welcome address, by Rev. Jas. Lewis, was a royal one. Responded to by Rev. W. McIntosh. No number on the short programme deserves special mention; all were excellent. Dr. G. G. Logan, of the Missionary Society, was introduced to the convention and spoke of the subject nearest his heart. To hear him is to do more for missions. The conference pledged to put each charge in Class 1. As the convention did not know its apportionment for the Epworth Farm until its sitting, we were unable to give Dr. Cox but \$20, but each local league promised to pay its part by the 15th inst. The convention having grown to such an extent, (1150 members) it was thought best to separate from the conference and selected Augusta as its next place of meeting. District officers elected: Rev. J. W. Jackson will serve his sixth term as president; Mrs. Amanda Davis, of Brinkley, president first department; Miss Etta B. Nevels, of Forrest City, president second department; Mrs. Sallie Cannon, of Cotton Plant, president third department; Mr. E. D. Hughes, of Union Grove, president fourth department; Miss Lettie Davis, of Marianna, has charge of the Juniors; Mr. H. S. Haynes, of Palestine, finance, and Rev. E. J. Pinkett, Ph. B., of Forrest City, was for the sixth time chosen secretary. All went from Marianna with renewed vigor and greater enthusiasm to make our meeting at Augusta the best yet.

REV. J. W. JACKSON, A. M., Pres.
 E. J. PINKETT, Secty. and Reporter.

The fifteenth session of the South New Orleans District Conference convened at Jeanerette, La., Sept. 9-13. Although it had been postponed for two weeks because of a recent occurrence, yet it was one of the best sessions in the history of the district. The conference was called to order by Presiding Elder Rev. W. R. Butler, Wednesday, at 3 p. m. Prof. H. W.



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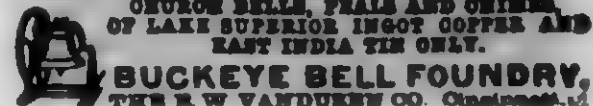
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McDonald, A. M., was elected secretary and Revs. J. D. Pool and J. B. Johnson assistants; Mr. M. S. Alexander, statistical secretary and Revs. F. T. Chinn and N. McNeal assistants. The usual committees and other officers were appointed. The reports from pastors and other workers show a steady increase. The presiding elder emphasized the necessity of the pastors taking greater interest in the Epworth League. The aspirants for license to preach were held to the rule adopted by the conference, and no local preacher or exhorter, who failed among other things to attend the Sunday school and subscribe for the *SOUTHWESTERN*, could have his license renewed, unless his excuse was very reasonable. The literary program was exceptional and much discussion followed. Subjects discussed: "Is the Church Drifting Heavenward or Worldward?" Revs. F. D. Bowers and G. J. Rogers; "Should Our Discipline Be Used as a Book of Reference or Be Studied?" Revs. F. Walker and O. J. Harvey; "Is the Class-meeting a Necessity in the M. E. Church?" Rev. J. A. Tircuit. The spiritual interest reminded one of an annual conference. Strong and effective sermons were delivered and vast crowds attended each night. The annual sermon was preached by Revs. J. D. Pool and C. W. Reeves; Missionary Sermon, Revs. M. S. Goins and Eugene Baptiste; Doctrinal Sermon, Revs. F. T. Chinn, J. A. Tircuit and F. Walker. At 11 o'clock on Sabbath Presiding Elder Butler preached. The afternoon, a successful financial rally. At night Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, presiding elder of the Monroe District, delivered the closing sermon.

Among the visitors who addressed the conference were Dr. J. F. Marshall, presiding elder North New Orleans District; Rev. E. C. Goins, fraternal delegate of the Alexandria District; Dr. Jones, professor in Flint Medical College; Dr. I. B. Scott, editor *SOUTHWESTERN*. This is the leading district of the state in annual subscriptions to the *SOUTHWESTERN*. The meeting of the various auxiliaries was very interesting. The report of Dean Landry upon the progress of Gilbert College was corroborated by the committee appointed to visit that institution. Mrs. Dright, matron of the Orphans' Home, represented that institution. The New Orleans University in its various departments was prominently mentioned. The next conference convenes at Baldwin, La. F. B. SMITH, Reporter.

The Griffin District of the Atlanta Annual Conference convened in Jonesboro, Ga., July 29-Aug. 2, 1903. Dr. Alston, the wise and painstaking executive is presiding elder of this district. The conference was called to order by the pastor of Jonesboro, Rev. J. E. Watkins, Dr. Alston being called away to arrange for the funeral of Rev. G. W. Merriwether, one of the pastors of this district. J. W. Queen was re-elected secretary. Many pastors and members of the conference answered at roll call. Rev. E. F. Scarborough, of Oxford, occupied the chair a part of first day's session, he and Rev. Watkins proved themselves to be able presiding officers. The pastors' reports showed advancement along all lines, excepting revivals, it being a little early for the revival season, especially on the circuits. The conference was graced with many distinguished visitors, both ladies and gentlemen, lay and ministerial, who encouraged us with strong words. Brother Watkins and the good people of Jones-

boro take delight in entertaining, and everything was pleasant. Our next district conference will convene in Griffin, Ga. J. W. QUEEN, Reporter. Stockbridge, Ga.

Hartsville, Tenn.—The Cumberland River (Tenn.) District Conference held its second session in Dowell Chapel, Cherry Valley, Tenn., beginning Aug. 6. Reports showed an increase on all lines. There is a great missionary spirit on the district. Watch-word, "In the front rank—class first." The following visitors made short talks: Revs. A. Phillips, presiding elder of the West Nashville District; M. Williams, presiding elder of the Nashville District; L. M. Moors, D. D.; I. W. Johnson, E. J. Guthrie, S. M. Utly, J. H. Thompson; Prof. A. B. Maclin, Drs. E. E. W. S. Hammond, D. N. Byrd and Rev. Benjord, of the A. M. E. Church. Strong sermons were delivered by Rev. B. B. Manson, H. Primm, J. P. Gregg, B. F. Anderson, J. B. Booth, N. Betty, C. E. Alexander, J. A. Swift, H. P. Belcher, T. W. Belcher and the writer. Friday night, missionary rally. Prof. A. C. Maclin made a strong plea for missions and collected ten dollars for the cause. Total collected during the conference \$70.80. Rev. T. B. Blackman, the pastor, has the honor of taking care of the largest district conference in our history. He and his good people and the Baptists as well entertained the conference so nicely that we were sorry to leave. Our next session will convene in Lebanon. Resolution of thanks to the T. C. R. R. for reduced rates, the presiding elder for his fatherly ruling, the secretaries for their faithful work, also the pastor and people for their care of the conference. Thus closed one of the best district conferences in our history.

R. A. DOWELL, Secretary.

The twenty-first session of the Shreveport District (La.) Conference convened in St. Paul Church, Shreveport, La., Aug. 12, with the Rev. H. Daniels, presiding elder, in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. Proctor, Williams and White. All pastors answered at roll call. The majority of conference members were present. Rev. C. Johnson was elected secretary by acclamation and appointed as assistants Edward Jackson, A. G. Miller and Robinson. Rev. E. P. Harris was elected statistical secretary, assistants, Brothers Huntley, White and Williams. Rev. H. J. Wright, treasurer; A. J. Proctor, reporter; Rev. Munson, postmaster. The usual committees were appointed, together with conference stewards, etc. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Smith, of Shreveport; Rev. E. P. Harris responded. The following presiding elders, during the session, delivered glowing addresses and spoke of their work: Revs. S. Duncan, J. F. Marshall, H. Taylor, W. R. Butler, C. D. Shallowhorne and Dr. I. B. Scott, editor of the *SOUTHWESTERN*. The conference gave him thirty new annual subscribers. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Clements, of Flint Medical College, New Orleans University; Revs. J. A. Tircuit, of First Street M. E. Church, New Orleans; F. B. Smith, attorney at law, New Orleans; W. S. Harris, Cheneyville; W. S. Chinn, Lake Providence; T. A. Brown, Morgan City; W. J. M. Price, and many others. The conference was a success in every respect. Too much praise cannot be given to the members and friends of St. Paul and St. James, for their enter-

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tainment of the conference. It can be well said that the Shreveport District will be able to take front rank this year. A. J. PROCTOR, Reporter. Mansfield, La.

L. W. Price, Pastor, Brookhaven.—Class leader's rally on the fourth Sunday in August was a great and happy occasion at Kynett Chapel. The pastor entered the race with the leaders. It resulted as follows: Sister J. T. Winston, \$3.70; J. F. Funches, \$2.40; Anthony Winston, \$10.00; M. McGlothlen, \$7.45; G. A. Smith, \$1.50; R. Applewhite, 20 cents; Tom Levi, \$10; M. Jonas, \$32.65; J. R. Crump, \$18; H. H. Lanier, \$10; Alice Lillie, \$19; Rev. L. W. Price, \$34.60; E. S. Pendleton, \$13.70; B. Gullage, representing 72 Tribes of Israel, \$3.17; M. Pope, \$00; M. J. Gullage, \$6. Subscription list: Rev. L. W. Price, \$5; P. D. Gullage, \$5; Alex Winston, \$5; E. L. Pendleton, \$5; Prof. C. M. Wallace, \$5; S. C. Jonas, \$3; Mattie Reynolds, \$3; C. M., \$5; Charlie Moses, \$5; Wesley Washington, (of Jackson), \$5; Alice Lillie, \$3; Ella

Kennedy, \$5; Elder J. M. Shumpert, \$1; J. M. Johnson, of the Presbyterian Church, \$1; J. E. Walker, of Gunnison, \$1; Elder J. C. Hibbler, \$2; Nettie T. Applewhite, \$5. The friends of the town stood by us royally and also a few of the far away brothers; to them we extend heartfelt thanks. Considering the few leaders that rallied, we hold that the effort was quite a success. The total amount collected was \$162.54. May the Lord be praised. We shall build a two thousand dollar church.

B. H. Warren, Pastor, Dickinson Circuit.—My third quarterly conference was held with Rev. C. M. Moore in the chair and all officers present but one. Reports showed advancement on all lines. At Lanarque conference was held Sunday morning in the old time Methodist way. We held also a love-feast and many testimonies were heard. Elder Moore was at his best. We paid him in full; paid pastor \$10; benevolent collection, \$3; for sick, \$1; total for all causes, \$21.50.

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E. W. Taylor, Reporter, Murfreesboro, Tenn.—Key Chapel M. E. Church rejoices in the splendid success achieved. The church has been beautifully frescoed, painted and renovated and is now a perfect gem of beauty. In a rally held Aug. 30, \$223 were realized from the collections and on Sunday last the generous people laid \$50 more upon the table to finish paying for the improvements; the entire sum contributed for the three weeks being \$300. Dr. E. W. S. Hammond, the dean of the Braden Bible Training School of Walden University kindly consented to supply the pulpit made vacant on account of the death of Rev. D. C. Ransom, and began his work last May. He has had phenomenal success, having gained the confidence and esteem of both the colored and white people. The services are largely attended, all departments well organized and the church has reached its highest degree of progress. The collections have aggregated \$600, an average of nearly \$100 per month. Dr. Hammond has made a lasting impression for good upon the entire community, and there are many regrets that his pastorate may terminate with the conference year. The quarterly conference passed resolutions endorsing his work and requesting his re-appointment to the charge. He will begin his work at the University on

the 30th, as the dean of the Braden Bible Training School, where he has already had eminent success.

J. I. Garrett, Handsboro, Miss.—Our third quarterly conference was held at Magdalene, Miss., Aug. 29-30, with Rev. J. B. Brooks in the chair. Reports showed that the work was in good condition. Rev. Brook preached a fine sermon. Collected for the elder \$19.05. The pastor and people are satisfied with each other. All are looking forward to the annual conference.

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Thibodaux, La.—Brother Willie Neville, a young convert of Calvary M. E. Church, fell asleep in Jesus Saturday, Sept. 19, at 5:30 p. m., after an illness of many months. He leaves a wife, three children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

REV. E. BAPTISTE.

Woodlawn, La.—Brother Barnett Allen departed this life September 21. He was one of the founders of the Woodlawn M. E. Church and was a faithful member till the last. He died at the ripe age of 76 years in full triumph of faith. He leaves a wife, many children and friends. The pastor, E. Fields, conducted the funeral service, assisted by Revs. F. Harvey, G. Tunsen and H. J. Fletcher. The remains were deposited in the Woodlawn Cemetery, behind the church.

Rosedale, La.—Brother Robert Johnson, a member of Hartzell Chapel M. E. Church, fell asleep in Jesus Sept. 22, 1903, aged 29 years. A father, mother, two brothers, one sister and many friends grieve over his departure. Sleep on, dear brother, we will see you again. Funeral was attended by the pastor, Rev. S. Green.

Manhac, La.—Sister Letey Bahteast departed this life for her eternal home Sept. 13, 1903. She was converted 12 years before the war and was a faithful member of Dailey Chapel until death. Heaven has profited by our loss. She leaves a bereaved husband, three daughters and one sister. The funeral was attended by the pastor, Wm. Harrell.

S. Carroil, Pastor, Monroe, La.—Miss Pauline Cook, an accomplished young lady, and a member of St. James M. E.

Church, one of the Sunday school teachers and 4th vice-president of the Epworth League, died Sept. 7, 1903, in full triumph of faith, aged 22 years, 11 months and 25 days. In her death, the church, which has been draped in mourning, and community sustains a great loss. She was held in the highest esteem by all. In this life Miss Pauline Cook was a model example for all who came in contact with her. Her remains were followed to the final resting place by a large crowd of sympathetic friends. Rest on, dear co-worker, rest on, we will meet thee in the morning.

Bonage, Miss.—Margaret Shennaw, the four-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Shennaw, departed this life Aug. 9, 1903. The funeral was conducted by E. H. Langston, the pastor.

Ada Camel, the seven-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Camel, died Aug. 15. Many mourn the departure of this little one. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Patterson, pastor at Centerville, Miss., assisted.

Brother Charley Washington died in peace Sept. 5, aged 46 years. He was a member of Mt. Zion M. E. Church. A wife, three sons, five brothers and two sisters survive him and a host of friends. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. H. Langston, assisted by Rev. R. H. Patton, pastor Union Church, Miss.

Franklin, Tenn.—Mrs. Mattie Agnes Johnson, daughter of Rev. B. B. Manson, Lebanon, Tenn., was born in 1861 and died September 17, 1903, aged 42 years. She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church when very young, and lived a faithful member of the same until death. She had been in ill health for 14 or 15 years, still she would always do something for her church. I was pastor of that charge (Lebanon) for five years and always found Sister Johnson contending for the faith that was delivered to the saints. She professed sanctification three years ago. To Brother Monroe Johnson, her husband, she was a faithful companion; to her children a good mother. The deceased leaves a husband, father, two children, sisters, brothers, many relatives and a host of friends.

"When the mighty work was wrought
And waiting thy ready bride,
She was given in Heaven a happy lot
With all the sanctified."

The funeral service was attended by the pastor, Rev. B. F. Anderson, and the writer, Rev. Eli J. Guthrie.

Bethel Church on the Macon circuit, pastor, Rev. C. W. Butler, presented the saddest picture I have ever witnessed. There lay in the church a corpse and at the gate another, both cut down in the bloom of life. The one in the church was that of Bro. Anthony Shaw, aged 20, the son of Bro. Jerry Shaw, trustee of the church, a respected citizen; and the other was that of Sister Sallie Moore, aged 18. Both died happily in Jesus with that dread disease, consumption. Brother Butler is in the midst of his revivals and the occasion afforded him the supreme moment of his life to reach sinners. He did full justice to the occasion. His text was 1 Cor. 15-51. "We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed."

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Sister Hettie Smiley, a faithful member of Spring Hill M. E. Church, died in full faith August 24, 1903. She lived

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St. Martinsville, La.—On Sept. 12, at the home of the bride, Mr. John Prade and Miss Mary Grant were united in the bonds of holy wedlock. We wish them much success. J. H. Pierre, the pastor, officiated.

Pelahatchie, Miss.—Mr. John Jackson and Miss Malissa Jackson were married April 5 at the bride's home.

Mr. Green Sparks and Miss Mary Norwood were united in the bonds of matrimony Sept. 6, at the bride's home.

Mr. Abe Fleming and Miss Ellen Durr were joined in holy wedlock Sept. 10. May happiness attend them through life. S. JOSSEL, Pastor.

Pluto, Miss., Roseneath Circuit.—Mr. Nelson Night and Miss Mollie Brown have been united in holy matrimony.

August 7 Mr. Fred Banks was married to Miss Rebecca Lenzle, one of Roseneath's best young ladies. May God be with them through life's voyage. Rev. Wm. Payne officiated.

Bunkle, La.—August 27 Mr. John W. Jackson and Miss Elnora Dancy were joined in holy matrimony. Both are members of the Boonville M. E. Church. We wish them a peaceful voyage. Rev. C. H. Monroe officiated.

Baton Rouge, La.—Tuesday, Sept. 8, 1903, Prof. Raphael C. Barrow, of New Orleans, and Miss Estelle E. Tyler, of Baton Rouge, were united in marriage. Rev. A. Taylor officiated.

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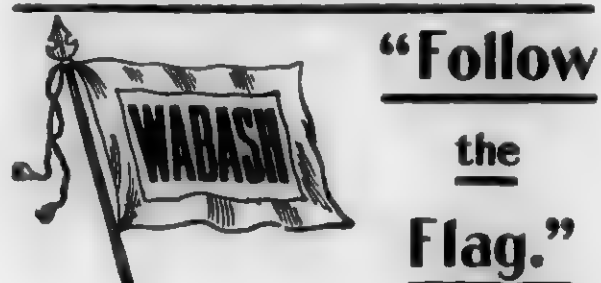
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The response to our call for back numbers has been generous indeed. We now have all we desire for the dates in 1902. A few more of April 18, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12, 1901, are still desired.

CRESCENT CITY NOTES

The Epworth League Chapter of Mal-lieu M. E. Church rendered its monthly program, which was abreast of the times, Sept. 27. Brother E. H. Anderson, president of the State League, and Brother Grinnell, of First Street M. E. Church, were present and addressed the League. This organization seems to be taking on new life under the direction of the present president, Mrs. E. N. Hubbard.

The Girls' Rhetorical and Musical Club met Sept. 30, 1903, and elected officers as follows: Mabel Scott, president; Ollie Priestly, vice-president; Edvige Barney, recording secretary; Ernestine Saulet, corresponding secretary; Daisy Lloyd, treasurer; Stella Williams and Edvige Barney, critics; Naomi Bailey, reporter. The next meeting will be held Oct. 10, 1903.

Sunday evening, Oct. 4, at Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered to 201 persons. Two probationers were received. Collection, \$14.70. Collection for month of September, \$295.38. October 4, \$34.38.

We are informed by the reporter of Wesley Chapel, Mrs. Eliza Golden, of the marriage of Mr. Robert Woods and Miss Surfer Abbot, which occurred Sept. 28, at the home of the bride.

At Union Chapel M. E. Church, Sunday morning, Oct. 4, the Rev. Dr. R. E. Jones, Field Agent of the Sunday

School Union, gave an interesting talk to the Sunday school; at 11 o'clock he delivered an eloquent and inspiring discourse to a highly appreciative audience. The presiding elder, Rev. J. F. Marshall, addressed a large congregation Sunday evening. His excellent sermon was enjoyed by all.

There is to be a choir contest Oct. 14, 8 p. m., at Union Bethel A. M. E. Church, for the benefit of St. James A. M. E. Church, now being rebuilt and enlarged. Six choirs will participate, but the contest will be between those of Simpson M. E. Church, Tulane Baptist Church Union, Bethel A. M. E. Church and St. John A. M. E. Church. Judges, Professors W. J. Nickerson, A. P. Williams, R. H. Caldwell and C. I. Douden. Mrs. Wittenberg and E. D. Burke, managers.

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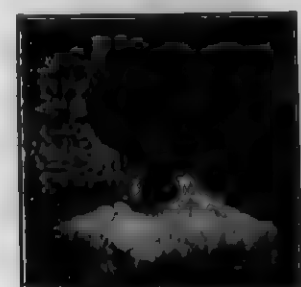
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Editorial Notes

Do you really think we are equaling the fathers in gathering and saving men?

How can you sit idly by while so many of the brethren are making such a faithful and successful canvass for the SOUTHWESTERN?

Since it appears that the policemen of this city are unable to, or else not disposed to enforce the Sunday law, an Association of Clerks has taken up the matter and has actually had one merchant arrested for opening his store and selling goods. The clerks want to rest, but it serves the same purpose as tho they cared for the Sabbath as a day of worship.

Arkansas furnished an unnecessary and inexcusable lynching at Sheridan, where a mob shot to death a Negro who had wounded an officer who was attempting to arrest him. Louisiana went still further to the extreme in lynching a Negro at St. Francisville who had shot at a white man a year before, and had been captured recently. Both of these men would certainly have been punished.

A white man by the name of Samuel Williams was lynched at Lawtry, Florida, because he refused to divulge the whereabouts of his brother, Alta Williams, who was accused of maltreating some white girls. This seems a very trivial offense to lynch a man for when one considers that "blood is thicker than water." Still we can see no good reason for a white man's refusing to tell where another is in the South under any circumstances.

A Negro was mobbed in Marshall, Tex., for having killed a constable in an outlying community of the county. Too bad that the usual quietude of that excellent little city should be disturbed by such an occurrence. However, we are pleased to learn, tho not surprised, that many of the leading citizens condemn the affair. While we have no word to utter in favor of the man who murdered the officer, we do hold that since there is no possible chance for a Negro to escape punishment under such circumstances, there is therefore no earthly excuse for lynching him.

The difficulty between the cotton screwmen, colored and white, of this city, and the ship agents has been settled and hence the tie-up of several weeks in loading cotton into ships is broken. A gang of five men have been loading 85 bales per day when necessary to force them in with screws, and 120 when screws were not required. The ship agents did not think this sufficient for a day's work, hence insisted on 90 bales screwed and from 200 to 225 when stowed by hand, but the screwmen refused and a tie-up resulted. Through the good offices of the Mayor a compromise has been affected by which 90 bales screwed cotton, or 160 bales hand stowed will constitute a day's work. A contract on this basis has been signed for one year.

Strike Those Who Deserve It But Not These

We are pleased to note the growing tendency on the part of many of our Northern exchanges that are friendly to the Negro and evidently interested in bringing about what is best for the entire country, to direct their criticism of the discriminations and injustices perpetrated against Negroes, to those particular sections and individuals responsible for the same. This is as it should be. For as anxious as we are to have our people justly treated in every part of the land, and at the same time to have that lawless and rabid element exposed and denounced, we would not have our friends lose sight of the fact that these do not make up the entire population of the South. The fact is, but for the more liberal and friendly white man of the South the Negro could not stay here at all. This element does not exert all the influence it might, or as it seems to us all it should, if it were more outspoken, but it is nevertheless the safety-valve of this section. It is composed of people who stand for law and order. Some of them, 'tis true, take the position they do for business reasons; that is to say, they do not wish their business disturbed by their laborers driven away, while there are thousands of other liberal-minded, large-hearted men and women who are really interested in the Negro. There are many who believe the Negro is here to stay and that whether he be laborer, professional man or servant, it is better for him, better for them and better for the whole country that he be educated and uplifted. It is not our desire to make the impression that we rest entirely upon a bed of roses and that there are not sections of the South where even decent black men never feel safe and constantly turn this way and that in order to avoid trouble, but we simply wish to give honor where honor is due. Many of the class of whites to which we refer patronize the Negro's business enterprises, employ, not infrequently, his professional men, direct purchasing homes and other property, grant neighborly favors and advice and encourage him in every laudable undertaking. 'Tis not a matter of social equality, for neither they nor those whom they seek to help ever seem to think of or fear that. They simply meet as necessity seems to provide, do or say what is necessary and pass on to the duty that comes next. The fact is, what we understand to be social equality is oftenest practiced in the South by those who howl hardest against it and pretend to fear it most. Other people are busy with the duties and responsibilities of life.

But we feel that sufficient has been said to serve our purpose. We are sure we voice the sentiment of that class of Negroes we claim to represent. They are only too glad to have it known that they recognize the presence of all about them of a broad and generous class of Southerners whose numbers they trust may be constantly increased and whose sojourn in the land may be prolonged for many years to come.

Importance of the Labor Question

The *Daily Picayune* says: "Without doubt the most important question in the political economy of the present day is embraced in the issues between labor and capital."

This agrees exactly with our view and we have repeatedly made similar declarations, but it is gratifying to find this positive assertion in so influential a southern daily as the *Picayune*. The sooner the South comes to realize this the better it will be for all concerned; for it is evident to our mind that conditions have not reached their worst point yet. The tendency in the relation of labor and capital is farther and farther apart. They are growing more and more hostile to each other, as tho they had no interests in common. It is impossible to bring about the best results in this way. Matters are not as difficult in this particular, just yet, in this section as they are at the North, but there is plenty of time, and there is abundant evidence that the cloud is rapidly approaching. This city is already feeling the grip of organized labor, and when the experience of Chicago is considered as portrayed in *McClure's Magazine* for September, New Orleans hasn't cut her eye teeth as yet; nor has the South. But she will and so will the nation. Perhaps when southern statesmen are through belaboring the Negro and enacting class legislation to deprive him of his rights, they may wake up to realize that he is the most faithful laborer and the very best friend this section ever had. Meanwhile they will also learn that they have been too busy with the little matters to give proper attention to those of weightier moment.

All Who Try to Help the Negro "Harm" Him

One of our morning dailies of this city, the *Times-Democrat*, in its issue of Oct. 7th is extremely caustic in criticising *The Appeal*, a Negro newspaper of Chicago. In referring to *The Appeal's* editorial that paper says: "It looks to us as if this 'Afro-American' paper were preparing to do the Negroes in the South a vast deal of harm." Now the strange thing to us is that the *T.-D.* seldom fails to make this declaration relative to persons or papers that are trying to help the Negro, but never so expresses itself regarding those that are actually doing the Negro "harm," not only in the South but throughout the country. It is without doubt one of the most influential dailies in the South, still it evidently never stops to think how discouraging to the Negro its fiery utterances are and how such utterances stir up a certain class of people against him. The *Times-Democrat* has nothing to lose by being consistent.

The Commercial American Negro National Convention which met in Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 1st, named the new organization which had been effected the American Negro Co-Operative and Industrial Association. A fund of \$200,000,000 the convention decided to raise for the aid of Negroes in this country.

Our Contributors

Nursing the Sick

[Address Delivered by MRS. LOUISA ROSS on Graduating from Nurse Training Department.]

Mr. President, Members of the Faculty, Ladies and Gentlemen: It has been said by some great physician that through Florence Nightingale, the early mother of the trained nurse, and Clara Barton, who brought the profession of nursing to its present high standing, many lives were saved during the late civil war between the States and that between the Spanish and Americans. This was done through their tenderness and their watchfulness.

The Red Cross needs no flag or truce, needs no letter of credit, for the sign of the trained nurse is an open sesame of good society. They are welcomed by the prince and the peasant, the child and the patriarch. Wherever a trembling soul is suffering agony of pain the nurse is a welcome attendant. It is a general and accepted truth that the good physician and the trained nurse have restored many to life and vigor, and soothed the pathway of many who were traveling fast toward their grave.

The Saviour of the world healed the wounded and nursed the sick. Listen, what Paul says: "Sick, and Ye visited me." The full significance of these benign words is seldom comprehended by us when we are in health and strength to go about our duties, and are free to move as we will. Illness is a clog upon personal independence, it is a weight, and a fetter—not its pain alone, but its wearing inactivity, its often "infirmities," its fretfulness, and its burden of weakness make it a process hard to bear. It comes upon one momentarily and passes away like "sands of time."

There was a time when the complaints of a sufferer could not be reached, but providentially all these things have undergone a decided change. The time has come when the poor sufferer can say: "Sick and ye visited me." I think these words of appreciation were meant for those who soothe the stricken. * * *

Nursing is one of the greatest responsibilities in life, and to define the word properly is quite a hard task. A perfect nurse must be a perfect woman, which we seldom find. Among the principal steps in nursing we will mention, first, cleanliness, which is next to Godliness; second, faithfulness to the profession; one should never betray his trust. Third, a still tongue which makes a wise head. Fourth, kindness, diligence and dutifulness. Never let a patient lose confidence in you, and you will always be loved. There are still many other points of vital importance that might be mentioned.

It seems a very easy task to say, "I am going to be a trained nurse," but it takes a woman of great energy to attain this profession. For she has so many things to encounter in nursing. We must always learn to try to make a good impression. On entering the sick-room we must always be in a cheerful mood, for it produces a pleasant effect and contentment, which aids in comfort to the patient and also to others concerned. Another trait in a nurse is, she should be full of sympathy and patience, quick to observe, self-forgetful, also obedient and loyal to her physician.

All these requirements should be maintained, as they are essential to a good nurse. We must also practice self-discipline and be able to learn from practical experience.

How encouraging it must be for a doctor to step into a model sick-room and find every con-

venience, a clean patient, a beautiful white bed, a nurse with a pleasant countenance to greet his entrance and to escort him to the bedside of the patient and pass him the hourly records of the patient's condition. He, with confidence, scans the records and feels within himself that his orders have been properly carried out. He turns to the patient with hope of his recovery and feeling sure that, by the power of God, skillfulness of man and careful attention of the nurse, he may be raised up.

He also feels that nothing has been left undone for the welfare of the patient. So, you see by that a nurse is of great importance to the sufferers of the world. The profession of nursing is one in which there is no limit to the good that can be done. It is also one of which every woman embracing it should be worthy. She should never let her mind go idle, for there are so many things to learn daily.

Most worthy President and dear teachers of the Faculty, I cannot find words to express my gratitude for the consideration that has been shown us. We go forth from you with regret at the parting, but with minds filled with knowledge and imbued with a desire to accomplish deeds that will not only reflect credit upon ourselves, but upon our alma mater. At times we have found our task very difficult, and we were all but discouraged, but it has been well said, "There is no royal road to learning." * * *

Dear classmates, parting brings sorrow. Al-



MRS. LOUISA ROSS.

though we have spent many pleasant hours together, now the time has come for us to go forth. As we enter upon the field of action, our hearts filled with sadness are bound together with one common cord of love that can only be broken by the great reaper of death.

"Lives of great men oft remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."

"Trust no future, however pleasant;
Let the dead past bury the dead.
Live, live, in the living present,
Hearts within and God o'erhead."

A Strong and Thoughtful Letter

During the Educational and Industrial Congress which convened at Alexandria, La., in the early days of September of the present year, Dr. E. A. Alderman, the talented president of Tulane not be present, tho in fullest sympathy with the University, this city, being out of the State could movement. He therefore wrote Dr. Henderson, who had been in correspondence with him on the subject, a letter which is well worth being reproduced in our columns. It is as follows:

WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS., August 30, 1903.
Doctor George H. Henderson, Straight University, New Orleans, La.:

MY DEAR SIR—I thank you for your letter of

the 22nd instant reminding me of the coming assembly of the colored people of Louisiana at Alexandria for the purpose of taking such steps as will advance their educational and industrial interests. I take pleasure in sending to this Congress, through you, my hearty expression of sympathy and good will for any efforts it may make to better the condition of the Negro race considered as men or as citizens. The highest aim of my life has been, and is, to help in bringing about such a state of affairs that every child in the South, white or black, rich or poor, shall have opportunity to make out of itself the best that can be made (for the State's sake and for its own sake). A community-life based on ignorance cannot long endure. There must be trained leaders, trained followers, trained laborers, or servitude to other communities where such conditions exist. There is but one thing to do in this world for every human being, and that thing is to give him a chance. This given, the result rests with the individual. He must win his freedom, his skill, his character by the exercise of patience, humility, work and determination. There is much talk everywhere about the "Negro Problem," as it is called. I read much of this talk in various sources. I am forced to say that much of it seems to me to lack sanity or knowledge. I am not going to discuss this so-called problem. I know too much about it to discuss it. I simply want to say this to the Negro people at Alexandria who are trying to learn how to live usefully and honorably: How shall a backward race get hold of the power and the efficiency and the ideals that will make it necessary and valuable to the national life and will contribute to its own best growth? The only answer that I know, or that civilization knows, is some sort of education—just what sort, it is the solemn duty of the forward race and of advanced members of the Negro race to find out and apply.

This education, whatever else it does, should put its chief emphasis on skill, frugality, economy and character.

My advice to the Negro citizens of Louisiana is to make up their minds to get this education and to use it. The road to excellence is a long, hard journey. Men do not reach it who grumble, or despair, or whine, or fancy themselves abused. Those who do reach it persist in faith, in patience, in industry. The Negro has every reason to congratulate himself, the good Negro, I mean. He has thousands of friends in the South and in the North who want to help him to useful manhood. He is making real progress. I believe it is the duty of every thoughtful white man to help the worthy Negro man to become a better man and a more useful citizen. Wherever a Negro shows worthiness and patience and character, I believe it to be the duty of the white man to single him out for praise and approval. I believe there should be schools in every section for Negroes. I believe the Negro should learn to trust his white neighbor more and more, as such trust would beget interest. We hear much of lynching. Lynching is lawlessness, and lawlessness is social disease, and social disease is a menace to the State. The best service the Negroes can render in staying the growth of this disease lies this way: Let the indignation of the good Negro people go out fiercely against the crime and the criminal for a number of years. Let them emphasize that side of the situation more than the other side, and there will be less and less of the other side. Whenever an opportunity comes to me to help a white man or a black man to become a better white man or black man, I count it a glory and a gladness to seize that opportunity. I send my good wishes, therefore, to the Congress of Negro people at Alexandria and beg to express the hope that its deliberations may tend to advance the best interests of their race and of the great State which is worthy of our love and devotion.

I remain, very sincerely yours,

EDWIN A. ALDERMAN.

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East Tennessee Conference

W. F. WATERS.

The twenty-fourth session of the East Tennessee annual conference convened at Morristown, Tennessee, September 30th, Bishop I. W. Joyce, D. D., L. L. D., presiding. Rev. E. J. Cox was re-elected secretary; Revs. J. C. Roberts, J. F. Prigmore, assistants; Rev. W. A. Webber, statistical secretary; Rev. J. A. Pickett, assistant; Rev. I. R. Hill; treasurer; Rev. W. T. Anderson, assistant.

The following visitors and church officials addressed the conference in the interest of the causes they represent: Drs. T. B. Neeley, editor Sunday School Literature; J. P. Wragg, special agent American Bible Society; C. C. Jacobs, Field-worker Sunday School Union; J. S. Hill, President Morristown College; E. S. Dunham, Evangelist Central Ohio Conference; Mrs. Mary Carr Curtis, Missionary to Malaysia; Rev. C. B. Caldwell, Missionary to India; Prof. I. G. Penn, Secretary Epworth League, and W. F. Waters

of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Cox, in charge of our church at Morristown, took good care of all visitors and delegates.

On the third day of the conference the election of delegates to the General Conference took place. Four candidates were balloted for: Rev. W. E. Mitchell and Dr. J. S. Hill leading. The balloting was spirited indeed. The contest was a close one, seven ballots being cast. On the last ballot Dr. Hill received 20, Rev. Mitchell 16. Rev. Mitchell was unanimously elected reserve. Dr. W. W. Derrick, of Knoxville, was elected lay delegate, with Chas. D. Schell reserve.

The reports of pastors and presiding elders show that the year has been one of much activity and great achievement. In every phase of work there was a notable advance over last year. That the lawmen are alive to the interest of the pastors is seen in the fact that they paid the pastors of the conference \$3,078 more this year than last, and effected a permanent Laymen's organization to foster the interests of the church at large.

Revs. R. A. Swann, of the Bristol District, reported paid on church improvement, \$2,800; advance in benevolence \$50; J. B. L. Williams, Chattanooga District, advance in benevolence \$131; W. T. Marley, Knoxville District, gain in benevolence \$139; W. E. Mitchell, Pulaski District, gain in benevolence \$224.

Rev. F. A. Hatcher was admitted on trial. Revs. E. H. Forrest, J. M. Hogan, H. M. Knox, W. R. Burger, B. C. Calbert were ordained deacons. Revs. P. A. Wollwine, G. J. Headrick, B. C. Calbert were admitted into full connection.

The secretaries announced the following statistics: Membership, probationers last year, 312; this year, 334; increase, 22. Full members last year, 4,448; this year, 4,470; increase, 22. Conference collections: Missionary Society, \$583; Church Extension, \$120; Sunday School Union, \$47; Tract Society, \$25; Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society, \$265; Education, \$125; American Bible Society, \$43; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$19; Woman's Home Missionary Society, \$110; Other Benevolent Collections, \$21. General Conference expenses, \$73; Conference Claimants, \$149; Episcopal Fund, \$129; Total, \$1,709. Total Benevolence last year, \$1,201; increase, \$508.

The conference adopted a memorial petitioning the General Conference to elect a bishop of African descent, and another petitioning for a complete printing press for the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Following are the assignments: Bristol District, R. A. Swann, presiding elder, Bristol, Tenn. Abingdon, Va., G. J. Headrick; Bristol, Tenn., G. T. Wright; Castlewood, Va., M. L. Sayles; Gate City, Va., J. H. Gardner; Glade Spring, Va., G. W. Cain; Johnson City, Tenn., P. A. Woolwine; Mountain City, Tenn., Wm. Johnson; Marion, Va., E. J. Cox; North Tazewell, G. W. Smith; Rural Retreat, Va., A. Davis; Tazewell, Va., R. Hill; Tip Top, Va., G. W. Alexander; Wytheville, Va., W. T. Anderson.

Chattanooga District, J. B. L. Williams, presiding elder, box 5, Chattanooga, Tenn. Athens, Edward Thompkins; Big Spring, Wm. Billings; Churchville, Israel Johnson; Coulterville, W. A. Jackson; Cleveland, J. A. Guthrie; Hill City, B. C. Calbert; Jasper, R. E. Kilby; Ooltewah, S. Johnson; Rockwood, H. M. Knox; Soddy, Albert Mitchell; South Pittsburg, J. G. Isbell; Wiley Memorial, J. W. Tate.

Knoxville District, W. T. Marley, presiding elder, Knoxville, Tenn. Clinton, E. H. Forrest. East Knoxville, J. T. Wilson; Friendsville to be supplied; Greenville, G. H. Crider; Harriman, J. W. Earle; Jefferson City, R. M. Greene; Knoxville, J. C. Roberts; Morristown, Harrison Harris; Newport, A. Roach; Oliver Springs, F. A. Hatcher; Russellville, E. Knott; Warrensburg, C. R. Russell.

Pulaski District, W. E. Mitchell, presiding elder, Pulaski, Va. Bluefield, G. H. Pettis; Bland, to be supplied; Christiansburg, J. F. Prigmore; Childress, J. D. Starr; Draper, W. W. Ward; Dublin, A. W. Randolph; Freeman, T. W. Russell; Graham, W. H. Pleasants; Independence, J. J. Hamilton; Pulaski, Owen Hypsher; Pocohontas, L. Diggs; Pearisburg, R. D. Washington; Princeton, W. R. Burger; Radford, J. M. Watson; Welch, C. H. Hurd.

Life of Faith

THE MEMORY GUILD.

FOR LEARNING BEST HYMNS.

BISHOP H. W. WARREN.

Blossoms of humanity, cherubs who had lost their ways and wandered hither alone, recognized the Christ. It seems they must have known Him before.

I have told the younger of the Guild that if they learned this one hymn they should be admitted. I can trust the rest to be learned later.

The author, an English lady, wife of an Independent minister, never dreamed of this hymn becoming famous when she wrote it for a school in 1841. She is one of those who "do good by stealth and blush to find it fame."

THE SWEET STORY OF OLD.

I think when I read that sweet story of old,
When Jesus was here among men,
How He called little children as lambs to his fold,
I should like to have been with Him then.

I wish that His hands had been placed on my head,
That His arms had been thrown around me,
That I might have seen His kind look when He said,
"Let the little ones come unto me."

Yet still to His footstool in prayer I may go,
And ask for a share in His love;
And if I thus earnestly seek Him below,
I shall see Him and hear Him above.

In that beautiful place He has gone to prepare
For all who are washed and forgiven;
And many dear children are gathering there,
"For of such is the kingdom of heaven."
—Mrs. Jemima Luke (b. 1813).

The Autumn

The merry songsters have gone from our gardens, the tufted goldenrod has withered in the meadows, and

"The woods of autumn, all around the vale,
Have put their glory on."

Autumn days! They are somewhat sad, speaking to us of decay, and calling upon us as they do to say good-by to summer and bidding us prepare for winter's snow and storm. But they would be unutterably melancholy were it not for the confident hope we cherish of the return in due time of "leafy June," with all her life and verdure:

"Summer is gone on swallows' wings,
And earth has buried all her flowers,
No more to lark, the linnet sings,
But silence sits in faded bowers.

"Farewell!—on wings of sombre stain,
That blacken in the last blue skies,
Thou fly'st; but thou wilt come again,
On the gay wings of butterflies."

Reflections such as these should surely help us to keep the autumn from our hearts, so that, without, but not within us, is the cold." For autumn is not all sad. Listen to one of our devout prose poets:

"Memory droops indeed with dewy eyes, but the baby, Hope, is laughing on her lap. There is a resurrection for the flowers and trees. True, this of itself could not assure us there is one for man. But God has told us in the Book of His Word the meaning of what we read in the Book of His works. And we know now what the robin meant, in his small songs without words, and we know what the promise of the spring means, hidden in each autumn twig. And indeed, the garden and the field, and every hedge-row, and every grass, gather now into a great chorus that takes up an Apostle's words, 'This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?'"

The Day's Duty

Happy he who at the day's end can say, "I have done something today." The heathen poet sings: "A master life that man must live, and joyous, who can justly say at fall of each successive eve, 'I have lived today.'" He said it of a life of pleasure, but it is thrice as truly said of a life of duty. And not unworthy of the theme has a Christian man sung in our times:

"Duty done is the soul's fireside.
Blest who keeps that ingle wide."

And such "duty," as another sings, "is a path that all may tread." The ordinary day's work is honored and sanctified by it. * * * And surely work done for Christ's sake and Christ's only. To have seen a fallen brother regain his feet; to have trained a little child; to have watched a sick one through to the end; above all, to have stood by and prayed and spoken while a soul passed out of darkness into light—that is a consummation, a fact accomplished, over which too many praises can never be sung.—*Texas Christian Advocate.*

Woman's Dominion

The third annual conference of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Washington Conference convened in the Metropolitan M. E. Church, Saturday, September 26, with the president, Mrs. J. A. Holmes, in the chair.

The meeting was well attended. The reports show the work to be in a prosperous condition. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. J. A. Holmes; first vice president, Mrs. Mary E. Griffin; second vice president, Mrs. E. J. Cummings; recording secretary, Miss Susan E. Ross; corresponding secretary, Miss Annie R. Johnson; treasurer, Mrs. F. M. Clair; secretary of mite boxes, Miss Sadie Carroll; secretary of deaconess work, Mrs. Cornelia Hebron; secretary of literature, Miss Ida Cummings; secretary of reading circles, to be supplied at Lynchburg; secretary of thank offering, Mrs. Estelia Case; secretary of supplies, Miss Ora Smith; secretary of young people's work, Mrs. Naomi Wright; secretary of mothers' jewels and children's bands, Miss Mary Pindexter; on board of managers for Lucy Webb Hays Training School for Deaconesses, Washington, D. C., Miss H. H. Beason.

Mrs. J. A. Holmes was elected the delegate to the national convention, to be held at Chattanooga,

Tenn., in October. Mrs. E. J. Cummings is the alternate.

HAPPINESS.

Happiness consists in loving and being loved. There is enough to love in the world; but to be loved we must deserve it. We may be admired for our beauty or talent, courted for our influence or wealth, but we can only be loved as we are good. Therefore, happiness consists in goodness.—*Selected.*

I once asked a woman who was uniformly cheerful and happy though she had many cares and sorrows, how she managed it. She gave me these ten rules:

1. Take a bath and rub-down, with some systematic exercise of the muscles every morning.
2. Say a vital prayer for help and guidance.
3. Eat only those things that experience has taught you agree with you, and not too much of them.
4. Be ready for the day's duties before they are ready for you, even if you have to sacrifice the last half-hour of your morning's nap.
5. Look squarely in the face of your day's work and know as nearly as possible what you will undertake that day.
6. Take up your day's work in systematic order, trying to bear with unruffled spirit all unforeseen interruptions.
7. Keep one hand always ready to extend to the person who needs it.
8. Stop work before you get so tired you feel like you'd drop, and rest, if only for a few minutes.
9. Have some absorbing thought or work that is yours, and yours alone, to which you can turn for distraction.
10. Realize, as you go to bed, that this day and its worries have gone past recall and there is a blessed time of oblivion between you and the next one. Cultivate this habit and it will soon become second nature for you to close your eyes instantly and drop into dreamless sleep. Close your eyes with a prayer of thankfulness that the day has been as happy as it has been, and this little ray of happiness recognized and tabulated will be a starting point for larger measures to follow.—*Living Church.*

Parent and Child

A parent's chief duty and endeavor should be to bring up his children as children of God, and therefore to cultivate the divine life. But there is danger lest external forms should take the place of religion itself. A child may be drilled into attitudes and forms which look like real piety, but injuriously exclude it by the outward show of it. Better the real beating of the young heart toward God than any amount of mere pretence.

Beware of mere premature piety. Sobriety is not juvenile virtue, nor is childish uproar a proof of ungodly tendencies. Do not expect to find in children or in young men what is befitting the solemnities of age. Carefully separate and condemn what is immoral, but at the same time smile on all that is true. Specially beware of introducing to your children stories that involve sin, and at the same time show your interest in entertaining books and youthful games which make them understand that you are not opposed to their amusements.

Take your part in youthful pranks. Laugh with them in innocent mirth. Take obvious interest in their early struggles to learn, to speak, to sing, to recite, to work. Encourage the fullest confidence with their parents. Urge them never to do, or read, or find pleasure in anything which they would be ashamed to tell father or mother.

Be careful of the conversation you encourage in their presence. Never make game of religion or religious people. Do not ridicule or censure people who may belong to some other church or denomination. Treat all who love God, and wish to live Godly lives, as, with themselves, sons and daughters of the Lord God. Let them above all things else try in everything to please their heavenly Father, and so best to give joy to yourselves.

Let not your prevailing topic of discourse be social quarels, or commercial schemes, or the gain or loss of money, but the fear of God, which is "better than riches, and the gain thereof than fine gold."—*Religious Topics.*

Young Friends

ROOM AT THE TOP.

There is always room at the top, boys,
Whatever your calling may be,
So be ready to climb with a will, boys,
When a stepping-stone you see.

Don't loiter along by the way, boys,
Till somebody else gets ahead,
And you see him gather the prizes
That might have been yours instead.

There are honors enough to go around, boys,
Then be sure that you win your share;
And fame has always a laurel wreath
For the noblest and bravest to wear.

And don't be pushing and cheating, boys,
Be honest, upright and true,
And be sure you deal with all men
As you'd have them deal with you.

And be ready to help a brother;
If his steps are feeble and slow,
Take his hand where the path is roughest,
And show him which way to go.

There is always room at the top, boys,
And the smartest will win the day;
Then let each year, with its chances,
Be a step in your upward way.
—C. E. B., in *The Christian Work and Evangelist.*

A Reading Suggestion

From Books and Authors—*St. Nicholas.*

We are too likely, when young, to think that the only advantage gained from one book finished is the delightful liberty of choosing another, and when we hear certain authors praised as the greatest, we charge upon them with a velocity that defeats its own purpose. It is an old saying that the kingdom of heaven is not to be taken by violence, and the kingdom of literature is equally safe from capture by assault. You cannot read a good book by simply running your eyes along the lines. The brain must travel with the eyes, and the brain cannot do its work until it has been trained.

The Beggar Boy

In the following story the power of kindness is beautifully illustrated.

"Go away from there, you old beggar boy! You have no right to be looking at our flowers," shouted a little fellow from the garden.

The poor boy, who was pale, dirty and ragged, was leaning against the fence, admiring the splendid show of roses and tulips within. His face reddened with anger at the rude language, and he was about to answer defiantly, when a little girl sprang out from an arbor near, and, looking at both, said to her brother, "How could you speak so, Herbert? I'm sure his looking at the flowers doesn't hurt us." And then, to soothe the wounded feelings of the stranger, she added, "Little boy, I'll pluck you some flowers if you'll wait a moment;" and she gathered a pretty bouquet and handed it through the fence.

His face brightened with surprise and pleasure, and he earnestly thanked her.

Twelve years after this occurrence the girl had grown to a woman. One bright afternoon she was walking with her husband in the garden, when she observed a young man in workman's dress leaning over the fence, and looking attentively at her and the flowers. Turning to her husband, she said, "It does me good to see people admiring the garden. I'll give that young man some flowers." And approaching him, she said, "Are you fond of flowers, sir?"

It will give me great pleasure to gather you some."

The young workman looked a moment into her face, and then said, in a voice tremulous with feeling: "Twelve years ago I stood here a ragged little beggar boy, and you showed me the same kindness. The bright flowers and your pleasant words made a new boy of me; aye, and they made a man of me, too. Your face, madam, has been a light to me in my dark hours of life; and now, thank God, though that boy is still a humble, hard working man, he is an honest and grateful one."

Tears stood in the eyes of the lady as, turning to her husband, she said, "God put it into my young heart to do that little act of kindness, and see how great a reward it has brought!"—*Texas Christian Advocate.*

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

Notice

To the presiding elders in the Atlanta, East Tennessee, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Savannah Conferences:

The annual meeting of the General Missionary Committee will be held early in November. The writer, instead of sending out statistical blanks this year, requests each president to forward to him before the last of October a carefully prepared statement of the condition and needs of the missions within the bounds of his district. This information is highly important.

R. H. Romm.

Rep. Sixth General Conf. District.

Blue Ridge, Ga.

An Appeal to the Central Missouri Conference for the Women's Home Missionary Society

Dear Brethren and Pastors: You are called upon in the name of W. H. M. S. of the Central Missouri Conference to take a collection to the amount of \$1 and send to Mrs. H. A. Henley, Troy, Mo., who is the conference corresponding secretary, to pay expenses of delegate to the annual meeting, held at Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 28. This is the second call, the first having been made at the district conferences. I appeal to you because there are so few auxiliaries in this conference, but feel that each charge should send the amount, even if there is no organization.

Dear brethren, I do think that this, our conference, should be represented at the annual meeting. It is a common saying, "No race can rise above its women," and it is equally true that no Methodist conference can rise without its woman organization.

Mrs. J. M. HARRIS, Conf. Pres.

Transportation

The following associations have granted one and one-third railroad rates for the Woman's Home Missionary Society Convention, to be held in Chattanooga, Tenn., beginning October 28th, 1903: The Southeastern Passenger Association, the Trunk Line, New England Passenger, Central Traffic, Western Passenger, on the certificate plan, provided there are 100 persons holding certificates showing full fare going has been paid. Twenty-five cents will be paid for each certificate issued by the special railroad agent. All persons expecting to attend the convention will please send name and address to the Chairman of Transportation, Mrs. Wm. M. Ampt, 1910 Baymiller St., Cincinnati, O.

Mrs. Wm. M. Ampt, Mrs. E. W. Seeds, Mrs. O. P. McCarty, Mrs. I. W. Livezy, Mrs. E. H. Utley, Mrs. D. W. Williams, Committee.

The Rev. Samuel Valenzuela, a member of the South American Conference, has come to the United States to spend two years or more in study at Drew Theological Seminary. He has been a successful pastor among the Spanish-speaking people of Argentina.

The Rev. George W. Guthrie, a member of the Des Moines Conference, and Mrs. Guthrie, of Promise City, Ia., sailed for Lucknow, India, Sept. 23, by steamer "Philadelphia." Mr. Guthrie will engage in publication work in connection with our Lucknow press.

Mr. John W. Yost, of Stewartstown, Pa., Dickinson College, 1903, Mr. Nathaniel D. Chew, Jr., of Colorado Springs, and Mr. W. S. Bissonnette, of Colorado Springs, sailed from San Francisco, September 19, by steamer "Hong-kong Maru." Mr. Yost will engage in educational work in Chentu, West China. Mr. Chew will be connected with the Mission press at Seoul, Korea, and Mr. Bissonnette with the press at Foochow, China. Miss Emma Wardle, Cornell College, 1903, sailed on the same steamer. She is to become the wife of the Rev. Karl Anderson, of Bangalore, India.

Mrs. P. M. Buck and daughter, of Meerut, India, Miss Blackstock, a daughter of the Rev. John Blackstock, of Shahjahanpur, India, and Miss Rockey, a daughter of the Rev. N. L. Rockey, of Sitapur, India, arrived in New York City on the steamer "Sardegna," September 22, coming from Bombay by way of Naples. The party left New York the next day after arriving. Mrs. Buck and daughter going to Delaware, Ohio; Miss Rockey to Lima, Ohio, and Miss Blackstock to Evanston, Ill.

Educational

Mr. L. C. Williams, a college preparatory graduate of Meridian Academy, has advanced a new idea. He proposes to reduce the English alphabet to twenty letters.

The Secretary of the Navy has issued an order declaring "The Star-Spangled Banner" to be the national anthem and directing all officers and men to stand at attention, if possible, whenever it is played.

At the invitation of Booker T. Washington, Mr. Lloyd G. Wheeler, of 119 Dearborn street, Chicago, who has been doing a successful tailoring business for a number of years, and who is one of the oldest and most respected colored citizens of Chicago, has accepted the position of business agent in the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, and is now preparing to become a permanent resident of Tuskegee. Mr. Wheeler has made several trips to Tuskegee and is convinced that he can render the best service to his race by connecting himself with it.

Central Alabama Academy opened September 28. The prospects are for one of the best years in its history. The enrollment was flattering, and those in charge of affairs may well be sanguine of success.

The chapel, during the opening exercises, was crowded with pupils, new and old, as well as with patrons of the school.

Drs. W. H. Nelson, A. G. Glenn, Rev. M. M. McKinney and others were seated upon the rostrum, and in their addresses told in no un-

certain way what the Academy has stood for in past years and what, with greater facilities, it must stand for in this new year. They urged a greater loyalty of the people and of the Alabama Conference to its interest, and made it clear that more money than words is necessary to carry out its designs. A new administration begins this year with Prof. B. H. Ball as President. President Ball is an alumnus of George R. Smith College and is a man of rare scholarship. He comes with every equipment and takes hold of the work with enthusiasm, tempered with wisdom and prudence.

The course of study has been carefully revised and it is the aim of the faculty to give the students of this institution superior Christian training.

The patrons and friends of the school in Huntsville seem thoroughly aroused to the needs of the school and are counting no labor too hard to further its interests. J. E. H.

Cornell College

Friends of Cornell College are congratulating themselves on having secured the services of Rev. J. B. Albrook, D. D., as financial secretary. He has a wide acquaintance with men, is tactful and energetic in all he attempts. Some years ago he held the same position, to which he is again called, and his efforts for the college were highly satisfactory and successful.

PRESS COMMITTEE, Cornell College.

Rev. Professor James Orr, D. D., of the Glasgow College, of the United Free Church of Scotland, lectured in the Chapel of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., on Tuesday, October 13; subject, "Ritschlianism—its place and influence in German Theology."

Okolona Business College

The Okolona Industrial College began the work of its second session September 29, 1903. The opening was indeed an inspiration to all present. At the ringing of the first bell 50 students assembled for devotion and they continued to come as time passed on.

The new building is not yet completed, but students and friends assembled beneath the stately locust trees in front of the building and the exercises were carried out. Many enthusiastic speeches were delivered by the pastors and prominent citizens of the town. The President then introduced the faculty. All were pleased to welcome the able corps of teachers, who come to us from some of the best colleges of the South. After the exercises were completed many of the visitors took a stroll over the grounds and viewed the crop of corn all ready for harvesting and the patches of potatoes and peas and other things of interest.

The carpenters are busy at work completing the new building and ere many days we hope to enter and begin in earnest to push our work for the winter. E. T. B.

The Bowerton Normal and Industrial College began its second annual session September 28, 1903. Many friends of the Institution were present to witness the opening.

From the many speeches delivered in behalf of the future prosperity of the school, we are looking forward for much success during the ensuing year.

At the hour of opening the assembly offered thanks in singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." A Bible selection was read by Rev. P. H. Rembert; prayer by Dr. J. J. Goodwin. The

Principal gave a brief history of the organization of the Institute.

We are glad we can say this Institution is growing and the Trustees and Board of Control are preparing to erect an excellent school building. JESSIE REMBERT, Reporter.

Robeline, La., October 5, 1903.

Closing exercises of Shady Grove School were held at the Shady Grove Church, Saturday, October 3, 1903.

Many interesting declamations were recited to the gratification of a large and enthusiastic audience. The singing was superb. Much credit is due Prof. J. W. Thomas, the principal, through whose untiring efforts such a masterly program was prepared. Prof. Thomas, who for the last four years has been principal of this school, is held in the highest esteem by both white and colored. They say he is the man for the place.

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

Topic October 25th.

CIVIC RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Scripture references, Deut. 1:17; I Sam. 23:3; Ps. 2:10.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday: For All the People. Lev. 9:15-24.

Tuesday: Moses Saving the People. Ex. 22:30-35.

Wednesday: Righteous Judgment. Lev. 19:15.

Thursday: Honest Judgment Required. Deut. 16:18-20.

Friday: The Judge Acts for God. I. Chron. 19:5-7.

Saturday: Not According to Appearance. John 7:24; James 2:1-9.

Civic righteousness, how to get and how to maintain it, are questions as old as human society. Moses urged upon the Sandhedrin, the great Jewish court, the importance of it. Solomon in the Proverbs wrote beautiful maxims about it. John wrote the high judgment of Jesus Christ upon equality of consideration before the law of the highest and the lowest. The attempts at bringing about Civic Righteousness have been many and the failure has usually arisen out of the failure of the persistence of the best people of the community, who, as a rule, have taken fits and starts at reformation, but have lagged, tired and finally given up. Strange as it may seem, the forces of evil are persistent; apparently they never tire; they never give up. Like Tammany in New York City, no matter how badly beaten in one election, they marshal again their forces and when the contest comes again, the allied forces of righteousness find themselves confronted by what they thought the scattered fragments of a defeated enemy, so knit together as to require the best efforts of the forces of righteousness to defeat them. Evil is not discouraged over defeat, but the righteous forces, under defeat, act like gastric juice in an over-loaded stomach, gets the sulks and retires.

1. *Civic Righteousness, what is it?* We mean by this, a government where righteous men administer good laws in equity and justice to each citizen. If this definition be true, then it is not hard to see that the world has had, from the beginning until now, but little Civic righteousness.

2. *Why little of Civic righteousness?* There are two reasons: 1. We have had but a few of

righteous rulers. 2. We have had few of righteous laws. It is not difficult to account for these. First, the election of rulers has largely been left to unrighteous men. The men, therefore, when elected, feel themselves obligated to administer the laws in the interests of those who have spent their means and time to elect them. Whatever good people may say about the unjust discrimination so often noticable in our courts of law, the reason lies here: The good people sat down in their comfortable homes and allowed another element to make the fight for the election of the rulers in their community. 2. Our law-makers are nominated and elected in the main by an element in society which thrives by Civic unrighteousness. When bad men are elected by bad men you can expect only one result, bad laws and bad judgments.

3. *Can we secure Civic righteousness?* Is this a sort of Utopia to be dreamed about, or is it a fact that can be realized. I am no dreamer nor idealist, but I believe that Civic righteousness is a thing attainable. I say this because I have faith in God and faith in man. We can secure it only by waking up the best people as Parkhurst did a few years ago in New York. When the millionaire and the banker, the clergyman and the Christian citizen are aroused to the fact that they are responsible for the kind of men who make their laws and the kind of judges which administer them; then these same men, who are a part of the righteous forces of the community, will wake up and look after the election of Civic rulers.

4. *How can we get better law-makers? and judges?* See that good men are nominated and elected. In order to do this the best citizens must go to the primaries and ward and county and state conventions. But you say politics is such a bad mix-up that we do not want to touch it. Smallpox is a pestiferous and loathsome disease, but somebody must nurse and care for the patient, else epidemic, with her black cowl, will stalk everywhere. You nice dainty fellows who look upon politics with indifference and call it a seething pot of corruption, do not forget that up from this caldron rise your rulers and your law-makers. When the water supply of a great city becomes impure, becoming a stream of disease and death, then men begin to make preparation to purify it. Thus the great city where I live is just now about to expend five or six millions of dollars on the purification of her water supply. A few months ago the affairs of our city government became so bad, in the eyes of good people, that they ran together, nominated a set of honorable business men, and in the bitterest fight ever waged for political office in Allegheny county, they routed the regular political gang and turned the city over into the hands of business men who are safely guarding the interests of the people. Civic righteousness can come only when you have righteous rulers to administer laws. It is a good thing to pray for victory, but it is a better thing to answer your prayer by going into the fight for victory. If you want to see Civic righteousness go into the fight for it.

ARROW POINTS.

1. Replace bad men by good men.
2. Politics give shape to your laws.
3. Do not leave the election of your rulers to bad men.
4. Justice is blind and treats the rich and the poor alike.
5. The bribe has removed the bandage from the eyes of justice.

Pittsburg, Pa.

Epworth League Notice

Epworth Leaguers and members of all Sunday schools of Little Rock Conference:—You have, no doubt, been urged and gravely impressed with the importance of sending delegates to the State Convention at Altheimer in November; you cannot possibly carry on a successful League or Sunday school unless you attend these meetings. Your delegates and presidents are the mediums through which your organizations must live. If you allow them to be contented at home, how can they conduct for you a progressive League? The system of work made plain, the benefit of work simplified, and the final outcome from these societies projected, together with the many fervent and enthusiastic speeches in behalf of our Church Auxiliaries and Young People's Societies will make your local chapters, as well as the convention. Send your president or some other officer, your superintendent or some other prominent member of your Sunday school. The pastors and presiding elders should come and help make this convention surpass all others. Let every Epworth League chapter in the conference be represented; every Sunday school report in full.

You have, doubtless, been urged through private mail by the State Treasurer, Bro. W. S. Sherrill, of Hot Springs, to raise all your money for the Epworth Farm. Let every district come up with its assessment. Let every Sunday school and Epworth League chapter be represented with the usual fee of 5 cents per member. We want to raise at least \$200 at the League and Sunday School Convention. Come and bring a bright, pleasant face with you, your note book, bible, your religion, and some money to help swell the collections and pay your dues; have no more arrears on hand. Come prepared to buy more Epworth League literature and to subscribe for the Epworth Herald. You must do more and more each year. Every State, district and local cabinet is somewhat responsible for the success of the State conventions: pastors and presiding elders as well. Let each cabinet officer, both district and State, prepare to make creditable reports from all departments. The program will be out soon.

Yours for the cause,

A. D. JACQUES,

State President E. L. and S. S.

Lockesburg, Ark.

Sunday School Helps

Lesson IV—Oct. 25th, 1903. Title: "David's joy over forgiveness" (Psalm 51, 1-11). Golden Text: "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered" (Psalm 32, 1). Time—B. C. 1034. Place—Jerusalem.

This Psalm, though it speaks not of Christ, has in it a great deal of gospel. The title is significant, "A Psalm of David, giving instruction." It is penitential, and belongs to the same occasion of Psalm 51. It was likely composed after David's transgression with Bathsheba, and before or about the time of his pardon. The correct meaning of the word "selah" is not known. The Psalm teaches sinning, repenting, pardon, and the blessings of forgiveness.

I. *Sin* (1-2). The word blessed is plural and might be read as an exclamation: "O blessedness." Only the forgiven know the hatefulness of sin and the delight of pardon. Four evils are mentioned. To *transgress* is to do that which is forbidden: to pass over the boundary. To *sin* is to miss the mark: to hit not that which is aimed at. To *practice guile* is to deal deceitfully with

self before God in the matter of salvation. Sin is *active*, and enforces that which is wrong; *passive* and prevents that which is right; *inbred* and bind the mind and heart towards that which is evil. The first stage of sin is a depraved nature; the second is a wrecked life; and the third is a loathsome disease working death, temporal and eternal. Jesus is the only physician that can heal the malady of sin.

II. *Repentance* (3-5). 1. *Knowledge of sin*. Many are asleep, and have no clear perception of danger. They must be awakened. No one will repent until he feels that he is a sinner, and that his sins will destroy him. The first work of the Gospel is to awaken, and produce conviction. This may be accomplished by the preaching of the Gospel, the study of the written Word, and the peculiar working of the Holy Spirit. The enlightened conscience may apply the Gospel to the heart and produce conviction. Reflection over the past, and meditation upon the laws of God may lead to a knowledge of sin. The judgments of the Lord may produce a sense of danger.

2. *Sorrow for sin*. God saw the tears, and heard the prayer of Hezekiah, and added fifteen years to his life. The Psalmist said: "I will be sorry for my sin." The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit. The Lord through Joel said: "Turn ye to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning." St. Peter, after he had denied his Lord, "went out and wept bitterly." St. Paul rejoiced because the Corinthians "were made sorry after a godly manner." The length of time we grieve for sin has nothing to do with pardon. The earnestness of the soul is everything. The fallow ground must be broken up. This may be done in a moment, or it may require years. David seems to have roared twelve months or more because of his transgression. Saul sat in darkness, fasted and prayed three days before there fell, as it were, scales from his eyes, and he was filled with the holy spirit.

3. *Confession of sin*. Man is disposed to cover his sins. But evil cannot be hid. Murder, lying, stealing and all other vicious habits will work their way to the light. The Psalmist said: "I acknowledge my sin unto thee. He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." The people baptized of John in Jordan "confessed their sins." While Paul preached at Ephesus, "many that believed came and confessed and showed their deeds." John said: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." Confession of sin should be made to God. Against Him we have sinned, and to Him confession should be made. Yet it is well to "confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another." Our sins are too many and too grave to be itemized. Bind them into one bundle, cast them upon our Lord, and ask Him to bury them in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus the Christ.

4. *Abandonment of sin*. Job said: "If I have done iniquity I will do no more." We read in Isaiah: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts." God said to Israel: "Amend your ways, and I will cause you to dwell in this land." John told the Pharisees to "bring forth fruits, meet for repentance." Paul said: "Let him that stole steal no more." The same may be said of all other sinful habits. God does not save men in their sins, but from them. No man has a true desire for heaven who continues in sin.

5. *Making restitution*. If any one, seeking the

favor of God, has wronged another, and it is in his power to correct the injury, he must do so before God will forgive his sins. Or if he has not the ability, he must have the desire; then if in the future God gives the ability he must set right the wrong. God saves on the condition that we comply with His requirements, and if we cease to do so, then the salvation fails. He said to Israel: "When a man or woman shall commit an offense against the Lord, then they shall confess their sin, and shall recompense their trespass with the principal thereof, and add unto it the fifth part thereof." Zaccheus said to our Lord: "The half of my goods I gave to the poor, and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." That day salvation came to that house.

III. *Pardon*. 1. *Justification* is that act by which God accepts one who is guilty, who confesses himself to be guilty, who repents and believes in Jesus the Christ. The moving cause of justification is the love of God, the meritorious cause is Jesus Christ, and the instrumental cause is faith in the Son of God. We are not saved on yesterday's faith remembered, that would imply justification from eternity. Neither are we saved on to-morrow's faith foreseen; that would imply justification to eternity. The acts of saving faith are three: the assent of the understanding to the truth of God in the Gospel; the consent of the will to be saved on the terms of the Gospel; from these results actual trust in the Saviour.

2. *Regeneration*. We should distinguish between justification and regeneration, yet we may not separate them. One takes place in the mind of God, the other in the heart of man. Cleansing directly follows pardon. Both enter into the experience of the same person. Regeneration is that work of the Holy Spirit by which we experience a change of heart. It is variously expressed in Scripture. "Ye must be born again." "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature." "You hath he quickened who were dead in trespass and in sins." Regeneration is reasonable, for God is holy, heaven is a sanctified place, and only the pure in heart can dwell with the Lord. (Binney.)

IV. *Blessings* (6-11). Many are the benefits of salvation. 1. *Prayer*. Those who are bad may awaken a good desire by praying. 2. *Protection*. The floods of great waters shall not come nigh him. Violent trials, afflictions and temptations shall not overcome him. 3. *Instruction*. There is a way in which the saint should go. God will teach him through His Word, His Gospel, and His Spirit, in this way. 4. *Rejoicing*. They that trust in the Lord shall shout for joy.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation

Conference, Place and Time— Bishop.
Alaska Mission Cranston
Atlantic Mission, Elizabeth City, N. C.—Oct. 21.. Joyce

Alabama, Anniston—Dec. 3..... Foss
Atlanta, Covington, Ga.—Dec. 10..... FitzGerald
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex.—Nov. 26..... Walden
Central Alabama, Birmingham—Dec. 10..... Foss
Georgia, Ellijay—Dec. 17..... FitzGerald
Mobile, Union Springs, Ala.—Dec. 17..... Foss
Savannah, Brunswick, Ga.—Dec. 3..... FitzGerald
South Carolina, Sumter—Nov. 26..... FitzGerald
Southern German, Perry, Tex.—Dec. 2..... Walden
Texas, Houston—Dec. 9..... Walden
West Texas, San Antonio—Dec. 16..... Walden

In order that our readers might know the dates fixed for fall conferences of our territory and the Bishops appointed to hold them, at the earliest possible moment, we had them sent us by wire last week immediately on the adjournment of Bishops' meeting. This week we are pleased to present official list in full—except foreign conferences, which will appear later.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

PLEASE NOTE THAT

- 1—All business letters should be addressed to Eaton, Ins. and Co. Communications intended for publication to the Editor.
- 2—In sending matter for publication, write plainly on one side of the paper, and make your communication as short as the subject will allow.
- 3—When the ADVOCATE does not arrive regularly, notify us promptly.
- 4—Methodist pastors are our authorized agents, to receive subscriptions and collect dues for the ADVOCATE.

Looking Glass for the Conferences

The *Christian Advocate*, New York, under the heading "Looking Glass for the Conferences," has been publishing the Annual Conferences of the church in groups so as to indicate the increase or decrease in membership between certain years. In this way the Colored Conferences are presented and comparisons made between 1899 and 1902 in probationers, and 1898 and 1902 in full members. Each of the conferences is compared thus, except the Okaneh, now Lincoln, which two years ago was organized from parts of the Central Missouri and Oklahoma. Thirteen of the conferences show an increase in full members. They are the Atlanta, Delaware, Florida, Lexington, Little Rock, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Upper Mississippi, and West Texas. The aggregate increase is 14,894, independent of the Mobile Conference, which was meanwhile organized from the Central Alabama Conference with 5,516 full members. However, the combined memberships of these two conferences show an increase of 147, which, added to 14,894, gives 15,041. Those showing a decrease are, the Central Missouri, East Tennessee, Savannah, and the Washington, which aggregates 2,545. The total membership, including probationers, for 1902 is 278,691. This, of course, does not include the membership of those colored churches in white conferences nor that of Liberia, which would carry the membership above 280,000.

The report is sent out from London that a French millionaire, M. Lebaudy, in that city at the time, desires to obtain consent of those European powers who claim to have influence over the territory in which he has decided to establish along the northwest coast of Africa an empire larger than Rhodesia, to be entitled the United States of Liberia. Here, it is alleged, he proposes to found a state peopled by Negroes from America, especially from the Southern States, who would receive grants of land and be encouraged to found a country of their own. If M. Lebaudy obtains all the territory he desires he will have a country rich in minerals, india rubber and coffee. We are sure we would welcome such an opening, since it would give opportunity for those Southern States who seem so anxious to unload their Negro laborers a chance to assist those desiring to go, to do so.

The *Northwestern Christian Advocate* says: A notable Methodist layman of Sierra Leone, West Africa, has just passed to his reward in the person of Sir Samuel Lewis, K. C. M. G. He was the only African Negro who ever received knighthood, a man of great intelligence and influence, a valuable member of the local Legislature and for several years mayor of Freetown. In the counsel and work of Methodism his services were invaluable. He died in England, where he had gone to undergo an operation.

"Dr. Hammond's Case"

The *California Christian Advocate* reports the case of the Rev. Dr. J. D. Hammond, who was formerly Business Manager of the *Advocate* and the San Francisco Book Depository, as follows:

"Dr. J. D. Hammond was charged with dishonesty in the management of the Book Concern, the destruction of certain account books belonging to the San Francisco Depository, the sale of a printing press which belonged to the Book Concern, the transfer of a trust fund to Eaton & Mains which belonged to the Episcopal residence, the use of the University endowment funds as collateral on private investments and the repudiation of an honest debt. Such was the bill of charges brought against Dr. Hammond at the session of the California Annual Conference at Pacific Grove last week. The charges were entertained by the Conference and referred to a select number for trial. The defendant selected one member and the prosecutor another, and these two selected a third, and this committee of three chose the Select Number. Every effort was made to secure absolute impartiality in the trial. After four days of consideration of the evidence the Select Number sustained the last five of the six

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specifications, but reduced the charge from "Dishonesty in Business Transactions" to "High Imprudence and Unministerial Conduct," and fixed as the penalty suspension from all functions of the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the period of one year. The vote by which the charge was reduced from "Dishonesty in Business Transactions" to "High Imprudence and Unministerial Conduct," and the vote sustaining the latter charge and vote fixing the penalty were unanimous. Notice of an appeal to the judicial conference was given by Dr. Hammond. It is due the church that this record of facts be published. The matter is still in judicial process and it is not proper to discuss the case upon its merits."

An exchange says that "Dr. S. H. Whitlock, a presiding elder in the Illinois conference, is called 'the church builder' of his conference. During a term of six years in one district he built twenty churches."

This is an excellent record, but we know a former presiding elder in the Texas Conference who built twenty-seven churches during his six years. Thus far we have heard of no one to beat this.

A Mission for Non-Church Goers

A white friend interested in city mission work calls the attention of this office to the fact that there is no mission in this city devoted to the salvation of non-church goers among colored people. As far as our information goes this is correct, but certainly ought not to be so. In addition to the Salvation Army there are a number of missions at work among whites, and we dare say much good is being done. Cannot something be done to establish a mission among Negroes?

Misconduct During Worship at Conference

An exchange refers to the conduct of ministers of the M. E. Church South during the annual conference in the following language:

"A correspondent of the *New Orleans Advocate* takes the preachers sharply to task for their careless conduct during the moments of worship at the Annual Conference sessions. We wish we could think his strictures unnecessary, but we have seen too much ourselves. We are ashamed to think that ministers should have to be warned against irreverence and lack of decorum during the worship of God. This is a serious evil."

"Is It Right to Dance?"

We have had the pleasure of reviewing a pamphlet written by Mr. Welborn V. Jenkins, of Georgia, a young man of our church, on the subject, "Is it right to dance?" and read before the Sunday School and Epworth League Convention at Millen, Ga. We desire to commend his production to our young people everywhere. He not only discusses the subject announced, but the "cake walk" and "rag-time music." Every League chapter and Sunday school in our conferences should send him a dollar for a dozen copies and let their young people read them. Single copies, 10c. Address W. V. Jenkins, Lagrange, Ga.

The editor of the *SOUTHWESTERN* is much gratified to learn that Dr. Freeman Parker, of Paris, Tex., has written Bishop Mallalieu a letter expressing highest appreciation for that series of articles written by the Bishop some months ago and published in this paper. We do not wonder that Bishop Mallalieu prizes Dr. Parker's grateful expression. These articles were generally read, we are sure, as is everything else written by the Bishop, but too often our brethren do not think to drop a word of cheer to the friend who is trying to help them, even at a sacrifice to himself. This ought not to be so, but it is. Still we trust soon to be beyond this epoch.

The *Northwestern Advocate* says that Dr. E. L. Parks, of Atlanta, Ga., has delivered his lecture on "The Negro and the Nation" at several Chautauquas. The *Aurora* (Ill.) *Daily News* says: "To a crowded tent of eager listeners he gave an hour of splendid food for thought." There seems to be a special demand for light on this subject, and Dr. Parks' seventeen years' work in one of the great centers of this problem has given him special opportunity to know the facts. Dr. Parks will be available for Epworth League or other lectures till October 7. Address Kyte River, Ill.

James L. Washington, the boy preacher who, in company with his blind father, spent several weeks in this city two or three years ago, is now in Boston, Mass. A letter from his father informs us that he is greeted everywhere with large audiences and unflagging interest. He and James anticipate another visit to this city at no distant day.

Personal and General

Mrs. Bettie Scott, a faithful member of the church at Bastrop, La., is seriously ill.

Rev. Thos. F. Robinson, pastor at Many, La., is in the city this week visiting relatives.

Prof. C. M. Hazen, of Vermont, is one of the new teachers at New Orleans University.

You surely haven't much influence in your charge if you can't secure a few subscribers.

Rev. J. H. Pierre, pastor at St. Martinville, is said to be doing well and that he is greatly beloved by his people.

Rev. M. J. Dyer, pastor at Pontchatoula, La., was in the city recently. His work is doing well and he seems in splendid health.

The way to gather subscribers is: Let those now work who never worked before, and those who always worked now work the more.

Rev. O. J. Harvey, pastor at Charenton, La., accompanied by Mrs. Harvey, passed through the city recently, going to Whitehall to visit friends.

Miss M. J. Burroughs, the daughter of the Rev. Dr. E. B. Burroughs, pastor Wesley Church, Charleston, S. C., is a teacher at New Orleans University.

Rev. Dr. T. B. Ford, well known in Arkansas and throughout the church, has been chosen a delegate to the next General Conference by the Oregon Conference.

The Editor has gone to the North Carolina Conference, at Greensboro, and Rev. W. F. Waters, the Assistant Business Manager, to the Tennessee Conference, at Martin.

Prof. Harry Weber is again in the city and at his post of duty as professor of Music at the New Orleans University. He is quite popular with his pupils and music lovers generally.

Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Allen, who spent some time at Gammon Theological Seminary some years ago, are among the teachers at the New Orleans University for the present year.

Rev. J. E. Champlin, one of the oldest members of the North Carolina Conference, died on the 3d inst., in the midst of his effort to close his year's work preparatory to attending the annual conference.

We note the election of the Rev. Dr. Chas. B. Mitchell as a delegate to the General Conference by the East Ohio Conference, in which he had been only two years. Not prejudice but fitness, determines such action.

The ladies in charge of the Woman's Home Missionary work of the Mississippi Conference are planning a great time at Ellisville Oct. 21 and 22. The pastor, Rev. J. K. Comfort, is taking hold with them and a profitable meeting is expected.

A note from Rev. W. Hartley Jackson, of Navasota, Tex., announces the death of Miss Arelia Wells, his wife's sister, on Friday night, the 9th inst., at Paris, Tex. The interment took place at Paris from Mt. Sinai M. E. Church, Rev. Thos. Cole, pastor.

We learn that the Rev. L. L. Green, of the Alexandria (La.) District, pastor at Abbeville Mission, La., and Miss Laura A. James, a member of Mallalieu Chapel, St. Martinsville, La., were married at that church recently by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Pierre.

President Ferguson calls attention to the fact that the correspondent who sent in the notes regarding the Epworth League convention at Greenwood failed to mention that the Rev. B. F. Woolfolk was present, read an able paper and contributed otherwise to the success of the meeting.

Miss Nellie V. Landry, the cultured daughter of Dean Pierre Landry, of Gilbert Academy, is now teaching in the city schools at Paris, Tex. Miss Nellie spent the summer vacation with her parents at the Academy.

Mrs. Lizzie B. McMillan, the talented wife of Dr. J. A. McMillan, of Brownsville, Tenn., passed through the city Oct. 7th, enroute to Baldwin, La., where she is under appointment to teach at Gilbert Academy. Mrs. McMillan taught last year at Meridian Academy, but declined to return.

Miss Annie J. Parker, who taught some years ago at Wiley University and later at George R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo., is enrolled for the present session among the teachers at New Orleans University. We are sure Miss Parker has scores of friends all over the South, who will be pleased to know she is still in the work.

Rev. Eugene Baptiste, pastor at Thibodeaux, La., was in the city recently. He seems much gratified with the success of his work. Fifty persons were converted in his protracted meeting, and at the conclusion of their probationary period every one of them was received into full membership. This is a splendid showing.

Madame M. C. Turner, who has met with such excellent success in treating ladies' hair and complexion, is now located at No. 1513 Canal street, this city. She prepares a "mystic face bleach," a "mystic toilet soap," and a "medicated hair grower." Madame Turner has the patronage of some of the best people, colored and white, in these parts.

Rev. Stephen Duncan, presiding elder of the Alexandria district, came to the city to attend the opening of the New Orleans University. He reports his work in good condition. The St. Martinville Epworth League Chapter gave him a surprise while there, and through Brother Drake, the president, presented him a fine hat.

We learn through Mr. Walter Goodwin that his mother, widow of the late Rev. D. D. Goodwin, of the Mississippi Conference, died at her residence in St. Louis, Mo., Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 6 a. m., and was buried in that city Oct. 2. She died of Bright's disease and had been confined to her home for about six weeks. The children will remain in St. Louis for the present, at 1426 Singleton street.

The Navasota Bugle for October comes to this office with pictures and sketches of its energetic editor, the Rev. W. Hartley Jackson, and the Rev. James E. Bryant, A. B., presiding elder of the Navasota district. Both sketches make interesting reading; that of Editor Jackson being written by his life-long friend, Rev. S. Monroe Bolden. He should also have said that Editor Jackson is somewhat of a "doctor."

The Rev. Dr. Freeman Parker, of Paris, Tex., sends us, along with a list of cash subscribers, a plea to the brethren of his district to push the canvass for the SOUTHWESTERN. It is now too late to publish it in time enough to do good, hence we call their attention to the same. Prof. R. S. Halbert informs us that he has some cash subscribers which he will send in shortly, and we trust the brethren all over the district will let us hear from them at an early day.

Rev. Dr. R. E. Jones, Sunday School Agent, spent a few hours in the city this week preparatory to leaving for the session of his conference which convenes at Greensboro, N. C., on the 14th inst. Dr. Jones has made a most excellent record in his work in organizing new schools, distributing literature and collecting funds to carry on the work of the S. S. Union. We find him very popular with the pastors of this territory and listened to gladly by the people everywhere.

News Notes

The new British Cabinet assumed its duties Oct. 9.

H. A. Castle, auditor for the Postoffice Department, has resigned.

Richard Henry Savage, author and soldier, died recently in New York.

A large increase is reported in the number of yellow fever cases at Laredo, Texas.

Mrs. Dwight L. Moody, widow of the famous evangelist, died Oct. 11 at her home at East Northfield, Mass.

The Twenty-third Infantry Regiment of the United States troops has been ordered to sail for the Philippines for service.

Sir Henry Howard, British minister to the Netherlands, is to succeed Sir Michael Herbert as ambassador to the United States.

Atlanta University and Tuskegee Institute are each given \$5,000 by the terms of the will probated recently of Elizabeth Fiske, of Boston, Mass.

Henry Van Ness, running on the New, York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, is said to be the only Negro train conductor in the United States.

Russia not only refuses to evacuate Manchuria, but is pushing building operations at New Chwang, China, and has ninety war vessels at Port Arthur.

The General Missionary Committee will meet in Omaha, on Wednesday, November the 11th, at 10 a. m. (Signed) A. B. Leonard, H. K. Carroll, Homer Eaton.

The northeast gale that has been raging on the Virginia coast for several days, has subsided. The beach is strewn with wreckage, and it is believed many lives were lost at sea.

By the death of his father, the late Marquis of Salisbury, Viscount Cransborne, Rochester's representative in the House of Commons, becomes fourth Marquis of Salisbury.

The Enterprise Investment Company of Portland, Oregon, is preparing to erect a three-story building in that city, which will be used for a store, lodgerooms and office purposes.

News of the signing of the American-Chinese treaty has been received from Minister Conger by the State Department. It opens two new ports and gives general trade facilities.

A statement just issued by the United States postoffice shows that 57 women are employed as regular carriers in the rural free delivery service, and 900 are on the substitute list.

A colored youth of Knoxville, Tenn., Master George McDade, 13 years of age, is said to be the youngest orchestra leader and cornet soloist in the world to-day. He is also a violinist of rare ability.

Printed programs are out announcing the second district conference of the Greenwood Upper Mississippi district, to be held at Carrollton, Miss., Nov. 25-29, 1903. Rev. B. F. Woolfolk, presiding elder.

Dr. Chas. Bentley, of Chicago, said to be the most prominent Negro dentist in the United States, has been chosen chairman of the International Dental Congress, which convenes in St. Louis during the Exposition, in 1904.

Mr. William H. Thomas, the author of "The American Negro," now a resident of Everett, Mass., was recently elected to a place on the Republican executive committee of that city, and has been asked to become the chairman.

We have received a printed program of the second district conference of the Starkville Upper Mississippi district, which will convene at Weir, Miss., Oct. 20-26, 1903. Rev. W. T. Wright, pastor; Rev. Thos. W. Davis, presiding elder.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Edna Beatrice Seals, daughter of Rev. D. M. Seals, of Shreveport, La., to Mr. Wallace H. Daniels, of Walnut Hill, Ark., Wednesday evening, Oct. 14, 1903, at 8:30 o'clock, at Fairfield M. E. Church, Shreveport, La.

The Methodists of Macon, Ga., are making extensive preparations for the seventy-fifth anniversary of Methodism in Macon. The program, beginning Oct. 14, covers five days. They are expecting to have with them Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald and all former pastors of that city.

FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. C. Marshall Editor

AGRICULTURE IS LAGGING BEHIND.

VERY FEW FARMERS ABLE TO TELL WHAT A PIG OR STEER HAS COST TO RAISE—THE ADVANTAGES OF COUNTRY LIFE.

Columbus, O.—Secretary of the Treasury Shaw delivered an address at the state fair grounds here. He did not mention the currency question in his speech, confining himself to general agricultural topics. He declared that in its economics agriculture had not kept pace with other industries, saying:

"You grow a fat pig or steer, but the chances are that you cannot tell whether he costs you three or six cents a pound to produce. When these are marketed every bit of waste ceases, every by-product is saved and it is known to the fraction of a cent what each has cost. At the risk of offending some I am going to say that if I questioned the first ten farmers I met in adjoining states, nine would tell me how productive their farms used to be, how much butter they used to make and how much hay they used to produce.

"There is no excuse for land deteriorating and as certain as day, economy must be practiced on the farm as it is in the factory, packing house and refinery. The by-products must be turned to profitable account."

Mr. Shaw declared that the success of farm-reared boys in all lines of business and professions is not to be wondered at, because of the habits of industry and thrift and self-reliance he learns.

"Upon your farms you hold the most hopeful generation of boys of which this world has knowledge," he declared. "Do not teach them they must leave the farm in order to succeed. Good roads, interurban lines, automobiles and rural free mail delivery are destined to bring to the farmer's door every real advantage incident to the city and in no manner discount the peculiar benefits of the country life."

Now, here is a word to the young man of 20, who, having a fair common school education and not afraid of work, would like to make the most of himself and get out of the army of common plugs and shape his life on a broader and higher plane. While there are other ways and other openings, we will only mention one way in which he may do that which he desires. The feeding of 100,000,000 people is to be the great problem in this country before long. The young man who makes a study of how to produce the food needed in the most economical manner, how to take the earth and the cow and the hen and the steer, the forest and the garden and get the best out of them, is bound to be a man who will be in great demand, for he will know something which will be of great value to the whole country. As we look at it, there is no more inviting field for the young man of to-day than this, and a nice thing about it is the study of these problems will not only make him of practical use to the world, but he will grow to be a broad-gauged man as well, for no man can study nature and her laws and be small and narrow. Think this over, boys.—*Chicago Live Stock World.*

A COSTLY CALF.

The folly of going to law was never better illustrated than in a case now pending before a court in this state. It originated a number of years ago in a dispute about a calf, has passed from one court to another until the costs now amount to more than \$3,500 with no end in sight. In such cases as this, men are apt to mistake the underlying principle of the whole matter. They say that the suit was only about the calf, but this is a mistake. Such suits are not brought by neighbors on good terms with each other. They are the outcome of personal enmities, and are really contests for victory. The value of the calf in this case has long since been lost to view, the legal contest is now which of the litigants shall get the better of the other. There is a great deal of talk about boards of arbitration to settle labor questions. There is just as much need of local boards to settle neighborhood disputes.

The live stock section at the World's Fair to be held at St. Louis will cover thirty acres of land. On this will be located between forty-five and fifty barns and a large amphitheatre, with an immense judging area. Barns will be fitted to hold three thousand head of either horses or cattle. In addition there will be a large dairy demonstration, open to all breeds. Manager Curn thinks there will not be less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in prizes. This is from sixty to eighty per cent. more than has ever been at the disposition of any live stock show or exposition. The Columbian Exposition at Chicago, in 1893, had at its disposal one hundred and forty-two thousand five hundred dollars, though not all of this was expended in awards.

Conference Notices

NOTICE TO THE PASTORS.

The pastors will please be patient if the reports of their church work do not appear in these columns as soon as they expect them, as the reports of District Conferences are taking just now considerable space.—Ed.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Caldwell and Wynne, Oct. 17-18; Crowdsville, Oct. 24-25; Bledsoe, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; Park Place, Nov. 7-8; Mariana, Nov. 14-15; Haynes, Nov. 21-22; Forrest City, Nov. 28-29; Palestine, Dec. 5-6; Oak Forest, Dec. 12-13; Cotton Plant, Dec. 19-20; Cotton Plant Circuit, Dec. 21-22; Auvergne and Augusta, Dec. 26-27; Jonesboro, Jan. 2-3; Brinkly Circuit, Jan. 9-10; Brinkly, Jan. 16-17. Dear Brethren: This is our fourth round. Close up for this conference year. Be sure and have all of your benevolence in full. You have done well up to this time. Do not fail to send in your apportionment for the SOUTHWESTERN before October 31st.

B. J. GRIFFIN, P. E.

BRISTOL DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Tip Top, Va., Oct. 17-18; Tazewell Courthouse, Va., Oct. 24-25; North Tazewell, Va., Oct. 31-Nov. 1; Castlewood, Va., Nov. 7-8; Gate City, Va., Nov. 14-15; Mountain City, Tenn., Nov. 21-22; Johnson City, Tenn., Nov. 28-29; Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 5-6; Abingdon, Va., Dec. 12-13; Glade Spring, Va., Dec. 19-20; Marion, Va., Dec. 26-27; Rural Retreat, Jan. 2-3, 1904; Wythesville, Jan. 9-10. Brethren: Let me say to you, keep your hand in God's hand and by

so doing much will be accomplished for the Lord and His kingdom. The meeting of the district stewards will convene at 2 p. m., Nov. 17, 1903, in Lee Street M. E. Church, Bristol, Tenn. Yours in love. R. A. SWAN, P. E.

CLOW DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Stamps, Oct. 25; New Lewisville, Oct. 25; Canfield, Oct. 26; Shady Grove, Oct. 28; Little Bay, Oct. 30; Fordy Circuit, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; Texarkana, Nov. 8-9; Boggy, Nov. 11; Clow, Nov. 14-15; St. Paul, Nov. 17; Murfreesboro, Nov. 19; Ebenezer, Nov. 21-22; Holly Springs, Nov. 25-29; Centre Point, Dec. 5-6; Holly Grove, Dec. 12-13; DeQueen, Dec. 15; Horatio, Dec. 17; White Cliffs, Wilton and Paytonville, Dec. 19-20; Saratoga, Dec. 26-27; Camden, Jan. 2-3, 1904. Dear Brethren: Up to the time of District Conference we had done quite well. Can we for once renew our effort and make this one year count for two? Let all of the causes be reported in full. The SOUTHWESTERN helped to self-support. The pastor who has used his time complaining this year about his poor appointment and has not tried to do anything else, will have another year to try his hand. A full set of careless officers and a pastor to indulge them make a bad team. Will we help send up the full number of SOUTHWESTERN subscribers in time? T. R. WAMBLE, P. E.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Bentonville Circuit, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; Fayetteville, Nov. 7-8; Van Buren, Nov. 14-15; Morrilton, Dec. 5-6; Conway, Dec. 12-13; Wooster, Dec. 19-20; Solgo-hachia, Dec. 26-27; Atkins, Dec. 7-8; Danville, Jan. 2-3; Dallas, Jan. 9-10; Fort Smith (Mal.) Jan. 16-17; Fort Smith (Eb.), Jan. 16-17; Fort Smith Circuit, Jan. 9-10. Dear Brethren: Whatever you do, do it quickly and be sure to do it. We must raise \$600 on our district this year. It can be done. If every brother does his part the amount will take care of itself. Remember date of District Conference and engineer every plan to have all your benevolence by that time; send in all monies and bring receipts to District Conference, Nov. 3-8. Let every brother be present at Fayetteville, Tuesday night, in the revival service; bring all the money and everybody you can. This must be the main effort of our lives. Pastors, instruct your class leaders to collect 10 cents from each class member as representative fee. Each class leader must pay 25 cents; each district leader 50 cents; each local preacher and exhorter 50 cents, and each pastor \$1.00 in District Conference. The presiding elder and others will pay \$2.00. Brethren, I am with you, and above all Christ is with us. Let us do our best. Bring 100 subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. Yours for Christ, M. N. LANGSTON, P. E.

NOTICE.

The second District Conference of the Greenwood District will meet in North Carrollton, Miss., Nov. 25-29, 1903. A full attendance is expected. Pastors, come prepared to report your benevolence in full. Those who have not sent in their money to Rust University will please send it at once. By all means we must raise an overplus of our missionary money and so help Dr. Logan. Send Dr. Scott the number of subscribers you promised in our last District Conference. Try to get as many young men and women as possible to attend

Rust University, our conference school. Drs. Scott, Foster, and Logan are invited to attend our conference. Yours for success, B. F. WOOLFOLK, P. E. Greenwood District.

NOTICE.

The Holly Springs District Conference will convene in its fall session on the Abbeville Circuit at the Providence M. E. Church, four miles from the town of Abbeville, Nov. 18-22. All representatives will meet prompt conveyance, Tuesday and Wednesday. We earnestly insist upon the presence of pastors and all members of the District Conference from the first day until the session closes. Local preachers and exhorters, come prepared for examinations, and to subscribe for the SOUTHWESTERN. We invite Dr. Foster, the dean of Rust University, and Dr. I. B. Scott, to attend our session. Pastors, see that your local preachers and exhorters attend in order to have their licenses renewed. Encourage those in your charge who promised to raise \$5 increase for missions. I am as ever, sincerely yours,

N. H. WILLIAMS, P. E.

Holly Springs District.

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Weathersby, Oct. 16; King, Oct. 17-18; Bridgeville, Oct. 24-25; Hazlehurst, Oct. 29; Kennolia, Oct. 31-Nov. 1. Brookhaven Circuit, Nov. 2; Brookhaven, Nov. 3; Fernwood, Nov. 4; Chatawa, Nov. 5; Summit and Magnolia, Nov. 7-8; China Grove and Tybertown, Nov. 14-15; Barlow, Nov. 19; Bowerton, Nov. 18; Buford, Dec. 5-6; Columbia, Dec. 5-6; Zion Ridge and New Zion, Dec. 7; Hub, Dec. 8; Rockport, Dec. 10; Crystal Springs, Dec. 13; Crystal Springs Circuit, Dec. 16; Florence, Dec. 19-20. The second District Conference will convene at New Hope, Bowerton circuit, Nov. 26-27. Dear brethren, plan to make a complete report of your benevolent monies. Don't fail to send in ten subscribers from your charge. Yours,

A. DAVIS, P. E.

NOTICE.

All pastors, Sunday school superintendents, Epworth League presidents, local preachers and exhorters are requested to meet at Toombsburg, Miss. October 28-29, in a great missionary rally meeting. Come prepared to discuss topics relative to our Home and Foreign Mission work. Each pastor requested to bring \$1 for the cause, and each delegate 50 cents. Dr. G. Logan has arranged to be with us.

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DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

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—It has been a very little more than a month since I really settled down to work as pastor of St. Paul Church, but I am exceedingly glad and sincerely grateful that the beneficent hand of Almighty God has been visible in the work of this charge ever since my arrival. Especially have I been most agreeably surprised to note the business tact displayed by the ladies who compose the parsonage committee. They have had the parsonage beautified within and without, had the floor newly covered and purchased new furniture. To-day they owe not one cent, but have a nice balance on hand. In fact the entire charge is busily engaged, so much so that, during this brief period, we have raised upwards of \$226.82 all told. Yesterday's benevolent collection far exceeded my most sanguine expectations. We raised \$57.52 with very little effort. We are now getting ready for a great revival. Pray for our success.

The West Tennessee District Conference met at Humboldt, Tenn., Aug. 5, 1903, with a large attendance. Rev. J. A. W. Moore presided. Prof. Sharon delivered the welcome address. Revs. Roso, of the C. M. E. Church, I. H. Welch, of the A. M. E. Church gave welcome greetings. Wednesday morning at 9 a. m. the conference opened. A half hour was given to devotionals, conducted by Rev. J. A. W. Moore, presiding elder. Rev. D. F. Burch was chosen secretary; Dr. J. A. McMillan and Mrs. Sophia W. Burch, assistants. Rev. Jesse P. Price and Miss Emma Montague, reporters. The regular committees were appointed. The regular business of the conference was despatched creditably. The presiding elder's and pastors' reports, all of whom, excepting three were present, showed an increase on all lines. Local preachers, exhorters, district stewards, class leaders, superintendents and Epworth League presidents made splendid reports. The literary program was well conducted. Epworth League Convention was held Thursday evening. Rev. D. T. Burch, the district president, presided. The Sunday School Convention convened Friday evening. Dr. D. W.

Fields, the president, presided. The missionary anniversary on Thursday night was a success. Speakers: Dr. J. A. McMillan, Rev. B. D. Merrideth, of Martin, and Dr. D. W. Fields, of Memphis. Mrs. L. Baston, organist of the C. M. Church, and choir furnished music for the occasion. Dr. G. G. Logan, missionary field agent, delivered a touching missionary address at 11 a. m., and raised \$10. Several resolutions were offered, one endorsing the presiding elder's kind and business like way of presiding; one endorsing the work of the secretaries and one in commendation of the pastor and good people of Humboldt for their excellent care of the conference. The city pastors took a great interest in the conference and all the pulpits of the city were filled on the Sabbath by our preachers. This was one of the best sessions of the district. Presiding Elder J. A. W. Moore is a born leader.

Jesse P. Price, Reporter.

The St. Joseph District Conference met at Glasgow, Mo., Aug. 19-22, 1903 with Dr. J. Will Jackson, D. D., presiding. First Day.—Rev. W. H. Wheeler was elected secretary; Rev. J. W. Patton, assistant. Rev. W. C. Ellis, treasurer. The majority of pastors answered at roll call. Many local preachers, exhorters, superintendents, league presidents and class representatives were present. The presiding elder's report showed the work on the district to be in a healthy condition, and substantial work being done. The missionary sermon preached by Rev. D. J. Mitchell, of Butler, Mo., subject, "Personal Responsibility in Missionary Work," was a very able discourse. At 8 o'clock a great congregation gathered. Rev. J. H. Wilson, pastor of the A. M. E. Church, delivered the address of welcome and Rev. J. W. Thomas responded. A few sweet selections by the choir, Miss Zenobia Payne presiding at the organ, and Rev. J. L. Smith introduced Revs. J. J. Clark and J. D. Evans, who spoke on the work of Church Extension. Second Day.—Devotional services conducted by Brother S. A. Graves of Moberly. The pastors' reports of their work were very encouraging. The manner and form of the reports of local preachers, exhorters, Sunday school and Epworth League presidents, district stewards and class representatives showed vast improvement. The case of Rev. J. Marshall was left in the hands of the presiding elder. Rev. J. M. Harris, M. A. L., read a well prepared paper on "Effects of Sabbath Desecration." Rev. J. L. Smith, A. M., presented a most excellent paper on "Duty of the Christian Citizen to the Political Movements of the Times." Disciplinary query box conducted by Rev. J. M. Harris. In the evening the open hearted Methodist people of Fayette, Mo., by the prearrangement of that intellectual giant, Rev. J. H. McAllister, sent their sweet voiced choir to delight the vast congregation assembled. Rev. J. Will Jackson, D. D., presided. This was the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational anniversary. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. Arlington Grant and Rev. O. A. Johnson. Third Day.—Devotional services conducted by Rev. Nelson Payne. Many important items relative to the work of the district were gone over. Members of the respective charges were asked for one cent each to apply on district conference expenses. Butler was selected as the seat of next District Conference. Rev. W. L. Lee read a well prepared

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paper on "Our SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, Its Merits," which was excellent. A general discussion followed. Mrs. A. M. Waters, of New Orleans, who represented the SOUTHWESTERN, was introduced and delivered a short but able and convincing address and proceeded to take subscriptions for the paper. Quite a number subscribed. Rev. W. H. Wheeler's paper, subject, "Is the Revival Spirit of the Church Waning?" created a heated discussion. In the evening an excellent literary program was rendered to a large and appreciative congregation. Fourth Day.—Devotion services conducted by Brother Jackson, of Kansas City. All standing committees reported. By the suggestions of Mrs. J. M. Harris, a District Woman's Home Missionary Society was organized. Officers: Miss Zenobia Payne, president, Glasgow, Mo.; Mrs. May Morgan, vice-president, Des Moines, Ia.; Miss Ida Wrightstel, secretary, Mexico, Mo.; Mrs. Estella Robinson, corresponding secretary, Columbia, Mo.; Mrs. Rosa Cravens, treasurer, Fayette, Mo.; Rev. T. W. Broyles and Rev. H. T. Reeves were commended to the Annual Conference on trial. Rev. Preston Overton recommended for local deacon's orders. Brother S. A. Graves read a paper, "Our Duty to our Young People's Societies." Rev. J. H. McAllister's excellent paper was on "Our Duty to the Benevolent Causes of our Church." At night Rev. Father J. W. Payne preached an able sermon. Thus closed one of the most profitable conferences in the history of our district. Nothing was left undone by the good pastor and people to make our stay pleasant.

J. ARLINGTON GRANT, Reporter.

J. Reeves, Reporter, China Grove, Miss.—We began our protracted meetings on this charge August 1 at Oak Grove. The meeting continued five days. The Lord was with us and blessed our efforts with 30 accessions. Brothers H. May, of Columbia, D. Dukes, of Crystal Springs, and Tony Harris, of the Baptist Church, assisted

the pastor, Rev. J. Jordan and greatly revived the meetings. Brother May on Sunday preached a wonderful sermon, subject, "The Unpardonable Sin;" Bro. Duke followed at 3:30. These sermons will never be forgotten by the people of Oak Grove. At St. James Aug. 7, I next pitched a battle for four days. The Lord gave us here more souls. We had 34 accessions and some truly converted to God. Brothers D. Ray, of Poplarville, E. M. Dukes, A. Brown and H. Jackson, of Columbia, were with us, and gave good service. Dr. Ray will never be forgotten at St. James. His sermons made a lasting impression here. At Oak Grove we raised \$30; at St. James, \$45.35; total for church and poor, \$75.35. Brothers, pray that we may continue to have the Lord's Spirit with us. We have yet two more points, viz., Pratt's and Bullock's Chapel, and our list of subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. Yours in the work of the Lord.

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.....Oct. 21-22

E. H. Holmes, Pastor, Ruleville, Miss.
—The third quarterly conference of the Ruleville Circuit was a decided success. The pastor was ill, but Rev. J. W. Winbush, presiding elder, was present. He preached two able sermons. We paid him his full quarterage and raised \$6 for the pastor; he also appointed a committee to surprise the pastor, which was led by Mesdames Addar Hunt, Clara White, Fannie Walker, Maggie Watts, W. M. Caperton, Mattie Gray, Deller Cooper, Fannie Broadenax, Luzia May, which resulted in 133 pounds of many nice things to make the pastor and family very happy. Sisters come again. Collection this quarter, \$135. Secured three year-long subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN.

G. G. Golston, Robeline, La.—Sunday, Aug. 23, was a memorable day at Cypress, La., the occasion being the anniversary and installation of officers of the Tabernacles of the northern part of the State. A large audience was present and many prominent divines and speakers. Rev. Wm. Clayton preached the installation sermon, which was a masterly effort. G. M. Norwood preached acceptably, and Prof. J. W. Thomas, who was the orator of the day. Much credit is due Rev. G. G. Golston, grand district deputy of the State, through whose untiring efforts this most successful meeting was held.

J. A. Y. Dickens, Reporter, Sardis Charge, Miss.—The Sunday School Union met at Spring Hill M. E. Church Aug. 28, 1903. Our program was not fully carried out, as all participants were not present. Mr. A. L. Ballentine, Rev. A. B. Brooks, of Sardis, Miss., the pastor of Mt. Gillian Baptist Church, and Rev. J. W. Terrell, of Batesville, were introduced to the school. Rev. A. B. Brooks made a grand talk, which will be long remembered. Rev. W. Slate, our pastor, gave a short address. I visited Rev. J. C. McGee's charge the third Sunday in August and found them doing well. Our work is moving along nicely. Pray for us.

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A. A. Moxley, Reporter, Darrow, La.
—Rev. A. B. Harris has been our pastor for two years. He has repaired the church and through God's help has brought many into the church. Now that the conference has removed him to Wesley Chapel (Wilson) we regret his removal. He leaves us all right, and we welcome him to our town at any time. We have never had a better preacher in Darrow than the above named gentleman. Signed on behalf of the sinners of Darrow.

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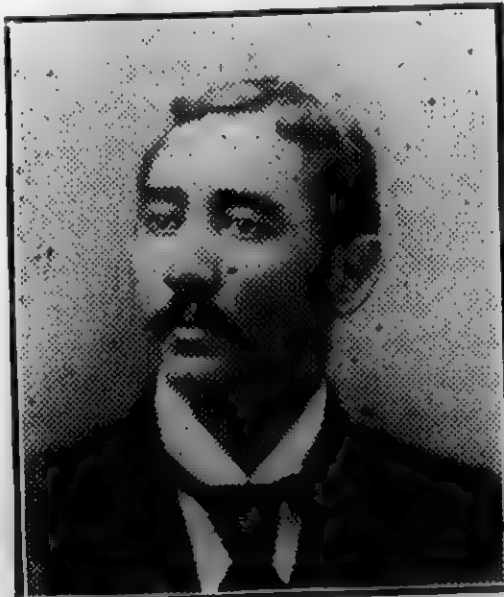
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Cotton, 9 3-16 in this market on Monday, a slight rise from the prevailing price last week.

At Union Chapel M. E. Church, Oct. 1st, twelve probationers were received into full connection. The attendance at the services the pastor, Rev. V. Chapman, reports as increasing weekly.

Mrs. H. D. Mason, wife of the late Dr. W. W. S. Mason, of Lake Providence, La., and Mrs. M. B. Obee, of this city, with whom she is spending some time, called at the SOUTHWESTERN this week.

Oct. 8th, at the parsonage of Mal a lieu M. E. Church, Miss Rachel E. Thornton, a prominent member, and Mr. Sylvester Wiley were united in marriage by the pastor, Rev. B. M. Hubbard.

Mrs. Melvina Thompson, a member of First Street M. E. Church, desires to inform her friends that her residence is now No. 2225 Washington avenue, near Liberty street, and that she will be glad to see them at any time.

Rev. T. J. Johnson, pastor of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, preached Sunday evening, Oct. 11th, the anniversary sermon of the Daughters of Zion Benevolent Society. Church collection for the day, \$22.41; society, \$9.30; total, \$31.91. Sunday evening, Oct. 18th, at Wesley, anniversary sermon of the Lady's Olive Branch.

The Interstate Mississippi River Improvement and Levee Association will meet in New Orleans, October 27th. For this occasion, the Queen & Crescent Route will apply the extreme low rate of one fare plus 25 cents for the round trip (minimum rate 50 cents). Tickets on sale October 25th, 26th, and from nearby points, for trains scheduled to arrive in New Orleans on the morning of October 27th, with final limit of October 30th.

Mrs. M. J. Flanagan, of Houston, Tex., is spending a few weeks in this city with her aunt, Mrs. Rosetta Jones. They have been apart for over twenty-five years. The family formerly lived in East Feliciana parish of this state. Over forty years ago Mrs. Flanagan's mother was taken from her by white slave owners, when she was a mere baby, and carried to Texas, and about twenty-five years ago she went to Texas in search of her mother, which caused her separation from her aunt. The mother still lives a few miles from Houston, Tex.

"WEDDING CHIMES."

Church and educational circles have been in a ripple of excited interest over the announced marriage of Miss Emma B. Smith, of New Orleans, and Mr. William D. McKoin, of the Mound City. Miss Smith is an alumnae of New Orleans University and a teacher in the same institution; also a prominent member of First Street M. E. Church. Mr. McKoin represents the best of St. Louis society, a clerk in the distributing section of the St. Louis postoffice and a member of Bethel A. M. E. Church of the same city. The marriage ceremony was held at First Street M. E. Church, Revs. Tircuit, Butler and the Rev. Drs. Scott and Jones officiating. The stately edifice, artistically decorated and with myriad incandescent lights, and beautifully attired

guests, made an entrancing picture. Prof. Morgan, organist, and Mr. Henry Nickerson, violinist, rendered the wedding music. At the appointed hour, the church was suddenly ablaze, and the sweet strains of Lohengrin heralded the approach of the charming bride and her party. At the same instant from the vestry appeared the expectant groom and his best man, Prof. Harry Weber. The bride was led to the altar by her father and attended by her bridesmaid, Miss Ellen Guesnon, two flower girls and ring bearer. Prof. Davage, Messrs. Eaves and Boyd serving as ushers. During the impressive ceremony suggestive music from L'Clair was heard, awakening the tenderest feeling—then a transition to the triumphal Mendelssohn wedding march as the bridal party left the altar. The bride was attired in silk mull trimmed with priceless lace, satin ribbon, orange blossoms and pearls. She carried a shower bouquet of carnations and ferns. The bridesmaid was becomingly gowned in tucked pineapple tissue and Valenciennes lace. After the ceremony an informal reception was held at the home of the bride. The happy pair left immediately for St. Louis, followed by the best wishes and prayers of her many friends, that her voyage through life may be one of prosperity and happiness.

Please find enclosed the names of ten (10) subscribers from Simpson Chapel M. E. Church. Too much praise cannot be given Bro. M. R. Hite for valuable services in securing the same. The long oyster-fry and chocolate entertainment given for the benefit of the church was a decided success.

Two hundred and sixty partook of the Lord's Supper. On Sunday night Rev. W. Scott Chinn preached an excellent sermon to the delight of the congregation. A grand surprise was tendered Mrs. D. West, vice-president of the Stewardess' Board, by the Board, in honor of her forty-ninth birthday. Several presents were given; a silver cup and gold heart set with a ruby. Refreshments in abundance. A fine suit of clothes were presented to the pastor through the leadership of Sister Sarah Sanders. The revival spirit has started; sixteen arose for prayer.

Field

D. J. Mitchell, Pastor, Butler, Mo.—The second quarterly conference of Mt. Zion M. E. Church was held Aug. 23 by the presiding elder, Dr. J. Will Jackson. He preached three excellent sermons, to the delight of all. His claims were met in full. The total amount raised during the quarter for all purposes \$97.10. The ladies of the church gave, in behalf of the presiding elder, a grand reception at the residence of Mrs. Janie White, and all present enjoyed themselves highly. August 27th Dr. J. Will Jackson gave his famous lecture of his trip to the Southland, in the interest of the church. It was enjoyed by all.

The Sedalla District Conference convened at Sweet Springs, Mo., Aug. 19, 1903. Rev. W. H. Smith occupied the chair, as president of a district conference, for the first time. He received deserved praise and commendation for the wisdom and executive ability displayed as a presiding officer. Rev. D. J. Kenoly was elected secretary and chose as his assistants Lizzie Bird and Nettie Lewis. The majority of the ministers were present at roll call. Welcome address by Rev. Wm. Divers, pas-

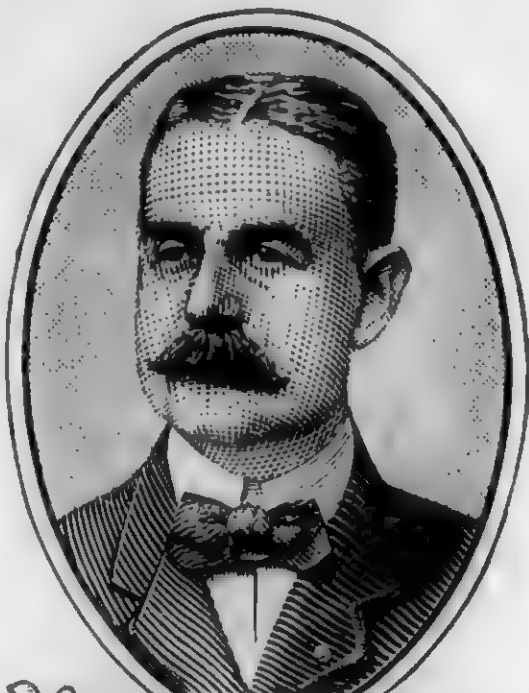
tor; responded to by Rev. R. Davis. The presiding elder's report showed an increase on all lines. Pastors' reports were largely above the average. There was quite an increase over benevolence of last year. Local preachers' and exhorters' reports were good. Their characters were examined. Leaders, stewards and superintendents also made good reports. The literary program was strictly observed. Each paper was excellent. Rev. H. G. Gibson, of Clinton, Mo., preached the opening sermon. This district has a number of very able preachers, bright examples of Missouri Methodism. They were at their best and preached powerful sermons. The SOUTHWESTERN was represented by a most distinguished and eloquent lady, Mrs. A. M. Waters, who received 38 subscribers. She made an excellent address; every member of the church and friend of the Negro race was urged to take this valuable paper. Dr. T. W. Lowe, the president, and Prof. H. L. Billups, of the Geo. R. Smith College. They made excellent addresses that left lasting impressions. The conference was an inspiration to the great audience that attended each service. The Sabbath was a blessed day, both spiritually and financially. Presiding Elder W. H. Smith preached at 11 a. m.; Rev. R. Davis at 3 p. m., after which the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number. At 8 p. m. sermon by Rev. A. H. Higgs. These three sermons were full of inspiration, which stirred the souls of men and women to renewed vigor. The conference throughout was very successful; \$108.20 was the amount raised for all purposes. The next conference convenes at Versailles, Mo.

LIZZIE BIRD, Reporter.

J. H. Tolbert, Steward, Nettleton, Miss., Palestine M. E. Church.—Rev. W. H. Whitlock, pastor, has held our revival which surpassed any held at this place in ten years. Brother Whitlock came to us as a God fearing minister and with his Christ-like work has brought the people together again. His preaching made a lasting impression upon his congregation. Nine young women and men were happily converted on Friday night. All at the altar were filled with the Holy Ghost and confessed Jesus as the Savior of the world. The Nettleton church is now spiritually alive. The conference made no mistake in sending to us Rev. W. H. Whitlock; he is the man for us; we all love him. On the night of the great out-pouring of the Holy Ghost the good people came also with 200 pounds of groceries which gladdened the heart of the pastor. We are going to do what we can for him. Pray for us.

The twenty-seventh annual session of the Rome District, Atlanta, Conference convened at Cave Spring, Ga., Aug. 6, 1903, with Rev. V. D. Jenkins, presiding elder, in the chair. He said the district is improving, financially and spiritually. His report was encouraging and inspiring. Rev. E. D. Petty, pastor of Carrollton charge, preached the annual sermon with power and ability. Rev. F. M. Gordon was re-elected secretary and selected Rev. W. C. Bryant as assistant. The various standing committees were appointed, each faithfully performing his duty. The pastors' reports showed excellent work accomplished on all lines and many additions to the churches. Benevolent collections were larger than those of last year. The officers of all

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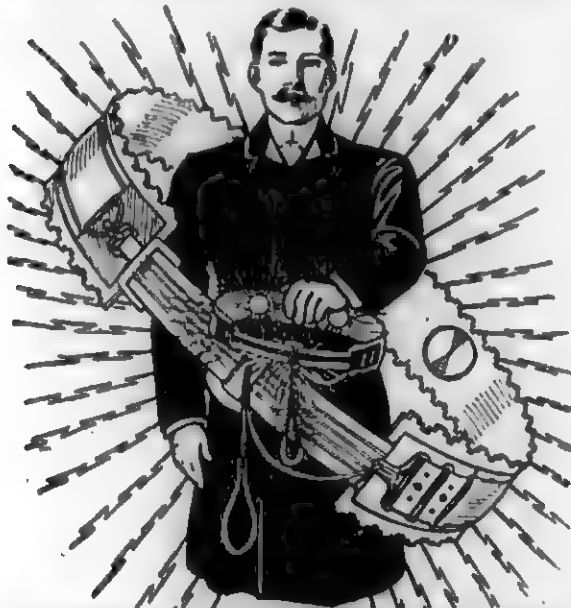
departments made good reports. Visitors present: Drs. J. C. Upshaw, G. W. Arnold, M. M. Alston, J. P. Wragg, J. C. Murray, W. W. Lucas, Prof. I. G. Penn, F. L. Ingram and Rev. S. H. Veal. Miss Annie Hall, a noble-hearted, Christian woman, and a deaconess, had two meetings with the ladies in the interest of the Home Mission Work. They held memorial services in honor of deceased members. When news was received of Prof. W. H. Croghan's election as president of Clark University, all enthusiastically expressed their satisfaction, and passed resolutions of thanks to the church. The SOUTHWESTERN was remembered. Many excellent addresses were given and good sermons preached during the conference. The outlook of the M. E. Church is very encouraging. Rev. J. O. Smith and the good people of Cave Springs cared for the conference royally. Their church was newly whitewashed and painted. In many respects this session was one of the best the district has ever held.

F. M. GORDON, Secretary.

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Opelousas, La.—Sister Kittie Julius, one of the best members of St. Mark's M. E. Church, departed this life Sunday morning, Sept. 20th. She lived an exemplary life. It will be difficult to fill her place and work in the church. Never in the history of this church has happened a more lamentable death. St. Mark has lost a soldier of the cross of Christ; heaven has gained a sainted jewel. She leaves a filial Christian husband, Brother Richard Julius, one of our oldest and best local preachers, sons, daughters and friends.

"Asleep in Jesus far from thee,
Thy kindred and their graves shall be,
But thine is still a blessed sleep
From which none ever wakes to weep."
E. C. GOINS.

Sublime, Tex.—The night of Sept. 26th, Sister Mary Miller, aged 53 years, a faithful member of the M. E. Church since 1884, was called to her heavenly home. She leaves five daughters, one son and a host of friends. Dear sister, we will see you again.

J. W. MCKENZIE, Pastor.

New Cany, Tex.—Sept. 27th, Sister Nancy Smith, aged 55 years, departed this life in perfect peace. She leaves a bereaved husband, three brothers and one sister. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. R. H. Watson and the writer, B. T. Williams.

Marthaville, La.—Volsin Lewis, a member of the M. E. Church for a number of years, died Sept. 21st from the effects of injuries received by a runaway team three days before his death. His funeral was conducted by Rev. S. P. Branch and the pastor, E. P. Harris.

Williamson County, Texas.—Mrs. Louisa Davis has gone home to her reward. She was born in Williamson county, Texas, about fifty-five years ago. The death of her husband, Mr. Dave Davis, occurred fourteen years ago. Three children, a sister and other relatives survive her. Mrs. Davis was at the time of her death a member of Simpson Mission Church; a straightforward Christian woman. She was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Stanley, when she was taken ill suddenly and soon her spirit had taken its flight to the God that gave it. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. S. Medlock.

St. Martinsville, La.—Sept. 20th the deaths occurred of Mr. Larkins Miners and Mr. L. Boorman, young men of the same age, 20 years. Each leaves a father, mother, sisters and brothers. We trust that they are saved.

J. H. PIERRE, Pastor.

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UNITED FOR LIFE

Lodi, Tex.—Rev. J. E. Epperson and Mrs. Leolder Sills were united in the holy bonds of wedlock at Logan Chapel, Sept. 31, 1903; also, at the residence of the bride's mother, Rev. L. L. Neal and Miss Abbie Moore were quietly united in marriage Thursday night, Oct. 1st, 1903. A. W. Carr officiated.

Bell Rose, La.—Sept. 2nd, at the residence of the bride, Miss Ida Green, one of the Sunday school teachers of St. James M. E. Church, was united in matrimony to Mr. Henry Davis. Rev. D. Harrison officiated.

Huntsville, Tex.—On the evening of Sept. 23, Mr. Reed Conner was married to Miss Bessie Sims, respected young people of this city. The marriage was private but elegant, and attended by the best people of the city. United in marriage, Mr. Jim Williams and Miss Mary Jones, estimable young people of Huntsville. A. C. Culbreath, pastor, officiated at both ceremonies.

Sublime, Tex.—The night of Sept.

24th, at the residence of the bride's parents, Miss Kittie E. Roberson of this city and Mr. Lee W. Chase of San Antonio, Tex., were joined in matrimony at 7:30 p. m. At 8:30 a reception was given by the bride's parents and at 2 a. m. the couple left for San Antonio, their future home. We wish them a happy voyage through life. J. W. McKinzie officiated.

Opelousas, La.—Mr. John Felix and Mrs. Rachel Wilson were united in marriage at the home of the bride. May the blessings of God rest upon them. E. C. Goins officiated.

Wilson, La.—On Oct. 1st, at the home of the bride, Mr. Merritt Campbell, of Slaughter, La., and Miss Lou Ella Brooks, of Wilson, La., the charming daughter of Mr. H. Brooks, were united in marriage in the presence of a large concourse of friends. At the home of the bride's father, Brother Andrew Nero, a prominent member of Wesley Chapel, I joined in holy wedlock, Sept. 26th, Mr. Ike Harrell and Miss Tempie Nero. May God bless them.

A. B. HARRIS.

Lake Charles, La.—At 8 p. m., Sept. 15th, I joined in the holy bonds of matrimony Mr. L. P. Shaw and Mrs. Lucy A. M. Ford, the widow of the late A. J. Ford. M. P. FRANKLIN.

Kaylor, Ala.—Mr. W. Rufus Lay and Miss Frances Brown were happily married the first Sunday in September. They are loyal members of Bethenia M. E. Church and Sunday school and we predict for them a happy future. Rev. Joseph Boyd officiated.

St. Martinsville, La. — Rev. L. L. Green, our pastor at Abbeville Mission, and Miss Laura A. James, of St. Martinsville, La., were united in matrimony Sept. 22, at Mallalieu Chapel M. E. Church. Rev. L. L. Green is a member of the Alexandria District (La.) Conference, and also Miss Laura A. James was a faithful member of Mallalieu Chapel, St. Martinsville. We wish them much joy through life. J. H. Pierre, pastor, officiated.

The Sunday School Convention of the Starkville District, Upper Mississippi Conference, which convened at Eupora, Miss., Aug. 28-30, 1903, was probably the most successful meeting of its kind in the history of the conference. The quantity of papers read was nothing remarkable, but the quality was so noticeably improved over those of former conventions. The boys and girls showed originality in their subjects, and the audience could readily feel a spirit of taste and thought on the part of the speakers. These conventions are certainly doing their part toward civilizing and Christianizing the young people who attend them. Rev. Thos. W. Davis, D. D., presiding elder, in an unusually eloquent manner, introduced the convention. The freedom and strength that characterizes his addresses is admired and many are congratulating themselves on having Dr. Davis as their leader. President Rev. O. Gillespie is a great and remarkable man. It is inspiring and pleasing to be under his leadership. The convention seemed to recognize that fact when it re-elected him as its president. The secretary, Rev. W. T. Wright, is an active and brave man. From what we hear about his work at Weir he is a preacher, a financier and a thinker. Miss Leanna Davis intelli-



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gently presided at the organ. No one, old or young, failed to enjoy the music. Rev. C. L. Walls, pastor, showed skill and conservatism in his conduct toward the delegates and visitors. He ranks among the greatest preachers in the conference. Probably the people at Eupora have had no pastor for whom they had more respect than they have for Rev. Walls. In different ways much valuable service was rendered by Revs. G. W. Baker, G. W. Williams and A. W. Wright. The Royan Banquet was a success. The crowd was so great that we could not accommodate all comfortably. Total collection \$87.15.

J. R. COFFEY, Reporter.

Tonnolen, Miss.

W. E. Smith, Pastor.—I have just returned home from the close of my two weeks' revival. Rives and Mallis Chapels are doing well. We had 20 converts. All joined our church. Rev. N. H. Redrick, pastor of Wetumpka, preached three stirring sermons. All hearts were made glad at Mallis Chapel. Rev. N. T. Temples, of the Baptist Church, rendered valuable assistance. The members of Mallis Chapel consider this the best revival had here for 11 years. Their usual number of converts is two, this year we can report eight. The church has awakened and is trying to do its whole duty. The SOUTHWESTERN has not been forgotten. Mallis Chapel has a good Sunday school, under the direction of Rev. H. C. Pearson, superintendent. Pray for us. We hope to make a full report at the end of this conference year.

N. D. Hopkins, Pastor, Couprie, Miss.—We have just closed a glorious revival at the Couprie M. E. Church. The Lord was with us. The result was 36 conversions and accessions. At Greenwood M. E. Church the rain interfered with our revival meeting. We had four converts.

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Rev. T. F. Robinson, pastor of M. E. Church, Many, La., desires to thank the hospitable people of New Orleans, among whom he names Mesdames O. Jenkins, L. Jordan M. Smith; Messrs. A. Robinson, C. Dechoise, G. G. Priestly, T. Robinson and Dr. P. H. V. Dejoie and others, for the royal reception accorded him at No. 5257 Tchoupitoulas street. Rev. Robinson, after a pleasant visit, has returned to his work.

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Maria Tompkins and her husband's name was Joseph Rucker. My brother's name was Joseph Tompkins and my sister's name was Emma Tompkins. I am married now to a man by the name of George Booker and my post-office address is Glasgow, Mo. Any information about the above named persons will be highly appreciated.

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Editorial Notes

Now for a final pull for subscribers.

You can assist others more by being what you claim they should be than by simply telling them what you think they ought to be.

Many a Christian, like Peter of old, will have to learn how weak and unworthy he is before the Lord can use him to His glory. Self-conceit prevents many a person from being of real service to his fellowman.

Strange that people who are so ready to express fear that education will destroy the religious activity of others never seem concerned lest their religious experience should be destroyed by the degrading propensities of their own nature.

A daily newspaper tells of a Southern lady who went to a theatre and was shocked at the profanity used by the actors on the stage. Others laughed, but she was disgusted. The paper in question says profanity is common on the stage, but asks, "why is it so many good people think it funny to be vulgar?" This, as it seems to us, is one of the objections to the theatre that is not commonly urged against it; but it is evident there are many objections to the theatres of to-day.

When have you ever heard of so many officers being wounded or killed by Negroes whom they attempt to arrest? It is distressing to think of, and, too, the number seems on the increase. To our mind it is plainly indicative of the fact that the black man accused of crime, trivial or grave, has no confidence in the protection of the constituted authorities under the law. This is one of the consequences of mob law and it is entirely natural. Negroes are mobbed for the most trivial offenses, hence many who get into trouble nowadays conclude that it is death anyway and they would rather die fighting than be tortured to death.

Our readers will doubtless recall the difficulty which occurred some weeks ago in a Boston meeting at which Prof. Booker Washington was to speak and which was disturbed by those who opposed his views. Two of those so accused, Messrs. W. M. Trotter and Granville Martin, were tried and sentenced to serve thirty days in jail. Their counsel sought to have the sentence changed to a fine or to place the defendants on probation. Judge Sherman declined to do either and said: "The case before the court is a very sad one. Here are two representatives of a race which in other parts of the country encounters much prejudice and has to stand for much abuse. In the city of Boston they are given their rights, but instead of enjoying them properly they go to a meeting called for a lawful purpose and create a disgraceful scene. These men might have thought Washington was unwise, but they had no right to disturb the meeting. If there is any race I have sympathy for it is the colored race, by reason of what its members have suffered in the past. But the law must be administered in order to teach others not to offend."

Schools That Turn Out Criminals

Ordinarily those who mention the criminals of the Negro race do so but to curse them and then in turn express their contempt for the people who produce such monstrosities. It is likely they never stop to think of what has produced them and if so, few if any ever credit their production to any other cause than the natural and peculiar perversity of the people with whom they are identified. No matter how often public attention may be called to the dens of vice and degradation kept by white men for Negroes, nor to what extent it may be known that thousands of the opposite race are enriching themselves in various ways at the expense of the black man's moral life, every crime reported is simply so much new evidence to the innate depravity of the Negro race. The latest attempt to place the cause for the Negro's criminality where it should, to say the least, rest in part, is presented by the Rev. Dr. W. P. Thirkield, one of the secretaries of the Freedman's Aid Society. According to the secular press, in an address delivered recently before the Ministerial Alliance of the city of Cincinnati, he presented the following unusual view of the case. Said he:

"In estimating criminality among the black people we should keep in mind that since Appomattox nearly every Southern State has maintained schools of crime—an organized institution for the training of criminals. This I charge against the convict lease system of the South.

"This system with its thousands of victims has been the cause of much of the outbreak and crime among black people, through its brutalizing and dehumanizing influence on hundreds of Negroes. Under this system both prison and prisoners are farmed out under the control of private corporations—sold to the highest bidder.

"To the lessee the body and soul of convicts are assigned. The motive of both State and lessee is not morals, but money. It is converting crime into a source of revenue, the brawn and blood of criminals bartered for gain.

"The outcome of the careful investigation of the convict lease system by the present governor of Georgia was a revelation of inhumanity, barbarity and shameless immorality.

"In a period of two years over 1,100 of these convicts have escaped from Southern prisons. Think of 1,100 thieves and murderers and thugs at large, lawless men roaming about in defiance of all law and order. Think of a system that has no reformatory element; no system to cure men of crime, but educates young criminals in crime and that, by its barbarity, brutalizes and dehumanizes and sends out those that do not die under the horrors of the system to debauch and degrade society.

"The South should reform its present system and thus stop the education of criminals. The present system is a sowing of the wind and it is bound to reap the whirlwind."

There may be some who will not agree entirely with the view of the case presented by the doctor, and all must agree that the manner of punishment meted out for the most part to Negro convicts of the South, is not calculated to improve them morally in any sense. The fact is that such a purpose seems farthest from the thoughts of those

to whom this unfortunate class is entrusted. They act as tho they understand that their mission is to degrade and destroy their victims, body and soul. How any female who serves a term in the average Southern prison can ever be other than an outcast morally we cannot see. A reliable gentleman who visited such a convict camp in Texas as that referred to in the foregoing excerpt, informed this editor that the females were little less than public property. The degraded, inhuman guard, after a familiar chat of some hours, tendered him the use of any one he might select. He also informed him that very frequently certain of the "fellows of the adjoining town come to the camp for the purpose." How anything good can ever come of a woman who passes through such an experience we cannot see. We fear there is too much truth in the claim set up by Dr. Thirkield, and if it be true the surprise is that there are not more crimes committed than now are.

A Final Word—"Every Man Do His Duty"

Never before in the history of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE have the preachers or the people among whom it circulates largely, been so thoroughly awake to the importance of the paper. Our subscription list has steadily grown and at a healthy pace during the past seven years. As an evidence of the healthiness of this increase it is gratifying to be able to state that no year of the seven shows a falling off. But it is no time to blow the ram's horn or give the shout of triumph. Our purpose in writing this is not self laudation or the throwing of bouquets to those who have so faithfully stood up for the cause. The burden of the hour is to secure the remainder of the three thousand subscribers we set out to get at the time the Presiding Elders' Council was held at Meridian, Miss., June 24th of the present year. What is the state of the case at this writing? From the time that call was issued to this writing we have received 1,962 subscribers and renewals leaving a deficiency of 1,238 to be secured by Oct. 31st. Shall we have this number and thus bring the list up to the highest point of any periodical published by the race, and to a respectable standing in the church? Shall we do it? It can be done. How?

In order to do so, we ask that 600 pastors throughout our conferences follow the suggestions given in this article.

First, let Sunday, Oct. 25th, be the final rally day in this attempt.

Second, preach a short sermon in the morning or at some hour during the day on "Good Literature in the Family." Name the papers of the church and mention the SOUTHWESTERN especially. Tell what the paper has done and is doing for the church and for the race, during its thirty-eight years of service. Name the editors from the beginning, viz. Bishop J. P. Newman, Bishop J. C. Hartzell and Revs. Drs. H. R. Revels, L. P. Cushman, Marshall W. Taylor, A. E. P. Albert,

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Our Contributors

Turned Loose to Die

After looking over the statistical tables of the minutes of the last Annual Conference, and seeing the small amount that was collected by the conference for conference claimants, and turned over to the board of stewards to help those old veterans and their loved ones, I am surprised. Their silver locks and care-worn faces give evidence that they have borne the burden and heat of the day. If any set of men deserve recognition, it is the worn-out preachers, who have given their life's best blood for the salvation of the world and the upbuilding of this conference.

I will admit, at the same time, they are somewhat responsible for the small pittance that comes to them and the widows and orphans at this hour, for they set the example themselves, and we are still writing by the same old copy in not raising something for those who look to us for help. I think it is time to call a halt and let us who are in the active work set a new copy by raising at least \$300 and carry it up to the next Annual Conference, and thereby save our old veterans and the widows and orphans from premature graves, and the conference from being a party to the disgrace. Remember, brethren, the words of the Great Apostle to the Gentiles: "God is not mocked; whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Some are reaping it now with tottering steps, begging for help. Who will help them?

At the last session of the Annual Conference, held at Crystal Springs, a Ministers' Aid Society was organized, known as the Conference Brotherhood. It was introduced by the Rv. S. A. Cowan, and was accepted by the Conference with the understanding that each minister was to pay one dollar in sixty days, which would make him a member of the Brotherhood. But where are they? Only four responded, and where are the "ninety and nine" that voted? Brethren these things ought not to be so. If you will notice the Eastern and Western conferences are making a heroic effort to care for the old veterans of their conferences in their declining years, and the laymen are not one whit behind in raising money for this needy cause. We are in the path that leads to the same dilemma, just where the old fathers once trod.

You know just as soon as a preacher gets in his declining years, and fails in one point, it will be said, "Too old; he ought to locate." Am I correct?

Now let each charge and circuit raise from \$3 to \$10 to bless these old fathers, widows and orphans before they die, and quit paying them off with memoirs. You may notice in the minutes of the last Annual Conference, and see that the small sum of \$69 was raised for conference claimants. By district it was as follows: Meridian district, \$16; Jackson district, \$11; Shubuta district, \$17; Brookhaven district, \$13; Vicksburg district, \$12; and one-third of the amount raised from the last named district was raised here at this place. The three first named districts are the giant districts of the conference. You will see by noticing the strength of each we are collecting less than one-half cent per member. Is that right?

We can't depend upon the small amount that the conference receives annually from the book committee, which amount does not meet the demand. But at the same time we could increase that, because every book and paper

that is sold from the book concern of our church swells the amount that comes to our conference. Why not put the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE in every home? It can be done if we will only try. With a little time I have sent in forty-seven annual subscribers this year from this charge.

I would like to ask what is to become of our worn-out preachers? Shall they be turned loose to die? Is that charity?

Thy martyrs gave their hearts' warm blood,

Their ashes strewed thy way;

They spurned their lives as dreams and dust

To speed thy coming sway.

"Thou knowest of sweet and precious things;

My store is scant and small;

Yet, were Thou here, in want and woe,

Lord, I would give Thee all."

There comes a voice from heavenly heights:

"Unclose thine eyes and see,

Gifts to the least of those I love

Thou givest unto me!"

S. H. CANNON.

Fayette, Miss.

Tuberculosis and Its Remedies

To the Editor of the New York Age:

The Medical Record of Sept. 5 contained a brief abstract of a paper read before the American Climatological Association at Washington, D. C., by a colored scientist, Dr. Thomas D. Coleman, of Augusta, Ga., on the topic, "Tuberculosis in the Negro." The Record said:

"Dr. Thomas D. Coleman, of Augusta, Ga., read this paper. He said that in the South, tuberculosis was on the increase among the Negroes. Before the war it was rare to find a case among that race, and some writers considered the Negro almost, if not quite, immune. He presented statistics showing percent ages of deaths of whites and of blacks from tuberculosis during a period of five years. These figures showed in Charleston the proportion dying of tuberculosis was, whites, one in eleven; colored, one in six; and this record demonstrated that though the colored population was 10 to 16 per cent less than the white, in five years tuberculosis carried off 147 white persons, and 448 colored. In round numbers, and allowing for discrepancies, there die annually from tuberculosis about twice as many colored people as whites. The reasons for this, he believed, were as follows: That in slavery the Negro had an open-air existence, was free from care, while now he was independent and his habits and mode of living had undergone a radical change. Tuberculosis in the Negro was due largely to his mode of life, more so than to any racial peculiarity; hygiene was unknown to the Negro, his morals were lax, his hours irregular, and hence his constitution was depleted, and he was more apt to fall a victim to the disease. At the autopsies on all Negroes dying in the Georgia Insane Asylum in 1901, over 50 per cent showed evidence of tuberculosis. Venereal disease also weakened the Negro, and though some observers had stated that syphilis protected the individual against tuberculosis, he could neither commend it as a prophylactic nor verify it as a fact. As a remedy he suggested: co-operation of both races; hygiene; and that local boards of health should exercise their educational influence, superintend the disease, and disinfect every house in which tuberculosis occurred."

Here is a colored scientist making the statement that the death rate by tuberculosis (consumption) is enormous. How, is the next interesting question, do people "get" the consumption? The latest scientific evidence shows that con-

sumption is not inherited, but the modes by which one may become infected are various.

(1.) By inoculation, when the germ of tuberculosis enters the system by a scratch in the hand, or face or arm.

(2.) By inhalation, in rooms, or other localities, where a tuberculous patient frequents; that place becomes infected by the germs of the dreaded disease, which enters the system by means of the respiration tract. The bacillus attaches itself to fine particles of dust, and when persons breathe dust-laden air into their lungs, the germ lodges somewhere in the bronchi, and then develops, particularly so, when a person has a predisposition to lung trouble.

(3.) It is said by a large number of scientists, though denied by Koch, the German bacteriologist, that one can become infected with consumption by using milk of an animal suffering from tuberculosis.

(4.) Infected meats when the flesh of tuberculous animals is not thoroughly cooked before eating.

(5.) Kissing is another avenue by which this dreaded disease can be transmitted from a person who is sick with the disease, to a healthy individual, particularly if the healthy person has catarrh of the head.

(6.) Carelessness; the disease is spread by persons, when knives, forks, plates, tumblers, cups and saucers, etc., used in the sick room of a phthisical patient are not thoroughly cleansed. Hence, the germ may be transmitted from the sick room to the dining-room table of the well.

Other etiological factors in the ravages of this fatal disease among the colored people, particularly in the more densely populated cities, are:

(1.) Dark, damp places used for sleeping apartments, in which there is little sunlight and ventilation. Many colored people, because of high rents, are compelled in large cities to live in imperfectly ventilated dwellings; moving into houses, in which consumptives have died, without first having the board of health disinfect the rooms.

(2.) "Depleted condition," says Dr. Coleman, is another predisposing cause of consumption. Our colored men and women, in larger cities, who try to live fourteen days in a week, when there are only seven, weaken their vital resistance and become all "rundown." A great many younger persons have a tubercular diathesis. Then, when it is taken into consideration that there are a great many colored young men and women living rather swiftly, the body becomes vulnerable and the individual is then incapable of resisting the infection. The tissues of the body become poorly nourished; due to the derangement of the individual's unstrung nerves, etc.

As a prophylaxis against this terrible disease, which is decimating the race in our large towns and cities, Dr. Coleman's remarks are very timely:

(a.) Hygiene: As a race of people, the Negro would do well to learn to air the home. Fresh air and sunlight should enter every sleeping apartment every morning; moving out of damp, dark dingy "courts" into dry and cleanly quarters.

(b.) Breathing through the proper channels. The science of bacteriology teaches that the nasal secretions are germicidal to many pathogenic bacteria. Mouth breathers contract lung troubles.

(c.) Building up the system by eating plenty of good wholesome food, and not living so swiftly or running one's self down, by over-work, without nourishment; and weak lunged persons, in the colder latitudes, should wear in winter time

a chest protector of muskrat skin, the fur part worn directly against the thorax. Women in New York by all means should do this.

(d.) Disinfect: Dr. Coleman says every house in which tuberculosis has occurred should be disinfected. Colored people are, in many instances, entirely too sensitive about having the board of health officer come to their homes. Health officers will even disinfect vacant suspicious houses for you, even before anyone moves in, all free of charge. The formaldehyde gas which they use is not injurious to bricabrac or furniture.

That Dr. Coleman, himself a colored scientist, says there are twice as many colored people die annually as whites, is startling. The remedy for correcting this frightful condition lies within our own grasp.

REV. JAS. M. BODDY.

Troy, N. Y.

Lexington Conference Notes

This is predicted to be the best year, for many, in the history of this conference. Last year we gave \$739 for missions, a fraction over .07 per member, and this year we predict \$1,000 for missions and an increase in the other benevolences.

This expected increase is easily within our reach. Migration is constantly in action, from Kentucky and some other parts of the conference, toward the large cities of the North; and a number of these cities are beyond our conference limits. This is one of the reasons that our membership in this conference does not increase more rapidly.

The next General Conference should extend the limits of the Lexington conference so as to include the state of Michigan. We have members going to the large cities of that state, and there is not an M. E. church of colored people in the whole state.

A new conference, to be organized—Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and a part of Illinois—what say the conference members?

Dr. Talbott, of Maysville, is having a good year financially; he and the good people in the rally collected \$425, and paid the debt. Scott Chapel is out of debt.

Rev. J. W. Robinson, pastor of St. Mark M. E. church, Chicago, and the faithful membership have lead the conference in the greatest church rally known in these parts for years; \$1,050 in the last effort, and St. Mark is out of debt. The last dollar is paid. Honor to whom honor is due.

Rev. W. H. Vaughn, Covington, has been very ill, but is again at his church improvement. The church is undergoing some \$1,800 repairs, and will be ready for occupancy in a short time.

Old Ninth Street will easily head the conference in benevolence.

Rev. D. E. Skelton is having an unusual year in Park Street, Cincinnati; over fifty persons have joined the church in six months.

Rev. P. T. Gorham, of Flemingsburg, has lost his little girl, who died a few weeks ago perfectly happy. The church is prospering greatly under his pastorate.

Rex. T. L. Wilson, of Xenia, has not been able to go to his work this year. He lives in Springfield, Ohio. His health has not improved.

Rev. Charles Rice is building a new church in Tolesboro. This pastor has more than doubled his benevolence of last year.

Rev. Louis Robinson, Mt. Sterling, is meeting with phenomenal success in that mission. About \$40 was raised in the rally. Let each pastor in the district do his duty.

Rev. C. H. Pyles, Washington, and his faithful members have finished the church, and it is a beauty, especially the interior.

Dr. J. L. Wilson, late of the Mississippi Conference, now stationed at Madison, Ind., is having a splendid beginning.

Rev. R. L. Dickerson, Cleveland, is having an excellent year—\$375 in the first rally and \$140 in the second, and Cory Chapel is free of debt.

Rev. C. T. Lewis, of Dayton, is meeting with the greatest year of his pastorate.

Rev. F. P. Fielding, Cloverport, gave the Louisville District Conference its greatest entertainment.

Rev. A. A. Woolfolk, Bowling Green, is meeting with splendid results, and is rapidly becoming one of our leading pastors.

Rev. W. M. Langford, Jeffersonville, has paid the debt that has been on Wesley Chapel so long, and the church has the greatest following under his pastorate in its history.

Revs. Stanley, Sissle, Courtney, and Simmons, presiding elders, are having marked success in their districts, especially their missionary collections are reported good.

Rev. T. L. Ferguson, Springfield, is meeting with much success in planning to build a beautiful church. The people are pleased with an ex-presiding elder for pastor.

Rev. E. L. Gilliam, Columbus, is meeting with success in debt paying. Five hundred dollars was realized in two rallies. The church is very prosperous.

Rev. J. A. Brooks, Portsmouth, joined the Baptist church.

Rev. Wm. J. White, of Flemingsburg, is supplying the work. The first Sunday he collected \$35.50.

Rev. H. A. Southgate, Augusta, is more prosperous than any of the previous years, in this church.

Dr. L. M. Hagood, Paris, is going beyond the expectations of his best friends.

Rev. W. H. Evans, of Louisville, is having his usual phenomenal advancement. The young men will have to work hard to excel him.

Rev. W. H. Riley, Indianapolis, is pushing his Deaconess work to a final finish.

Rev. J. T. Leggett, Princeton, Ind., has been down sick, but is again at work.

Rev. L. W. Miles is lying very low, not expected to live.

Rev. E. R. Lewis, La Grange, is to be congratulated for the excellent entertainment given to the Lexington District Conference.

Shall we pray for and expect a glorious revival this conference year?

Expect the second letter soon.

E. A. WHITE.

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Southern Illinois Conference—Ministerial: John F. Harmon, pastor, East St. Louis, Ill.; Frank W. Loy, presiding elder, Olney, Ill.; John W. Flint, presiding elder, Salem, Ill.; Nathaniel Crow, presiding elder, Carbondale, Ill.; reserves, F. M. Van Treese, Lebanon, Ill.; C. D. Shumard, Belleville, Ill. Lay: A. L. Stratton, Mt. Vernon, Ill.; Mrs. E. A. Hypes, Carbondale, Ill.; J. D. Mading, Lawrenceville, Ill.; E. W. Fiegenbum, Edwardsville, Ill.; reserves, J. M. Mitchell, Mt. Carmel, Ill.; A. J. Daugherty, Mound City, Ill.

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Life of Faith

A CLUSTER OF QUOTATIONS.

Be but faithful, that is all;
Go right on, and close behind thee
There shall follow still and find thee,
Help, sure help.

—Clough.

Faithfulness is faithfulness, on whatever scale it be set forth.—*MacLaren*.

Heaven is kind to the faithful heart,
And if we are patient and brave and calm,
Our fruits shall last, though our flowers depart.
—D. M. Craik.

The heart that is wholly the Lord's in the strength of early manhood will not waver in fidelity in the long course of years.—*Arthur W. Kelly*.

What Do You Do With Your Sundays

BY CHARLES E. JEFFERSON.

Keep your Sundays free for earnest reading. Burn up the Sunday newspaper. It is an indefensible, intolerant curse. A Christian ought to be ashamed to have it in his house. Is not a man sufficiently secularized by six days' contact with the world, without dipping his mind on Sunday morning once more into the muddy stream in

which he has dipped himself on the preceding six days? What can be expected of a Christian in public worship who comes to church with a newspaper stuffed into his mind? He is cold as a clod to the touch of the preacher, and lowers the spiritual temperature of the entire congregation. William E. Gladstone was an ideal worshipper in God's house. He consecrated all his great powers upon the sermon. He was interested because he was informed. He was informed because throughout life he had made intelligent use of his Sundays. He declared in old age that he would not have lived so long had he not always kept his Sundays quite apart from his political life. It was pure refreshment to him to turn to holier things on that day. It enabled him to learn more of the religious subjects than perhaps any other layman of our century. It gave him that firm and splendid ground which ennobled and halloed all his actions. "Go thou, and do likewise." —*Onward*.

Made Fit for Roses

A famous English gardener once heard a nobleman complainingly say: "I cannot have a rose garden, though I have often tried, because the soil around my castle is too poor for roses."

"That is no reason at all," replied the gardener. "You must go to work and make it better. Any ground can be made fit for roses, if pains are taken to prepare it."

It is a wise saying, and it is true in other places than rose gardens. Some young people say, "I can't be cheerful," or "I can't be sweet-tempered," or "I can't be forgiving," as if they were not responsible for the growing in their soul garden, because the soil is poor. But "any ground can be made fit for roses," and any heart can be made fit for the loveliest blossoms of character, if we try, with God's help to prepare it for their growth.—*The Ship*.

Home Again

"Home; Sweet Home," these three words awaken the tenderest emotions of our hearts. John Scott Payne when he wrote those wonderful verses, which have been sung around this old world, and will be heard from voices and instruments, until "time shall be no more," rendered a service to the cause of humanity, beyond the power of language to describe. The words at the head of this article have relation to the return of the thousands to our large cities, who have been spending the last few months in different sections of the country. The exodus in the early summer was great. Now the time of home coming is at hand. Thousands of families would have been delighted to have lingered during the early fall, that they might have revelled amid the beautiful and variegated surroundings of nature, that this particular season always brings, but the school children were with them, and they must return. Now that you are home again, the duties of every day domestic life must be resumed, and the trials and discomforts that are sometimes the lot of the housewife must be met and overcome. Patience is again to be cultivated, and any uprising of anger at once quelled.

Home again, implies not only the resumption of household duties, but also the duties that the Church has placed upon you. You have had quite a relaxation of these. Your place has long been vacant. You should be hungry for the spiritual food, that is given for the performance of duty. The Church, like the home should possess for us a great attraction. We sincerely

trust that your absence has not in the least diminished your interest in the cause of the Divine Master. We are aware of the fact, that often, long absence from home is not conducive to an increase of spiritual power and we have known of numerous instances where during the summer holidays the spiritual energies very largely died out. We trust that this charge cannot be laid at the door of any of our readers. Home and Church should be the centers of our interests very largely. There are no places like them in all the world. The home where mother is queen, and father at the head—a priest of God, while children listen to obey, and God is honored in all that is said, and done, constitutes the best idea of Heaven, to be found beneath the sky.—*Baltimore Methodist*.

Woman's Dominion

Tired Mothers

How many of you get discouraged, and life hardly seems worth living! Were it not for the thought that your children would be thrown onto the cold, heartless mercy of the world, you would pray to die. If, when you are about work, you think of your trials, your cares, the unpleasant road you have to travel, you are only pouring oil upon the flame. No use to pray to God to sweeten your disposition, then rise from your knees and brood over the crosses He is asking you to carry. In that way you soon come to think of yourself as a Christian martyr. Did you ever think those very crosses were given you to bring out the noble trait in your character?

Let this thought help you to stop thinking of yourself. While you are washing dishes or at the wash-tub, or getting baby to sleep, have pinned up before you a sweet, comforting poem. Commit it to memory. While you are learning it you are not thinking of yourself; afterward, when these troublesome thoughts come to you, repeat to yourself your poem.

Your life will be sweeter and brighter for the poem, your mind will be rested from the snarls of the day, and in one short year you will have stored up a vast amount of the best part of our literature.

This little poem, committed to memory, carries with it a three-fold blessing:

"O mothers, so weary, discouraged,
Worn out with the cares of the day,
You often grow cross and impatient,
Complain of the noise and the play;
For the day brings so many vexations,
So many things going amiss,
But, mothers, whatever may vex you,
Send the children to bed with a kiss!

"The dear little feet wander often,
Perhaps, from the pathway of right,
The dear little hands find new mischief
To try you from morning till night.
But think of the desolate mothers
Who'd give all the world for your bliss,
And, as thanks for your infinite blessing,
Send the children to bed with a kiss!

"For some day their noise will not vex you.
The silence will hurt you far more;
You will long for the sweet, childish voices,
For a sweet, childish face at the door;
And to press a child's face to your bosom,
You'd give all the world, just for this;
For the comfort 't will bring you in sorrow,
Send the children to bed with a kiss!"

It drives out worry and care, it leaves a gem in that wonderful part of you, the brain, where it can never be erased, and it is a blessing to the dear little ones God has given you. They ought to make your life sweeter, brighter, and better. They were sent to you to bring you nearer heaven.

You have within you two natures, the good

and the bad, both under your control. Care, sorrow, and suffering may ennoble your life, retouch your face with a sweet radiance, and you will stand out a blessing to all with whom you come in contact, or it may embitter your life, your face will grow sullen, and even your children will breathe a sigh of relief when God calls you away. Which path will you choose? Much of your life depends upon your looking upon the bright side; and there is a bright side, poor, tired mothers. Find it.—*The American Mother.*

Dainty Neckwear

A bit of black velvet ribbon, a dainty piece of lace, or some fancy pins rightly placed are the making of waists, and these are the touches which women who dress stylishly are on the lookout for. Many attractive collars and ties, which would cost a considerable sum if purchased ready made may be fashioned at small expense from odd pieces of lace, velvet or ribbon by any girl who is clever with the needle. Of course one may choose expensive materials and make the ties and sashes as elaborate as one likes, but many girls are showing what can be done with a little braid, lace, thread and skilled fingers, and the collar often makes the success of the gown. It is the little touches here and there that gives character to a gown, and when a girl has learned to dress her neck becomingly she has taken a long step towards looking well; but, above all, the wise girl knows that daintiness counts for more than expensive things and selects styles and colors that will be becoming to her. So much lace is used to trim collars and neckties that every piece that is not too badly worn can be used to good advantage, and old lace can be freshened and made to look like new by washing and rinsing in alcohol. Carefully baste the lace upon a piece of white cloth, wrong side up, and after washing and rinsing, stretch out the cloth upon which the lace is basted, then draw smoothly over a board and leave to dry, after which draw out the basting and the lace will look quite as well as new. Delicate ribbons, that are slightly soiled, may be cleaned by rubbing them with hot flour, then shaking thoroughly, and if ribbons are very soiled wash them in warm suds or gran water, then rinse in cold water to which has been added a little vinegar. The neck ribbons often become faded long before the economical girl feels that she can throw them aside, and a good plan is to gather together the faded colored, and soiled white ribbons and color them rich dark shades with the diamond dyes for silk, and by weakening the dye, several shades of the same color can be produced. In this way a girl can have fresh ribbons at a very small cost, and there is nothing that adds so much to a woman's appearance as dainty and becoming neckwear.

M. A. T.

The secret of keeping the kitchen and bathroom linoleums indefinitely. The secret is a varnish (a hard drier) laid on about four times a year. The oil-cloth coverings in one home have now been in use eight years, yet the pattern remains in all its pristine glory. The varnish stands the wear and tear. An inlaid linoleum is too expensive for the limited household income, and this simple method will recommend itself especially to the economical housewife who has purchased the cheaper sort.

If in covering a kitchen table with oil-cloth a layer of brown paper is first put on, it will prevent the oil-cloth from cracking, and make it wear three times as long.

Young Friends

LITTLE THINGS.

Little words of love expressed,
Little wrongs at once confessed,
Little favors kindly done,
Little toils thou didst not shun,
Little graces meekly worn,
Little slights with patience borne—
These are treasures that shall rise
Far beyond the smiling skies.

THREE LITTLE RULES.

Three little rules we all should keep
To make life happy and bright—
Smile in the morning; smile at noon;
And keep on smiling at night!
—St. Nicholas.

Hide and Seek

Children, did you ever play a game at hide-and-seek? Almost every little boy or girl above three years of age, and even under knows something of this delightful game—how some shut their eyes or hide their faces while others tuck themselves away wherever they can. If it is out of doors—and this is an excellent out-of-door sport—some will get behind box, barrel, or whatever object they can find large enough to hide their forms; others will run around the nearest corner, while perhaps one in the crowd will tip-toe close behind the child whose turn it is to hide his eyes, and oftentimes he will touch the base before the seeker observes his presence.

What a shouting of voices and scampering of feet there is whenever one wins the game! This is real fun for boys and girls, and very often older people indulge in the game. Frequently a loving mother, father, or grown-up brother or sister will amuse the little ones by playing the game with them. A little tot once asked, "Who first taught little children to play hide-and-seek? I think it must have been that they got their first lessons while seated upon mamma's knee, watching her eyes, and trying to touch those sparkling lights with their chubby fingers. Did you ever play a game at hide-and-seek with the sun, or 'Old Sol,' as he is called? If not, let me tell you how three happy children and three grown up folks played a game with the greatest of all lights, that light which God said should rule over the day. This party was on its way home from Detroit, where they had been attending the International Epworth League Convention. They were watching from their car windows the beautiful scenes in the 'Buckeye' state. 'Twas in the month of July. The day had been bright and very hot. The shades of eve were beginning to be noticeable. The mountains far and near were in full view. The topic of conversation was the oil fields. Suddenly one of the ladies of the party said, 'Oh, look at the sun!' How like a ball of fire!" said the other. "The sun is setting," said one of the children. "Let us watch it," said another. The sun seemed to be in full sympathy with the game, for, at the next moment, he was hid behind a mountain. Twelve anxious eyes looked for him to reappear. The train sped on, but in a little while they caught sight of him again, and he shone right into their eyes, but he did not make them wink and blink as at midday; for they were far away from him now. "There he is," said the children, but as soon he was hidden again, and it was a much longer wait before they saw him again. The next time he did not get out of their sight so soon, for a valley and hills stretched between them. Now the watch was long and steady, and it seemed that neither Sol, on the one side, nor his watchers on the other, could find good places for hid-

ing. All at once a high mountain was in full sight, and behind this "Old Sol" seemed to hide. "Now he has gone," said one. "It may be that he will come back," said another. The search was kept up till twilight set in. "Old Sol" could not be found. A few minutes later the whistle of their engine signalled for the station. "Cincinnati; the next stop Cincinnati," called out the conductor. The merry party now turned their attention to the adjusting of hats and coats and getting their parcels together. "All out for Cincinnati," rang out in distinct tones from the trainmen, and in a short time they were among a great throng of people wending their way to their place of abode for that night. They left the train without having found "Old Sol." They expected to spy him the next morning, though. So, tired and sleepy from their journey, they soon repaired to their rooms and lay down to pleasant dreams, after submitting their keeping to Him who never slumbers, and rejoicing that that day had been spent in doing unto others as they would have others do to them. Ere they awoke next morning, the sun had already peeped through the shades into their bedchamber and espied them wrapt in peaceful slumber. They did not find him. "Old Sol" had won the game.

MARIE J. LAWS.

Wilmington, Del.

Educational

Gammon Theological Seminary opened Oct. 1 with an encouraging outlook for the season. The building and cottages have been refitted and are now in first class condition. All the cottages are taken, but houses can be furnished by two well-prepared men, who are able to take care of themselves, if that much aid is given. The enrollment at the end of the first week is twenty per cent in advance of that of last year. The Senior class numbers thirteen, being one more than the average from 1890 to 1900. A large increase in attendance is expected the second week, while some will be delayed until after the fall conferences.

Y. M. C. A. Annual Conference

The Fourteenth Annual Conference of Colored Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States will be held in Atlanta, Ga., November 27, 28, 29, 30 and December 1, 1903. Instead of the three or four sectional conferences held in former years, one great conference will be held this year, and it is confidently expected that a large gathering of representative young men of the race will attend from cities and educational institutions.

There are now 103 Associations among colored young men, with a membership of more than 7,500. Nine of these Associations own buildings valued at \$60,000, and all are doing great work toward the uplift of the race.

Among the well known leaders of the race who are to address the conference are Rev. C. T. Walker, D. D., of New York City, Rev. Francis J. Grimke, D. D., of Washington, Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., of Cincinnati, Rev. E. W. D. Isaac, D. D., of Nashville, Rev. M. W. Gilbert, D. D., of Benedict College, President R. R. Wright, LL. D., Rev. J. W. E. Bowen, D. D., Prof. W. E. DuBois, Ph. D., Major R. R. Moton and others.

Reduced railroad rates have been granted. For particulars write W. A. Hunton, International Secretary, Atlanta, or J. E. Moorland, International Secretary, Washington.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.-C. Conference

"Africa and the African"

The Little Rock district, which convened at Little Maumelle, Ark., Sept. 24-27, 1903, was highly favored by the presence of the Rev. J. C. Sherrill, D. D., returned missionary from Africa, and a former member of the Little Rock Conference. His coming was hailed with delight by the brethren and people of this charge. Dr. Sherrill was once pastor of this charge, and it was a source of much pleasure to be among them. A large and appreciative audience greeted him on Thursday night to hear his lecture on the subject, "Africa and the African." He showed to the satisfaction of those who heard him that Africa of today is unlike Africa of fifty years ago, and within a half a century much has been wrought out, and great things accomplished for the dark continent beyond the sea. His description of the work and labor of the early missionaries, their trials, difficulties and sacrifices, were truly marvelous. Told how he stood by the graves of the heroes and heroines who gave up their lives that Africa might live, not in heathenism and superstition, but in the sunlight of a blessed Christian civilization. Brother Sherrill is pastor of our church in the Republic of Liberia, and, under God, his labors have been wonderfully blessed in the conversion of many souls, among them not a few being native Africans. The character of the natives was portrayed in a way that was both interesting and entertaining. Their habits and manner of living, also their idea of virtue respecting the relation of the sexes, were presented in a clear and forceful way which elicited the closest attention. If reports are true, and certainly we have no reason to doubt them, the outlook for Africa is brightening, and the day of her redemption is at hand. England, Germany and France, with other great powers, are doing much to plant civilization and commercial enterprises on her shores.

Dr. Sherrill goes to Atlanta, Ga., to take charge of the Stewart Missionary foundation for Africa. May his health be restored, and he spared many years to labor in the interest of the great cause!

W. H. MORRIS.

Notice

"Friends of Africa" and "Missionary Bands for Africa" in the colleges, universities, academies and churches: I have now entered upon my duty as Secretary of the Stewart Missionary Foundation for Africa. I desire to come in touch with the president and secretary of each band by correspondence, so that we may know and understand each other. Please let me hear from you at once as to the condition of your band. Let us not slacken our interest in Dark Africa. I believe that as our young men and women crowd the halls of our institutions, among the first impressions for good should be that of their responsibility to their fatherland and the redemption of its teeming millions. Racial ties demand this of us, and the Christian world watches to see how willingly we accept our task. God's hour for Africa has come. Never before in the history of the church has the "Macedonian cry" to "come over and help us" been louder than now. While the commercial, scientific and political forces of Europe are moving forward in rapid succession, enriching their coffers from the wealth of that long neglected land, God calls to His church to send forth heroic and consecrated men and wom-

en to follow in the path of destruction and death, to gather the people and bind up the wounds of suffering and bleeding humanity. "The Friends of Africa" in our schools and churches, under the Stewart Missionary Foundation for Africa, is one of the many forces God is using to hasten Africa's redemption. Let us read about Africa, and think and pray for Africa, and for those of our missionaries who are laboring there. I stand ready to visit you at any time; let me hear from you. I am.

Yours for Africa,

J. C. SHERRILL,
Sec'y Stewart Missionary Foundation.

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

Topic November 1st.

THE STUDY OF MISSIONS.

(Mission Study Rally Day.)

DAILY READINGS.

Monday. Lack of Missionary Knowledge. *The Open Door*, pp. 287-294.

Tuesday. The Sheep of Other Folds. John 10:16.

Wednesday. What We Can Do. *The Open Door*, p. 382.

Thursday. Christ's Universal Dominion. Psalms 72:8-11.

Friday. A Campaign of Education. *World-Wide Evangelization*, pp. 109-113.

Saturday. The Coming of the Gentiles. Zech. 8:20-23.

The purpose of the day. This is to concentrate the interest and conviction of every chapter into a definite and workable plan for the study of missions. We have gone far beyond the day when a hazy vision of a missionary under a palm tree, preaching to a half-dozen natives of doubtful ethnological classification, was counted a sufficient knowledge of missions.

There is now a great and adequate literature of missions. There are men and women who have first-hand knowledge, both of the mission fields and of the resources of the church. Their knowledge is now within reach. We have a newly-increased interest in the subject of missions. It has come to the point of strategic importance in the forward movement of Christendom. It has political and social and commercial bearing on the life of our own land. There is no part of the work of the Church of Jesus Christ more worthy of study than the missionary enterprise.

The preparation for the day. A copy of the text-books for mission study classes should be secured early from the Methodist Book Concern. Full information concerning the text-books for the year may be obtained of the Epworth League office, 57 Washington street, Chicago. The central office will send free of charge a circular explaining the courses and further helps in the preparation for the meeting, as well as full details as to the organization of mission study classes.

The new department of World Evangelism should be enlisted in the work of planning for this meeting. The members of the department ought to be eager for just such an opportunity. Perhaps their first work might be the securing of one or both of the now famous Missionary Libraries, which are circulated through Mr. Willis W. Cooper, 57 Washington street, Chicago. They are so constantly referred to in mission study work that they are really indispensable, more especially since the work of world evangelization has been made a distinct department of the League's organization.

The reference to books given in the Daily Readings should be carefully looked up. *The Open Door* is especially rich in material for a meeting of this nature. It can now be had from the Methodist Book Concern, in one large and handsome octavo volume, for fifty cents.

The Meeting Itself. Insist on the interest to be found in mission study. Prove it by examples from personal experience. Set forth in some graphic way the facts found under "What Our Church is Doing Today." Emphasize the fact that mission study is a tracing of the journeys of our Lord among the nations—as truly a study of the country—a thing unheard of in the past. A vast the Holy Land.

Present the plan of the Department of World Evangelism for systematic mission study. Look for immediate results. Expect that some people will desire to begin the study of missions. Give them an opportunity to make themselves known. If possible, the leader of the class should have been selected beforehand. Then, while interest in the subject is still fresh, the class enrollment may be begun at the close of the meeting, and the time and place of the first class hour appointed.

A movement that gathers momentum. In the history of the church, and especially in the history of young people's movements, there has never been such a strong demand for missionary information as at the present time. Great missionary conventions, district, sub-district, and local missionary rallies are being held throughout the gospel as is a tracing of his going up and down in amount of new and attractive missionary literature is pouring from the press, and is being eagerly sought for by young people. The missionary libraries have had a most phenomenal sale (nearly one hundred tons of missionary books having been sold to young people in library form during the past four years). Mission study text-books are being sold with a rapidity which astonishes the publishers. The church press is giving more space to freshly prepared and attractively illustrated missionary articles than ever before. As a result, the young people are seeking missionary intelligence through every available source, and to meet the demand for up-to-date and concise missionary information embracing the world field, a series of missionary text-books is being prepared by the United Society of Christian Endeavor, represented by Professor Amos R. Wells, and the Epworth League, represented by Mr. S. Earl Taylor, who are editing the courses conjointly.

What our church is doing today. The income of the Missionary Society, from collections alone, for the year ending October 31, 1902, was \$1,281,721.69. Of this amount the Sunday Schools alone gave over \$430,000—an amount equal to the total receipts of the Missionary Society for the first nineteen years of its existence.

Today 475 missionaries are working under the direction of the society in foreign lands, and the funds of the society aid in the support of the gospel ministry at more than thirty-five hundred points in the United States.

There are over 190,000 members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the foreign fields alone.

More than 6,000 native preachers, local preachers, teachers, and helpers minister to the spiritual needs of their own people.

Twelve schools of theology, 64 high schools, and 1,100 day schools, the latter having total enrollment of 540,000, constitute a mighty educational force.

Eighteen well-equipped printing presses are located in India, China, Japan, Korea, the Phil-

ippines, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, South America, and Mexico.

Hospitals and dispensaries are located in Asia and Africa, and Latin America.

The work in the home land is carried on among the Indians, Mexicans, Mormons, and fourteen foreign-speaking peoples.

In the foreign fields missions are established in India, China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Africa, South America, Mexico, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Bulgaria, Finland, and Italy.—*Notes from Epworth League Devotional Meeting Topics.*

How to Study the Bible

There are numerous ways and methods suggested. Each writer has his own way, which he is sure is the BEST way. What is best for one may not be for another. We believe, however, that certain well-known and time-tried methods will be found helpful to the Bible student.

1. By Books.—The best way to grasp the scope and purpose of the Word is to get a general knowledge of the writings. Nothing can give a better preparation than this for the study of the Bible.

2. By Subjects.—The previous study will throw great light upon the subjects discussed by each and any writer. Take up the "Life of Christ" and study the harmony of the four gospels and you will have a vivid conception of this theme. Then take such themes as faith, prayer, growth, etc., and discover the vast literature there is on these themes.

3. Then take the biographies of the Bible.—The character study of the Word will be a wonderful inspiration to any man, and will be a fund of vast practical suggestions for Christian duty.

4. Then study the Word as to the Church.—See how the polity, the doctrines, the spirit of the modern Church compares with the early and apostolic Church. Following these methods, the student will by this discover a dozen other methods for his own personal study and help. We would urge also at least one reading of the Bible in consecutive and regular order; a bird's-eye glimpse of the whole Word.—*C. L. Nye, in Central Christian Advocate.*

Sunday School Helps

Lesson V—Nov. 1st, 1903. Title—David and Absalom (2 Sam. 15, 1-12). Golden Text—"Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee" (Exod. 20: 12). Time—Probably B. C. 1024. Place—Jerusalem and Hebron.

Although God forgave David for the awful sins he had committed, yet the "sword never departed from his house." The death of Bathsheba's child; the incest and murder of Amnon; the flight of Absalom; and the parable of the wise woman of Tekoah, were mortifying to the king. In this lesson we have the rebellion of Absalom and the proclamation of his friends.

I. *Stealing the hearts of the people* (1-6). Absalom was the third son of David. His mother was the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur, a district of Syria. Absalom was of fine appearance. From the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was not a blemish in him. Revenge and jealousy caused him to kill his brother Amnon. He then fled to the court of his grandfather for protection. After three years he was called home by his father. He seems now to have been the rightful heir to the throne, and his sin lay in not awaiting God's time to receive it. He was bold, haughty, ambitious and revenge-

ful prince. No demagogue ever practiced more cunning than did he to gain the favor of the people.

1. *He made a grand display* by clothing himself in royal robes; gathering a splendid retinue of chariots, housemen and footmen about him, and making the people familiar with his state of royalty. Many people judge by appearance. Those who can make the greatest display are most admired. They never count the cost. If he is well born, fine-looking, beautifully dressed, eloquent and graceful; these are enough with many without a grain of solid worth.

2. *He talked the king down.* It is no hard task to find fault with our rulers. Their deeds are spread before the public. We see them do many things that are wrong. And yet after all they may be wiser and better than we. Notice the conduct of Absalom. (1) He "rose up early." He was not slothful, but worked well his plan. Public business is often transacted, in the East, before the heat of the day. His intense zeal prompted him to early action. As a rule the man who pushes his work succeeds, and the man who lets his work push him fails. (2) He "stood beside the way of the gate." The gates of ancient cities were places of *news*—there the people went to gossip; of *amusement*—there the children met to play; of *traffic*—there goods were bought and sold; and of *justice*—there courts were held and judgments rendered. Our towns have loafing corners where the "so and I" men assemble. The "way of the gate" was the route that led to the king's court, where likely David sat at certain hours each day to hear complaints. Absalom became one of the people. He was a good mixer. (3) He had a word for everyone. When any person came by who had had a controversy with his neighbor and desired the king's judgment, Absalom would ask from whence he came, hear his complaints, tell him his cause was just, and regret that there was no man appointed by the king to hear him. If the man saluted him he would embrace and kiss him. A man that hath friends must show himself friendly. But few "live peacefully with all men." Laws are necessary to protect the innocent, and punish the guilty. Courts are essential to the safety of the people. Possibly then, as now, laws were not well executed. Absalom was a poor judge: he would render a decision before hearing both sides of the question. He told that which the people desired to hear, therefore they were pliant with him. Kissing was a mode of salutation. We have the kiss of greeting, of affection, and of deception.

3. *He talked himself up.* He deplored the fact that he was not judge in the land. He did not desire this for his, but for the people's good. Sometimes we meet men who claim that the majority has made a mistake by putting the wrong man in office. Usually those who want the office themselves are the ones who thus talk. Only those who fill well the places they are in are qualified to go higher. Absalom was not suited for the judgeship. He should have had a death sentence passed on him for murder. Yet he had the impudence to desire to judge others. We read not of his wisdom, virtue or learning. He was not a lover of justice, and to him mercy was a stranger. Still he aspired to fill his father's place. Often those most anxious of preferment are least fitted for it. The best qualified are usually the most modest. The office should seek the man.

II. *Claiming the throne* (7-12). Hebron is

one of the oldest cities in the world. It is about twenty miles south of Jerusalem. It was the birthplace of Absalom, and no doubt many friends of his childhood dwelt there. For seven and a half years David had made it his headquarters. Likely many lived there who were grieved over the fact that the capital had been taken to Jerusalem, and would welcome any move that would bring it back to them. There was no better place in all Palestine for Absalom to begin his reign.

1. *Time:* "After forty years." This is no doubt a mistake. David only reigned forty and one-half years. Josephus and some ancient versions read four years. This is likely correct. Absalom labored about this length of time to win the hearts of the people. Some never grow weary in evil doing. He had more energy than many who labor for the crown of life.

2. *Request:* "Let me go and pay my vow." It is likely he had made no such vow. He cared not to lie or murder. He was laboring to execute a very wicked plan. He felt that he could do this best by pretending to hold a religious feast. This vow, if he made it, had been neglected for about six years. During this time he had been misrepresenting his father, and deceiving the people. He was a wolf in sheep's clothing. There are to-day many young men who will deceive their fathers in every possible way. It is well to take upon ourselves good vows and keep them. Bad vows are better broken than kept. They served the Lord by offering sacrifices unto Him.

3. *Answer:* "Go in peace." David was no doubt well pleased to see in his son a desire to be religious. If he were beginning to think of heavenly things he was surely improving. He completely deceived his father. David, like Aaron and Eli, was a kind, indulging father. Godly parents often have more love than justice for their children.

4. *Number:* "And with Absalom went two thousand men." They were likely a chosen company, and went in their simplicity. Their hearts had been stolen. Through deceit, flattery and cunning they had been decoyed into a net, and were now being led into disloyalty and rebellion. Many innocent hearts have been stolen by fine looks, pretended affection and flattering words: afterwards they have been trampled under foot. Be ye wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

5. *Proclamation:* "Absalom reigneth in Hebron." The messengers were called spies because they were to ascertain the feelings of the people and execute their commission where it was desired. The sound of the trumpet was the common signal to call the people together for war or self-defense. Ahithophel was David's trusted counselor. His name signifies "brother of foolishness." He was wise, but as unstable as water. He became a traitor of the deepest die, and finally perished by hanging himself.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation

Conference, Place and Time—	Bishop.
Alabama, Anniston—Dec. 8.....	Foss
Atlanta, Covington, Ga.—Dec. 10.....	FitsGerald
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex.—Nov. 26.....	Walden
Central Alabama, Birmingham—Dec. 10.....	Foss
Georgia, Ellijay—Dec. 17.....	FitsGerald
Mobile, Union Springs, Ala.—Dec. 17.....	Foss
Savannah, Brunswick, Ga.—Dec. 2.....	FitsGerald
South Carolina, Sumter—Nov. 26.....	FitsGerald
Southern German, Perry, Tex.—Dec. 2.....	Walden
Texas, Houston—Dec. 9.....	Walden
West Texas, San Antonio—Dec. 16.....	Walden

In order that our readers might know the dates fixed for fall conferences of our territory and the Bishops appointed to hold them, at the earliest possible moment, we had them sent us by wire last week immediately on the adjournment of Bishops' meeting. This week we are pleased to present official list in full—except foreign conferences, which will appear later.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

PLEASE NOTE THAT

- 1—All business letters should be addressed to Eaton, Ins., and all communications intended for publication to the Editor.
- 2—In sending matter for publication, write plainly on one side of the paper, and make your communication as short as the subject will allow.
- 3—When the ADVOCATE does not arrive regularly, notify us promptly.
- 4—Methodist pastors are our authorized agents, to receive subscriptions and collect dues for the ADVOCATE.

A Final Word—"Every Man do His Duty"

[CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.]

E. W. S. Hammond, and the present incumbent. Emphasize the necessity for its existence and remind your hearers of the thousands of dollars it has cost the church to keep it going. Then appeal to them that for the sake of the race, the church, the Christian family, and for themselves individually, they subscribe for the paper. The church expects it and they owe it to themselves to support it.

Third, then secure two or more cash subscribers from the audience at once, or at any rate in time to have them reach the office before the close of the month.

Brethren, we appeal to you in this heroic struggle to place the race upon this vantage ground by giving to the paper the subscribers asked for. By paraphrasing those memorable words of Lord Nelson to England's faithful Jack Tars, we close with this statement: "The Church expects every man to do his duty."

Mr. Tillman Acquitted Absolutely

J. H. Tillman, ex-Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina, who shot and killed N. G. Gonzales, editor of the *State*, Columbia, S. C., after a trial lasting eighteen days, has been acquitted. The case was given the jury at 1:42 p. m. on Wednesday, and they returned a verdict the next day at 10:45 a. m. The crime has attracted considerable attention throughout the Nation and many thought Tillman would be punished for the same. They were led to expect this not only because of the impression made on the public mind at the time of the murder but by the testimony given both for and against him at the trial. While the effort was made to impress the jury that he feared for his own life the testimony was certainly not sufficiently clear on that point when placed alongside that presented by the prosecution to convince one that such was the case. It would perhaps be unfair to say the jury did simply what it was selected to do, hence we prefer to say their sense of justice has evidently been so greatly blunted by the perversity of the times that they are incapable of condemning a man for murder unless prompted so to do by their prejudices against the defendant. At any rate the action of these men will not only give new life to the spirit of murder, but furnish Judge Lynch an excuse to continue his destructive operations.

General Conference Delegates North Carolina Conference

Ministerial: Robt. E. Jones, New Orleans, La., Sunday School Agent; Milton M. Jones, Greensboro, N. C., presiding elder; reserves, John P. Morris, Greensboro, N. C.; Jordan D. Chavis, Greensboro, N. C., Lay, James L. Bullock, Greensboro, N. C., physician; Robt. B. McRary, Lexington, N. C., teacher. Reserves, Elias M. Collett, Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. Lucy A. Smith, Hickory, N. C.

How to Deal With the Boll Weevil

Knowing that many of the farmers in our territory are troubled with the boll weevil, we publish the following:

"Dr. Howard, the chief entomologist of the Department of Agriculture, who was sent to Texas to investigate the boll weevil situation, reports that the pest has spread rapidly in that state, but that so far it has not made its appearance in Louisiana. He says that the weevil can be controlled by the proper system of cotton cultivation, as has been proven by the results obtained on plantations conducted this year under the direction of experts of the Agricultural Department. In localities where the crop has been practically destroyed, and where it has required fifteen acres to produce one bale of cotton this year, the fields cultivated in accordance with the directions of the Agricultural Department are yielding from one-half to two-thirds of a bale per acre. These good results are not confined to plantations directly under the control of the Agricultural Department, but some of the more intelligent of the Texas planters, who have taken the advice of the Department and adopted the methods of planting and cultivation

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recommended, are securing fairly good crops this year, while their immediate neighbors have suffered severely.

"The experts are directing their efforts to keeping the pest within bounds, and this done they will look about for measures directed toward the extermination of the weevil. That really appears to be the problem and the experts have not yet come to it. Dr. Howard evidently does not take much stock in the theory of destroying the weevil through the propagation of a parasite that would feed upon and destroy it. He is very probably correct in his contention that the only successful way in which to handle the pest is a more careful system of cultivation, the thorough cleaning up of the fields in the fall after the cotton has been picked and the burning of stalks and all weeds and refuse found on the land. If the Texas farmers act upon this suggestion, there will likely be much less talk about the boll weevil next year. If they persist in following the plan of cultivation recommended by the Agricultural Department, the spread of the pest to other cotton-producing states may be prevented and possibly within a few years Texas itself may be freed from its ravages."—*Charlotte Observer*.

The lot has been purchased for the Wesley Memorial Church of Atlanta for the sum of \$25,000, and a handsome structure will soon be built.

Notes from North Carolina

The North Carolina Annual Conference convened at Greensboro, on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 1903. The session was largely attended by both ministers and laymen and royally entertained by the people. Rev. S. A. Peeler, B. D., the pastor, had everything so thoroughly arranged that the double conference was much more easily entertained than is often the case when only those connected with the conference are to be provided for. The great new church in course of erection is not near enough completed to be used, hence the session was held in the old building, which would have been filled nearly every afternoon and evening had it been even a third larger. It was gratifying indeed to note how the people turned out, as well as how they came from different parts of the state. In addition to the usual attractions at the evening meetings was the singing by an excellent choir in charge of Dr. J. Lott Bullock, as chorister, and Mrs. Alice M. Dean as organist. Their singing is much above the average.

A feature that is sure to catch the attention of the stranger in Greensboro is the really elegant homes occupied by many of our people. I recall no place where I have noted so many two-story houses. I did not learn the names of all the occupants of this class of structures but recall distinctly those of Revs. J. P. Franklin, M. J. Bullock, J. P. Morris, D. D., Dr. J. L. Bullock, and Messrs. J. A. Unthank, Henry Howze, Mrs. S. D. Jones, Mrs. Alice Williams, Mr. D. B. Yancy and Mr. Martin Beeville. Those I had the pleasure of entering were elegantly furnished.

A custom I find in vogue at this conference that is well worth the attention of the ladies elsewhere is that of silently pledging the ministers from session to session to the cause of temperance. This is done by the W. C. T. U. and is accomplished thus: certain of the ladies stand in waiting on Sunday morning, with a supply of their little bows made of white ribbon, one of which is pinned on the left breast of each minister in sympathy with the movement who considers himself worthy to wear it. Mrs. Dr. J. P. Morris, Mrs. M. J. Bullock and Mrs. G. W. Moorehead seem to be the leaders in this good work.

Bennett College, Dr. J. D. Chavis, president, is located here and opened the session with an increased attendance. Prof. J. P. Morris, D. D., who is a practical brick-maker, has spent his vacation at this business and hence the school has on hand a sufficient supply of brick to erect an annex to the girls' building, to be used for a dining-room, kitchen, etc. President Chavis has already had the necessary excavation made for a foundation and work on the structure is to begin at an early day.

Greensboro is a town of upward of twenty thousand inhabitants and the relation existing between the races is said to be most friendly. There are a number of interesting points of the town which might be mentioned, but want of space forbids at this time. Yours, I. B. S.

General Conference Delegates Tennessee Conference

Ministerial: Dr. H. W. Key, presiding elder; Dr. E. W. S. Hammond, dean of Braden Theological School, Walden University. Reserves, T. W. Johnson, pastor; A. Phillips, presiding elder. Lay: Dr. D. W. Byrd, dean of College of Liberal Arts, Walden University; J. A. McMillan, M. D. Reserves: Prof. A. C. Maclin, teacher; Geo. R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo.; Dr. D. W. Fields, dentist.

Wants to Go Away Off

The *St. Luke Herald* of Richmond, Va., speaks thus of the deportation scheme:

"To the *Times-Dispatch* of Richmond: Dear Sirs—If we have to go out of this country, where we have lived nearly 300 years, toiling to enrich white men, please arrange it so we can be sent to Mars or Jupiter or Venus—somewhere we can go, so that we will not be bothered with white men keeping stores on the corners or coming around canvassing, peddling and collecting for insurance companies. Send us off, way off, Messrs. *Times-Dispatch*."

Personal and General

The Rt. Rev. John Joseph Kain, archbishop of St. Louis, passed away at St. Agnes Sanitarium, Baltimore, Md., Oct. 13th.

We learn that Mrs. Fannie Angrum, the wife of Rev. C. L. Angrum, who has been sick for some time, is now up and able to walk about.

A correspondent informs us of the illness of Rev. D. L. Price, pastor of M. E. Church, Plaquemine, La., which we hope will not prove serious.

Dr. W. L. Watkinson retires from the office of connectional editor of the British Wesleyan Conference, and Dr. W. T. Davidson is elected to fill his office.

Rev. T. H. B. Walker is erecting a three-story building in Jackson, Fla., to be used for lodge, residence and business purposes. Brother Walker is a pusher.

Rev. and Mrs. Chas. G. Cummings, of Alexandria, Va., have a new member of their household—a fine 10-pound girl, who made her appearance September 5th.

The colored citizens of Washington, D. C., desire to man a fire company, and the matter is being pushed before the authorities. The SOUTHWESTERN wishes them success.

Rev. W. H. Smith, presiding elder of the Sedalia District, Central Missouri Conference, wishes it announced that his address now is 235 West Johnson street, Sedalia, Mo.

Dr. Homer A. Eaton, the publishing agent, who has been seriously ill at his home for the past four weeks with bronchial pneumonia, is now rapidly recovering and is expected to return to the office soon.

On last Sunday, Oct. 11th, Rev. A. J. McNair, the pastor, leading on his brave people, raised \$176 for Meridian Academy. This, in spite of the fact that they had raised \$100 for Missions two Sundays before.

Rev. M. C. Cavines, pastor at St. Paul Church, has sent us fifteen subscribers notwithstanding the fact of his being in the midst of an effort to remodel the parsonage, which he proposes to do at a cost of \$500.

The Ebenezer Church, Jacksonville, Fla., which was destroyed by the great fire, has been rebuilt and will be formally opened on Sunday, Oct. 25th, the opening sermon being preached by the editor of the SOUTHWESTERN. Rev. Dr. J. S. Todd is the pastor.

The Sunday school of Mt. Zion M. E. Church, Washington, D. C., Rev. W. H. Gaines, pastor, celebrated its eightieth anniversary on the 27th ult. Mr. Harry U. Bell is superintendent. This is the church of which the late Bishop Wm. Taylor was once pastor.

George R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo., opened for the year's work with an attendance in advance of last year. President Lowe is greatly encouraged by the outlook and feels that the present year will surpass any in the past history of the institution. May it be even so.

Rev. Dr. C. W. Blodgett, who preached and lectured at Wiley University during commencement week of the present year, became so much interested in that school that he has recently sent President Dogan \$50.00 for the new building, with promise of more to follow at an early day.

Booker T. Washington was the special guest of H. H. Rogers, the Standard Oil magnate, last week, on the latter's yacht, "The Kanawha," from New York to Fairhaven, Mass., where Mr. Rogers lives and where he entertained Mr. Washington for a day at his beautiful and palatial home.

Bishop Mallalieu has been able to preside at

each of the conferences to which he was assigned and continues to improve, tho he has not felt able to do the usual preaching. The weeks of rest which will follow the close of his fall conferences will, we are sure, do much to restore him to his wonted health and strength.

At the recent meeting of the board of directors of the Baltimore Methodist Printing and Publishing Company, the Rev. Liston H. Pearce, D. D., a member of the Central New York Conference, formerly a member of the Baltimore Conference, was unanimously elected, for one year, beginning Jan. 1, 1904, editor of the *Baltimore Methodist*, and business manager of the company.

The SOUTHWESTERN congratulates Mr. L. M. Mitchell of Austin, Tex., on his recent election as Supreme Vice Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the United States. We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend a complimentary reception given in his honor in the rooms of the Olympia Club by his friends and admirers at Austin.

The Rev. Dr. C. M. Melden, for a number of years president of Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., and now pastor of Mathewson Street Church, Providence, R. I., is using the information gathered while in the South for the good of the cause. On a recent Sunday he preached on "The Evils of Lynching" before a large congregation. Among those present were a few colored persons. They were so much pleased with the Doctor's plea for the Negro in this country that the ladies' organization to which they belong sent him a letter expressing their gratitude for the same. Those who know the Doctor's record in the South will not be surprised that he cries out bravely against wrong.

Items of East Tennessee Conference

W. F. WATERS.

Bishop Joyce is a preacher eloquent, resourceful, a champion of the manhood rights of all. His addresses were a positive encouragement to all who heard them. He closed his great sermon on Sunday with this sentence: "Stick to it; God's neither dead nor faint, God's neither deaf nor dumb—He'll answer someday."

The causes represented by Drs. C. C. Jacobs, J. P. Wragg and Prof. I. G. Penn were ably looked after by these worthy brethren.

The conference reported \$25 taken for Prof. Penn for general Epworth League expenses.

Great was the truth Dr. T. B. Neeley uttered when he said, "The Sunday school is the Church's opportunity."

The president and faculty of Morristown College rendered kindly services to Rev. E. J. Cox in taking care of delegates. Dr. and Mrs. Hill entertained the bishop, Profs. W. S. Lee, A. F. Fulton, J. L. Dewitt, Mrs. F. M. Jones, matron of Cray Hall; Miss L. Johnson, matron of New Jersey Industrial Home, also entertained visitors and delegates.

Dr. E. S. Dunham conducted pentecostal services, which were helpful. His talks were well seasoned with Scripture and rich in evangelical flavor.

The brethren all took encouraging interest in the SOUTHWESTERN, bringing subscriptions with them and paying their own accounts promptly. They made an advance in this respect over last year. The presiding elders rendered me kind and helpful service in my work for the paper. I was glad to meet former acquaintances in the persons of Revs. E. J. Cox, J. W. Tate, E. H. Forrest, I. L. Johnson, J. C. Roberts, all of whom are doing good work in the conference. All the brethren were kind and cordial and I greatly enjoyed being with them.

I was entertained in the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Guthrie, whose kindnesses I rejoice to recall. "Conscience is God's cable that binds us to the foot of His throne."—Bishop Joyce.

News Notes

Merry Del Val has been appointed Secretary of State by Pope Pius X.

Wilson S. Bissel, ex-general postmaster, died recently in Buffalo, N. Y.

Edgar Whittaker, the editor of the *Levant Herald*, the oldest newspaper in Turkey, died recently.

Turkey has decided to grant 50,000 pounds to rebuild villages and alleviate the distress in Macedonia.

For the first time in history the United States postoffice transactions exceed the billion dollar mark in a year.

The terms of the new postal treaty between the United States and Cuba provides for the transfer of mail from one country to the other at lowest rates.

The Colombia government will prosecute a Panama editor, Rodolfe Aquillers, for publishing articles in favor of the secession of the Isthmus of Panama.

King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena were royally entertained during their visit in Paris. They departed for Italy October 18th. Before his departure King Victor gave \$10,000 for the poor of Paris and \$6,000 for indigent Italians.

James H. Tillman, late Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina, after a trial which lasted eighteen days, was acquitted in Lexington, S. C., of the murder of N. G. Gonzales, who was, at the time of his death, editor of the *State* newspaper at Columbia, S. C.

The hurricane which occurred recently along the Atlantic coast, is said to have been the worst storm of years. More than 100 lives were lost, the British steamer *Mexicano* and scores of vessels wrecked. The loss of property will probably amount to millions.

Governor Taft, of the Philippines, has appointed Major T. C. Carter, of the United States army, Bishop Brent, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and a Dr. Albert, as a commission to visit countries where opium is sold and ascertain methods of regulation and control.

We have at hand a printed program of the Second District Conference and Sunday School Convention of the Tupelo, Upper Mississippi, Conference, to convene at Amory, Miss., November 4th to 8th, 1903. Rev. J. T. Cannon, Sunday school president; Rev. W. C. Clay, A. B., presiding elder.

Dr. Thaddeus A. Walker, of Baton Rouge, La., who will attend, as vice-president for Louisiana, the National Association of Colored Physicians and Surgeons, which convenes in Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 10th to 13th, will deliver before that body three important subjects pertaining to medicine and surgery.

A neatly printed program has come to this office of the twenty-second anniversary of St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church, Mont Clair, New Jersey, which will be observed by services and special music from Oct. 18th to 25th, 1903. Rev. J. H. Blake, pastor; Rev. A. R. Shockley, presiding elder.

The United States and Great Britain have been slow in giving diplomatic recognition to King Peter of Serbia. Now it is said that by his personal appeal and on the ground that in the murder of the former sovereign he was not personally implicated, English and American representatives will appear at his court.

The Society of the Friendless, recently organized by Edward A. Fredenhagen, of Topeka, Kans., with local organizations in Kansas, Missouri, Colorado and Oklahoma, has as its object the prevention of crime, reform in criminal law and prison management, evangelistic work in prisons and the assistance of discharged prisoners by securing work for them.

The Rev. Dr. J. C. Sherrill, who recently returned from his post as missionary in Liberia, Africa, has entered upon his duties as Secretary of the Missionary Foundation for Africa, with headquarters at South Atlanta, Ga. He and family have been in poor health since their return to America, but they are now much improved. The Doctor has begun visiting the Annual Conferences, and we bespeak for him a most hearty and enthusiastic reception on the part of the people.

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FARM AND FIRESIDE

Gen. O. Marshall Editor

DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know that every cruelty inflicted on an animal in killing or just before death poisons to a greater or less extent?

Do you know that every cruelty inflicted upon a cow poisons to a greater or less extent its milk?

Do you know that fish killed as soon as taken from the water by a blow on the back of the head will keep longer and be better than those permitted to die slowly?

Do you know that birds destroy millions of bugs, mosquitoes and harmful insects; that without the birds we could not live on the earth, and that every little insect-eating bird you may kill and every egg you may take from its nest means one less bird to destroy insects?

Do you know that a check-rein which will not permit a horse to put his head where he wants to when going up a hill is a cruel torture to the horse?

Do you know that the mutilation of a horse by cutting off his tail compels him to suffer torture from flies and insects every summer as long as he lives?

Do you know that every kind act you do and every kind word you speak to a dumb animal will make not only the animal but yourself happier, and not only make you happier but also better?—Our Dumb Animals.

CORN IS A GOOD CROP FOR NEW LAND.

New land is so aerated that usually crops growing on it suffer much for lack of moisture. It will generally produce a good growth of stalk, but the yield of grain will be poor. This is especially true of corn. If not overtaken by a severe drouth, the fodder will likely grow to good size, while the ears will be small and faulty. Corn, however, is a good crop for new land, not that it is especially adapted to such land, but because it is the easiest of all crops to cultivate on rough and rooty soil. The cultivation that corn requires is the very kind most desirable for new land. After several corn crops have been removed the land should be in good condition for any grass, cereal or vegetable.

Oats should not follow corn on new land, or for that matter should not be seeded to any foul land, for they, especially spring oats, are the foulest crop upon the farm. The early spring

preparation of the ground required for sowing oats serves as an excellent inducement to the growth of weeds and bushes. Among the grasses, clover seems best adapted to new land. Fruits of all kind do well upon cleared woodland, provided the location and mechanical condition of the soil are suitable, but it is not advisable to plant trees on such land until it has been thoroughly plowed.

Among small fruits the strawberry thrives especially well on recently cleared land. Upon such soil it makes a most satisfactory growth and fruitage, and much less labor is required to keep the weeds and grass down, as the ground is not impregnated with foul seed. This immunity of new ground, compared to old land, from weed and grass infestation is a most important factor not only in strawberry culture, but in all gardening or trucking operations.

WORTH TRYING.

One exercise, repeated fifty or a hundred times a day, requiring no more than ten minutes altogether, is of the greatest advantage, and can be done out-of-doors as well as in, at almost any season of the year. It consists in inhaling through the nostrils a deep breath, retaining it a few seconds, and then, with the lips adjusted as if one intended to whistle, expelling it slowly through the contracted orifice. There is no physiological objection to exhaling through the mouth; there are no muscles whereby the course of the breath can be restrained through the nostrils, but the lips contain sufficient muscular strength for this purpose. If students would rise from their studies, bookkeepers from their desks, women from their sewing or reading, two or three times a day, and take from fifteen to thirty such breaths, the result would surprise them.—Pittsburg Advocate.

CROPS ADAPTED TO NEW LAND.

New land, because of the large quantity of vegetable matter it contains, is exceedingly loose. The leaf mold also gives the soil a dark color and fertile appearance. Humus or decomposed vegetation is an essential element in productive soils. It imparts a wholesome physical character, and furnishes properties that enable it to retain heat, moisture and plant food. But soils may contain too much organic matter, especially if it is not well decayed, hence virgin soil is usually not sufficiently productive at first for best crop results. Ordinarily, however, on new ground in the South, each succeeding harvest will exceed the preceding one until the third or fourth year is reached. So that, in the long run, this excess of vegetable trash on recently cleared woodland tracts will, by its fertilizing value and adding humus to the soil, more than compensate for the immediate loss in the earlier years.

INQUIRY.

I've been advertising through different papers and now try the ADVOCATE. I want to find my brother and sister, who were sold from us during slavery and it was in my mind they are still living. Brother's name is Daniel G. Kee. My sister's maiden name was Elizabeth Kee. They were sold from Hagerstown in 1854 and were quite young. Will the pastors read this, for I am anxious to hear from them. Henry Stewart Kee (62 years old), Hagerstown, Md.

Conference Notices

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Batesville, Nov. 7-8; Sulphur Rock, 10-11; Jacksonport, 21-22; Newport, 28-29; Little Rock, Wesley Chapel, Dec. 5-6; Little Rock, Rock Street, 6-8; Little Rock, White's Chapel, 12-13; Marche, 19-20; Little Maumelle, 26-27; Roland, Jan. 2-3; Hot Springs, 12-13; Sweet Home, 19-20; England, 23-24; Lonoke, 27-28.

Dear Brethren—You must see that time is short. Three months more, then comes the annual session of our Conference, to which you and I will submit our reports, showing what each has accomplished for the cause of Christ and his church. I sincerely trust you will see to it that every blank is full. Remember your Epworth League assessment and raise every cent both for Freedmen's Aid and the Epworth farm. Church extension and the General Conference expenses must be met in full; see after it at once. Missions and the other smaller causes must not be neglected. Please push the cause of the SOUTHWESTERN. God has signally blessed our revival efforts. Pray on, and labor for its continuation. I am yours,

W. R. R. DUNCAN.

WEST TENNESSEE DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Alamo Circuit, Oct. 24-25; Friendship, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; Mayes Grove, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; Pleasant Grove, Nov. 7-8; Lucy Circuit, 14-15; Burdett Chapel, 21-22; Warren's Chapel 21-22; Mason, 28-29; Gallaway 27-28; Atoka, Dec. 5-6; Fowkes, 4-6; Kenton Circuit, 12-13; Humboldt 11-13; Centenary 19-20; Dyersburg Circuit, 18-20.

J. A. W. MOORE, P. E.,

356 Calhoun street, Memphis, Tenn.

NOTICE TO TEXAS CONFERENCE.

All persons to be examined in any of the four years course of study, or for admission on trial, are requested to be at Trinity M. E. Church, Houston, Tex., at 9 a. m., Tuesday, Dec. 8, and present themselves to the committee for such examination. The examination is to be written, and each candidate should come prepared. No person will be examined after Tuesday. All examiners are expected to be present on time.

FRANK GARY, Chairman Ex. Com.

J. O. WILLIAMS, Registrar.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Jefferson City, Oct. 31; Friendsville, Nov. 7; La Follette, 14; Oliver Spring, 21; Harriman, 28; Greenville, Dec. 5; Clinton, 12; Knoxville Station, 18; East Knoxville, 18; Warrensburg, 19; Tazewell, 26; Morriston, 26.

Brethren, please raise your money for the Board of Church Extension at once, or not later than Nov. 28. Don't forget the number of subscribers we are to send to the SOUTHWESTERN.

Your co-worker, W. T. MANLY, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Warren and Johnswell, Nov. 7-8; Dermott, 9-10; Morrell and Sunshine, 11-12; Luna, 14-15; Dumas, 21-22; Avery, 28-29; Morrell, Dec. 5-6; Clarendon, 8-9; Wobbecca, 12-13; Altheimer, 13-14; St. James, 20-21; Pine Bluff Circuit, 22-23; Hensley, 26-27; New Elmburge, Jan. 2-3, 1904.

This is the last round, dear brethren, so push. Let us make a round report at conference. There may be some

changes; if so, I will let you know time, as we cannot tell just when Annual Conference will meet. I hope each brother has already sent in number of subscriptions to the SOUTHWESTERN. If not, be sure to send them in at once. Don't fail to collect from each member for missions, bring the names of those who pay Conference to be inserted in the minutes. God bless you.

W. H. HIGGINS, P. E.

NOTICE.

Fort Smith, Ark.—To the pastors of Fort Smith District, Little Rock Conference: Please collect from your worth League and Sunday school \$1.00 and bring with you to the District Conference at Fayetteville, so we may raise the deficiency in our apportionment for the Epworth farm at Little Rock. Let us make one more strong pull. The presiding elder wants us stand by him in this effort for success. Yours, S. McDONALD, Dist. Pres.

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A CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to express my thanks for an agreeable surprise on pastor and family Saturday night, Sept. 26th. A large variety of fine groceries were given us by sisters Alice Brown, Mary Brown, Fanny Frazier, Emma Dora Eliza Morrison and Miss Hannah Haynes.

We pray God's blessing upon them and their families. Dear friends, once again. Yours truly,

J. H. THOMPSON, Pastor
New Haven Chapel, New Orleans.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Alexandria District Conference Sunday School Association Epworth League Convention of Washington Conference, Roanoke, Va., Sept. 12, 1903, concerning Rev. C. C. Jacobson, D. D.:

Recognizing that this is an age when vital problems are agitating the thought life of our American people, especially our American colored people, and that, numbered with the problems, is that which has to do with the child life of the age: for we recognize that the saving of the child, the strengthening, yea the assurance of healthful religious society; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we shall give ourselves and time unreservedly to the proper development of the child life; that we shall welcome most heartily any agency working to this end; that we recognize in the Sunday School Union that which reaches to the youngest and lowliest, to lift from the quagmire of filth and sin and impress with the ideals of Christian living.

Resolved, further, that we recognize and appreciate the interest manifested in our colored people by this board in the appointment of Field Secretaries among our people at large, as they are represented in the Colored Conference and that we have been warmed to keener interest in this great work by the stirring addresses of one so capable.

Resolved, That we shall give most earnest attention to the collection taken for the maintenance of this

Gray?

"My hair was falling out and turning gray very fast. But your Hair Vigor stopped the falling and restored the natural color."—Mrs. E. Z. Benomme, Cohoes, N. Y.

It's impossible for you not to look old, with the color of seventy years in your hair! Perhaps you are seventy, and you like your gray hair! If not, use Ayer's Hair Vigor. In less than a month your gray hair will have all the dark, rich color of youth.

\$1.00 a bottle. All druggists.

If your druggist cannot supply you, send us one dollar and we will express you a bottle. Be sure and give the name of your nearest express office. Address, J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

ciety; that we approve the masterly manner in which this great cause has been presented by the Secretary now in attendance upon our Conference, the Rev. C. C. Jacobs, D. D., and pledge to him our support financially and prayerfully, praying his continuance in usefulness and office; that such appeals as have and may come to us through this board shall have our service; that the literature of the society, as recommended by Dr. Jacobs, shall, as far as possible, be introduced into our schools.

With a prayer for Dr. Jacobs' success we sign: W. A. C. Hughes, D. W. Hays, Geo. E. Stephens, W. S. Jackson, D. W. Hearth, E. Duke Venture.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

Dear Co-Workers—Bolton Charge, Mississippi, continues to live. Last Sunday the good members of Bolton paid me \$39.10 on salary and four subscribers for the good, old SOUTHWESTERN. This makes eleven subscriptions for this month. We hope to get one for every day in this month. The Baptist preacher and members are subscribing for the paper right along. They welcome it in their homes. God bless you. I am, as ever, a worker with you for the cause, B. L. CRUMP.

The twenty-eight session of the San Antonio District Conference convened at Wesley Chapel, with H. Swann, presiding elder in the chair. Miss Pearl Fennel welcomed the conference in well chosen words, and was ably responded to by Dr. T. S. McMorris. Officers elected: secretaries, T. S. McMorris, Prof. O. V. Walker; Statistical secretaries, Miss D. N. Walker, Mrs. N. E. Jones, and Rev. W. B. Scott. Various committees were appointed by the chair and the examination of candidates for higher orders followed. Rev. M. S. Jordan drew a crowded house before the opening of each session to witness the work of the League and to take part in the services. Rev. W. H. Moseby read a paper filled with good things on "Benefits from Pastoral Visits." Rev. M. S. Jordan read an interesting paper on "The Social Work of the League." The presiding elder's report showed his interest in every department of

the work. Mrs. E. S. Spriggs, corresponding secretary of Woman's Home Missionary Society, spoke in brief of the work and necessities of the society. The conference decided to pay her a salary as the other districts had done. Every pastor on the district was present. Their reports showed activity and progress generally, save where the Boll Weevil is doing so much damage. Rev. A. M. Mason addressed the conference in view of his candidacy to General Conference. His ability and loyalty to the Church entitles him to much consideration. Rev. A. Brown advanced many truths concerning the General Conference that every member of the Church should know. Rev. T. S. McMorris proved himself worthy of his title. He discussed "The Benefits the Negro has received from the M. E. Church. Profs. Lovingood and Frazier addressed the conference in the interest of Samuel Huston College and their candidacy to the General Conference. Rev. McHenson spoke on "Loyalty to the Church." He also is a candidate to the General Conference. Rev. D. C. Lacy stirred the conference with his eloquent appeal for votes to the General Conference. Hon. Zahn, Mayor of Seguin, welcomed the conference and gave it the key of the city. His excellency was fully conversant with the history of the M. E. Church. Rev. McHenson made an able response in behalf of the conference. Rev. Wyatt related how 27 members had built the new church in three weeks, and cried out, "Macedonia." He was helped \$10 worth immediately. The session of the League showed marked improvement. Prof. Jas. Warren and G. W. Minter addressed the League. The model Sunday school, conducted by Dr. Starnes, was a complete success. San Antonio Sunday school won first prize; Cuero, second, and Seguin third. School raised \$28. G. W. Minter, Reporter.

The fourteenth annual session of the Pine Bluff District Conference convened in the Cornerstone M. E. Church, Clarendon, Ark., Aug. 26, 1903. Rev. W. H. Higgins, presiding elder, presided with his usual ease and dignity. A spirit of brotherly love and harmony prevailed throughout the session. Rev. J. W. Burns was re-elected secretary, with Rev. Wm. Speed, Mr. Hunter and Prof. Pegue. Rev. D. B. Harston preached the opening sermon. Each pastor present reported creditable work done. Rev. S. J. H. Greer and J. R. Wilson were absent. Committees were appointed to look after special work of the conference. The sessions were largely attended and great interest was manifested in the proceedings. Among the visitors were Rev. L. S. Overall, of the A. M. E. Church, Rev. L. L. McGhee, of C. M. E. Church, made us feel at home, and Rev. C. W. Whitehead, our pastor at Fordyce, who was traveling in the interest of his church. Dr. J. M. Cox, president of Philander Smith College, addressed the conference to the delight of all. Mrs. Dr. Strickland, president of Woman's Home Missionary Society, in the State, spoke of her work as an important factor in the church. Mrs. W. H. Higgins, district president of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, is the model mother, we are always glad to meet her and Prof. Holly, our teacher near Altheimer Station. Reports of pastors showed advancement on all lines. Presiding

elder's report was far beyond that of last year. The SOUTHWESTERN was carefully looked after and several subscriptions secured. Brothers Calvin Scott, W. N. Henderson and Monroe Giles were licensed to preach. Excellent sermons were delivered by J. C. Adams, A. Hardiman, B. H. Johnson, H. C. Dunlap, W. E. Pruitt and the writer. Sunday was a day of spiritual overflow. Brother A. S. Johnson, with his devoted wife, assisted by Dr. Jones of the Baptist Church and Dr. Jones of the A. M. E. Church spared no pains in caring for the conference. The tent, parsonage and the grounds were perfect in neatness. Conference adjourned to meet at Wabbasecka, Ark., next year. Thus ended one of the best conferences in the history of the district in attendance, spirit and finance. Rev. W. B. Walls, Sisters Jennie Brown and Mattie E. Burns have gone to their eternal home. J. W. BURNS, Reporter.

The second semi-annual session of the West Nashville District Conference convened at Dickson, Tenn., August 25-28, 1903, with Rev. A. Phillips presiding elder in the chair. Devotional exercises conducted by the presiding elder assisted by Rev. W. Ellison and the writer. A goodly number of pastors and members answered to the roll. Rev. W. Ellison was chosen secretary; assistants, Rev. J. M. Lyte and Dr. J. A. McMillan. The writer was elected statistical secretary. The Lord's Supper was administered by the presiding elder, assisted by Revs. J. M. Lyte, S. M. Strayhorne, T. W. Johnson, J. R. Reasonover and E. J. Guthrie. Welcome address was delivered by Brother J. M. Huddleston; response by Miss Ada Bedford, of Seays Chapel, Nashville, Tenn. Report of the presiding elder, Rev. A. Phillips, showed good work had been done by him on his district, and some improvements along all lines. He gave strong and timely remarks to the brethren respecting their work and their great responsibilities. The pastor's report showed that several revivals had been held, and one hundred and thirty-eight converts and several additions; \$136.12 for benevolence raised. Local preachers and exhorters, class leaders, Sunday school superintendents and presidents of Epworth League chapters reported. The district stewards' reports showed that pastors had received on salaries \$2,209.60; raised for trustees, \$1,524.31; paid presiding elder, \$382.87; grand total for the year, \$4,252.90. Visiting brethren introduced to the conference: Rev. Thomas W. Johnson, pastor of Clark Memorial, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. B. G. Merrideth, pastor at Martin, Tenn., Prof. A. C. Maclin, McMinnville, Tenn., Rev. Gardner, pastor Dickson A. M. E. Church, and Rev. Lewis, presiding elder Dickson district A. M. E. Church. The pastor's and presiding elder's anniversary was fully discussed. The speakers who took part in the Missionary Anniversary were Dr. J. A. McMillan, A. B. Proof, A. C. Maclin, A. M., and Dr. D. W. Byrd, A. M. The educational anniversary was represented by Prof. J. A. McMillan, M. D., Rev. T. W. Johnson, Prof. A. C. Maclin, Rev. B. J. Merrideth and Rev. A. Phillips in their usual eloquent and instructive way. Entertaining sermons were preached by Revs. J. H. Thompson, J. W. Richmond, W. Ellison and S. T. Miller. The conference was a success spirit-

ually and financially. Exhorters were licensed to preach. Local preachers recommended to the Annual Conference for reception on trial: J. M. Huddleston and T. W. Pratt; for ordination, J. O. Dickson and D. J. Mitchell. Strong resolutions were read and adopted, touching the good people and pastor for their generosity, and Presiding Elder Rev. A. Phillips for his fatherly care over the brethren, and the secretaries for their faithful work. Many thought this the best district conference they had ever attended. The next district conference will be held at Nashville, Tenn., Lumsden Chapel. E. J. GUTHRIE, Reporter.

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The Ohio District Conference, Epworth League and Sunday school institute met in Rust M. E. Church, Oberlin, Ohio, August 19-23, 1903. The Rev. Henry W. Simmons, D. D., our newly appointed presiding elder, presided with marked ability. Rev. C. T. Lewis was chosen secretary, and Revs. D. E. Skelton, J. W. White, assistants. Reporters: Rev. H. W. Tate for Western and SOUTHWESTERN, Miss Effie Copes for the Oberlin papers, Rev. C. T. Lewis The Indianapolis Freeman. The business of the session was dispatched with alacrity. The benevolent collections of the different charges were encouraging and some have taken fifty per cent of their assessments. The attendance was from all over Ohio. Among the most prosperous places were Columbus, Cleveland, Elyria, Mount Zion and Park Street Churches, Cincinnati, Batavia, Springfield and Steubenville. The Woman's Home Missionary Society convention was given Friday afternoon, and a very interesting session was held. This line of work among our sisters of the district is growing in interest. The Epworth League program was enthusiastically rendered and the new cabinet is made up entirely of lady officers. One candidate was recommended for admission into the annual conference—J. W. Waters. Among the visitors was Rev. E. A. White, presiding elder of Maysville district, Ky., who made an able address on missions, and new inspiration was diffused for better missionary work. S. Kawasime, Kurume, Japan, addressed the conference. Rev. Smith, of Norton Congregational Church, was introduced. The SOUTHWESTERN was endorsed and a strenuous effort will be made to increase the subscription list in the district. The next session will convene in Cadiz, Ohio, in 1904. From the various reports read, the district is in a prosperous and growing condition. The citizens of Oberlin appreciated the presence of the

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 Nov. 25-29
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 Nov. 26-29
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CONVENTIONS.

Chattanooga, Tenn., W. H. M. S. Oc. 23
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conference in their town, and it was largely attended. Rev. B. J. Coleman and his members royally entertained us, and a good impression for our Methodism was made on the community. HENRY W. TATE, Reporter.

Mansfield, Ark.—The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Little Rock Conference.—Our business sessions were interesting and our programs consisted of papers, addresses and the discussions were enjoyed by all who attended. We are pleased with our work for the past year, and earnestly hope that more may be accomplished this ensuing year. Will our pastors kindly encourage our sisters to pay their \$1 for membership dues each year? We cannot report 600 members at our national meeting and only \$45 membership dues. Six hundred members call for \$600 membership dues. That is 10 cents per month for the year, \$1.20. So you see, dear sisters, you pay your dollar and have 20 cents left, which will remain in your auxiliary as a contingent fund, and may be used to pay the State officers and your own delegates' expenses to our annual meetings. Dear pastors and members of our society who cannot afford 10 cents a member per month to a cause and a society that has given us one Adeline Smith Home—a Home that is giving us a purer womanhood, a kindlier manhood, a better ideal of father and motherhood, a Home that is giving to our people teachers, preachers, wives, cooks, Sabbath school teachers, music teachers, dressmakers and missionaries; a Home that stands for the true recognition of womanly virtues, that stands for the connecting and blending of the people of America into a friendly living; that stands for an upward tendency. As you encourage this society to flourish, you but bless yourselves, your children and your children's children. The 15th of October ends our first quarter of the fiscal year. Will the pastors instruct the sisters to send in their dues by that time to the conference treasurer, care Adeline Smith Home, Little Rock, Ark.? I have faith in our pastors and in our women, and believe that each charge will report something. I make this plea because it is my duty, and this duty gives you a chance to show to the world, to our church, and to the white ladies of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, who give to us thousands each year, that we do appreciate their sacrifice and labor of love for us. And, finally, pastors and members, the little we do shows our relationship and sweet fellowship to our Heavenly Father, who gave His best gift to earth, Jesus, to die on Calvary that all men might come unto Him. Let us be fellow-

workers with Him. This is the first printed appeal I have sent to you, and I pray that my cry will not be in vain. Your sister, HILDA M. NASMITH.

J. S. W. Pair, Pastor, Saratoga, Ark.—Our charge is spiritually alive. We are getting along nicely in our work so far, and think we will be able to make a round report at the conference. Conversions this year, 10; paid pastor, \$120, presiding elder, \$33.70; benevolence, \$20.

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CRESCENT CITY NOTES

Mr. M. S. Alexander, district president, addressed the Epworth League of First Street M. E. Church very acceptably on Thursday night, Oct. 15.

At Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, Sunday evening, Oct. 18, the pastor, Rev. T. J. Johnson, preached the annual anniversary sermon of the Ladies' Olive Branch. Collections, congregation \$12.30, society \$12.25.

The Ladies' Providence Benevolent Association held their eleventh anniversary at First Street M. E. Church. The sermon was delivered by the progressive pastor of the church, Rev. J. A. Tircuit, and was highly appreciated by the vast audience. The collection was \$42.

We have just received information of the death of Miss Ella E. Murray, daughter of the late Thomas H. Murray and Mrs. Euphemia Creese, which occurred in San Francisco, Cal., Saturday, Oct. 17. The deceased was born and reared in this city and was a graduate from the Normal Department of Straight University. Interment will take place in Oakland, Cal.

A large audience was present at the reopening of Mt. Zion M. E. Church Sunday afternoon, Oct. 18. Of this beautiful, well-lighted house of worship Rev. H. James, the pastor, officers and members have just reason to be proud. Dr. F. H. Knight, president of New Orleans University, the presiding elder, Rev. J. F. Marshall, and many of the city pastors were present and gave valuable assistance. The program was good; music by the choir, excellent. Reopening sermon by Rev. F. T. Chinn, pastor of Simpson Chapel. Judging by the way the members of Mt. Zion rallied and congregation contributed, the affair must have been a financial success.

Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, prominent members of Mallalieu M. E. Church, celebrated their silver wedding at their residence July 10, with the assistance of about thirty invited guests. They were presented many choice and valuable presents. After a sumptuous dinner had been served, which was in charge of Mrs. A. Fourche, of Mallalieu Church, the following programme was rendered. Rev. B. Mack Hubbard, manager, conducted the devotions: Addresses by Brothers I. Bates and A. Thomas; duet, little Misses T. Z. Hubbard and Katie Jackson; solo by Mrs. B. M. Hubbard; selections by Mallalieu's choir; Mr. Stewart rendered instrumental solos, also Miss L. Jackson. The affair was indeed unique.

WEDDING NOTES.

Wednesday night, Sept. 30, the marriage of Miss Ellen Howard to Mr. Mike Blanton was celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Griffin. Miss Lottie Groome, bridesmaid; Mr. Davis, best man. At 8 o'clock the bridal party entered the parlor to the soft, sweet notes of the wedding march. The bride was attired in an artistically finished wedding gown. Surrounded by a host of admiring friends, the contracting couple were joined in holy matrimony by Rev. Hampton James, of Mt. Zion M. E. Church, ably assisted by Rev. F. T.

Chinn, of Simpson Chapel. The bride is well and favorably known in the community and is noted for her industry and genteel demeanor. She is prominent in church work. The groom, Mr. M. Blanton, is a gentleman of good address and prominent in labor circles. The bride was the recipient of a large assortment of useful and valuable presents from her numerous friends. After the ceremonies refreshments were bountifully served. Mr. and Mrs. Blanton will reside in their new home on Clara street.

NOTES FROM HAVEN CHAPEL.

Our rally Sept. 20 was a success. Miss Hattie Lanson is again at New Orleans. Miss Sarah Jenkins is attending Flint Medical College. Mrs. Henrietta Taylor has returned from her summer visit to Thomasville, Ala.

The Junior League is doing nicely, through the efforts of Mrs. Violet Bienville.

The Sunday school is prospering and increasing under the efficient management of Mrs. E. L. Bolden.

Mrs. Violet Bienville is home again, after a stay of ten weeks at Baton Rouge, visiting her husband's relatives.

The Haven Mission School opened Oct. 5 with a larger enrollment than last term. Mrs. Bolden is principal.

The concert given Oct. 3 by a committee for the widow, Mrs. E. L. Bolden, was a decided success. She is very grateful to them.

Mrs. E. N. Hubbard and children, assisted the Inez Godman Chapter of Junior Leagues in their anniversary in September with instrumental music, which was enjoyed by all present.

The Dublin Street School opened with increased attendance; Miss P. M. Brewer, instructor. These schools are taught by students of New Orleans University; they are members of Haven Chapel.

J. H. THOMPSON, Pastor.

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The sixteenth annual session of the Paris District Conference met at Clarksville, Texas, August 26, 1903. Rev. Freeman Parker, D. D., presiding elder of the district, called the delegation at 3.30 a. m. in devotional exercises. The organization was in regular order. The first day opened with great interest along all lines. Welcome address by Prof. H. F. McNorton, of Clarksville, Texas, was very inspiring. Hon. R. L. Smith, of Paris, in his response in behalf of the delegates, left not one stone unturned. Rev. M. W. Alexander, of Paris, and Hon. G. M. Guest were among the distinguished visitors. The business of the conference was dispatched with much care, everything working on clock time. The night of the 26th was given Dr. Griffin G. Logan, field secretary of the Missionary Society. His presence and instructions along the line of his work proved very helpful to all. The second day was a day of business. Thursday night was the Wiley Rally, which opened with song and prayer service. A solo was rendered by Miss Ruby Bailey, of Little Rock, which delighted all. Dr. M. W. Dogan was next introduced and spoke in the interest of Wiley. He was followed by Drs. Frank Gary and W. H. Logan, of Galveston and Houston, who said many good things. The rally collection was \$120.00 for Wiley. Many topics were

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discussed by the delegates. Friday night an interesting concert was worked up and proved a success. Saturday the Woman's Home Missionary Society had a pleasant session. Rev. G. E. Belcher and M. Littlejohn were recommended to the annual conference for admission on trial; Rev. D. C. Battle was recommended for ordination. Our visitors: Drs. W. H. Logan, Frank Gary, W. H. Jackson, G. A. Desland, Hon. Chas. Stewart, Revs. M. C. Gillespie and B. M. Taylor. Prof. H. B. Pemberton was present and served the conference well. The next session of the district will be held at Greenville, Texas. Sunday, the last day of the conference was indeed a high day. Sunday school love feast at eleven o'clock. Rev. F. Parker, D. D. preached a stirring sermon. At three p. m. Rev. W. L. Duncan preached acceptably. At night Rev. S. E. Ewing delivered the word of peace. Everything on the district is somewhat above last year, the collections ran very high. Benevolent collection \$545. Two hundred dollars above last year. Everything is looking on to a bright future.

J. P. Hogan, Reporter, Wren, Miss.
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Chapel.—Our revival was held Aug. 24-27. I have been laboring in the Methodist Church for 45 years, but have never witnessed such a meeting or such a down-pouring of the Spirit. We only had seven mourners and they were all happily converted. The church was lit up with spiritual fire. Our pastor, Rev. J. T. Cannon, is a Christian gentleman and is loved by the whole community. God bless our church and pastor.

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In the cold and silent tomb,
Shall awake with joyful greeting,
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Once on earth a happy band;
Meet and dwell with them forever,
Over in the Morning Land.

Dayton, Tenn.—Mrs. America Davis, one of the sweetest Christian women I have ever met, mother of Rev. Anderson Davis, our pastor, died Sept. 30, 1903 at 4 a. m., aged 56 years 9 months. She came to live with her son last March and for the last two months has been confined to her bed. Mrs. Davis joined the church at the age of

eight years in Tazewell, Va., under Rev. Ephraim Lawson. Hers was a beautiful life and a peaceful death. She was said to be the mother of the Methodist Episcopal Church in southwest Virginia. Our pastor is heartbroken and we ask your prayers for his success in his work, for Christ and His cause. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. D. Gather, presiding elder of Dayton District, A. M. E. Zion Church.

REV. A. J. SIMPSON.

Clarendon, Ark.—Brother M. B. Snell was born in South Carolina July 15, 1861, and died Aug. 16, 1903, a faithful member of the M. E. Church here. He leaves a wife, seven children and a host of friends to mourn their loss, which is Heaven's gain.

R. M. REYNES.

Dalingerfield, Tex.—Brother Tom Calga fell asleep in Jesus Sept. 3, 1903, aged 80 years. He leaves a wife and a host of friends. He was a member of the M. E. Church for 30 years. Rev. M. C. Gillespie preached his funeral.

Also on Sept. 6 Bro. Will Boody went home to Jesus, after a lingering illness of six months. He had been connected with the M. E. Church eight years. The funeral was attended by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Baber.

New Iberia, La.—Sept. 27th Sister Patsy Washington, a member of St. James M. E. Church, surrounded by friends and acquaintances, passed triumphantly from a life of great Christian fortitude to her reward. Her constant and lifelong prayer was for the church she loved so well. The church has lost a faithful member, but heaven has gained a jewel. Her funeral service was conducted from St. James M. E. Church by the pastor, F. A. Brown, and interment was made in St. Paul Cemetery by the rights of the Lady Knights of Honor.

Sister Alice Mitchell, also a member of St. James M. E. Church, after long suffering, quietly passed out of this life into the great beyond Sept. 28th. She was conscious of the end and gave to her husband and children her last loving charges. She then sent for the pastor, and after reading the fifth chapter of II Corinthians the Lord's supper was administered. Shortly afterwards God called her. She, too, was followed by a host of sorrowing friends. Rev. H. C. Gair assisted the pastor. Interment was in St. Paul Cemetery. T. A. BROWN, Pastor.

Blackshear, Ga.—Brother J. Wesley Baldwin, a member of Scott's Chapel M. E. Church, died happily Sept. 2, 1903, after suffering with fever for two months. He was a loving father and a devoted husband, respected by both white and colored. He lived in Pierce county, Ga., for 28 years. He leaves a wife and eight children and three brothers. His wife and four children belong to the M. E. Church. All the ministers of Blackshear took part. The funeral was conducted by Revs. McD. Spencer, pastor; J. T. Thomas, of A. M. E. Church; J. K. Rogers, of Baptist Church; Rev. R. C. Clemons, presiding elder, C. M. E. Church; Rev. A. Morton (ex-P. E.), A. M. E. Church, a visiting minister; Revs. J. H. Johnson, Offerman, Ga.; Thomas, Albany, Ga.; O. N. Sample, Jesup, Ga.; E. Pitman, W. M. Hobbs, R. J. Stevens and W. F. Jackson. His death brought sadness to the members of all the churches and people. "We are waiting to join him at the crystal river's brink some sweet day." McD. SPENCER, P. C.

New Orleans, La.—Brother Robert Cole, one of the old and faithful members of Williams Chapel, departed this life Oct. 1, 1903. Brother Cole was known to be loyal to his church under all circumstances. He died without a shadow of a doubt about the salvation of his soul. Also Sister Ellen Henry, a faithful and true member of this church, died, Sept. 31st, in Shreveport, where she had gone on a visit. She died as she had lived. The Lord comfort the weeping ones.

C. W. REEVES, Pastor.

Giddings, Tex.—After a long illness and much suffering, Brother Samuel Dudley, a faithful member of the M. E. Church for sixty years, passed from his labors to his reward Sept. 6th, at 11:20 a. m. He was 75 years of age. He was a loyal member, a devoted husband and father, a good citizen, and a charitable Christian. He leaves a wife, two daughters and hosts of friends. May God comfort the bereaved ones.

J. C. EUSAN, a Pastor.

Resolutions from Asbury M. E. Church and Sabbath School—Be it resolved, that we, the members and friends of Asbury M. E. Church and Sabbath school, extend to Mrs. M. H. Wilkins our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of her loving and good Christian husband; and be it further resolved, that the church and Upper Mississippi Conference have lost one of their great ministers of the Gospel. Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the widow with the prayers of the church and Sabbath school, and also to the SOUTHWESTERN. Committee: Mrs. B. G. Carruthers, president; Mrs. E. H. McKissack, chairman; Rev. W. A. Clay, pastor; Prof. E. H. McKissack, Sunday school superintendent; Dr. N. H. Williams, Prof. J. A. Williams and many others (whose names we cannot publish for lack of space.—Ed.).

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J. O. BROWN.

Memphis, Tenn.—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. N. Hill, members of Centenary M. E. Church, celebrated their tenth anniversary Sept. 27. The occasion was indeed a grand one.

Lodi, Tex.—At the home of the bride's mother, on the 1st inst., in the presence of a host of friends, Rev. L. L. Neal, of Brookston and Miss Abbie Moore were united in marriage. The bride wore a handsome dress of white Nun's veiling. After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding repast was served.

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D. W. LUSTER.

Jeanerette, La.—Mr. Will Hill and Miss Clara Nascus, on Sept. 24, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony. Also Robert Gardener to Miss Celia Nathan. All parties are members and friends of St. Peter M. E. Church. We wish them a happy life, crowned with God's blessing. M. T. FAIRFAX.

Oliver, La., Sept. 16.—Mr. I. Green, of Oliver, and Miss Melicane Lewis were united in wedlock by W. D. Riggen and Rev. T. A. Brown, pastor of St. James M. E. Church. The wedding was nicely arranged; music by Mrs. T. J. Johnson. We pray God's blessings on them through the voyage of life.

Handsboro, Miss.—At the residence of Mrs. Boyd, Jackson Whittington and Miss Pearl Boyd were married Oct. 1. We wish them a long and happy life, and may the blessings of God rest with them always. J. I. GARRETT.

Marthaville, La.—Mr. Ellis Ford and Miss Ora Buren were joined in holy wedlock Monday, Oct. 5, 1903, at the home of the bride. Both are prominent young people of Marthaville. E. D. Harris officiated.

Giddings, Tex.—On the evening of Sept. 2, at 9 o'clock, Mr. Henry Wade and Mrs. Lizzie Jackson quietly launched upon the matrimonial sea. The church was beautifully decorated and a large audience attended. Their many friends wish them much success and a joyous voyage. Both are loyal members of the M. E. Church. The pastor, Rev. J. C. Eusan, officiated.

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In the November issue *The Delineator* sustains its recognized position as the foremost fashion publication and one of the high-class literary magazines. In the second of his remarkable photographic articles, J. C. Hemment relates some of this thrilling adventures with the camera. N. Hudson Moore has a strikingly-illustrated paper on Chrysanthemums. Miles Bradford tells the story of an old-fashioned Thanksgiving. For the children, here is a Firelight Story; entertaining pastimes, by Lina Beard, an amusing story, and a Sewing Lesson.

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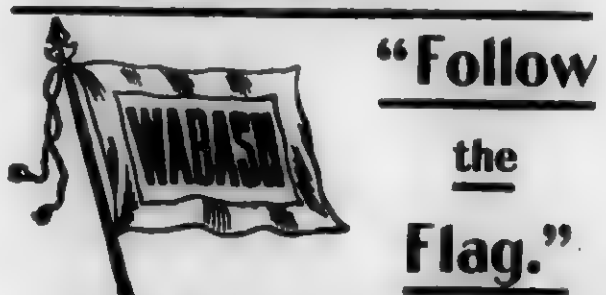
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The response to our call for back numbers has been generous indeed. We now have all we desire for the dates in 1902. A few more of April 18, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12, 1901, are still desired.

L. C. Allen, Pastor, Burlingame and Osage City, Kansas.—Since our annual conference adjourned at Guthrie, O. T., in April I have succeeded in erecting a parsonage of four rooms, and was living in same at the first quarterly conference, which was held by our worthy and faithful presiding elder, Rev. H. South. After a successful quarter the stewards were able to report the elder's claim in full. He preached one of his able and spirited sermons and delivered one of his encouraging lectures. My second quarterly conference was held by Rev. D. Smith, of Topeka, pastor of Asbury Church, on Saturday evening, who preached inspiring sermons Sunday, Aug. 16. He continued them Monday evening in our church at Osage City. The members there were all well pleased with the service he rendered, with a collection, as a token, of \$12. Rev. J. K. Anderson, of Rosedale, Kansas, was with us on the last Lord's day in our rally for the parsonage indebtedness and preached three able sermons. The rally was very successful, \$20 being raised. Pray for our future progress.

W. H. Morris, Batesville, Ark.—Our third quarterly meeting was followed by a two weeks' protracted meeting, the results of which are very encouraging. Twelve were received into the church, four of whom were happily converted. The church is greatly quickened and we are expecting much activity along all lines of our work. In a number of homes altars are being raised from which must ascend each day the blessed incense of prayer for the salvation of our young people. To save the people we must first save the home. The principle which underlies this can never be changed. The revival fire still burns and we look for a glorious harvest. Our presiding elder

planned to be with us, but became sick and returned home. His good sermons on the Sabbath and wise counsel were very helpful, to which we attribute much of the success which followed.

H. H. Hinton, Pastor, Nolensville, Tenn.—Sunday, September 20, 1903, we were called to our home in Bowling Green, Ky., to witness the death of our father, Charles Hinton, which occurred Monday, Sept. 21, at 6.45 p. m. Returning to our home in Nashville Friday morning, found wife and children well, so went immediately to our work Saturday to entertain our fourth quarterly conference, which, in the absence of our presiding elder, Rev. M. Williams, was conducted by Rev. C. C. Alexander. The reports were good, showing four conversions, \$12.60 raised for missions, \$50 for repairs, presiding elder \$12.50, pastor \$118.20, incidentals \$8. Total for the quarter, \$201.30. Rev. Alexander preached two stirring sermons on the Sabbath. Eighty partook of the sacrament.

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Editorial Notes

Your sincerity is evidenced more by what you do than by what you say.

The ability to help others is always accompanied by the obligation to do so.

Strange that what you consider positively criminal in others you are so slow to condemn in your own conduct.

John Wesley Jones informs us that a few miles south of Hernando, Miss., colored people own more than four thousand acres of land, and others are purchasing. All we have to say is that that is a good showing, and we desire to see the good work go on.

John Wesley Jones, Jr., informs us that a few miles south of Hernando, Miss., colored people own more than four thousand acres of land, and his surpassing anyone. If he is not an inferior, though his progress be temporarily impeded, he cannot be permanently hindered by what may be done against him.

The verdict of the jury which acquitted Ex-Lieutenant Governor Tillman of South Carolina of the murder of Editor Gonzales is unhesitatingly denounced by many of the leading papers of the country. Such murders and acquittals are to be expected, however, as long as the press and the public consider it a light thing to shoot down those who are not so prominent or influential as was Mr. Gonzales. In such crimes the country is simply reaping its daily sowing.

If a correspondent of one of the South Carolina dailies knows whereof he speaks, the crime of Tillman of that state is not of sufficient enormity to check his political influence; he is still in good and regular standing with the South Carolinians. He says: "The Tillman verdict is still a subject for conversation. Some voters are very reticent. Very few of them openly endorse the verdict and the methods of the attorneys for the defense, but all the same they would vote for Jim Tillman for any office he would seek, from bishop down to superintendent of the lunatic asylum."

That Jacksonville, Fla., has, or at any rate seems to have, a superior Negro may be because it has a superior white man. He does not seem to envy the prosperity and success of his black neighbors, that is to say, he does nothing to hinder their legitimate progress. They not only find ready employment as common laborers, but also as skilled mechanics. They enter any line of business they wish, and are, as a rule, largely patronized by their white fellow citizens. To a limited extent the same is true of the professions. According to our mind, this Florida city is far in advance of any Southern city of which we know.

Speak a Word of Cheer

"Cheer him! Cheer him!" This was the shout that fell from the lips of a man standing in a crowd on the street watching a brave fireman stagger as the smoke broke through the window of a burning building into which he was about to enter to save the life of a person who was cut off by the flames; and it was the robust and hearty cheering of the people below that nerved the brave but nearly dispirited man to enter the building and "rescue the perishing." Let those Methodists who stand at the foot of the ladder and see others bravely at work trying to rescue our suffering and endangered beneficiaries, at least furnish the inspiration and courage of a sympathetic cheer.

In writing the foregoing *Zion's Herald* has special reference to the encouragement of those who are contributing and otherwise securing money for the superannuates of the New England conferences. We are pleased with the suggestion made, and trust our pastors and the leading laymen of the annual conferences of our territory may determine to cheer the superannuates by collecting and giving for their support as never before. It is an undeniable fact that there is real suffering among this needy class in all our conferences. So far as their brethren and successors in the ministry are concerned, the aged superannuate and the orphan as well, do not lack much of being neglected entirely by them. Not that each of the conferences does not collect something for them, but in the majority of cases the amount is a mere pittance, and none do what they should, nor what is justly expected of them. If there is any class for which we would plead for a word of encouragement, or a deed to cheer them, it is for the superannuates and other claimants of the conferences. Cheer them, brethren, cheer them!

But the fact is the world is too careless by far about speaking a word of cheer to those who are for the most part battling against odds. Not a few faithful pastors, for instance, labor day after day for the sole purpose of adding to the happiness and comfort of their fellow men, and seldom or never get one word of cheer. The house in which they live is too often uninviting and uncomfortable; the furnishings inadequate and the merest makeshifts; their salary is unpaid and what is worse, few seem to care whether it is paid or not. There are pastors of this class the country over, to whom a word of cheer would be as encouraging as it is unusual. Cheer them! Cheer them!

Then there are the afflicted and the needy at your very door. You pass them by day after day without any thought as to how they suffer for the necessities of life, and their hearts hunger for a word of sympathy and cheer. You simply have not stopped to think; why not cheer them both by word and deed.

In fact, the faithful and deserving are everywhere to be found, each standing in his place and doing his duty. Give them a cheer! It will lighten their burdens and at the same time will

not increase yours. Give them a cheer! Give them a cheer! Live to help those who bear burdens, strengthen those that are weak and encourage all who are faithful in performing the duties of life.

Extension of Time

The brethren seem to be doing so nicely in the canvass that we have decided to extend the time on our 3000 rally one week, or until Saturday November the 7th. Now for the final rush!

Some Things in the Mind of the Church

While no one can tell what a day may bring forth, yet the mind of the church may be indicated to some extent by the resolutions adopted by the ministerial and lay conferences being held during the present season. Some of them propose and others oppose changes in the law of the church, as it now stands. The expressions thus far indicate that paragraph 248, the now famous anti-amusement clause, will again have to pass muster. It may or may not be repealed, but we dare say the action taken will depend largely upon the action taken by the various representative bodies of the class mentioned that may record their views on the subject. Not that the General Conference will, as a whole, feel compelled to follow the wishes of these bodies, yet we dare say a sufficient number of the delegates will be so influenced as to determine its final action.

Another indication as to the mind of some of the ministers, at least, is the action of one annual conference asking that the general officers of the church be made members ex-officio of the General Conference. As to how far this view is shared by the church at large we have no means of knowing. We dare say, however, it does exist to some extent; especially in those conferences that include in their membership one or more such general officers. As to what we consider the cause for such feeling, it is unnecessary to mention at this time. We merely call attention to these matters that our readers may keep up with the drift of opinion.

As to the number of bishops to be elected, no conference that we know of has taken formal action, but individuals have prepared numbers varying anywhere from 5 to 40. This may or may not mean anything as far as the home field is concerned, but it does seem that some new departure will be taken in the supervision of the foreign work of the church. While we have no idea that the increase will be anything like as large as the figures given would indicate, nevertheless there will most likely be some advance in the number to give the more thorough supervision to mission fields. Whether there will be a larger number of missionary bishops or of general superintendents we cannot say, but it seems certain something along this line will be done.

Our Contributors

Dr. Lyon in Africa

MONROVIA, LIBERIA, August, 1903.

MY DEAR DOCTOR—I arrived at Monrovia on the 23d of July, after 36 days of a very pleasant passage. The people here were expecting me, and hence ample preparation was made for my entertainment. Africa is undeveloped. Many things have impressed me. The native people need help. Dr. Camphor and his people are doing a great work here, and ought to be more liberally supported. I have many things to say about this work and its conditions here, as I am impressed. The people here are proud of their government and the record they have made. The boast is that no white man dominates, and this is true not only in theory but in fact. You would be interested in a study of the conditions. A knowledge of the conditions here would help materially in the Bishop question in the United States. Africa is a large continent, with diversified interests. The white man is dominating that part of Africa which affords him a safe home. The church is going after him as well as the black man. It is a question which must be answered, and answered soon, if the great mass of the blacks are to be helped, whether one Bishop can successfully work this great territory. In Liberia the Episcopal people have a stationed Bishop, who has no jurisdiction outside of Liberia. All his energies and efforts are directed in the Republic of Liberia and the millions of tribal peoples living within the influence of the Republic of Liberia. He has a steam launch, provided by his church in America, in which he tours the rivers and the coasts, thus making himself felt, not only among the tribes but among the Liberians. He is the big man here. On the day that I presented my credentials the Anglican Bishop took high rank with the diplomatic corps: the members of the President's Cabinet and many distinguished guests. On July 26th the Dies Natalis of the Republic, the national sermon, was preached by him. We are in the midst of winter here. Our summer begins in November. It is now very chilly. We are using oil stoves in the house to keep the dampness out. The lynching fad in the United States embarrasses the Negro abroad and puts the country to very great disadvantage in the claims of civilization. I will write more soon. Trusting that you are well and that your work prospers, I am yours sincerely,

ERNEST LYON.

Some Qualifications of General Conference Delegates

MR. L. C. WILLIAMS.

Right is always right and will always bear investigation; the best way is the right way, and the right way is always the best.

The session of the General Conference to convene in Los Angeles should be the climax of Methodism, and it cannot be unless the delegates make it so, and for the delegates to make it so, the churches, wherever practicable, should keep a sharp eye to that effect. Each delegate should have a clear conception of Methodism, have a knowledge of the current issues of both church and state, and, above all, he should know the practical use of the English language. Otherwise, we are diving into delusive hopes. It is a fact that the English is a flexible tongue, and no one can thoroughly understand the real meaning of a statement unless he is familiar with that tongue. How could the discipline be seen and known as it is? How could any one intelligently

demand a hearing on the General Conference floor? I will leave this for rational thinkers to answer.

How would it appear in the eyes of high civilization if the delegates who are to assemble at Los Angeles to represent the Christian church as it is, and not be able to properly speak in their mother tongue?

It is reported that the delegates who are to represent the leading nations from beyond the sea must have this qualification. If this be true, American Methodism should promptly and properly adopt similar rules, or her dignity will be lowered. I say, let the church take the matter in hand; let the church put forth her will, and her will will be the law.

Brethren, it is time the standard of our church was raised and its dignity elevated; but we can never hope to rise to considerable heights with the status of our language—the gauge by which we are measured—hanging low.

If it is right their souls should know the Saviour and their brain should know the church discipline, it is beyond doubt that their tongues should regard their mother language.

I long to see the day when Methodism will bloom in her highest glory and perfect language will tell the story.

Kola, Miss.

The Disadvantaged for Children Having Unconverted Parents

So numerous are the disadvantages of children having sinful parents that I shall attempt to name only a few.

1st. The very foundation of life and its happiness depend upon first seeking the kingdom of Heaven and its righteousness. The children of sinful parents do not know of the enjoyment of God's sunshine of love. They are not taught to feel His loving arms about them nor His gentle hand to bless and guide them.

2nd. Train up children in the way they should go, says the Scripture. Children having sinner parents cannot get this training. In the morning, when they should kneel around the family altar, that their hearts may be purified for another day, or the songs of Zion should be sung, or the Bible should be read, father often rises with a bitter curse, and mother with cruel and angry blows. The children's faces, which should be beaming with happiness, are the very pictures of distress. Obscene language and songs are frequently used as their morning praise and their evening lullaby. Who is to blame if those dear children spend eternity in misery and woe?

3d. There is a time when children forsake their homes and go out into the world; when they are alone they remember father's curses and mother's cruel and angry blows. With no mother's prayers to guide them, they seek the gambling hall, the barroom and other dissipated places to be found. But alas! when life is slowly ebbing and they feel they are fast slipping into eternal darkness, they cry aloud for help, but too often it is too late! Sinner parents, can you bear to hear your children crying in distress and cannot even point them to the cross? They are not in the way that leads to God; and if the parents do not walk there one could not expect the children to know the heavenly way.

4th. The home is the place of training. The parents are to make of the children what they are to be, and unless they begin with the heart they should never hope for the success of their

children; they should always expect them to share the many disadvantages of having sinful parents.

5th. Another great disadvantage is: Children know nothing of the happiness and peacefulness of life in these homes where God's pure love does not reign in every heart, and where there should be a pleasant greeting at the door. Everything is beautiful and happy in that home where Christianity reigns, and should the occupants be severed there will linger in each heart a remembrance of such a home. The children of sinful parents cannot enjoy this happy remembrance in life, nor are they taught to enjoy the life of eternal happiness in the great beyond.

SALLIE BELLE WAMBLE.

Clow, Ark.

Tennessee Conference.

W. F. WATERS.

The Thirty-eighth session of the Tennessee Annual Conference was held in Martin, Tenn., October 15-20, Bishop D. A. Goodsell presiding. Revs. T. W. Johnson and D. T. Burch were elected secretary and assistant; Rev. J. M. Lyte was elected secretary of statistics, with Rev. S. M. Utley assistant; Rev. C. E. Alexander, treasurer, Rev. S. M. Strayhorn, assistant. Rev. B. J. Meredith, our pastor at Martin, turned much to account in caring for the conference. He has done great work during the past year. McCabe Temple, a brick structure, stands as a result of his earnest toil. The people were regretful to have him and his good wife leave the charge. Rev. H. G. Harris, pastor of the Baptist Church in Martin, joined heartily in helping to care for the delegates. Among the visitors to the conference were Drs. C. C. Jacobs and T. B. Neely, of the Sunday School Union; J. P. Wragg, American Bible Society; T. C. Iliff, Church Extension Society; R. T. Weatherby, Young Men's Christian Association; G. G. Marcus, International Sunday School Association; J. C. Sherrill, Missionary to Africa; J. B. Hamilton, president Walden University, and Dean Hubbard of Meharry Medical College.

A. J. Goodall, James Huddleston, W. B. Crenshaw, L. E. Woods, P. McDonald, S. W. Whitaker, C. M. Montague, Robt. Gordon, J. D. Crockett and A. D. Butler were ordained deacons. J. H. Ellis, T. W. Pratt and J. M. Huddleston were received on trial. A. J. Goodall, J. F. Fenner, S. S. Rideout, R. T. Wetherby, J. W. Satterfield and H. H. Hinton were received into full connection. I. S. Rucker, H. P. Belcher, W. L. Denton, I. H. Thompson and S. J. Jenkins were ordained elders. Rev. W. H. Renfro was transferred from the Lexington Conference and A. J. Proctor from the Louisiana.

Membership statistics of the conference give the following: Probationers this year, 984; last year, 977; increase, 7; full members this year, 8,866; last year, 7,998; increase, 868. The treasurer's report gives the following figures as to benevolent collections:

Missionary Society, \$975; Church Extension, \$131; Sunday School Union, \$41; Tract Society, \$23; Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, \$120; Education, \$256; American Bible Society, \$14; W. F. M. Society, \$7; W. H. M. Society, \$15; General Conference expenses, \$22; Conference Claimants, \$35; Episcopal fund, \$42. Total, \$1,681.

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Lexington District—W. R. Smith, P. E., Paris, Tenn. Adamsville and Savannah, J. H. Ellis; Clifton, S. S. Rideout; Dover, A. Ransom; Lockett and New Zeal, W. M. Neal; Lexington and Wilderville, C. L. Kyle; Martin, J. W. Richmond; Paris and Mansfield, E. J. Guthrie; Oak Grove, C. M. Montague; Perryville and Flatwoods, S. J. Boone; Springville, J. F. Fenner; Union City and Sharon, D. Scott; Waynesboro, A. Ridley.

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General Conference Delegates

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Central Tennessee Conference—Ministerial: John W. Drake, presiding elder, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.; reserve, Thomas J. Stricklin, presiding elder, Dowelltown, Tenn. Lay: J. Owen Harvey, merchant, McLemoresville, Tenn.; reserve, Golden W. Butler, farmer, Huntingdon, Tenn.

Oklahoma Conference—Ministerial: J. E. Burt, pastor, Shawnee, Okla.; E. S. Stockwell, presiding elder, Perry, Okla.; reserves, J. T. Riley, presiding elder, Oklahoma City, Okla.; E. F. Hill, pastor, Pawhuska, Okla. Lay: E. W. Eastman, Enid, Okla.; A. F. Franklin, Perkins, Okla.

North Dakota Conference—Ministerial: M. P. Bump, presiding elder, Jamestown, N. Dak.; E. P. Robertson, President of Red River Valley University, Wahpeton, N. Dak.; reserves, H. P. Cooper, presiding elder, Grand Forks, N. Dak.;

J. G. Moore, presiding elder, Minot, N. Dak. Lay: W. J. Cloff, J. Holcrow; reserves, R. M. Block, William Bryant.

Northwest Iowa Conference—Ministerial: John B. Trimble, Field Secretary of Missionary Society, Sioux City, Ia.; William T. Macdonald, pastor, Lemars, Ia.; George W. Pratt, pastor, Fort Dodge, Ia.; Robert Smylie, presiding elder, Algona, Ia.; Edward S. Johnson, pastor, Webster City, Ia.; reserves, —. Lay: E. B. Soper, Oscar P. Miller, Joseph C. Lockin, Victor C. Doliver, Nathan R. Hathaway; reserves, —.

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The gathered beams of ages shine;
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On mightier wing, in loftier flight,
From year to year does knowledge soar;
And, as it soars, the Gospel light
Becomes effulgent more and more.

More glorious still, as centuries roll,
New regions blest, new powers unfurled,
Expanding with the expanding soul,
Its radiance shall o'erflow the world—

Flow to restore, but not destroy;
As when the cloudless lamp of day
Pours out its flood of light and joy,
And sweeps the lingering mists away.
—Sir John Bowring (b. 1792, d. 1848).

Dr. Joseph Parker once gave his reasons for his choice of the morning hour as the time for communing with God, in these words: "The morning is the time fixed for my meeting the

Lord. This very word 'morning' is as a cluster of rich grapes. Let me crush them and drink the sacred wine. In the morning! Then God means me to be at my best in strength and hope. I have not to climb in my weakness. In the night I have buried yesterday's fatigue, and in the morning I take a new lease of energy. Sweet morning! There is hope in its music. Blessed is the day whose first victory was won in prayer! Holy is the day whose dawn finds thee on the top of the mount! Health is established in the morning. Wealth is won in the morning. The light is brightest in the morning. 'Wake, psalter, and harp; I myself will awake early.'"

Over and Over

"He said nothing new," said a voice, judicially, when the meeting was over. "It was just the same old things over again."

"And they rested and comforted in just the same old way," interposed another quickly; "just the same dear old way that they rested and comforted sore and tired hearts through all the centuries. I think it is the over-and-over of the Gospel that is its utmost worth to me. Burdens will press heavily, unkindness will hurt, the sky will cloud, hands and feet grow weary, and the heart faint, the task is too great for us, and it scarcely seems worth while to try. Then, through habit or duty or desperation—

"Back to the Book we come,"

to the tender, living voice that forever speaks through it if we will but listen.

"Just the same old words that we have heard and read hundreds of times, but we fell the Father's love again, the hurt and pain die away, faith lifts its head and smiles toward the waiting home afar, and once more we are ready for the Master's 'Follow Me.'"—*Epworth Herald*.

The Glory of a Young Man's Life

This is the glory of a young man's life. Do not dare to live without some clear intention toward which your living shall be bent. Mean to be something with all your might. Do not add act to act and day to day in perfect thoughtlessness, never asking yourself whither the growing line is leading. But at the same time do not dare to be so absorbed in your own life, so wrapped up in listening to the sound of your own hurrying wheels, that all this vast, pathetic music, made up of the mingled joy and sorrow of your fellow-men, shall not find out your heart and claim it, and make you rejoice to give yourself up for them. And yet, all the while, keep the upward window open. Do not dare to think that a child of God can worthily work out his career or worthily serve God's other children unless he does both in the love and fear of God their Father. Be sure that ambition and charity will both grow mean unless they are both inspired and exalted by religion. Energy, love, and faith—these make the perfect man. And Christ, who is the perfectness of all of them, gives them all three to any young man who at the very outset of his life, gives himself to Him. If there is any one who generously wants to live a whole life, wants to complete himself on every side, to him Christ the Lord stands ready to give these three, energy, love, and faith, and to train them in him all together, till they make in him the perfect man.—*Phillips Brooks, Alabama Advocate*.

We read that Dr. Louis Albert Banks, in answer to protests from the New York and Baltimore preachers' meeting, has agreed to cancel his engagements to write for Sunday newspapers, and says he will send no more articles for Sunday publication.

Woman's Dominion

THE DAILY DUTY.

I'm but a mortal, and no lease
Of life have I; and know
Not when my Lord shall gently call
My spirit home to go.
But yet I know that this is true;
There is a work that I must do—
'Tis every day,
What good I may,
Before the daylight fades away.

—Selected.

A new feature in higher education is announced. A department of dressmaking has been established at Ruskin University in Glen Ellyn, and the new chair has been tendered to, and accepted by, Mrs. Olga Goldsecre, of Chicago.

Learn to laugh; a good laugh is better than medicine. Learn how to tell a story; a well-told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sick room. Learn to keep your own troubles to yourself; the world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows.

Pretty to serve at luncheon is a salad of tomato jelly. A pint of tomatoes are strained, seasoned with salt and pepper and a teaspoonful of onion juice. Dissolve a quarter of a box of gelatin, and add to the tomatoes. Put aside for half an hour, then bring to the boiling point before molding in the egg-cups. Make half a pint of mayonaisse dressing into which half a pint of whipped cream is stirred just before serving. The molds of jelly are arranged on lettuce leaves on individual platters, the mayonaisse heaped round, and the whole sprinkled with finely chopped parsley.

To Destroy Carpet Bugs and Moths

Take three-fourths powdered borax to one-fourth arsenic; mix these thoroughly and use from a salt shaker. To keep the bugs from carpets, sift this powder on the floor one-fourth of a yard from the wall, under the paper if paper is used, then nail down the carpet. If you have been troubled very much with these bugs or moths, it would be well to sit close to the wall in the crevices after nailing down the carpet. This is used also when packing away clothing that is kept in the summer, always sifting in the bottom of the box or chest and occasionally through the box. By rubbing fur the wrong way and sifting this powder through, one can keep furs free from bugs or moths. It is always best to put furs away in paper bags.—*October Woman's Home Companion.*

Why I Memorize the Bible

I am a busy housekeeper, but every day brings tasks that employ my hands, leaving my mind idle. It is while doing these things that I learn verses from the Bible or review those already learned. The results are surprising, but there is no secret about my success, except that I began and kept on. Sometimes I am too tired and dull to learn, and then I wait until the next day and try it again.

I find that this memorizing is good mental discipline. At first, being unused to such study, it was difficult for me to learn even one verse correctly, but, with a determination to have every "and" and "the" right, I can now commit to memory accurately and rapidly.

I find, too, that the constant repetition of high thoughts and noble language improves my own thought and expression, especially in prayer.

While committing the Bible to memory, cares, worries, bitter thoughts, vain regrets, morbid fancies and all the jumble of things that lumber an unoccupied mind are crowded out. By frequent repetition rich meanings often stand out clearly in the lines which would otherwise escape my notice. This growing familiarity with the Bible makes it ready for use in guiding my own way and in helping others. How can I walk and talk with God unless I have in mind some word of His to which I can respond, or which satisfies my own questions and aspirations?—*Bible Reader.*

Pass the Sunshine On

Did you ever think seriously, my reader, of the good we might do if we were willing to take the time to pass the good things and recipes and helps, etc., around; to tell our next-door neighbor of the good we have received from some simple remedy?

Perhaps, sometimes a busy young mother with five or six children would be helped by some good recipe or remedy. She gets so little time to read or to visit, to go to the pleasant club meetings or missionary societies—and to pass on your little helpful mite to such a one is doing one of the little things which may be counted in your favor in the great day of reckoning. I heard a physician advise a young mother with five children to fortify them against any possible infection when going to school daily, by washing their hands and faces with warm water in which a pinch of boric acid was dissolved; especially to bathe their little hands and faces at night before going to bed; that a weak solution of this was the very best wash for the eyes, and that the soil and grime of the day should always be removed from children's faces and hands before they went to bed at night, as the dirt under the edge of the nails might contain bacteria or deadly germs, and the boric acid would purify and disinfect. I thought when I heard him so advise her I would write it up and tell other mothers of the helpful need. Boric acid is almost the same as borax. It is perfectly safe and every mother should keep it in the house. S. H.

For the Eyes

When the eyes ache, close them for five minutes. When they burn, bathe them in water as hot as can be borne, with a dash of witch hazel in it. After weeping, bathe them in rose water, and lay a towel wet in rose water over them for five minutes. When they are bloodshot, sleep more. When the whites are yellow and the pupils dull, look after your diet.—*Selected.*

One of the most characteristic features of modern advancement is the more intelligent selection of foods. The housewife of to-day, realizing the importance of proper food, studies to provide her family with food that is not only appetizing, but well balanced and nutritious.

For Clean Comforters

Many housewives complain about washing bed comforters, as the cotton gets stiff and lumpy. I never wash a bed comforter. Make a slip of pretty calico or sateen the same size as the comforter, just as you would make a pillow slip; hem the open end; and when finished have it about two inches longer than the comforter. Now slip it over the comforter, fold the hems over each other, and baste down with long stitches; the other three sides tack to position about four

inches from the edge. When soiled it is but the work of a few minutes to take off the slip, and after it is laundered it is quickly replaced. By doing this one can always have soft and clean comforters. It is no extra expense, as the slip saves wear and tear on the comforters, and makes them almost everlasting. I also have slips on my mattresses.—*November Woman's Home Companion.*

Young Friends

WANTED.

God wants the happy-hearted boys,
The stirring boys, the best of boys,
The worst of boys,
He wants them soldiers of the cross,
Brave to defend his righteous cause,
And to uphold his sacred laws,
That good and true
The world may be,
Redeemed from sin,
And misery.
God wants the boys!

God wants the happy-hearted girls,
The loving girls, the best of girls,
The worst of girls!
He wants to make the girls his pearls,
And to reflect his holy face,
And bring to mind his wondrous grace,
That beautiful
The world may be,
And filled with love
And purity.
God wants the girls!

—*Deaconess Advocate.*

How Much He Loved

A little boy declared that he loved his mother "with all his strength." He was asked to explain what he meant by "with all his strength." He said:

"Well, I'll tell you. You see, we live on the fourth floor of this tenement, and there's no elevator, and the coal is kept down in the basement. Mother is dreadfully busy all the time, and she isn't very strong; so I see to it that the coal-hod is never empty. I lug the coal up four flights of stairs, all by myself; and it is a pretty big hod. It takes all my strength to get up there. Now, isn't that loving my mother with all my strength?"
—*Selected.*

Be Dainty and Neat

The dainty girl has learned that it not only adds to her own self-respect and pleases her friends for her to dress tastefully and becomingly, but that it actually pays from a financial point of view, as clothes that are well cared for will last twice as long as those that are carelessly treated. By being careful with her clothes the girl who is dainty and neat is enabled to buy many little extras to replenish her wardrobe, and she manages always to be nicely dressed, though she may have but a small dress allowance. Neglected clothing is always unattractive and repulsive, and hats and dresses cannot long be thrown around carelessly without giving strong evidence of such lack of care.

The Tongue and the Brain

The ability to talk glibly and continuously about nothing is a gift of very questionable value. Great talkers are seldom great thinkers. Wind, when it is "air in motion," is a good thing; but wind, when it is a continuous gush of great, swelling words to no profit is detestable. Words, when they are the vehicles of valuable ideas, and

so spoken as to make clear and impress great truths, are more beautiful than silver and more precious than gold; but when they are only the vaporings of vacant minds and vain gabblers, they are a waste of time and a strain on patience. It is a good thing and profitable to rest the tongue sometimes. It is better to work the brain and let the tongue be idle than to work the tongue and let the brain be idle.

Eight Golden Rules

1. Stick to the truth; simply and sincerely do what is right.
2. Never join in anything in which you cannot look up and say: "Bless me in this, O my Heavenly Father!"
3. Try to be kind and forgiving, both to friends and foes.
4. Speak no evil of others under any circumstances.
5. Watch against anger.
6. Deny yourself indulgences, especially in laziness.
7. Keep down pride; allow none but humble thoughts of self.
8. Pray. Pray every day, for in prayer is your greatest safety.—L. Richmond.

An Ideal Hallowe'en Party

A curious festival is this of Hallowe'en on the vigil of All Saints' Day. Of course, everyone knows that witches and elves and all the strange people of that land of superstition dear to the young and the ignorant are wandering about this prosaic old earth, glad to shake off the sleep of the twelvemonth and show their pointed caps and hoary beards.

To an ideal Hallowe'en party a very necessary setting is an old-fashioned barn with lofts and stalls, and perchance at the back of the orchard of gnarled apple trees casting weird shadows in the moonlight; but if this is impossible, the kitchen's the place. Candles, apples and nuts are undoubtedly the most favorable media through which the witches may acquaint us with our future fates. This is one of a young girl's favorite methods of learning the name of her future husband. She selects as many candles of equal length as there are men in her acquaintance whom she considers among the "probabilities," and after naming each one she lights them, and allows them to burn five minutes. The candle which is the shortest at the end of the stipulated time indicates the chosen lover.—November *Woman's Home Companion*.

In a Street Car

"Jesus loves me, this I know."

Sweet and clear rang out the childish treble. It was on a horse-car. A little girl, between three and four years old, has been out visiting with her mother, and, being shy among strangers, has kept quiet till her prattling little tongue could stand it no longer. So, as soon as the horses began to trot and the bells to jingle, she began—

"Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak, but—"

The car stopped; so did the singer. Two or three passengers got in. Ding! ding! went the bell. Away went the car. Away went the singer:

"They are weak, but He is strong."

A smile went around the car, but the little one, kneeling on the seat and looking out of the win-

dow and therefore unconscious of it all, sang on—
"Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so!"

I do not know how many hearts were touched during that ride, which was quite a long one, and many passengers came and went. I do not know how many burdens were lifted, but I know that, while the song lasted, everyone on the car heard the Gospel message. Everybody listened; everybody smiled; there was not a frown; there was not a troubled look on any face. The simple story of Jesus and His love had driven them all away. At length the song ceased, the mother turned, the little head was resting against the window. The baby was fast asleep. She had "done what she could."—*Selected*.

Educational

The Epworth League Herald says: Dr. M. C. B. Mason is winning wide approval for his attitude on Negro industrial education. He holds that industrial training is only part of the Negro's need, and that without intellectual and spiritual culture it is of small value.

Rev. Dr. Judson S. Hill, president of Morristown (Tenn.) Normal and Industrial College, spent his vacation in the North in the interest of the school. He collected \$2,400, which is being used to erect a building 50x200 feet for the industries. His plan is to make his school one of the leading industrial plants of the South.

A printed program is on our desk of the Conference on Secondary Education and its Problems called by Northwestern University to meet in Evanston on October 30 and 31, which gives promise of being a meeting of national interest. We are informed that the acceptances so far received cover a wide territory and the attendance promises to be considerably larger than anticipated. The occasion is also the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of Prof. H. F. Fiske's coming to Evanston as principal of Northwestern University.

The fourth session of school closed at Felton, Ga., September 25, 1903. We had a delightful time at the grand concert given by Miss Mattie E. Penn, of Summerville, Ga. She is an efficient teacher. By her energy and tact, and under her wise direction, the school has greatly prospered. Mrs. B. W. Dennis presided at the organ. Rev. McCoy was with us and aided greatly in helping to make it pleasant for all. Mr. B. W. Dennis, of Fullwood Springs, Ga., delivered a very inspiring and helpful address. He made a strong plea for the education of our boys and girls. May God bless every effort that is made toward education.

D. R. BROWN,
Assistant.

The Marion Institute

I am truly glad to say to the members of the Mobile Conference and the public that our school at Marion threw open its doors October 5, with Prof. R. M. Davis, A. B., class of 1903 from New Orleans University, as its president. This was a glorious day, the grandest in the history of the school. Among the many visitors present who made speeches were Presiding Elder G. W. Staples, of the Marion district; the writer, the president of the board of trustees, and other members. The presiding elder delivered one of his timely addresses, which was enjoyed by all. The writer spoke on "Obedience;" Misses Venia

Reid, principal of the Department of Mathematics; Anna Nelson, principal of the Model School Department, and Mary L. Levert, principal of the English Department, each spoke very encouragingly of their work for this year. Prof. Davis, the president of this institution, spoke very eloquently upon a "Good Government." I feel very safe in saying that he will carry our school from good to better. Brethren, let us stand by him in this great work. Yours,

O. NELSON,
Pastor Marion M. E. Church.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

The Waterloo of Missions

By T. J. Scott, D. D.

Wellington once remarked that the field of Waterloo was won on the cricket ground of Eton. If Napoleon, with the glance and swoop of the eagle, the hero of Austerlitz and a hundred other brilliant victories, was beaten it was because the commanders of Wellington's invincible batteries and battalions had been drilled as schoolboys in the national game of cricket, so well adapted to train the eye and develop steady nerve and staying muscles. The unstable Gaul could not stand before a training like that. And thus the field of Waterloo was won before the fight by the humble masters in the quiet of the school. The roots of victory were deeper than the thunder of well-handled artillery or the swings of victorious columns. When the storm of our great civil war burst, I remember seeing the squads at drill on many a hillside and in the valleys, where men were preparing for the front. It is the corporal and sergeant, in a way, that make the men and win the battle.

The moral of all this is that victory for Missions is to be won where some least suspect it. We must have our Missionary Society, our great General Committee, our eloquent Secretaries, our big conventions, with their guns of large calibre, but it is not there that victory is won. The strength of the matter, the promise of our Waterloo, is in the quiet and the obscurity, it may be, of the pastoral charge. There we must have the cricket (disciplinary) drill that will insure victory in the field. In the individual home church, under the ordinary pastor, we must have the work that will train mind and heart for the Master's great campaign. Such drill will make givers that will fill the treasury and fire hearts that will answer the bugle call to the front. Missionaries fit for the field, and ample money to support them and their work, will be forthcoming. Here is the secret of the fact that the Moravian church, insignificant as to numbers, does vastly more in proportion than any other church in Christendom. The home pastor has it on his heart. No church in the world has a finer plan than Methodism has in its little manual of drill. It aims at making a missionary of the presiding elder; it gives him a drill sergeant in the district secretary; it aims by the individual pastor, and his Sunday schools and leagues and quarterly conference committees, to bring this great cause home to the "last man" in the congregation, and drill and fill him with the spirit of Missions and an enthusiasm for the salvation of the world. When the word comes, as at Waterloo, "Up, guards, and at them!" there will always be a response that means victory.

Let the stress by some application of sanctified common sense be laid here, and the Missionary Society and the General Committee, the Secre-

taries and big conventions, none of them to be underestimated, will take care of themselves. Without this they are comparatively powerless. Bareilly, India.

The Audacity of Missions

By REV. W. R. HUNT, Nanking, China.

The challenge of modern missions is in the straight line of its original commission. Nor are the purpose and audacity of its programme any the less urgent than it was in the beginning of its unique and daring enterprise.

Until Christianity entered the arena, most religions contented themselves with a mere passive existence. The missionary spirit is the creation of the faith that has become, by universal consent, the miracle of the ages. Civilization, learning, and goodness have been invested with a new meaning by the heralds of the Cross. There is nothing strange in the fact that Christianity should claim and assert such a prerogative. Power behind any cause means force, but when this dynamic charge has behind it all the divine omnipotence, it should be expected to do exploits.

This audacity surprised the leaders of the religious activities of the day when Jesus taught and wrought in Palestine. It followed the work and propaganda of the faith into all Asia. It has reconstructed the life and civilization of the world and made those countries that are Christian in name and life both superior and more influential than those that are by common consent classed "heathen."

In the greatest mission fields in Asia to-day the conviction is that in a few years there will scarcely be a man of any education that will dare to be recognized among the devotees of heathenism. Japan is being re-created; China is in the refiner's pot. Her way is fraught with wonderful possibilities. *Via crucis, via lucis* (the way of the cross, the way of light). Edicts from the Imperial throne, calls from the high officials, reforms instituted by the governors, the new and best of all that aggressive body of young men forming the "New China"—all indicate strong hopefulness as to the outcome.

The audacity of Christianity has not made it less respectful to the powers that be. Missions do not advocate rebellion. It is true in China, as in Europe, in the early days of Christianity, that the contesting faiths and forces sometimes seem to clash; but this is not outside of its programme, for it is set to dethrone injustice, exalt liberty, acclaim the truth and declaim error; and its challenge in this respect is in keeping with its charter, strength and aims.—*London Christian*.

Home Missionaries Hard to Find

The dearth of men for home mission service is all in all the most baffling difficulty in Presbyterian advance work to-day. The lack of volunteers for foreign missions is serious enough, but there are always some men at least who are asking the privilege of going out to the heathen, while scarcely anybody takes a post in the home mission field, except in cities, if it is possible for him to get a pastorate anywhere else. The synodical superintendents of the states where the most pioneer work is needed, troop through the seminary halls in procession during the school year, and all emerge vowing that the most distressing part of their problem is their inability to get helpers out of the schools.

This is certainly a disheartening situation if there is no cure for it, but it appears to the *Interior* that the church has in hand a ready remedy

for the case and that the General Assembly should order it applied. Under our system of educating preachers the denomination holds a mortgage equity in the labors of young ministers, and we see no reason why that mortgage should not be foreclosed. Virtually all of them are helped through their college and seminary courses through the Board of Education. At present the aid is given practically without stipulation or consideration, and a good many people have doubt whether that way of helping a young man does not really injure him. Why should not the applicant for assistance from the board be required to promise the church two years of service at home mission work in return for every year during which he enjoys an appropriation of aid?

This would put out into this needy field a staff of laborers particularly fitted for the task—for home missions in newly settled territory is particularly young men's work—and better than that, it would be an extra education for the men, for such spiritual "roughing it" would be splendid finishing off for students long confined to books.—*Interior*.

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

Topic Nov. 8—"The Power of a Consistent Life."

Scriptural References: Neh. 5:9 Rom. 14:22.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday—Fair Dealing. Matt. 7:7-12.

Tuesday—Living His Words. I Cor. 9:27.

Wednesday—Christ's Last Appeal. Jno. 14:8-11.

Thursday—Works Greater than Words. I Kings 18:30-38.

Friday—Faith Proved by Works. Gen. 22:3-13.

Saturday—True to Others by Being True to Himself. Gen. 39:7-12.

The power of a consistent life, who can tell it? The angels, who with sleepless eyes and ceaseless vigils have watched over the lives of men, measuring their words and their deeds, may be able to write on immaculate page that story, but man never. But what do we know of its power? Here and there a man has been consistent and he has made a new path for his fellows, or lighted the old paths with a strange new halo. Here and there a man has been consistent, burnishing the old and revealing new truth to his fellows. God delights in consistency and gives undying glory to those who live a consistent life. But what do we mean by consistency? Webster says: "Consistency is living or acting in conformity with one's belief or professions." Out of this we see at once the importance of conformity of faith, speech, profession and life. And when we get this conformity we get strength. We also get symmetry and symmetry brings not only beauty but strength, for symmetrical men are consistent men and therefore strong men. The athlete is a case in point. Look at him as he comes from the trainer's hand, erect of form, plump of body, with grace of limb and firmness of arm, he is the most symmetrical figure in the company—but more, he is the *strongest* figure in the company. Now let us briefly consider some things a consistent life will do.

1. *It will bring us into favor with God.* That was hard treatment accorded Joseph for his consistency, but the hardness of the jailor softened and the darkness of the dungeon lightened until gloom was changed into light. Joseph was persecuted because he did right, but his consistent

life won favor with God, and God did the rest. Men do not always smile upon us when we do right, but we find favor with God.

2. *It will persuade like speech.* A consistent life is a constant sermon. It is like the constant dropping of water which wears away the stone. So the consistent life wears away our skepticism and persuades us to faith and action.

3. *It convinces us.* I have seen the orator sway the multitudes by his eloquence and then have seen them go away and heard them curse the speech and the speaker, because, said they, the speaker's life is not consistent with his speech. But whenever we get consistency of life and profession, men are persuaded. To-day there are thousands of men who have been persuaded to believe in Roosevelt and the principles he advocates, because the post-election act is up to the pre-election speech. In other words his living is up to his profession.

4. *It exalts itself.* There are few things more admired among men than consistency. Men may not believe in your theories and have no respect for your work, but they are bound to respect you if you are consistent. If, then, the life is correct and upright, it must exalt itself daily to do something higher and better.

5. *It will lift others.* "No man liveth unto himself," said Paul. Whether we will or not, we influence and effect others. If we are consistent in the right life we shall bless, help and lift those who company with us. They will take up our notions, live to our ideals and finally put on our manner of life.

6. *It wins confidence.* You hear it every day, in the market place and the place of worship, this speech of inconsistency: "I have no confidence in him." No man has faith in an inconsistent man. No man has faith in a man who professes friendship and then does the part of an enemy. Why? Because the life is inconsistent.

7. *It helps us to overcome.* If you have been born again, be consistent, and you will overcome the world, the flesh and the devil. When men become inconsistent they fail and are defeated. Be consistent, conquer the world and win a crown.

ARROW POINTS.

1. If you profess to be a Christian, live the Christian life.
2. If you are a member of the League, attend the meetings.
3. If work is assigned you, do it.
4. If you are a church member, go to your own church.
5. If you like another church better than you do your own, quit like a man and go and join the one you like. Be consistent, attend the church you join, and support it.

Epworth League Notice

Dear Brethren—Our State Epworth League and Sunday School Convention will convene at Altheimer, Ark., Nov. 12-16, 1903. Please rally your leagues and Sunday schools and let us have a full report from every league and Sunday school in the state. Remember our pledge to our president (Brother Jacques) at our last convention: Now let us fulfill that pledge and raise that \$500, as promised, to pay on the Epworth Farm. Now, brethren, put forth every effort and let us make this the best, spiritually as well as financially, of any in the history of its organization.

Rates have been secured on all railroads in the state at one and one-third fare for the round trip on the certificate plan of fifty or more. Respectfully yours, W. C. RIVERS, Secretary.

Little Rock, Ark.

Sunday School Helps

Lesson VI—Nov. 8th, 1903. Title—David's Grief Over Absalom (2 Sam. 18:24-33). Golden Text—"A foolish son is a grief to his father" (Prov. 17:25). Time—About B. C. 1023. Place—Mahanaim, a walled town on banks of Jabbok, east of Jordan.

When David knew Absalom had been proclaimed king at Hebron, and was on his way to Jerusalem, he fled from the holy city. His consciousness of sin, and desire that the Lord's will be done, likely caused him to depart. He left kind friends there who looked after his interests. David ascended Mt. Olivet with bare feet, clothes rent, and head covered. They wept as they went. On the hill top they worshiped God. There Iziba met the king with bread, fruits and wine. David chose the way of the wilderness. At Bahurim, Shimea the Benjamite, cursed the king and cast at him stones.

Absalom entered Jerusalem and took charge of his father's kingdom. He called a council and advised about the best way to proceed against David. An army was assembled. Absalom took charge, and after about three months set forward to defeat David. The king was notified, and divided his army into three parts. They were commanded by Joab, Abishai, and Ittai. Each command was divided into smaller companies, and captains put over them. The battle was fought in the woods of Ephraim. The army of David was victorious. As Absalom fled his hair caught in the boughs of an oak and he was held fast. The mule on which he rode passed on and left him hanging. Joab soon found him and thrust him through with three darts. His punishment was just. Four times had he committed crimes worthy of death. He had murdered his brother, excited an insurrection, took up arms against the king, and laid with his father's concubines. His body was taken down, cast into a pit, and covered with stones. Every man fled to his tent.

I. *The messenger (24-27).* 1. *David was at this time in the city of Mahanaim, east of Jordan, in tribe of Gad.* The word means camps, or a double camp. It was there Jacob wrestled with the angel. It was one of the most important cities east of the Jordan. There Abner established Ish-bosheth on the throne of Saul, his father. There David dwelt during his exile from Jerusalem. He sat between the gates to await tidings from the battle. A watchman was in the tower above him looking for messengers.

2. *The messengers were Ahimaaz and Cush.* The former was a young priest, the son of Zadok the high priest. He was likely a man of culture, a swift runner, and knew well the country. After the battle he went to Joab, and begged permission to bear tidings to the king. This pleasure was denied him, because he had always borne good news. Joab knew David would be greatly grieved over the death of his son, therefore he would not suffer him to carry this message. But after it had been given to another he obtained permission to run: Yet he had no message. Many run who have not been sent, and bear tidings not given them. Cush was an Ethiopian, and likely Joab's slave. He was uncultured and abrupt. He was called by Joab, given the message, and sent to the king. There are many running from this world to the celestial city. Some are fast, others slow; some are cultured, others are ignorant; some have a message, others have none—yet onward they go. The watchman on the battlements of heaven may see them coming and as they draw near recognize them.

II. *The message (28-32).* 1. *The tidings of Ahimaaz.* He started last but reached the king first. As he drew near he shouted to the king:

"All is well," or peace to thee. The battle had been fought, and to the army of David belonged the victory. Ahimaaz drew near and fell at the king's feet, and praised the Lord for giving them the victory. David should have rejoiced at this and thanked the Lord that the kingdom was safe. But this thought was not first in his mind. To him a son, wicked though he be, was greater than a kingdom. Hence his question, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" Ahimaaz could bear only good tidings. It was not for him to give the fate of Absalom. He did not tell the whole truth, and came near telling that which was untrue. Joab had not sent him, yet he must have known what the tumult meant. But we may excuse him for his motive was good. He loved the king and desired to spare his feelings. No one should tell an untruth, or leave a wrong impression. But it is not always necessary to tell all we know. We are sometimes forced to speak what others do not wish to hear. The unpleasant side should be presented in love. The whole gospel should be preached.

2. *The tidings of Cush.* Fools rush in where angels fear to go. As this slave drew near he blurted out: "Tidings my lord, the king." He confirmed the story of Ahimaaz. God had indeed that day avenged David of those who rose up against him. This the king heard without an expression of joy, or thankfulness. Again he asked about Absalom. Cush did not hesitate to tell what he knew, yet he expressed himself in mild language. He spoke not of the tree, the head catching among the boughs, the spear thrusts, the pit, and the heap of stones, but mildly said: "The enemies of my lord the king be as that young man is." This was enough. The king knew his son was dead. He had no hope on which to base another question. "He that pursueth evil, pursueth it to his own death." The name of the wicked shall rot.

III. *The effect of the message (33).* 1. *The king's feelings:* "He was much moved." Sore troubled, or thrown into violent commotion. His soul was stirred to its most profound depth. Parental affection is right, because it is God-given. But all children do not merit the same amount of love. Our heavenly Father loves us tenderly though we be as wayward and wicked as Absalom.

2. *His seclusion:* "He went up to his chamber over the gate." This was probably an apartment in the tower, and was likely the nearest place of seclusion. Men are wretched comforters in deep grief. In great sorrow "silence is golden." The mourner will find more consolation in the sacred Scriptures, in prayer, and in holy meditation, than in the consoling words of friends. Job's comforters did him but little good. David was no doubt mourning over his own sins as much as over the death of his son. If he had been different, Absalom might have been better.

3. *His language:* "O, my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom, would God I had died for thee. O, Absalom, my son, my son." I know of no passage in the Bible that expresses deeper feeling than this. Comment weakens it. It is well he spoke. Language and tears are avenues of escape for grief pent up in the soul. The heart-broken find relief in tears. We have here two extremes: that of a parent, and that of a child. Did ever another father love like David? and was there ever another son so unworthy as Absalom? Is not this king who would have died for his son, a type of the Christ who did die for a wicked world? And is not this unfeeling son a figure of

the human family, who is ungrateful, wicked, and dying?

West Texas Conference Sunday School Work

By REV. C. P. WESTBROOKS, D. D., President of the Sunday School Convention.

I beg leave to submit the following statement to the Sunday schools on the Columbus District, West Texas Conference. I feel that the work in our Sunday schools should be looked after. They are sadly neglected. I purpose to map out some special forms by which we can arouse an interest in this great work. If the Anglo-Saxon finds it necessary to dig deep and sincerely to keep pace with the wheel of time, what must we do to compete with him? The Sunday school department, under the wise and far-seeing eye of Dr. Neely, is in the zenith of its work for the twentieth century. But this is in its general department; we need a local training in order to understand the demands of the church. The pastors and superintendents need to hold Sunday school institutes and Normal anniversaries. By this method our young people will be greatly benefited. The literature of our Sunday school is the best in use, but the pastors and teachers in general do not know how to teach it, therefore the scholars lose interest and the school is retarded. Such being the state of affairs, the church suffers. If the engineer does not understand the science of steam, the machinery will be badly demolished. So it is with the school and church, if not properly manned or generated. Visit the Sunday schools of our conference and you will see Sunday schools but not after the forms and usages of the M. E. Church. Yet it does seem that they should be in unison. But for the lack of proper Christian training our work is suffering, our people are reared without true Methodist theory and practice. Superintendents, I call your attention to the necessity of a thorough knowledge of your work. Select Christian, studious people to teach; hold teachers' meetings; drill your teachers on the subject of the lesson and try to instill the application into each heart. Get in the lesson and then you can get others into it. Select a reading course for the teachers and senior scholars; hold quarterly examinations and give badges to the successful applicant; award a medal to the scholar that is most punctual, recites the best lesson and contributes to the cause; also the scholar that gets to the school first on the Sabbath for twelve months. Organize banner classes, organize the infant class into a singing department, and have a cradle roll anniversary. This I think will be enough for you. I will try to visit each charge before the annual conference to see after the Sunday schools; as I was your choice for the work, I will try to do my part as president of your Sunday School Convention of the Columbus District.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation

Conference, Place and Time—	Bishop.
Alabama, Anniston—Dec. 8.....	Foss
Atlanta, Covington, Ga.—Dec. 10.....	FitzGerald
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex.—Nov. 26.....	Walden
Central Alabama, Birmingham—Dec. 10.....	Foss
Georgia, Ellijay—Dec. 17.....	FitzGerald
Mobile, Union Springs, Ala.—Dec. 17.....	Foss
Savannah, Brunswick, Ga.—Dec. 8.....	FitzGerald
South Carolina, Sumter—Nov. 26.....	FitzGerald
Southern German, Perry, Tex.—Dec. 8.....	Walden
Texas, Houston—Dec. 9.....	Walden
West Texas, San Antonio—Dec. 16.....	Walden

In order that our readers might know the dates fixed for fall conferences of our territory and the Bishops appointed to hold them, at the earliest possible moment, we had them sent us by wire last week immediately on the adjournment of Bishops' meeting. This week we are pleased to present official list in full—except foreign conferences, which will appear later.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

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- 1—All business letters should be addressed to Editor, and all communications intended for publication to the Editor.
- 2—In sending matter for publication, write plainly on one side of the paper, and make your communication as short as the subject will allow.
- 3—When the ADVOCATE does not arrive regularly, notify us promptly.
- 4—Methodist pastors are our authorized agents, to receive subscriptions and collect dues for the ADVOCATE.

The North Carolina Annual Conference

The forty-fifth session of the North Carolina Annual Conference convened at Greensboro, North Carolina, October 14, 1903. Bishop I. W. Joyce presided. The devotions, not only for the beginning of the session, but throughout the conference were conducted by Rev. E. A. Dunham in a series of Pentacostal meetings. These meetings were largely attended by the brethren, the people as well, and greatly enjoyed by all. The Sacrament was administered by the Bishop and presiding elders of the conference. On calling the roll four deaths among the ministers were reported, namely: J. E. Champlin, Andrew Conner, S. L. Johnson and M. C. Rogers. R. E. Jones was re-elected secretary without opposition, as were J. P. Morris, the statistical secretary and G. W. Moorehead, treasurer; each of these officers was authorized to choose his assistants, and did so.

The official visitors were: Prof. I. G. Penn, Dr. T. B. Neeley of the Sunday School Union, Dr. G. G. Logan of the Missionary Society, Dr. T. C. Iliff of the Church Extension Society, Dr. M. C. B. Mason of the Freedman's Aid Society, Dr. L. G. Adkinson of Gammon Seminary, and the Editor of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. Mr. G. H. Jennings collected the accounts of the Book Concern. Among other visitors were: Revs. D. H. Kearse of the South Carolina and Dr. C. I. Withrow of the Washington Conferences. In the examination of character every member of the conference passed without question. Presiding elders M. J. Bullock, M. M. Jones, Isaac Wells and J. P. Franklin gave glowing and interesting reports of their Districts. There were received in full on credentials from other churches John J. Blanton, Chisam W. Walton, elders from the A. M. E. Zion Church and Merritt H. Hinton an elder from the Congregational Church. Received on trial Walter T. Lomax, Peter J. Cook, James H. Garrett, Calvin R. Moses, Lewis W. Thomas and John H. Dandridge. Received in full connection, John W. Simpson, Steven A. Peters and John H. Lovell. Ordained deacons, John W. Simpson, Steven A. Peters, John H. Lovell, James H. Garrett. Ordained elders, John W. Wells, Peter F. Johnson and R. W. Winchester. Withdrawn from the church, J. H. Hunter. The next session of the Conference will be held at Hickory. The administration of the Bishop gave general satisfaction.

The anniversaries held at night were great occasions for the people and brethren. Seldom does one see these meetings so largely attended as at Greensboro, and seldom do the speaker equal the efforts made by them at this conference. The General Conference elections elicited much interest. R. E. Jones and M. M. Jones were elected the ministerial delegates on the first ballot; J. P. Morris and J. D. Chavis, reserves. In the Lay Conference, J. L. Bullock and R. B. McRary were

chosen on the first ballot; E. M. Collett and Mrs. L. A. Smith, reserves. A joint session of the Annual Conference and the Lay Conference was held on Saturday afternoon; Bishop Joyce presided. The delegates elected, both ministerial and lay, were seated within the altar and delivered brief addresses as they were introduced to the audience. Bishop Joyce also spoke advising the permanent organization of the laity and that they seek to be helpful to the ministry, in every way possible; he also urged the ministers to strive to measure up in full to the responsibilities of their work. He thinks every pastor should move to, and live on his work, and then should be faithfully supported by the laymen.

The conference session was a pleasant one, and the Editor of the SOUTHWESTERN was given full opportunity to present his cause to the people. The conference and laymen passed resolutions asking the General Conference to elect a Bishop of African descent, and another requesting the establishment of a printing office and a permanent



REV. S. A. PEELER, A. B., B. D.

Pastor of St. Mathew M. E. Church, Greensboro, where the North Carolina Conference was so hospitably entertained.

home for the SOUTHWESTERN. A new district was made, over which J. P. Franklin was appointed, Robert Smith, one of the veterans of the conference succeeding him on the Winston district. Appointments are as follows:

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

M. J. Bullock, P. E., 501 Bennett St., Greensboro, N. C.

Central Randolph, J. A. Laughlin; East Greensboro, A. W. McMaster; Empire Circuit, F. L. Bost; Greensboro, S. A. Peeler; High Street, W. T. Lomax; Jackson, J. H. Garrett; Leaksville, Marcus Munday; Ramseur, P. J. Cook; Reidsville and Danville, Va., R. W. Winchester; Reidsville Circuit, G. F. Hill; South Greensboro, E. H. McArthur; Summerfield, J. W. Jones; Wentworth Circuit, R. D. Bethea; West Greensboro, C. E. Ball.

J. D. Chavis, President; J. P. Morris, S. A. Peters and J. H. Lovell, Professors in Bennett College, Members of Greensboro Quarterly Conference.

R. E. Jones, Field Agent Sunday School Union Methodist Episcopal Church, Member of Greensboro Quarterly Conference.

R. W. S. Thomas, teacher in Cookman Insti-

tute, Jacksonville, Fla., member of Greensboro Quarterly Conference.

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

J. P. Franklin, P. E., Oxford, N. C. Clarksville, supplied; Durham, supplied; Goldsboro, W. F. Allen; Louisburg, supplied; Madison, B. F. Thomas; Madison Circuit, S. A. Gibson; Newbern and Kinston, supplied, C. R. Davidson; Norfolk and Pleasant Ridge, Va., Alexander Clark; Newport News, W. B. Scales; Oberlin and Raleigh, J. M. Roan; Oxford and Henderson, Wm. Wells; Rocky Mount, J. H. Dandridge; Townsville and Bullock, L. G. McDonald.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

M. M. Jones, P. E., Greensboro, N. C. Asheville, H. L. Ashe; Boone, J. J. Blanton; Forest City, J. W. Wells; Franklin, supplied by J. D. Waddell; Gastonia and Bessemer, R. A. Cottingham; Hendersonville, supplied; Hickory, G. B. McLean; Lenoir, Samuel McDonald; Lenoir Circuit, S. J. Hayden; Machpelah, G. W. Brown; Marion, supplied, M. A. Hicks; Newton, P. F. Johnson; Old Fort, supplied, A. L. Foster; Patterson, M. H. Hinton; Shelby and Falston, A. S. Cottingham; Sherrell's Ford, W. M. Crawford; Stanley and Mount Holley, J. C. Adie; West Asheville and Waynesville, J. W. Simpson.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Isaac Wells, P. E., Maxton, N. C. Charlotte, A. H. Newsome; Concord, Morning Star and Monroe, C. R. Moser; Elkton, supplied, O. J. Bethea; Hamlet, R. P. Harriston; Huffman, L. W. Thomas; Laurinburg, S. F. B. Peace; Lauderburg Circuit, J. D. Murphy; Lumberton, N. D. Shamberger; Maxton, W. P. Hayes; Melrose, G. W. Byers; Red Spring, J. M. McNeill; Rowland and Salem, J. C. Robbins; Swan Station, supplied; Wilmington and Burgaw, C. W. Walton.

WINSTON DISTRICT.

Robt. Smith, P. E., Hickory, N. C. Advance, Dorsey McRae; Ashboro, Daniel Brooks; Fairview, supplied, M. C. Laughlin; High Point, W. R. Zeigler; Jefferson, supplied by W. E. Moore; Jonesville and Wilkesboro, S. M. Haynes; Kernersville, W. M. Chavis; Lexington and Thomasville, S. P. West; Liberty Circuit, supplied by Thos. Bailey; Mayhew, Mooresville, S. A. J. Miller; Midway, J. D. Harriston; Mount Airy, J. D. Diggs; Mount Airy Circuit, supplied by D. C. Shean; Salisbury, supplied; Statesville and Philadelphia, R. J. Shepp; Randleman and Trinity, S. L. May; Walnut Cove, A. B. McQueen; Winston Circuit S. R. McCorkle; Winston, Mt. Pleasant, W. W. Popo; Winston, St. Paul's, G. W. Moorehead.

We were greatly assisted at the recent session of the North Carolina Conference in securing subscribers by a number of the brethren, but especially by Prof. R. B. McRary, of Lexington, N. C., and Dr. L. G. Adkinson, who gave us \$2.50 each with the understanding that we apply 25 cents on the subscription of each person who would pay the balance for one year. The Rev. Dr. R. E. Jones gave us \$1, to be used in the same way. From the readiness with which the people subscribed, they greatly appreciated such assistance. The interest manifested by the brethren and the people as well was highly gratifying.

The Rev. J. M. Harris, pastor Burns M. E. church, Kansas City, Mo., notifies us that a lecture will be delivered at his church on Tuesday evening, November 3, by Rev. Dr. W. H. Nelson, of Alabama, who will be in that city at the time attending the General Committee of Church Extension. The Doctor's subject is, "The School of Common Sense." We are sure all will be profited who are present.

By the closing down of the copper properties at Butte, Mont., 20,000 men are without employment.

Personal and General

Bishop James M. Thoburn sailed for India October 21.

The Epworth Leagues of the Canadian Methodist Church number 69,606.

Rev. E. P. Harris, pastor of M. E. church, Marthaville, La., was a visitor at the office last week.

Miss Theresa Scott has been elected superintendent of the Sunday school of Bastrop, La., M. E. church.

Master Davidson Washington, the younger son of Dr. Booker T. Washington, is, we learn, to study medicine.

Tuskegee's new band master is Sergeant Elbert Williams, of the 25th United States Infantry, stationed at Neobrara, Neb.

Miss Mary L. Clay, daughter of Rev. W. C. Clay, presiding elder of the Tupelo district, has been appointed first assistant in the Aberdeen, Miss., city school.

We regret to learn of the death of an esteemed member of the Lexington Conference, Rev. Logan W. Miles, pastor at Pewee Valley, Ky., which occurred September 29, 1903.

Rev. D. T. Burch, pastor of Warren Chapel, Memphis, made a remarkable record last year, repairing and beautifying the church, meeting all claims and strengthening the membership.

Miss Rosa Lee Hutchins of Natchez, Miss., is to be married to Dr. J. M. May, resident physician and teacher at Alcorn college. The ceremony will take place at the bride's home near Natchez.

Rev. H. B. Cockrill, who was transferred from the Kentucky to the St. Louis conference, has been appointed to the editorship of the *American Illustrated Methodist Magazine*, published in St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. W. T. Harris has been appointed pastor of Ebenezer M. E. Church, Washington, D. to succeed the late lamented Rev. J. H. Griffin. Brother Harris has a great and responsible task, and we wish him success.

Mrs. Laura M. Lockwood, of Fredrick, Md., has been on a visit to Hagerstown, Md., and was pleasantly entertained at a special dinner given in her honor by Mrs. Eva M. Lewis and Miss Helen N. Kee. Several lady friends were present.

The bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church meet this week, October 28, at Rock Island, Ill., for their semi-annual meeting. At the close of this meeting they go directly to the General Committee meetings in Kansas City, Lincoln and Omaha.

Dr. Booker T. Washington, who is again at home, was accorded a reception at the Abyssinia Baptist church by the citizens of New York on his return from Europe. He was received with tremendous applause by the vast audience, and spoke in his usual interesting way.

Miss May Pearl Mains, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Mains, and Mr. Clarence L. Howland, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., were united in marriage October 15, 1903. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, assisted by Dr. Herbert Welch, Miss Main's pastor. The couple will make their home in Mt. Vernon.

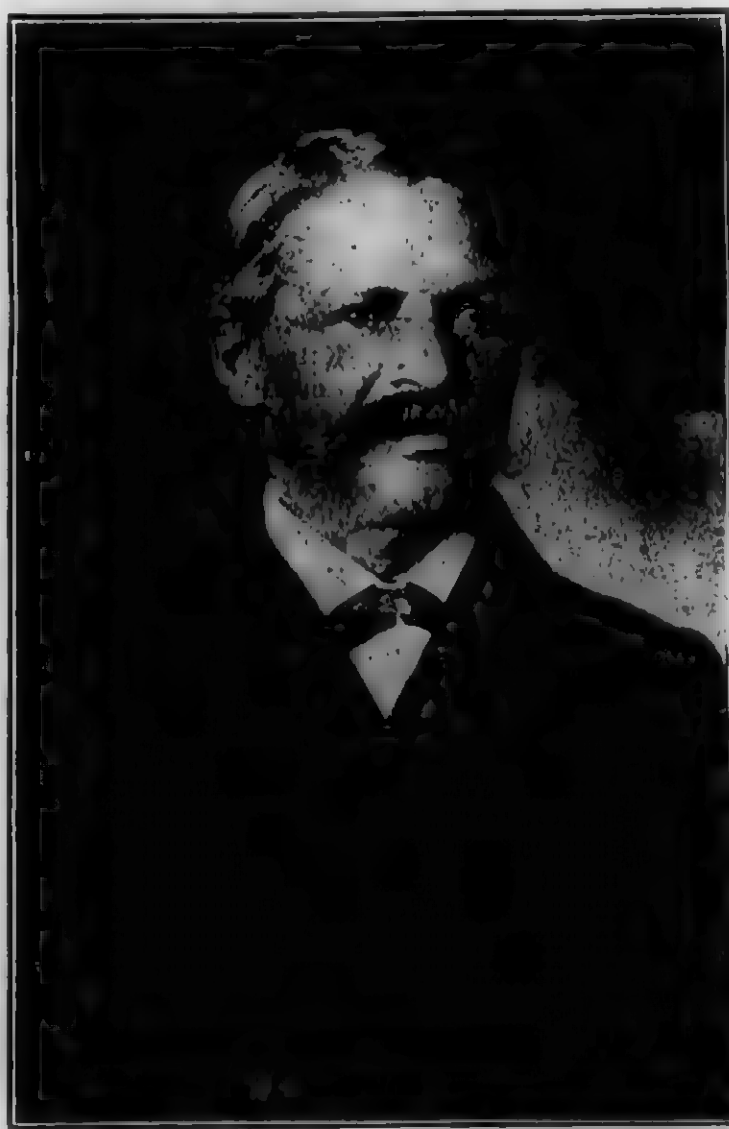
Prof. and Mrs. I. Garland Penn, South Atlanta, Ga., are gratified over the arrival in their home of a new Epworth Leaguer. She applied for enrollment Friday morning, October 23, and though a little noisy at times, seems greatly pleased with her surroundings. The *SOUTHWESTERN* congratulates these friends of this latest acquisition.

Memphis has a notable credit in colored busi-

ness interests. Dr. A. S. J. Burchett is still doing a profitable practice. Drs. D. W. Fields and J. C. Clark, dentists, have all the work they can do. Dr. Geo. B. Jackson, pharmacist, owns a first class drug store, with a stock of \$2,000 value. Mr. E. A. Williams, merchant tailor, does a good business, making suits \$15 to \$35; pants, \$5 to \$10; repairing, cleaning, pressing.

Mr. A. B. Johnson of Newman, Ga., is a successful plasterer, and though comparatively a young man, has done this class of work in connection with one of the largest and wealthiest firms of building contractors in the state for 23 years. He works by contract, and employs a force of more than twenty men, a number of whom have learned the business under him, and Mr. Johnson says his employees do first class work in every particular; his firm would be satisfied with nothing less.

Mr. J. H. Blodgett, of Jacksonville, Fla., one of the wealthiest and most successful business men of the race, is soon to be a full fledged real estate dealer. He has virtually been engaged in the business for a number of years, but most of his purchases have been for himself. His success in this line has attracted the attention and admiration of others to such an extent that he is constantly called upon to buy and sell for others, hence he has determined to open an office and solicit the patronage of all who may desire his services.



THE LATE MR. WILLIAM WASHINGTON.

Who Was a Successful Business Man and Stock Raiser of Lexington, Va.

Few men of the race equal in standing, with both colored and white people, Mr. Wm. Washington, who died in Lexington, Va., on the 17th ult. He was born October 15, 1847 and was what he had made himself by his own pluck and energy. A native of Virginia, he was proud of his State and especially so of the prominent citizens with whom he had come in contact in one way and another. During the war he was the body servant of Gen. Edwin G. Lee, of the Confederate Army, but even before the hostilities ended settled in Lexington and was employed at the Virginia Military Institute where he soon became the baker and held that important position up to about eight years ago. He was very enterprising, and while attending to his duties there engaged in outside operations of hog-raising, dairying, farming and hauling, with much success, and at his death had accumulated a large estate. He owned much property in and around Lexington. He also raised cattle, horses and

mules. Mr. Washington furnished the Military Institute daily with about 20 gallons of milk and sold meat even to the markets of Baltimore, Md. The local paper (white) of Lexington, in speaking of his business qualities says: "He had all the qualities of a good business man; his judgment was fine and he was diligent and enterprising. His manner was pleasing and made for him friends."

When about of age Mr. Washington married Miss Cornelia Jones, and their union was blessed with fourteen children, of whom 12 survive their father. One of his sons, Mr. Wm. L. Washington, is principal of the Lexington Colored School, and like the others stands high in the community. Four others live in Boston. Mr. Washington was a communicant of the R. E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church (white), from which he was buried. Mrs. Washington and others of the family are highly respected members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. We are pleased to publish a good picture of the deceased.

News Notes

There has been no change in the Far Eastern situation, and war between Japan and Russia seems probable.

In the storm that visited Mazatlan, Mexico, last week, sixteen persons were killed and many vessels wrecked.

W. H. Landvoigt, chief of the classified division of the postal department, as a result of the report of inspectors, has been forced to resign.

The equestrian statue of Gen. Wm. T. Sherman was unveiled in Washington, D. C., October 15. President Roosevelt was the principal speaker.

The discovery of a poisonous worm eating into cabbage has caused great consternation in North Georgia. It is believed that many deaths have been caused by it.

William Morgan, clerk of the United States Court, has resigned on account of ill health, after thirty years of service, the last sixteen of which he has been clerk.

Several days ago the steamer South Portland, bound for San Francisco from Portland, was wrecked off Cape Blanco, Ore., and nineteen persons lost their lives.

It is reported that two hundred and fifty lives have been lost in an earthquake at Turshiz, Persia; thirteen villages destroyed and some five thousand people are now homeless.

Felix Hall (colored), charged with the murder of Norwood Clark (white) two years ago, was hanged in Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 22. Hall went to the scaffold protesting his innocence.

According to the investigation carried on by the Indiana State Board of Health, 250 teachers in the state are afflicted with tuberculosis, and the board, according to rules adopted, has ordered that they must not be re-employed.

The main auditorium of the John Wesley Church, Greenville, S. C., was dedicated Sunday, Oct. 18, 1903. The pastor, Rev. Dr. B. F. Witherspoon, thinks it is easily among the most beautiful and possibly the most beautiful house of worship we have in the South.

The staff of the *Daily Christian Advocate* for the coming General Conference, editorial and reportorial, has been completed: Editor, the Rev. D. L. Rader, D. D.; assistant editor, the Rev. A. H. Lucas, D. D.; managing editor, Dr. W. E. Grose; reporters, the Revs. W. B. Bridge, J. J. Hill, A. H. Herrick, J. C. Yonker and D. L. Aultman.

We have received a beautiful "Wesley Missionary Prayer Calendar" for 1904, prepared by Mrs. W. F. Oldham, wife of Secretary Oldham. It is a pleasing reminder for each of the 365 days of the year, of the great missionary cause. A choice picture of Wesley is the cover design, and its pages contain other Wesleyan pictures. One page is given to our late President, Wm. McKinley, and his successor, Theodore Roosevelt; one to our missionary bishops and another to the League, and yet another to the Sunday school. This attractive calendar can be had for 30 cents postpaid; Leagues and Sunday schools desiring it in large numbers should write for special terms. Send all orders to Rev. W. F. Oldham, 57 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

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FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. O. Marshall Editor

FARMER WILSON POPULAR.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Unless surface indications are misleading, James Wilson is the most popular man in the public service, the President, of course, excepted. Everyone on the train with the Washington newspaper men who recently made a tour of the West was impressed with the popularity of the secretary of agriculture. There was scarcely a stop made in the circuitous route of more than 5,000 miles, from Hays City, Kan., west through the states of Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana, and thence back through Nebraska to Omaha, that did not reveal the secretary of agriculture as the hero of the agriculturists.

At one station it would be a new kind of barley which was sent to John Doe for trial. It had proved successful and small bottles of the yield would be proudly submitted for examination. At another station there would be samples of macaroni wheat sent to Richard Roe. At a county fair there would be a fruit specimen. Everywhere there was something, and nowhere a disposition to refuse credit to the most successful secretary of agriculture the country has had.

People generally have heard more, perhaps, of Shaw and Hay and Knox, than of Wilson. Secretary Wilson's reputation is in no sense newspaper made. He has become known among the farmers for the things which his department has done throughout the six years he has been secretary of agriculture. The agricultural population is practically one-half the population of the country. There is not an intelligent farmer north, east, south or west who does not have great admiration for the secretary of agriculture. When Mr. Wilson went into office three-fourths of all the rice consumed in the United States was imported. Practically all of it is now grown in the United States. There are certain kinds of rice which the Chinamen insist upon eating which are now imported. They will have no other. Before he ceases to be secretary of agriculture that particular kind of rice will be grown in this country. The experiments are now being made, and their success is practically assured. Tobacco of a better quality is now grown, due to the revelations regarding soil and culture. Cotton of a better quality is grown through crossing the

various varieties, and there promises to be an evolution in the production of American teas. All of these directly affect the prosperity of the South.

In the states of the Middle West the effort was made to improve the standards of the staple crops. In the semi-arid West grains and grasses have been introduced. For the arid West the best production has immortalized the name of Wilson. When he became secretary of agriculture the best production of this country was 30,000 tons. Last year it was 220,000 tons. In ten years Mr. Wilson is confident that all the sugar consumed in the United States will be produced here.

The agricultural department has grown so phenomenally that the public has no conception of its work. It will surprise most people to know that it expends on the work of scientists more money each year than Harvard, Yale, and the University of Chicago and Leland Stanford. It has 2,000 scientists with one assistant for each. This small army is conducting its investigations in every country in the world. Its aggregate annual expenses approximate six million dollars. The profits on any one of a half a dozen agricultural products introduced through its efforts will more than pay its yearly expenses. The money which has been made from alfalfa alone would pay its expenses several times over.

The department has a way of reaching farmers which makes efforts of the politicians in the campaigns appear stupid and puny. One thousand letters are received daily making inquiries regarding farmers' bulletins, scientific publications and other work of the agricultural department. Last year the total number of bulletins and other publications distributed was more than eleven millions.—Ex.

Conference Notices

NOTICE.

Waycross, Ga.—The members and delegates attending the Savannah Annual Conference, which is to be held at Brunswick, Ga., Dec. 3-8, will have reduced rates, providing they pay full fare at starting point and get a certificate signed by ticket agent.

Respectfully,

W. A. HOLMES, Secretary.

To all pastors of the Little Rock Annual Conference who are expecting to attend the State Convention of the Epworth League and Sunday School, which convenes at Althelmer, Ark., Nov. 12-15, will please send me the number of delegates elected from their respective charges. In our arrangements we wish an idea of the number expected. No doubt, of course, about all the general officers being present to represent their causes.

JOHN C. ADAMS.

In the report of Epworth League and Sunday School Convention, which convened at Eupora, Miss., the names of Dr. B. H. S. Ferguson and Prof. G. P. Childress, the former president of Conference League, who as usual thrilled the audience with his oratory, and the league president, who presided wisely, were overlooked.

G. W. WILLIAMS.

LEAGUE OFFICERS.

Officers of the Epworth League, who were reappointed at Martin, Tenn., at its last session of the Tennessee Annual Conference: President, Rev. Jesse P. Price; 1st vice-president, Dr. E. W. S. Hammond; 2nd vice, Rev. J. B.

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MRS. SCOTT.

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E. J. GUTHRIE, Reporter.

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cher; Mt. Zion, Dec. 5-6; Springfield, 12-13; Braden, 19-20; Briersville, 19-20.

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Dear Brethren, let us start with a year and say, no blanks this year. Reports at each quarterly meeting. Let us start early to raise our benevolent collections and make an effort to raise every dollar of our appointments. Remember your subscription to the SOUTHWESTERN. Friday, Nov. 13, there will be a grand missionary rally at Lebanon during the District Conference. We shall expect Logan and Scott. Dear brethren, go to work at once for the best work on the district. Yours truly,
H. W. KEY, P.

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DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

The sixteenth annual session of the Orangeburg District Conference convened at the Philadelphia M. E. Church, Mechanicsville, S. C., July 22-26, under the efficient presidency of Presiding Elder Julius L. Grice. Rev. S. S. Butler was elected secretary; Revs. T. J. Clarke and B. S. Jackson, assistants. The daily sessions were interesting, instructive and inspiring. Helpful sermons were preached by Revs. J. H. Parks, A. Lewis, W. H. Jones, J. A. Murray, C. R. Brown, presiding elder of the Charleston District, J. L. Grice, presiding elder of the Orangeburg District, and A. G. Townsend, of the Camden charge. Addresses by Dr. J. E. Wilson, presiding elder of the Florence District; Revs. C. R. Brown and W. R. A. Palmer, of the Charleston District; Rev. C. C. Jacobs, field agent of the Sunday School Union; E. J. Sawyer, editor of the Pee Dee Educator; J. H. Fordham, deputy collector of Internal Revenues, and Dr. DuBose, a resident white physician of Mechanicsville. Able and instructive papers were presented by Revs. J. A. Brown, C. C. Scott, D. J. Sanders and Misses Edna Lowery, Hattie Brunson and A. L. Townsend, several of which were requested for publication in the SOUTHWESTERN. Dr. Grice is winding up his sixth year on the Orangeburg District. He has worked hard and faithfully and deserves the success achieved and the esteem in which he is held by his brethren. Rev. F. E. McDonald, the efficient pastor and the dear people of the charge royally entertained the conference and placed the members under lasting obligations. Resolutions of commendation concerning Elder J. L. Grice were unanimously passed by the conference.

A. G. TOWNSEND, Reporter.

The Birmingham District Conference convened at Mantua, Ala., Aug. 19, 1903. Presiding Elder B. G. Smith, who is serving his sixth year on the district, presided, in a businesslike manner. The district has made marvelous advancement during his administration, along all lines, chief of which is a brownstone church being erected in Birmingham, which, when completed, will be the pride of Meth-

odism in Alabama. On several occasions Presiding Elder Smith made urgent appeals for the support of the SOUTHWESTERN, the great life-giving organ of the church in the Southland. The work of the Church Extension was reviewed by Revs. Wm. Lee-wood and T. H. Ham; they urged the prompt settlement of all loans secured from same. Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, Revs. R. J. Buckner and J. C. Sammons. Both speakers were full of their subject. Rev. E. B. McCauley and Miss Santie Reed lighted anew the spirit of missions in every heart. Revs. J. D. Lapsley and Wm. Stoops represented the Sunday School Union and Tract Society. They urged the people to keep themselves generously supplied with Methodist literature of all kinds. One of the best speeches of the conference was made by Rev. C. H. Brown, who represented the SOUTHWESTERN, and reviewed the work done by that paper. Sixteen gave their names to their respective pastors for immediate subscriptions. Prof. W. C. Davis reviewed the progress and value of a Christian education. During the conference \$30 were raised. The meeting was the best attended for a number of years. The delegates to the district conference traveled in a special car both going and coming. There were not enough certificates secured to entitle the delegation to reduced rates on the return trip, but the agent at Eutaw was kind enough to grant the reduction, an act which was highly appreciated. Mantua is eighteen miles from Eutaw, but no inconvenience was felt, as the people met the delegation with buggies for the accommodation of all. The conference was well cared for in every respect. There were four sessions each day and night, and at every one there was only standing room in the church. The people of Mantua own 7,000 acres of land already paid for. The farms range from 40 to 1,000 acres. The chief owners of large tracts are Prof. Smith, Eber Morrow, Nelson Lavender, Zack Story, Ben Howard, Henry Morrow and Alex Morrow. The homes are comfortable and, with a few exceptions, the people raise everything they need. The conference is harmonious and a great success in every way. It is thought by some that it should be made the permanent seat of the meetings. W. C. Davis, Wm. Teewood, Reporters.

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The District Conference, Sunday School Institute and Epworth League Convention of the Navasota District, Texas Conference, with Rev. J. E. Bryant, the efficient and well beloved presiding elder, presiding, was called to order in the M. E. Church, Caldwell, Tex., Sept. 1, 1903. Rev. M. M. Muldrow, his church, the friends of Baptist and A. M. E. Churches had everything good, and entertained well this triple convention. Rev. W. Hartley Jackson was re-elected secretary; Rev. Jno. A. Tillery and Miss Pearl McGill assistants. Rev. S. M. Bolden, re-

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cording secretary; C. W. K. Franklin assistant. This convention was the largest attended for many years and one of great interest. Despite failure of crops, the district on benevolent lines is in advance of any previous year. Prominent among the visitors were Drs. W. H. Logan, Houston; M. W. Dogan, president Wiley University, who raised \$198 for Wiley Central Building; Revs. F. Gary, Galveston; W. A. Fortson, presiding elder Huntsville District; J. C. Eusan, Giddings; Wm. Josey, Hearne; Kay W. McMillan, Marshall, Tex., and Prof. H. B. Pemberton, that leading layman of the Texas Conference, who is indeed a great Epworth League worker. Prof. A. E. McMillan, with his choir of Navasota, Tex., gave a grand concert for Wiley Central Building. Prof. M. W. Jordan, the Hockley District Sunday school superintendent, had his work well in hand. Miss H. V. Broxon, district president Epworth League, knows her work well and the district league loves her. Rev. Bryant, presiding el-

der, is justly proud of his corp of pastors. Dr. Stone (white) was faithful in attendance and spoke in glowing terms of the character and characteristics of our delegation. The colored Law and Order Organization held their weekly meeting in court-house and our meeting, as fraternal delegates, was represented by Drs. M. W. Dogan, W. Hampton Logan, Revs. Frank Gary and J. O. Williams, who won laurels for us in their speeches on the Negro problem. Sunday was a glorious day for our Methodism. At 9:30, Model Sunday School conducted by Prof. H. B. Pemberton; 10:30 love feast by Rev. J. E. Beal; at 11 Rev. J. O. Williams, A. B.,

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..... Nov. 26-29
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Shubuta, Ellisville, Miss., W. H. M. S.
..... Oct. 21-22
Tupelo, Amory, Miss., S. S. C. Nov. 4-8

preached a very strong practical sermon; 3 p. m. Rev. S. Monroe Bolden shook the manna tree; 8 p. m. Rev. Kay W. McMillan did justice to the blessed Word of God; joy reigned. This closed a great session, to meet in Navasota, Tex., 1904. The Caldwell people claim that they were blessed by our coming to them, even the white people praised the deportment of our entire delegation. Prof. S. A. Smith, principal of Caldwell City school, is indeed a Christian gentleman. Prof. D. Porter stands loyally by our work. Rev. H. S. Rice, A. M. E., pastor, helped in the struggle; no efforts were spared to deepen the work of our Methodism in Caldwell.

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The Paris Sub-District League convened at Falmouth, Ky., Oct. 10, 1903. Rev. L. M. Hagood presided at the morning session. Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. H. Stanley. Initiative to the work of the 10th, Rev. L. M. Hagood, the evening of the 9th inst., preached a very interesting sermon. The afternoon session was opened at 2, presided over by Rev. H. A. Foreman, president of the Sub-District League. Illness in his family prevented his presence at the morning session. The welcome address was delivered by Miss L. Lewis; responded to by Rev. L. M. Hagood; both efforts were highly creditable. The various officers were elected and the organization completed. The night session began at 7:30, with devotional exercises. The regular programme was resumed and two very excellent papers were read by Misses Carrie Southgate and Bertha Warner. Both papers were discussed by members of the League. North Middleton was selected as the seat of the next session, the date of the session to be determined later.

MARY E. MILLER, Secretary.

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Leo, Ga.—The Gainesville District Annual Camp Meeting, of Rock Spring Church, met Sept. 2, 1903, at Leo, Ga., and was conducted by G. W. Arnold, D. D., presiding elder of the Gainesville District. Rev. L. W. Coats, pastor at Nicholson, Ga., preached the opening sermon. Our camp ground is 20 miles from the railroad, yet we had with us Rev. M. M. Alston, D. D., presiding elder of the Griffin district; Pastors: P. H. Travis, Atlanta, Ga., E. R. Miller, Harmony Grove, Ga., J. H. Davis, Decatur, Ga., C. H. Blake, Hoschton, Ga., and J. H. Hardy, Gillsville, Ga. P. H. Travis preached a stirring sermon Sunday morning. Elder M. M. Alston, in the afternoon, thrilled our hearts with the pure word of God. We can say freely that this was the best meeting of any previously held. We had 32 accessions and 31 conversions. Total collection \$48.91. T. S. Brown, Secty.

The Houston District Conference convened at 2:30 Sept. 7, at Newman's Chapel, Kendleton, Tex. Rev. I. Snell, the pastor, entertained all satisfactorily. The report of Rev. E. Lee, the presiding elder, showed that he has been very active since the annual conference. Brother Lee is a tactful president. Among the distinguished visitors were Revs. W. A. Fortson, of the Huntsville District; Dr. I. B. Scott, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, and Dr. Dogan, president of Wiley University. The people greatly enjoyed sermons preached by the following brethren: Revs. W. H. Logan, F. Gary, J. F. Barnes, A. Adair, W. B. Pullam and H. R. Smith. There was much interest manifested in the SOUTHWESTERN and Wiley University. The collection for Wiley University was \$172. The presiding elder being sick, having to leave for Houston, his home, the sacramental service was conducted by W. B. Pullam.

The tenth session of the Washington District Conference was held in Ebenezer M. E. Church, Washington, D. C., Sept. 25-27. Rev. Alfred Young, the efficient presiding elder of the district, presided with his usual dignity. S. H. Norwood, with B. T. Perkins and Wm. H. Garner, assistants, was elected secretary and correspondent to the SOUTHWESTERN. Owing to the death of Rev. John H. Griffin, late pastor of the church, Rev. H. B. Matthews, the local preacher, was acting pastor, and made the welcome address. The presiding elder's report was short and pointed. Three hundred dollars more in benevolent money had been raised than ever before in the history of the district. Committees: Sidney Thompson, Rudolph Wheeler, Revs. L. A. Carter and A. F. Bell on resolutions; city pastor and pastor at seat of next meeting, committee on program of next district conference; on admission to traveling connection, Revs. M. W. Clair, Wm. H. Gaines, Nathan Ross; Revs. B. F. Meyers, Daniel Wheeler and B. Bolce, on local preachers and exhorters; on license to preach, Revs. T. H. Brooks, Philmon Diggs and B. W. Brown. Rev. B. T. Perkins, pastor Sandy Springs circuit, Md., read a very excellent paper on "Is the Evangelization of the World in a Generation Possible?" Revs. Moses Luke, of Charleston, W. Va.; Wm. Brown, Dr. I. L. Thomas, S. H. Brown and Miss Mary Poindexter, our deaconess, were among the visitors. The presiding elder announced the appointment of Rev. Wm. T. Harris as successor to Rev. John

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H. Griffin (deceased) in the pastorate of Ebenezer M. E. Church, Washington, D. C. Dr. Spencer, president of Morgan College, represented his school. Of 27 appointments, 24 reported. Thirteen local preachers, 10 exhorters, 14 class leaders, 15 superintendents, 12 Epworth League presidents reported. Licenses of all local preachers and exhorters recommended by their respective quarterly conferences were renewed. Brother Samuel Jones and Rudolph Wheeler were licensed local preachers. John C. Jacobs, local preacher from A. M. E. Church, and James Carr, from Christian Church, had their licenses exchanged for ours.

Wm. H. Kent and N. W. Dyson were recommended for deacons' orders. Rev. John A. Dockett was recommended for the traveling connection. A resolution on the equalization of Annual Conference officers and General Conference delegates, regardless of appointments, was unanimously adopted. Brother Johnson read a paper on "The Leader and His Duty to His Class." At 11 a. m., Sunday, Rev. Wm. T. Harris, the new pastor, preached his introductory sermon, which was well received. Love feast was held at 8 p. m. by Rev. A. Young, P. E., and at 8 p. m. Rev. L. A. Carter, of Laytonville, Md., preached. B. H. Norwood.

T. M. R. Hunt, Pastor, West Point, Texas.—Last Sunday, Oct. 4, was observed here as Children's Day. Program carried out to the letter. Collection, \$3.25. I am working to obtain subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. We have a live Sunday School and are planning to cell our church and purchase a good bell.

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"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Rev. John E. Champlin, one of the oldest members of the North Carolina Conference in the effective work, died Oct. 3. He had charge of the midway circuit and was making his last round before the sitting of his conference. Elder Champlin was born 1841, converted at the age of 24, joined the conference 1871; was presiding elder of the Wilmington District four years and was elected to the General Conference as ministerial delegate. In his latter years his health failed and he was forced to ask for superannuate relation, but requested his conference to make his effective, in which relation he fell at his post, one of the best preachers of his conference. He has gone to join his dear wife who preceded him by nine months and twenty days. The funeral was conducted at the M. E. Church by the writer, assisted by Revs. M. J. Bullock, S. P. West, S. L. May, D. Brooks, D. Connell, S. Laughlin and Rev. Proy. Interment was made in the cemetery of High Point, N. C. Brother Champlin leaves seven children, all grown excepting a daughter of twelve years, who becomes a conference claimant. May the

blessings of God rest on the bereaved children. W. R. ZEIGLER, Pastor.
High Point, N. C.

September 21, 1903, Rev. Logan W. Miles, an esteemed member of the Lexington Conference, and pastor at Pewee Valley, Ky., peacefully and triumphantly passed away. He was perfectly conscious to the last. He selected as his funeral text the 17th chapter, 4th verse of the book of St. John. I have glorified thee on the earth. I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." As his request the writer and Dr. J. H. Stanley, presiding elder, conducted his funeral service at Simpsonville, Ky., where his family resides. The following ministers attended: Dr. J. Courtney, Revs. D. R. Hickman, E. R. Lewis, S. W. Ziegler, J. W. Russell, W. H. Bloomer, L. C. Harris and E. D. Lawrence. He leaves a bereaved wife and seven children. E. D. MILLER.

Rev. Nora H. Speight was born in Sumter County, Ala., Aug. 15, 1858, was converted at the age of 19 years and entered the ministry the same year. For 27 years his work as a minister was in full accord with his dying words, "I have given my life for my church, home and God." He was indeed a husband, a father, a friend, to the poor, and the people's preacher. He departed this life in full faith Sept. 28, 1903, at 12:45 p. m. He leaves a devoted wife, a son, a daughter, a brother, and a number of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. He was buried by the Masonic lodge of which he was a member. His funeral service was conducted by Presiding Elder G. W. Staples, assisted by Revs. O. Nelson, B. D. Lewis, S. D. Davis and D. McCann, pastor M. E. Church South.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.—Sister M. R. Bradford, wife of Rev. J. B. Bradford, of Calnville Circuit, Nashville District, born at Brownsville, Tenn., 1852, departed this life Sept. 16, 1903, aged 51 years. She was a faithful servant of Christ and his church, a faithful Sunday school worker; in fact, was ready at all times to lend a helping hand. She lived a life which was inspiring to all the young people. Her remains were brought to Nashville, where the funeral service was attended at Clark Memorial by Dr. E. W. S. Hammond, pastor of Key Chapel, Murfreesboro, Tenn. Revs. C. B. Wilson, T. W. Johnson, C. E. Alexander, S. M. Strayhorn, J. M. Lyte, A. L. Nelson, J. A. W. Moors and others assisted. Sister Bradford leaves a devoted husband, mother, niece, two sisters, two brothers and a host of friends. Sleep on dear sister—God gave thee, God has taken thee and He will restore thee.

Mrs. A. L. NELSON.

Gastonia, N. C.—Alonzo H. Cottingham, son of Rev. R. A. Cottingham, died at his home in Gastonia, N. C., Saturday morning, Oct. 3, having been in poor health since last summer. His last words were "Lord Jesus take me now." His funeral took place at Epworth Chapel Sunday at 3 o'clock. Rev. Blake and Rev. C. Shute conducted the beautiful though solemn service. The floral offerings were numerous and lovely, especially a cross from the W. C. T. U. of the city. The church could not seat the people. He was faithful to his church duties and only the Sunday before gave a beautiful talk in class and said he wanted to be better and do more. "Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep." T. R. ADAMS, S. S. Supt.

Darrowville, La.—The 29th of September, 1903, Julia Butler departed this life in full faith. She was converted on her sick bed. Two children, a mother, brother, two sisters and a host of friends mourn their loss. The funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by Revs. R. A. Clay and Octave Landry, of the Baptist Church, and Brother J. Singleton, a local preacher, of Darrow M. E. Church.

H. J. ROBINSON, Pastor.

Denison, Tex.—Sister Bettie Dennis, the oldest member in Haven Chapel M. E. Church, and a faithful and true one, loved by all who knew her, departed this life Aug. 27, 1903. She leaves two grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

W. E. BLACKSON, Pastor.

Sweet Home, Ark.—Sister Ann Neely died Sept. 13, 1903. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church 25 years. Sister Neely was loved by all. Dear sister, we will meet you again.

Brother Columbus Neely, the youngest child of Sister Ann Neely, was called home Sept. 16. He was 17 years old and was for three years a member of the M. E. Church. Our loss is heaven's gain. Both funerals were conducted by Rev. L. D. Daniel, pastor, assisted by Rev. F. T. Boom, pastor of A. M. E. Church.

Pine Bluff, Ark.—Sister Mary James, the wife of Brother Lewis James and a member of the St. James M. E. Church, departed this life Oct. 5, with full faith in God.

D. B. HARBSTON, Pastor.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Macon, Miss.—Mr. Grant Johnson and Miss Savannah Harris were united in holy matrimony the 7th inst. Mr. Johnson is one of our best young men and a member of the Baptist Church. Miss Harris is one of our school teachers and a member of the M. E. Church. We wish them success.

J. H. EVERETT.

Littig, Tex.—Prof. Sylvester H. Bright, of Taylor, and Miss Lizzie E. Morrow, of Littig, were united in holy wedlock at the residence of the bride's parents. The bride's new home will be at Taylor, Tex., where her husband will pursue his vocation. Success to their little bark. Rev. R. H. Duncan officiated.

Olivier, La.—Mr. I. Green and Miss Melicusa Lewis were united in wedlock at St. James M. E. Church, New Iberia. W. D. Riggen and T. A. Brown officiated.

Asheboro, N. C.—Rev. Daniel Brooks and Miss Lucy Jane Belfour were united in holy wedlock by Rev. W. R. Zeigler, of High Point, N. C. The wedding was a private affair at the home of the bride's brother. The happy couple then marched to the dining room where many good things had been prepared for the occasion, which they enjoyed with their friends. They left for their home at High Point, where we hope their days may be many and bright.

Baton Rouge, La.—Mr. Isaac Hayes and Miss Mattie Bowman were joined in holy wedlock Thursday night, Oct. 15. The bride is a member of St. Mark and the groom of Salem Baptist Church. Rev. B. J. Reddix officiated.

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Macon, Miss.—Mr. Tom Price and Miss Alice Cotton were united in holy wedlock at the bride's home. Also Mr. Judge Perkins and Miss Mattie Munn; Mr. Dock Tate and Miss Emma Johnson. J. H. Everett officiated.

Fort Smith, Ark.—At the home of the bride's aunt on the 17th inst., Mr. Sam Patton and Miss Caro Murphy, our Epworth League secretary, were joined in the bonds of holy matrimony. May the Lord grant them happiness. S. McDonald officiated.

Rosedale, La.—Mr. Aaron D. Conner and Miss Fannie Thomas were united in marriage at the residence of the bride, Oct. 14, 1903. We wish them a happy voyage. S. Green officiated.

Duck Hill, Miss.—At the bride's residence, Oct. 20, Miss Courtney Salley was united in marriage to Mr. Albert Nash. Miss Salley is a member of the Bouford's Chapel, M. E. Church, and one of our best girls. Mr. Nash is a respected young man and we hope for them a happy and successful life. D. P. Shaw officiated.

Crawford, La.—I joined in the bonds of matrimony Mr. Cyrus Morris and Mrs. Lavinia Proctor, the 15th day of October, 1903, at Wicks Island, La. May they have a peaceful sail over life's sea. ROBT. C. WORTHAM.

Houma, La.—Mr. Jake Glover and Mrs. Carrie Poole were united in marriage at the residence of the bride, who was a member of Wesley M. E. Church. We wish them much joy as they go. May they have the blessings of the Lord with them. M. S. Goins, pastor, officiated.

Cheneyville, La.—Mr. Lucius Carter and Miss Rose Gaddeson were married at St. Paul M. E. Church.

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The seventeenth session of the Ocala (Fla.) District Conference and the ninth session of the Sunday school and Epworth League Convention convened at Santos, Fla., Sept. 9, at 9 a. m., Rev. S. A. Huger, P. E., in the chair. The sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered by the elder. Nearly all of the pastors answered at roll call. A large number of local preachers, exhorters, class leaders, district stewards, superintendents and delegates were present. Rev. J. H. Davis was elected secretary; Miss Mamie White, assistant; Miss Eliza I. J. Jones, statistician; Rev. Thos. Holsendorf, treasurer, and Rev. J. E. A. Keeler, financial secretary. Revs. W. P. Holmes, Scott Bartley, J. H. Williams and J. E. A. Keeler were made chairmen of various committees. The address of welcome was delivered in an able and masterly style by the pastor, Rev. Keeler, and was ably responded to by Mrs. A. E. Jenkins. The presiding elder made an excellent report of the condition of the district, showing an advancement made on all lines. Encouraging were the reports made by pastors, members of conference and convention. Mrs. A. E. Jenkins, district manager and conference president of W. H. M. Society, delivered a fine address to the convention. Able sermons were preached by Brother S. Sturks, local preacher, and Revs. A. R. Rutledge and P. C. Jackson. The Woman's Home Missionary Society held an excellent meeting Friday night, presided over by Miss Eliza I. J. Jones. Miss C. M. Buckbee and Miss Welsh, president and teacher of Emmerson Home School of Ocala, and Rev. W. P. Holmes made able and inspiring addresses. The conference suspended business at 10 a. m. Friday to pray for a criminal who was to be hung in Ocala that day at 11 o'clock. Spiritual Sunday services were held. Brother Reece conducted Sunday school services. The conference love feast was full of the spirit. At 11:30 Rev. S. A. Huger preached an inspiring sermon to an overflowing congregation. At 3 p. m. the memorial services of Rev. J. W. Richardson and Sister Corine Bartley were conducted by the committee on memoirs, viz., Revs. J. E. A. Keeler, Scott Bartley, E. Sabie and J. E. DuBose, after which Rev. W. O. Bartley preached a powerful sermon. At night Rev. Scott Bartley preached an able sermon to an immense congregation. Six persons joined the church. The report of the financial secretary was read. Rev. W. P. Holmes read the resolutions. Short addresses were made by the presiding elder, Rev. Scott Bartley and W. P. Holmes, highly complimenting the pastor, Rev. J. E. A. Keeler, and people for the excellent entertainment during the conference,

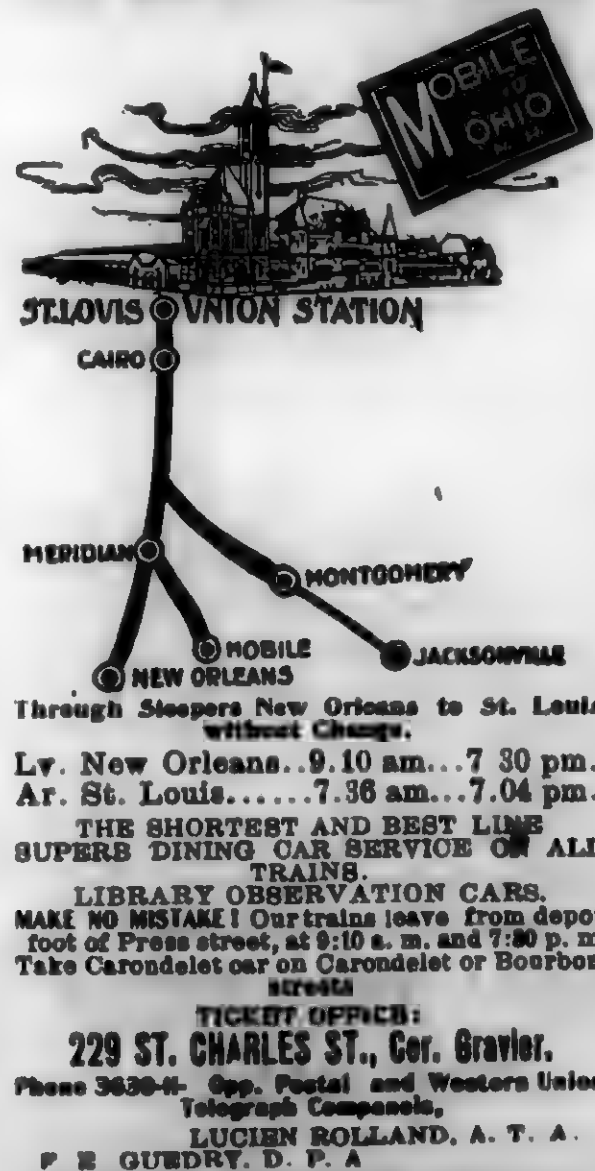
which was considered the best they had ever attended. The conference and convention closed to meet at Lakeland next year. REPORTER.

LITERARY NOTES

The Century will publish during the coming year what seems likely to be pronounced a daring and unique piece of historical writing, "The Youth of Washington: Told in the Form of an Autobiography," by S. Weir Mitchell. Dr. Mitchell imagines Washington sitting down at Mount Vernon in his old age and recording, solely for his own eye, the story of his "youthful life and the influences that affected it for good or ill."

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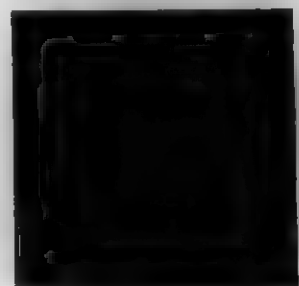
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Editorial Notes

Some of the other states are doing remarkable work for the SOUTHWESTERN during this canvass, but my, isn't Mississippi a wonder?

If the Negro is naturally an inferior it is unnecessary to enact laws to handicap him in the race of life, for there is little if any danger of his surpassing anyone. If, on the other hand, his inferiority be that of condition rather than creation, his progress may be temporarily, but not permanently, prevented.

It seems that the Nebraska white man who sold his wife and a pair of mules for \$150 refused to agree to any proposition made by the purchaser till he raised his first offer slightly on condition that the wife would be included in the bargain. This was accepted at once and there is no record that the woman demurred. Evidently both husband and wife belong to humanity's lowest strata.

Some of the Southern papers say with what seems much gratification, that the North has decided to let the South have its way with the Negro. This may be so, and yet 'tis not best to be too sure; the North may be waiting to note just how far the South proposes to go. Hot blooded people, like the individual who allows his passions to lead him, will overdo themselves when given rope enough. The South did this before the war and sometimes history repeats itself.

The Northwestern Christian Advocate calls attention to the "traffic in girls" in New York and mentions the fact that those who secure them teach them to steal and then ship them to parties in other cities, where they continue their business as thieves. This is deplorable, indeed, but after all surpassed by those who carry on the "traffic in girls" in nearly every city for the purpose of consigning them to a life of shame and destruction. It is remarkable how ready a part of the world is to profit by the degradation of others, and such parties are not all in the great and wicked cities, either.

The New York Age calls attention to the fact that the farmers of Greer county, Oklahoma, are in sore need of cotton pickers and that their crop as a result is going to waste. The explanation given is that Greer county has allowed no Negroes within its borders and now, of course, they cannot be coaxed to go there to pick cotton. This editor has just been informed that many of the sugar planters of this state are sadly in need of labor to harvest their cane. The Negro laborer continues to pass them by in order to secure better pay and humane treatment in the rice fields. The South will eventually come to realize that if labor is valuable it should be respected, protected and fairly remunerated.

The Eastern Missionary Convention

No doubt many of our readers will recall that in October, 1902, a great Missionary Convention was held in Cleveland, Ohio, under the auspices of the Open Door Emergency Commission. It was in many respects a most remarkable meeting and the interest in the cause of Missions was quickened throughout the Church. During October of the present year a similar gathering for the Eastern section of the Church was held at Philadelphia, and while not conducted in every detail as was the Cleveland meeting, it bids fair to prove as helpful to the cause in every respect. No collection was taken as at Cleveland, but information relative to the cause of Missions throughout the world was laid upon the hearts of the people and ministers by those who were fresh from the field, or had otherwise made special study of the subject. The interest manifested was very great; enthusiasm ran high. According to careful estimate the attendance was greater by 500 than last year. The number of pastors and presiding elders present being sufficient to inspire the hope that the influence of the convention will be far-reaching and extremely helpful. Those who are at the head of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church contend that what the people want is information, and the conventions mentioned tend to supply this need.

Such gatherings not only bring increased collections, but they so stir the heart of the Church as to prompt men and women to give themselves to the cause. No church is doing its legitimate work unless it is saving men—men at home and men in foreign lands. Such work has been prosecuted by the Methodist church with great vigor and determination. No field has been opened but that someone was willing to labor in it, and no laborer has fallen but that someone was ready to take his place. It is evident that the spirit which actuated those of the past is still alive, and the cries of the needy are as distinctly heard as ever. As we have already indicated, the two great needs to meet the demands are men and money, and the imperative duty of those who love the Lord Jesus is that they shall either go or send. All cannot go, but the least that can be expected is that they contribute, as God has prospered them, to the expenses of those who are willing to answer the call. We are pleased to publish on page 2, an outline of two of the addresses delivered at the Philadelphia meeting and trust our readers may not fail to peruse and study them. Others may follow from time to time, as our space may allow.

One Result of Race Denunciation

"Give a dog a bad name and then kick him," or, as it seems to us is oftener the case, prompt some one else to kick him. This is exactly the course that has been pursued toward the Negro by a certain class of persons in this country. They have cried out against the Negro whenever it served their purpose to do so, and sometimes kicked him

themselves, but at any rate kept up their denunciation till not a few people seem to consider it their God-given right both to denounce and kick him. Wherever the Negro has dared defend himself, either by force or with his tongue, the mob has come to the rescue, making death in either case almost certain. While this may not have entirely intimidated him as a man, it has so greatly emboldened the rough and irresponsible class of whites, that they have grown to respect no right, however sacred it may be to the black man, and regard no law that stands between them and any crime they propose to perpetrate. The result is that Negroes are driven from their homes, whipped or murdered in some parts of the country without the fear of punishment or even severe condemnation. And yet politicians and many, otherwise reputable, newspapers, go right on decrying the Negro and prompting the rougher element to deeds of violence and bloodshed. In this connection we desire to call attention to a really distressing account of conditions that exist in and about Henderson, the county seat of Rusk county, Texas. Here, according to the testimony of reputable white citizens, inoffensive Negroes of the best standing have been whipped with cat-o'-nine-tails made of dried rawhide, through which sharpened nails had been driven, so that every time a blow was struck the nails would pierce the flesh. Is there any wonder that men die from loss of blood and suffering after such brutal punishment? Hon. R. T. Milner, of Henderson, a leading Democrat of the state and formerly speaker of the House of Representatives, gives the following scathing denunciation of such outrages in the weekly paper edited by him. He says: "Several weeks ago there was kindled in this city a spirit of lawlessness that has culminated in some of the most atrocious crimes ever committed by white men in any country in any age of which history gives any account. Indeed, to find a parallel for these crimes we must get beneath every ray of light created by Christianity and descend to the dark ages, when Romans threw their fellow-men into dens of ferocious beasts to see their flesh devoured. The first of it was the whipping of a few trifling Negroes here about town and warning them that they must go to work and thus make themselves useful. The example served as an excuse to wreak vengeance upon Negroes in various portions of the county, first in cases where a grievance and finally growing into a furious passion inflict upon harmless and helpless Negroes punishment and death in a manner so terrible as to reflect the savagery of the barbarous and bloodthirsty ages of the long past. Of how Jesse Franklin and Jim Phillips, two Negroes living in the Bunker Hill community, were whipped, lingered, suffered and finally died, we shall not attempt to detail in these columns. Humanity, civilization and Christianity have been invaded as never before in the history of the county, and all that promotes and fosters organized society has been set at defiance. The condition now confronting us is one that can not fail to elicit from every good citizen an expression of condemnation. In obedience to the monitions of conscience and unawed by the power of the mob, and acting from the highest impulse of which nature is susceptible, it behooves every man at this time who loves his home, his country and his life to arise to the fullest demands of the hour and see to it that this shame shall cease."

Our Contributors

The Missionary Society and Its Urgent Needs

By Dr. A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary of The Missionary Society.

We largely owe our denominational greatness in the West, the Northwest, the Rocky Mountain region, and the Pacific Coast to the Missionary Society. When, on going west, one crosses the Mississippi River he enters a Methodist empire which stretches away to the Pacific Ocean, and extends from Canada on the north to the Rio Grande and the Gulf of Mexico on the south, in many parts of which the Methodists about equal all the other denominations, including the Roman Catholic. In all that vast region the Missionary Society has pioneered the way, keeping the Methodist preachers on the front line of the ever-advancing column of settlers and even explorers. All through that vast expanse from the Mississippi to the Pacific, and from Canada to the Rio Grande and the Gulf of Mexico, the Missionary Society has laid foundations upon which our children's children will build through all the coming centuries.

In foreign field this Society has not been, upon the whole, less successful. Beginning in 1833 in Africa, we now have one Annual and two Mission Conferences, Liberia, West Central Africa, and East Central Africa, with over 4,000 members. Our work was founded in South America in 1836, where there are two Annual Conferences, the South America and the West South America, with more than 5,000 members; in China in 1847, where there are two Annual Conferences, Foochow and North China, a Mission Conference, Hinghua, and two Missions, Central and West China, with a membership of about 24,000. In 1849 in Germany, the work having extended into Switzerland, three Conferences in all, North Germany, South Germany, and Switzerland, with more than 28,000 members; in 1853 in Scandinavia, where there are two Annual Conferences, the Norway and the Sweden, and one Mission Conference, Denmark, with 27,000 members; in 1856 in Southern Asia, where there are now six Annual Conferences, North India, Northwest India, South India, Bombay, Bengal and Malaysia, including the Philippine Islands, and one Mission Conference, Burma, with 120,000 members; in 1857 in Bulgaria, a Mission Conference with about 400 members; in 1872 in Italy, an Annual Conference with about 2,500 members; in 1872 in Japan, an Annual Conference and a Mission Conference, with over 6,000 members; in 1884 in Finland, a Mission with 1,500 members; in 1885 in Korea, a Mission with over 8,000 members. Total, approximately, 226,400. In these countries we have 469 missionaries and 2,554 native preachers. There are 39,666 students in our schools and 1,401 children in our orphanages. The estimated value of our property in foreign lands is \$6,000,000. All this has been accomplished during the lifetime of many who are still living.

The Missionary Society needs more money. It requires money to send out and support missionaries in both home and foreign fields, and to support native preachers and workers until the churches become self-supporting. It requires money to build churches, to found schools and colleges and support faculties, to erect hospitals and orphanages and care for their inmates, to establish printing presses, and to print and distribute literature. To meet this pressing demand

now upon us our income of over \$1,500,000 for the year now ending should be immediately doubled, which would bring the contributions of our people to the Missionary Society up to three million dollars annually, an average of one dollar per member. Every member of the Church should be, first of all, loyal to the general fund of the Missionary Society. I believe in special gifts, but only after the giver has discharged his obligation to the general fund. Special gifts should be above the regular offerings. If all special gifts were turned into the general fund the General Committee would have a much larger sum to appropriate, and upon the whole better results might be obtained. Special gifts are not always wisely placed. The least needy part of the work is quite as likely to receive aid as the most needy. As a rule the private member of the Church does not possess the breadth of knowledge needed to discern the most needy objects. He can usually rely upon the judgment of the General Committee with more safety than upon his own. Besides, special giving, if exclusively practiced, is likely to shut out of one's vision all parts of the field except the one upon which his efforts are centered, and he is in danger of forgetting that the Master said: "The field is the world." Let everyone first discharge his full obligation to the general fund, and then give all he can for special objects. Above all, beware of the independent, irresponsible missionary enterprises. As a rule they are poorly administered, expensive, and accomplish small results for the money expended.

The Missionary Society needs missionaries. In the foreign field the need is pressing. Not a few of our missionaries are nearing the end of their active service. Soon they will be called to their reward, or be retired by reason of waning powers of mind and body. The present force should be promptly doubled. The best brawn and brain the Church can produce are needed. A half dozen years ago more capable young men and women were offering themselves than the Society had means to support, but during the last year the supply has not been equal to the demand. Rarely does anyone hear a call to the mission field who is receiving a larger salary than the Missionary Society can offer. Not a few who have been long on the Student Volunteer roll are finding more lucrative and desirable employment at home, and the call to the foreign field seems to be slowly dying away.

This leads me to say, finally, that the greatest need of the Missionary Society is the blessing of God in answer to fervent prayer. Let every Methodist pray for the Missionary Society and all its agencies and representatives in all parts of the world. Or, rather, let every member pray for himself, and the entire membership of the Church, and in answer to prayer the Holy Ghost will descend upon the whole Church in a baptism of fire, and then all the money needed will be given, and all the missionaries needed will be forthcoming, and soon "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

The Church's Imperative Duty

BY MR. JOHN R. MOTT,

General Secretary, World's Student Christian Federation.

The imperative duty of the Church is the evan-

gelization of the world in this generation. What is meant by the evangelization of the world in this generation? We do not imply a hasty or superficial preaching of the Gospel. We do not use the expression as a prophecy. It calls attention to what may and ought to be done, not necessarily to what is actually going to occur. We do not minimize the importance of any method of missionary work which has been and is being used by the Spirit of God. We rather add emphasis to all the regular forms of missionary work, such as educational, medical, literary and evangelistic. The evangelization of the world in this generation should not be regarded as an end in itself. The Church will not have fulfilled her task when the gospel has been preached to all men. Such evangelization must be followed by baptism of the converts, by their organization into churches, by building them up in knowledge, faith and character, and by training them for service. The great objective should be always kept in mind, namely, the planting and developing in non-Christian lands of self-supporting, self-directing and self-propagating churches.

We do not ignore the difficulties in the way of making Christ known to the present generation—difficulties physical, political, social, intellectual, moral and religious. There is nothing to be gained by deceiving ourselves as to the existence of such difficulties, their number and greatness. It is well, however, to avoid the tendency to magnify difficulties and to minimize the providential opportunities and the resources of the witnesses and ambassadors of Jesus Christ.

As to the possibility of accomplishing the evangelization of the world in this generation, let us look at a number of considerations. It seems possible, in view of what the Christians of the first generation accomplished, in view of what has been achieved on certain mission fields in our day, through evangelistic, medical and educational work, and through the patient and thorough efforts of hundreds of missionaries who have devoted themselves to the translation of the Scriptures and the preparation of Christian literature.

Moreover, it would seem possible, in view of the resources of the Christian Church, such as the total membership of 25,000,000 of evangelical Church members in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, and Australasia, the enormous wealth in the hands of Christians, the development of Christian organizations, such as Young People's Societies, Missionary Societies and Bible Societies, and also the present number and development of native churches. The Christian Church has available a knowledge of the world and its peoples, improved and enlarged means of communication, and enormous facilities for the propagation of truth through the printed page. God has made the whole world known and accessible to this generation. He has provided these wonderful agencies not to be wasted, unused, or misused. Such vast preparations must have been for a providential purpose. Surely, God is beckoning the Church of our day to large achievements.

The undertakings and achievements in secular and non-Christian enterprises should stimulate us to believe that the Church can evangelize the world in this generation. No secular or non-Christian movement should surpass in enterprise, zeal, sacrifice or devotion the Church of Jesus Christ.

What must be done if the world is to be evangelized in our generation? We must have clear and strong convictions that it is our duty to

all in our power, as individuals and as a church, to accomplish this very thing. We must have a statesmanlike plan for carrying out the work. The current plans of the Church are certainly not consistent with the deep conviction that in our day all men should be given an opportunity to know Jesus Christ. Moreover, we must work this plan, and to this end we must first give attention to the raising up of workers—men who are to lead the enterprise as a whole, such as secretaries of the societies, heads of great institutions, and leaders of forward movements. And these men must use the most approved methods. We must find a sufficient number of missionary candidates and develop a much larger force of native pastors, evangelists and teachers, even until they shall number tens of thousands. Further, we must have pastors, editors and lay-leaders who will devote themselves to leading forward the forces of the home Church—men and women who say: "If God does not permit us to go abroad, we will stay at home, but for the sake of the whole world."

Finally, we must have vision. Let us catch and become absorbed with the vision of the whole world evangelized. Let us look down through the years and see the Gospel messengers and agencies so widely and wisely distributed that a personal knowledge of Christ the Saviour is readily accessible to all people.

Double-Head Opposition to Louisiana Conference Division

In answer to a "snap-shot"—caption, "Conference Division Settled," the good brother believes that every man has a right to his opinion, so long as he don't intrude on another man's rights to his opinion. The schoolboy in the debating society is courteous along that line. How much more generous ought the minister to be than the schoolboy. He is very much obliged to the well and reliably informed Rev. J. H. Pierre for the facts on "Conference Division Settled." Your good brother did not know that Bishops and leading members of the Louisiana Annual Conference settled that question two or three years ago and set it aside for twenty years, and can hardly trust that gun kicking tradition, when the written official journal of the Louisiana Conference shows that only one Bishop in the person of the sainted W. X. Ninde presided. The vote on the question to divide was 74 for, and 34 against. Necessary for division, 72, with the Rev. J. D. Pool and your good brother leading the fight to divide. They got two votes over the two-thirds. Are these the leaders you mention? The journal says it was at Baldwin, La., January 1898, about five years and seven months ago. For that year only this was done, and not for twenty years. If there is nothing to divide after thirty-five years' work by all of our good Christian ministers, and have gotten nothing yet, seems to place a very poor premium on that class of men and shows that they are not faithful and pray amiss, when we consider the Texas, Mississippi, Alabama and other sister conferences. If according to your argument kicking does that kind of work, O my faithful brother, pray that more kickers may come into our territory. "We have only eight (8) charges that may be called first-class, as the others belong to the third and fourth classes," etc. That's the good brother's argument. Divide and make more first-class ones. No hungering and suffering pastor, let him be as good as he may, or he can be, will never be satisfied. Suppose he has a

family to care for, children to educate, etc. To be a manly leader of his people, it sufficeth that he be in position. Still water becomes stagnant and forms a cesspool. "The world is my parish," said Bishop John Wesley, the father of Methodism. Most all the presiding elders, pastors and people in General Conference, Division of Conferences and all other questions, which will bring success to the vitality and spiritual growth of the cause, are together and agreed. What hustling pastor or presiding elder, who believes in the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, has been over to St. Martinville disturbing the modest people and affable pastor? If eating meat causes your brother to stumble, don't eat it at all! Read Rom., 14th chapter. The church is looking for good Christian ministers, with spring in their legs, snap in their being, and fire in their eyes. A man who goes in deep water must kick to swim, and he who stands up must kick to walk, etc. Every movement of one's leg is kicking from some man's point of view.

Therefore there is not a man in the world who is not kicking except he be dead. A gun does not necessarily need to kick to exist. But if it kicks, why, something is wrong with the management, either knowingly or ignorantly, in dealing with and using the gun. And so the only way to show its disapproval is to report it by kicking the one using it. Did the pastor at St. Martinville write his candid opinion and honest conviction, or was he simply kicking for a better living, while someone used him?

It looks like a *double-header*. However, the Louisiana Conference Division is not settled by far. The non-kicker is only asleep.

"Awake, thou that sleepest."

No wild talk will do.

Yours just the same,

D. J. PRICE.

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Life of Faith

Go Higher

There is nothing more beautiful in God's world than a young man or young woman entering upon life with a firm resolve to rise above all that is little and unworthy of an immortal soul and spend their lives amid good thoughts, good deeds, and good events. The great need to-day among the masses of young people is higher ideals. Longfellow, singing of the "little boy with the brown and tender eyes," who was building his castle of the blocks on the floor and listening to fairy legends as he rode his father's knee, looks to the future, dreaming for him, and says:

"There will be other towers for thee to build;
There will be other steeds for thee to ride;
There will be other legends, and all filled
With greater marvels and more glorified.
Build on, and make thy castles high and fair,
Rising and reaching upward to the skies;
Listen to the voices of the upper air,
Nor lose thy simple faith in mysteries."

"Go higher," is God's call to all. Character is like the unfinished picture on the easel. We must not let it lay too long without some fresh, vital touch, or we shall lose the inspiration of our ideal. A rich life is not a thing of a moment. A golden character is not the product of an elevated temperature and a thunderstorm. The true ideal is found in Christ. Slowly, yet surely, we may advance toward it, until, by and by, we shall stand forth in his likeness.—*Kind Words*.

One Way to Praise God

There is a praise of God that belongs to God alone. But since so many of our daily blessings come to us through others, there is a praise of God which best finds expression in grateful acknowledgment to those about us for their kindness. The loving care of parents, the instruction of teachers, the sunshine of children's love, the goodness of friends, the faithful work of servants—how much our comfort and happiness depend on all these things! And when we praise God by appreciating men we have a deeper sense of God's care. Little expressions like "I thank you," "You are very kind," "You have done well," are even more helpful to those who speak than to those who listen. One who constantly sees and acknowledges the goodness of men is prepared to see clearly the goodness of God.—*Sunday School Times*.

The Best Things

There are best things to strive for, in which the young should be instructed—things of moral and spiritual import that should be made to glow beautiful and pure in the eyes of youth as the Holy Grail shone in the sight of Galahad. The personal relation of the creature to God and the universe which our fathers prized is still, in a new and better way, the all-important thing. We do not find that much instruction is given in this in our schools and colleges, or even in our churches. The teaching of dogma has properly fallen into desuetude, but a new emphasis is needed on the relation of the individual to spiritual things. This new emphasis will constitute a new faith.

The best thing is to have an eye single to God's service, to place this absolutely above all other aims, not necessarily to prate of it, to go about preaching and proclaiming it on street corners—a practice which Jesus himself discouraged—but to preach through the life, to have in the secret recesses of the soul a sanctuary and a shrine wherein all things of this world are sanctified to the advancement of the kingdom of the spirit which the Master proclaimed. The best thing that life gives is, therefore, a devout and reverent temper, which sees through all forms and shows and illusions the glow of divinity. Nothing is so easily lost as this power of high spiritual perception. The smirch of worldliness and selfishness is deadly to the delicate flower of the soul, fed by celestial dews and warmed by the sun of heaven.—*Christian Advocate*.

On Going to Church

Go early to church. Not only be punctual, but be in your place before the hour for the service is announced to begin; then you will not disturb other worshipers.

Go in a reverent spirit. On the way remember whither you go. Avoid lightness of manner and conversation on worldly topics.

Before you enter, and as you enter the church, breathe a silent prayer of invocation for the influence of the Holy Spirit.

As you take your place, bow your head reverently in prayer for yourself and for all others who enter the sanctuary for the service about to begin.

Resolve that you will foster no thought, fix your eyes on no object, utter no word which will tend to divert your mind from the holy purpose for which you have come into this place.

As the minister enters the pulpit, offer an earnest, silent prayer in his behalf.

In all the service take active part; as hearer, as worshiper.

At the close of the service, after a moment of prayerful silence, greet with cheerfulness and good will all whom you happen to meet, remembering that Christian fellowship is a part of Christian worship.—*St. Louis Advocate*.

Seeking the Best in Others

One of the greatest faults of Christians is the habit of criticising those about them. Dean Stanley has told how to conquer this habit, as follows: "We may, if we choose, make the worst of one another. Everyone has his weak points; everyone has his faults; we may make the worst of these; we may fix our attention constantly upon them. But we may also make the best of one another. We may forgive, even as we hope to be forgiven. We may put ourselves in the place of others, and ask what we should wish to be done to us, and thought of us, were we in their place."

"By loving whatever is lovable in those around us life will become a pleasure instead of a pain, and earth will become like Heaven; and we shall become not unworthy followers of Him whose name is Love."—*Ram's Horn*.

Woman's Dominion

MY DAILY CARE.

I do not think that I could bear
My daily weight of woman's care,
If it were not for this:
That Jesus seemeth always near,
Unseen, but whispering in my ear
Some tender words of love and cheer,
To fill my soul with bliss!

There are so many trivial cares
That no one knows and no one shares,
Too small for me to tell.
Things e'en my husband cannot see,
Nor his dear love uplift for me—
Each hour's unnamed perplexity
That no one knows so well.

The failure of some household scheme,
The ending of some pleasant dream
Deep hidden in my breast;
The weariness of children's noise,
The yearning for that subtle poise,
That turneth duties into joys,
And giveth inner rest.

These secret things, however small,
Are known to Jesus, each and all,
And this thought gives me peace.
I do not need to say one word;
He knows what thought my heart hath stirred,
And by divine caress my Lord
Makes all its throbbings cease.

And then, upon His loving breast,
My weary head is laid to rest,
In speechless ecstasy;
Until it seemeth all in vain
That care, fatigue, or mortal pain
Should hope to drive me forth again
From such felicity!

—*New York Observer*.

Fresh milk boiled with loaf sugar will soothe a cough when other things fail.

A Tempting Dish

When I prepare farina, cream of wheat, mush or any cereal for breakfast, I always cook twice as much as is required. When cold I pack it firmly into a well greased baking powder tin and put on the cover to keep it from forming a crust. Next morning I empty it from the can when it is quite firm. It cuts into shapely round slices, which are dipped in egg, then fried in butter and eaten hot with maple syrup. My family finds this dish a tempting variation.—*Isabel*.

Devilled Eggs

Boil five eggs until very hard; put them into cold water, and when cold remove the shells and cut in two with a sharp knife. Remove the yolks, place them in a bowl and rub them smooth with a tablespoonful of olive oil, adding salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar to taste. When well mixed cut a slice from the round end of each white, so that the white cup will stand erect; fill this with the yolk mixture.

Oyster Salad

For oyster salad scald a quart of oysters in their own liquor, drain them, and set aside while the following dressing, recommended by *Good Housekeeping*, is prepared. Take four well-beaten eggs and add to them a gill of cream, a little mustard, salt and cayenne, two tablespoonfuls of butter and a gill of vinegar. Place in a double boiler and cook for about five minutes, stirring all the time. It should be like a soft custard. Mix with the oysters crisp celery cut fine, stir in the pressing, and set the salad in a cold place.

Uses for Handkerchiefs

Careful shoppers are buying the large bordered handkerchiefs, men's size, at 10 cents apiece, to make the pretty new combing sacques. Five are needed, and should be all alike. Solid colored borders are most effective. Hang two straight for the fronts, one for the back and one set in cornerwise for each sleeve. Of course, China silk ones may be bought, but the sense of the fad is its price. Bandanna handkerchiefs are very gay and effective for the lazy breakfast-in-bed woman.

Another use for handkerchiefs when there is a bargain day: Buy three with hemstitch or drawn-work borders. Overhand an insertion an inch or two wide around each one. A beading is added to join and baby ribbon of selected color runs through the whole. The same beading goes all around and a lace ruffle finishes a pretty dresser scarf. Loops without ends may be at the corners.

Dainty Drop Cakes

Follow any good sponge cake recipe and drop the batter from a teaspoon on buttered paper. Bake until lightly browned, then trim the edges. On one-half of the cakes spread jelly of different kinds, such as peach, raspberry and currant. Put the unsprayed cakes on these, then cover with icing. In flavoring the icing use what combines with the jelly used—almond flavoring with the peach jelly, chocolate with the currant, and so on. These dainty cakes can be made several colors by coloring some of the icing with cranberry juice; some with the grated rind of orange of lemon, or the yolk of eggs; some with chocolate, and the others can be left white. These look very pretty mixed. For a change, some of the cakes can be put together with chopped nuts stuck together with the white of an egg, or with chopped fruits, such as dates and figs.—*Selected*.

A Novel Cravat

Last season the most fashionable of the fur boas were broad and flat and very, very long. To-day there are fur neckscarfs which are nothing more than a cravat. It takes but little fur to make them, and yet they are the very smartest fur novelty of the day. Some are tied just the way the smart girl arranges ends of her pique or satin stock—one end put under the stock in front,

then drawn over so that it falls over the other end. A scarf-pin is then caught through the two ends. Other of these novel cravats are arranged in the same way, only that the ends are finished with fur balls. There are also fur cravats tied in a four-in-hand knot, and still others made with a silk or satin stock, with one tab or a cluster of tabs for its touch of novelty.—*Grace Margaret Gould, in the November Woman's Home Companion*.

To Prolong Youth

The best way to ward off old age is not to fear it, not to allow one's self to be crushed by the dread of advancing years, but to look upon each added year as a period of development and fresh experience.

Keep up your interest in and association with the young, but relinquish too youthful toilets. Do not make your effort to retain youth at all apparent, nor pose as a rival to young women. It is entirely justifiable and proper, however, to take a little extra pains to preserve the freshness of the complexion, the brightness of the eyes. The best thing is to keep the circulation active by plenty of cleansing baths and out-of-door exercise. Take a brisk walk every day unhampered by heavy clothing. With each advancing year one will need to be more careful as to personal appearance, cleanliness, neatness, and, so far as possible, elegance, must be constantly secured. But above all, the qualities of the mind and heart are to be cultivated. Cheerfulness, amiability, and an intelligent interest in the affairs of the day go far to make one popular and to prolong the golden season of youth.—*St. Louis Advocate*.

Young Friends

ASKING THE WAY.

Boys in earnest ask their way
Through the problems of to-day,
Just as boys have always done,
Who have earnestly begun;
Just as boys must always do
Who would battle safely through.
Men of action who have won
In the races nobly run;
Men of honor who attain
Peace and glory without stain;
Men of will and men of might,
Who have championed the right,
These were, not long ago,
Eager boys who sought to know;
Earnest boys, who asked the way,
Step by step and day by day.

—*Frank Walcott Hutt, in The Classmate*.

Be as careful of the books you read as of the company you keep; for your habits and character will be as much influenced by the former as by the latter. Paxton Hood.

How to Succeed

Kubelik, the greatest of violin players, says, in an exchange, that he should like to give the American boys advice on how to succeed:

First, they must learn to wish. Until they they know how to wish, till their whole soul is one wish, they can never be what they would be. A wish that hurts and hurts—that is the wish that comes true. And the whole world and poverty and friends and ill health cannot stop it from coming true.

If they wish they will work. Wishing and working will make the world right over for them. The boy who would like to succeed, he cannot succeed, but the boy who wishes to succeed till

he cannot eat or sleep or do anything but work, for wishing, he has success.

"May I Ring the Bell?"

One Sabbath, on an island in the Indian Ocean, a missionary was studying a sermon to preach in the language of the people. A boy, half-clad, came in and said:

"May I do something for Jesus?"

"And what can you do?" asked the missionary.

Blushing and stammering as if afraid to say anything, he replied:

"I will be always there; I will do it loud—please let me ring the bell."

While he was a boy he rang the bell which invited the people to church; and when he had become a man he preached to his people the same news that he had commenced calling the people to hear when he rang the Sabbath bell. Boys, begin when you are young to call the people by bell, or voice, or tract, or by inviting children to a Sabbath school.—*Selected.*

How Nannie Gave

Nannie had a bright silver dollar given her. She asked her father to change it into dimes.

"What is that for, dear?" he asked.

"So that I can get the Lord's part out of it."

When she got it into smaller coins she laid one out of the ten.

"There," she said, "I will keep that until Sunday."

When Sunday came she went to the offering-box in the church vestibule and dropped in two dimes.

"Why," said her father, when he heard the last one jingle in, "I thought you gave one-tenth to the Lord?"

"I said one-tenth belongs to him, and I cannot give him what is his own. So, if I give him anything, I have to give him what is mine."—*Texas Advocate.*

A Pause in the Prayer

"'F I should die 'fore I wake,'" said Donny, kneeling at grandmother's knee, "'f I should die 'fore I wake'—"

"I pray"—prompted the gentle voice. "Go on, Donny."

"Wait a minute," interposed the small boy, scrambling to his feet and hurrying away downstairs. In a brief space he was back again, and, dropping down in his place, took up his petition where he had left it. But when the little, white-gowned form was safely tucked in bed, the grandmother questioned with loving rebuke concerning the interruption.

"But I did think what I was sayin', grandmother; that's why I had to stop. You see, I'd upset Ted's menagerie, and stood all his wooden soldiers on their heads just to see how he'd tear round in the mornin'. But "'f I should die 'fore I wake,' why—I didn't want him to find 'em that way, so I had to go down and fix 'em right. There's lots of things that seem funny if you're goin' to keep on livin', but you don't want 'em that way if you should die 'fore you wake.'"

"That was right, dear; it was right," commended the voice, with its tender quaver. "A good many of our prayers wouldn't be hurt by stopping in the middle of them to undo a wrong."—*Wellspring.*

The Girl of Fifteen

The great thing for a young girl to know is that

she doesn't know anything. All which life teaches is to come. She has heard much talk, read a few books, looked out of wondering eyes upon the great world, but she has not had a chance to do anything, and until one actually enters into the activities of life, one can know nothing of realities.

It is true that the schoolgirl has been brought into contact with active young minds, and with teachers and instructors. She is learning something about human nature, something about the play of forces good and bad in the society she happens to be a part of; but unable to compare, to judge, to reason closely, and, of necessity, she remains ignorant of the real, living, working world.

When a girl has the sense to realize exactly the place she occupies in the social order, she is a most happy girl. Content to be herself, leaving the management of things to older and wiser persons, looking on and learning as she goes, joyous, hopeful, helpful, and gay—there is nothing in all nature so beautiful and sweet as this kind of a girl of fifteen. While she defers to the will and advice of her parents in all things, this girl begins to reflect, to reason, and compare, and thus she learns as she goes on her way. Later on, experience becomes her teacher, and all that she observes now will be translated into what she can understand by experience.—Ada C. Sweet, in *Woman's Home Companion.*

Educational

Philander Smith College

It is now a little more than one month since we opened our doors to receive the old students and extend the hand of welcome to those who have come to us for the first time. Our opening was far beyond our expectation, and it was the most impressive one that we have yet had. Our present enrollment is 350, and if the number increases as in past years we shall reach the 600 mark. Dr. Cox spent the greater part of the summer in traveling over the State in the interest of the school and his success is clearly evidenced by the large number of new students that are now with us. He has the work of the school at heart and the good people of the State, irrespective of denomination, have realized that in him they have the true type of Christian leadership, and they are rallying to his support and looking to him and the institution he represents to mold the character and shape the destiny of their sons and daughters. Our faculty has been increased and strengthened and our facilities for doing work are better than ever. The scientific department is in charge of Prof. Hayes of Kansas; nurse training, Dr. Louis L. Dilworth; literature, Mrs. A. L. Strickland. Prof. J. A. Davis and wife, our missionaries, are making their headquarters with us while in this country. They brought with them a native boy to place him in our charge for the purpose of educating him. He is a bright, energetic boy and is giving the members of his class considerable trouble to keep up with him.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Sherrill, formerly a missionary but now secretary of the Stewart Missionary Foundation, was with us a few days ago and addressed our young people upon the work he represents. Dr. Sherrill is one of our most active and thorough-going young men and we are gratified to know of his success and the large sphere of usefulness he is filling. As an institution we

stand for character, for we believe the future of the race will depend upon the character of the men and women it produces and we appeal to our people to give their united support to the Christian schools of our land. H. H. SUTTON.

Dr. Thirkield at Clark University

I have just returned from a visit to Clark University which is starting off vigorously under the administration of President Crogman. On my arrival I found the chapel packed with students and friends—the enrollment being 451 to date, with the prospect of an enrollment of 600 before the close of the year.

One of the important features of the work to which I desire to call special attention is the employment of Prof. Harris for director of music, as the outcome of some months of correspondence and negotiations with him. The result of his excellent work is already apparent. The establishment of a conservatory of music in this central institution in the South will be the realization of a plan on the part of the writer that he has cherished for many years. Several years ago I made the following appeal for "A School of Music for a highly musical people" in the *Christian Educator*.

"Music in the Negro is one of the elements of his greatest power. He should have opportunity for the best musical culture. We are doing something in the teaching of the rudiments of music in our schools. But an imperative need, in at least one of our central colleges, is an endowment for a well-equipped conservatory of music. The prompt returns sure to accrue from such an investment are beyond estimate. Every Southern school of music, as well as every concert hall, is closed against this race. There are hundreds longing for an opportunity for higher musical culture. They cannot afford to go North. Graduates in music are greatly needed as teachers. As leaders of church music, they would greatly increase the power and attractiveness of the church services of their people. What it might mean, not only for the race, but for the world, may be realized when one considers the tribute to Negro melody from one who has earned the right to speak. Dr. H. R. Haweis, of London, in his 'Music and Morals,' says: 'The Negro is really more musical than the Englishman, singing very often merrily, with the tear wet upon his ebony cheek, no record of his joy or sorrow passed unaccompanied by a cry of melody, or a wail of plaintive and harmonious melancholy. If we could divest ourselves of prejudice, the songs that float down the Ohio River are one in feeling and character with the songs of the Hebrew captives by the waters of Babylon. We find in them the same tale of bereavement and separation, the same irreparable sorrow, the same wild tenderness and passionate sweetness like music in the night.'"

"The tribute of Dvorak to the musical genius of the Negro is well known. He affirms that the only basis for an original school of music in America is found in the plantation melodies of the South. We trust that some friend of the race will enter into this opportunity for the musical culture of a race that God has so richly endowed with the very genius of music."

Ambitious students of music should feel that here at Clark they now have such an opportunity open before them. Prof. Harris was the leader of the great chorus at the Young People's Negro Congress in Atlanta, and is nobly equipped for this work.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.-C. Conference

To the Members of the Texas Conference, Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Dear Sisters: As our Conference anniversary is an occasion which we strive to use for extending a knowledge of our work, I am arranging to have a program, with those assigned who can help us to more fully understand the object of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. I hope there will not be one pastor of the Texas Conference without a representative at our Annual meeting in Houston, on December 9, 1903. Questions will be asked on the work and you are expected to help in the answers.

If every conference officer and delegate will come with her reports ready, much time can be saved and a great deal more work done. If you have not sent in the dues of your auxiliary to our conference treasurer do so at once, for she can not make her report until she has heard from you. I pray that the year has been one full of work and encouragements for you, and our Annual meeting will be a glorious one.

MRS. W. H. LOGAN,
Conference President.

Lexington Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society

The Lexington Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society has placed itself on record at the annual meeting now in session at Chattanooga, Tenn., by sending their first representative. Mrs. J. T. Leggett, the worthy and esteemed president of the Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society is representing the interests of the Conference Society.

Since the conference organization is only three years old, we feel that the auxiliaries and ministers throughout the conference deserve great credit for their noble efforts, as it took no small sum to carry a delegate from this point to the seat of the convention.

Our membership, at present, is nearly 700 persons. Were we all properly informed and had paid our contingent money, which is ten cents per member, annually, the extra assessment would not have been made. But instead we would have had sufficient money to send two delegates. So well are the districts becoming organized that we anticipate no trouble along this line again.

I take the liberty, on behalf of our Conference Society, to thank the good ministers of the Lexington Conference who are working so harmoniously with the promoters of this great society. We fully realize that every time an auxiliary is successful in its aim that there is a progressive minister at the charge. No auxiliary can thrive without the hearty co-operation of the ministers. This is true in our conference, for all of the brethren who have received the proper information concerning their duty to the work, are certainly doing their duty. The rest are anxiously awaiting instructions. Every minister's wife is an organizer in the Lexington Conference Society. Any woman who does not understand her duty should write to the president for instructions—then proceed.

We are very proud to note that the fifth and last district in our conference has fallen in line. The Lexington District has organized with the presiding elder's wife as president, Mrs. Dr. J. H. Stanley of Lexington, Ky.

At present the Indiana District remains at the head of the list for finances. Indianapolis is striving to keep the George Downing auxiliary in the lead. So close is the auxiliary of Spring-

field, O. in the race that we fear a tie for the banner at conference time. Even St. John, Cincinnati, Princeton, Indiana and Jeffersonville will need to put on new zeal to hold their places.

There will be a real banner presented at the next session of the Annual Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society by the conference treasurer to the district treasurer who reports the most money raised in her district for all purposes, *coming under the head of work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society*. We will bear in mind, please, that all local work, such as charity in the local charge or monies raised by auxiliaries for pastor's benevolence or for church or parsonage repairs, etc., can only be reported to your own auxiliary. Such work does not come under regular Woman's Home Missionary Society work, and the general treasurer will not accept the report from a conference treasurer. If you do such work, do not expect your delegate to report it at the conference. Who shall have this banner? Indianapolis is working for it. The auxiliary treasurers must send their dues and money to be credited in general society to conference treasurer. The contingent money goes to the district treasurer. She should receive 7½ cents per member out of the 10 cents per member contingent money. She keeps 2½ cents per member for expense of her district. She sends the 5 cents per member to the conference treasurer to remain as delegate's fund. The auxiliary treasurer keeps the other 2½ cents per member for the expense of her auxiliary. Anyone not understanding this please write the conference treasurer.

The entire conference contributed the amount of \$28.68 for the delegate's fund. The following charges are represented to date (Oct. 25th): Indianapolis, \$5; Springfield, O., \$4; Princeton, Ind., \$3.05; Troy, O., \$3; Mt. Zion, Cir., \$2.50; St. John Cir., \$2.50; Ninth St., Covington, \$2; Connersville, Ind., \$2; Jefferson, Ind., \$1.68; Muncie, Ind., \$1.15; Bloomington, \$1; Flemmingsburg, Ky., \$0.80. The conference treasurer will gladly correct any mistakes in this report if there be any.

Respectfully,

MATTIE A. SISSLE,
Lex. Conf. Treas., W. H. M. S.

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

Topic November 15.

PERSONAL WORK THE DUTY OF EVERY CHRISTIAN.

Scripture References: Jno. 1:35-42, 45, 46; Acts 8:26.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday. Following the Work of Others. Jno. 4:37, 38.

Tuesday. Full of Good Works. Acts 9:36.

Wednesday. Healing the Cripple. Acts 14:8-10.

Thursday. Casting Out Evil Spirits. Acts 16:16-18.

Friday. Peter At Work. Acts 10:19-27.

Saturday. Christ's Example. Jno. 4:5-30.

We are to have a frank talk together today upon a theme which lies at the bottom of all forward movements of the kingdom. Goodness is personal. Religion is personal. What we do for humanity and the kingdom will be done personally. We may, it is true, have representatives here and there, as the soldier sends a substitute to the field of battle, but no man does his best work by means of a substitute. If the world is to be enriched by the labor and toil of men, let each man buckle on his own sword and go to the front. If we are to have the best work

done that man can do, let each man go to his task and put his best heart's blood into the task.

Work, though the enemy's laughter
Over the valleys may sweep—
For God's patient workers hereafter
Shall laugh when the enemies weep.
Ever on Jesus reliant,
Press on your chivalrous way,
The mightiest Philistine giant,
His Davids are chartered to slay.

1. *Work your best.* Let this be your motto. Do not be satisfied with anything unless you have done your best. A boy passing on the street one day overtook a man lazily whistling a popular air. The boy looked at him for a minute and then said: "I can beat that whistling." So he drew up his little lips in whistling form and poured out the tune with all the gush and buoyancy of his young heart, while the man looked on. But the man had even a better whistle in him than that, and accepting the boy's challenge he poured forth the best whistle he had, which really astonished the boy. "Well," said the boy, "when you whistle, why don't you do your best?" So I have wondered a thousand times why people do not do their best. Are you going to sing, do your best. Are you going to teach a Sunday school class, do your best. Are you going to preach, do your best. Are you going to make a gift for Missions, do your best. Are you president of some church auxiliary, do your best. *Do your best!* God help you to do your best.

Work for time is flying;
Work with hearts sincere;
Work for souls are dying;
Work for night is near.

2. *Be constant.* Some people work by spells. If the sun were not constant in his influence, vegetation would perish and our planetary system would become a grinding wreck of worlds. Clouds may float between the earth and the sun, but the sun's influence is constant. Be constant in your work. What if everything should not be to your liking, work anyway. Did you say things are not like they used to be, very well, work anyway. I sat in a great conference last week and heard the appointments read, and heard the storm of protests that arose over one special appointment and heard some people say they were not going to work any more. I reasoned with them and showed them the folly of such a course and they said they would stand at their post.

In this glorious calling
Work 'till day is o'er,
Work till evening falling
You can work no more.

3. *Be alert.* You may send two men over the same route of travel and they will come back with different stories of what they saw. Their story will indicate the alertness of the faculty of observation. So men live on in the world as members of the church and never see anything which ought to be done, and never seem to hear either the call of opportunity or the call of the need which lives about them. To bring a man to church or send a child to Sunday school they never dream of that. To go out and seek the story of the cross they have never thought it their work. To seek the lost and tell them of Jesus they have left that business for the preacher. But! brethren, the work belongs to the man in the pew as well as the man behind the sacred

desk. Lift up thine eyes and see; open thine ears and hear, and go to thy task.

In His furrowed fields around us
God has work for all who will;
Those who may not scatter broadcast,
Yet may plant it hill by hill.
Soon life's springtime will be over,
And its autumn days will come;
Happy then will be those workmen
Who have sheaves to carry home.

The bible abounds with beautiful examples of personal work. Peter on his way to Cæsarea to preach the truth of Cornelius; Andrew finding his own brother and bringing him to Christ; Philip in the lonely desert way waiting to teach the Eunuch the words of truth; Jesus at Jacob's well opening the mind and heart of the woman of Samaria to the fact that the Messiah had come, are some of the beautiful examples of personal work. No work is so sure to bring returns as personal work. The revival may bring unto the church a larger crowd, but those who are won by personal appeal and out of personal work will remain steadfast while many others will fall away.

Pittsburg, Pa.

Notice

Dear Brethren: Our Sixth State Epworth League and Sunday School Convention will convene at Altheimer, Ark., Nov. 12-16, 1903. Please rally your Leagues and Sunday schools and let us have a full report from every League and Sunday school in the state. Remember our pledge to our president (Bro. Jacques) at our last convention. Now let us fulfill that pledge and raise that five hundred (\$500) dollars as promised, to pay on the Epworth Farm. Now brethren, put forth every effort and let us make this the best, spiritually as well as financially, of any in the history of its organization.

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W. C. RIVERS, Secy.

Little Rock, Ark.

Sunday School Helps

Lesson VII—November 12, 1903. Title—David's Trust in God. Golden Text—"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." (Psa. 23:1.) Time—Probably B. C. 1023.

The church generally gives this psalm to David. But some place it as late as the return from Babylonish captivity. If David wrote it, we do not know to what period of his life it belongs. Some say it was written in his early life, while he kept his father's flocks. Others think it was composed during his exile, while he was hiding from Saul. Others believe it was produced about the time he became king over all Israel. Others place it towards the close of his life; about the time of Absalom's death. Many think it should be applied to all the tribes of Israel; to their deliverance from bondage, their wanderings in the wilderness, and their final homes in Canaan. It has been sung by the church, with consolation, for many centuries. It has direct reference to Him who is the "Chief Shepherd," and who "gave His life for the sheep."

I. *The Lord a good shepherd* (1-3). Jehovah has natural and moral attributes. He has all power, is all wise, and is present in every place. He is just, truthful, merciful and good. As a shepherd He leads, but does not drive, His flock.

He provides for them by bringing them into green pastures, and beside quiet waters. He protects them from danger. Notice what Jehovah does for the church. (1) *He goes before* and opens the path, and calls to the people saying: "This is the way, walk ye in it." Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. The way from earth to heaven is a high, holy, safe, and happy way. Way in Scripture means doctrine, or teaching. It has been said of the church: "Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace." (2) *God provides for His people.* He has put life in the seed and productive power in the earth. He has given the seed time and the harvest. He has taught man to cultivate the soil, reap the harvest, garner the grain and dress it for food. By his established laws the fruits and vegetables are given, and the flocks and herds multiplied. (3) *He protects his people.* God has control of Satan and all the powers of darkness. They cannot harm only by His permission. All that may befall the prudent, faithful follower of the Lord will be for his good and God's glory. O, that man would do well his part, and then be resigned to the Lord's will: leave the result with God. (4) *His reason for His kindness to the people.* It is not for worth or merit in man, but for "His name's sake." Because of the promise He made to Adam, to Noah, to Abraham, and to others, to redeem the race through His Son. He is a covenant God; and entered into a contract to save man through Jesus the Christ. All of the Lord's goodness to man is on the merits of our Savior. By Him God is revealed to us.

II. *The Lord a consoling friend.* (4) Death is a separation: an exit. Moral, death is the separation of the soul from God. This occurred in Eden when our first parents violated the laws of God. Man is morally dead, as a result of that transgression, until quickened by the Spirit of the Lord. Physical death is the separation of soul and body. This occurs when we depart this life. Eternal death is the final separation of the soul, and resurrected body, from the presence of God and the glory of His power in the world to come: it is banishment into outer darkness, "where there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth."

The shadow of death is probably not death itself but that which death casts upon the individual. The real death is that which awaits the incorrigibly wicked in the world to come. Physical death, or that which we pass through in departing this life, is likely the shadow of eternal death. It is no doubt but a faint resemblance of that which awaits the unpenitent. There is all the difference between the two that exists between the shadow and the substance. The saint passes through the shadow of death, the sinner through death itself. The Christian sleeps, then not a Christian dies.

The valley of death is the region between this life and the life beyond. It was likely suggested by the deep gorges through which David sometimes led his father's flocks. These valleys abounded with deep caverns in which dwelt wild beasts that were ready to spring upon, and devour, the flock. David had had an experience with a lion and a bear in one of these deep gorges (1 Sam. 17: 34-36). Between the church on earth and the church in heaven lies death like a deep, dark, lonesome, valley.

Dying with the saint is like a quiet walk through this valley. With a walk we associate quietude of mind and spirit: this the saint may have when dying. With a walk we associate

pleasant companions: the Christian may have the angels, the spirits of just men made perfect, and probably the Savior Himself as He passes through the valley of death. With a walk we associate a pleasant way: this valley and shadow of death may be dark and lonely to some, but it need not be so to the child of the Lord. With a walk we associate cheerful conversation: such as Jesus had with the two disciples on their way to Emmaus. (Luke 24: 13-32).

This walk is continued until he gets through this valley of death. He does not abide in it, but journeys on until he reaches the other side. The saint does not continue in death, but passes out into the great beyond. Death does not end all. The soul is immortal. Revelation teaches this, and nature and conscience declare it.

The rod and staff are synonymous terms. They refer to the shepherd's crook. It was used by him as a staff on which to lean when walking, as a help in climbing the mountain side, as a defence in time of danger, and as a rod to correct the sheep when unruly. It very favorably illustrates the law and the gospel: the one showing the justice and the other the mercy of God. The one condemning to death and the other offering life.

III. *The Lord is a fine provider.* (5) He prepares a table for His children, He anoints their head with oil, and makes their cup run over. He has arranged so that every physical and spiritual want of man may be supplied. He who caused the earth to bring forth abundantly created in man the desire for food. God arranged this earth, like spreading a great table for man's comfort and happiness. The Lord does not support man independent of himself, but by his laws of gravitation, of light and heat, of evaporation, and of reproduction, He provides for every physical want. God has also provided for man's soul. But the plan of salvation does not save man independent of himself, any more than the laws of nature feeds him without effort on his part. But if he will acquaint himself with this plan, and comply with its terms, then all of its blessings shall be his.

IV. *The Lord an unchanging companion.* (6) 1. *In this life.* Goodness and mercy are two of God's moral attributes. They have been revealed to us by the helplessness of man. They are seen in his works for, and dealings with, the human race. They would follow David as the water from the smitten rock went after the camp of Israel. They were to continue "all the days of his life." 2. *In the life to come* David would "dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Does not this refer to immortality, to the resurrection of the body, and to the joys of heaven? God dwells in a house. It is large, four-square, and carpeted with gold. It has twelve foundation stones, inscribed with the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. In the center is the great white throne. Above it are all the colors of the rainbow. Seated upon it is the Ancient of Days. About it are the four and twenty seats, filled with the same number of elders. Before it is, as it were, a sea of glass mingled with fire.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation

Conference, Place and Time—	Bishop.
Alabama, Anniston—Dec. 3.....	Foss
Atlanta, Covington, Ga.—Dec. 10.....	FitzGerald
Austin, Fort Worth, Tex.—Nov. 26.....	Walden
Central Alabama, Birmingham—Dec. 10.....	Foss
Georgia, Ellijay—Dec. 17.....	FitzGerald
Mobile, Union Springs, Ala.—Dec. 17.....	Foss
Savannah, Brunswick, Ga.—Dec. 3.....	FitzGerald
South Carolina, Sumter—Nov. 26.....	FitzGerald
Southern German, Perry, Tex.—Dec. 2.....	Walden
Texas, Houston—Dec. 9.....	Walden
West Texas, San Antonio—Dec. 16.....	Walden

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The Way It Is Done in Georgia

A few weeks ago, in Atlanta, Ga., an officer by the name of J. F. Wood went with a money shark to a colored woman's house to collect of her 90 cents. While there, said officer shot and killed the woman's husband, and has just been cleared under the following circumstances. Mrs. Knowles, the woman involved, testified in court that when the bailiff and the money lender came to her house she was told they had a warrant for her for that "90 cents she owed Mr. Brockman." She then sent for her husband, she said, and when he came he offered to settle the debt, but the bailiff refused to talk with him, and shot at him, on which he ran from the house. One of the four shots fired, she said, was the cause of Knowles' death.

Mabel Lovejoy, Robert Todd and Buber Jones, all colored, swore they saw the shooting, and made practically the same statements as Mrs. Knowles, according to the report in the *Atlanta Constitution*.

The defense put no witnesses on the stand, but Wood himself made a statement in which he declared that when he fired at the Negro the latter was throwing bricks at him, and that he feared for his very life. This statement was dwelt on by the attorneys for Wood.

The case went to the jury about 4:40, and the verdict was read in court just about 20 minutes later, acquitting the defendant of murder.

This seems a sample of Georgia justice, and in the capital city at that. The man may have been innocent, but the evidence was against him. He, however, felt so sure of acquittal that it was not necessary to present any witnesses. Even though testifying in his own behalf, his word is worth that of many Negroes. Tillman of South Carolina did have witnesses. Where a Negro's life is held so cheap it will yet be found that a white man's is not worth much.

The General Committee Meetings

As already announced in these columns, the General Committees of the Church will hold their annual sessions in three important Western cities, beginning with the present week. That of Church Extension convened yesterday (Wednesday, Nov. 4th), in Kansas City, Mo., and will likely continue in session till about Friday night of the present week. Then will follow the Freedman's Aid Committee, Nov. 9th and 10th, at Lincoln, Neb., at the conclusion of which the Missionary Committee will begin its session of about six days in Omaha, Neb. These bodies are composed of men, laymen and clergymen, who may be easily classed among the ablest men of our Methodism. The bishops and the fourteen representatives of the General Conference Districts serve in turn on each of these committees. They are joined in each case by fourteen members of the parent Board—the Board of Managers of the organization and the corresponding secretaries, who come on from headquarters for the purpose. These

bodies will grapple with the knotty financial problems presented by the corresponding secretaries, appropriate money to carry on the work for the following year and determine what amount shall be asked of each annual conference. Our purpose is to give faithful reports of these meetings and we trust our readers may study carefully the facts and figures presented.

Dr. Ernest Lyon, United States Minister

On the 23rd of July, U. S. Minister Dr. Ernest Lyon, and wife and two daughters, Misses Maud and Anna Belle, and his son Master Harry Lyon, arrived in the city. Secretary of the Legation, Hon. G. W. Ellis, also accompanied the minister. The minister was warmly received in the diplomatic circles. They are quite an acquisition to society in the city of Monrovia.

So far as ability is concerned, possibly the United States has never been represented at this court by two abler men. Dr. Lyon is a graduate of New Orleans University, and of Union Theological Seminary of New York. He resigned the charge of one of the most important churches in

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the state of Maryland to come to Liberia as U. S. Minister. He is an able preacher, an experienced educator and a diplomat.—*The African League*.

Thanksgiving Day

President Roosevelt has issued his proclamation setting aside Thursday, Nov. 26, as Thanksgiving Day.

Spring Conferences

The spring conferences that are of special interest to the readers of the SOUTHWESTERN are to be held as follows:

Upper Mississippi, Jan. 13.....Mallalieu.
Mississippi, Jan. 20.....Mallalieu.
Little Rock, Jan. 21.....McCabe.
Louisiana, Jan. 27.....Mallalieu.
Florida, Feb. 4.....Goodsell.
Gulf Mission, Feb. 4.....Mallalieu.
Central Missouri, March 9.....Walden.
Lexington, March 10.....Fowler.
Lincoln, March 10.....Hamilton.
Delaware, March 16.....Andrews.
Washington, March 16.....Fowler.

The Queen City Grocery Store is a new enterprise being successfully operated by a Negro stock company at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

A New Church Opened

The new Ebenezer M. E. Church, of Jacksonville, Fla., was occupied for the first time Sunday, Oct. 25, 1903. The exercises of the day began with a prayer meeting at 5 o'clock Sunday morning, led by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. J. S. Todd. The Sunday school assembled at its usual hour and was well attended and enthusiastically conducted. At 11 o'clock the editor of the SOUTHWESTERN preached to a large and attentive audience and a collection was taken for the new building. In the afternoon a young people's meeting, composed of this class of persons from the churches of the city was held. Addresses were delivered by Dr. A. W. Smith and others. A magnificent sermon was delivered at night by Dr. J. B. L. Williams, presiding elder of the Chattanooga District, East Tennessee Conference. Exercises were conducted each evening during the following week, a full account of which, together with a picture of the church, pastor, etc., is promised by the pastor at a later date.

Successful Young Men

In these times people so often take occasion to point out the worthlessness and lack of enterprise of young colored men that it is a pleasure to call attention now and then to the real worth of some of the most deserving. The *Texas Freeman* in its current issue publishes a picture of Mr. Lincoln R. Jones, of Houston, Tex., and mentions his success as a builder and contractor. That paper says: "The one man in Houston who really has his hands full and who actually gets more work than he is personally able to look after, is Mr. Lincoln R. Jones, the well known contractor and house builder. Though in his thirties, this young man has worked wonders in the past dozen years. During that time he has come up gradually from an ordinary journeyman to the proud rank of a boss carpenter. He has done that and more, and he has done so mostly through his own efforts, and he is still climbing. He has built several hundred residences, some large and some small, and this number is augmented by the stores, churches and public halls he has also erected. He recently built for his own use six new cottages in the Fourth ward. These, and a dozen others he owns in different parts of the town, pay him a monthly rental in excess of \$200." This is indeed a worthy son of a noble sire. His father before him wrought well on this line, but his son goes beyond him. In this connection the *Freeman* might also have mentioned J. Leon Jones, a younger brother, who is a successful real estate dealer in the same city. Many people think there are too many Joneses, but the country can stand more of this class.

As an evidence that our people are growing more liberal in their feeling toward transfers, Dr. E. W. S. Hammond has just been elected a delegate to the General Conference by the Tennessee Annual Conference. The Doctor has been a member of this conference a little over two years, having been transferred from the Lexington in 1901. What the Tennessee Conference has done in electing him can be all the more appreciated when it is known that his competitors for the honor were two of the strongest and most highly esteemed men of the conference. This is indeed in striking contrast with the spirit of intolerance manifested in one or two of our conferences toward transfers.

President Roosevelt celebrated, Oct. 27, the forty-fifth anniversary of his birth quietly at the White House.

Personal and General

The Methodist churches in Liberia, Africa, have been enjoying a great revival season. Many persons have joined the church.

Mrs. A. P. Camphor, who went from Liberia to the Madeira Islands on account of poor health, while not yet well, is improving.

Rev. J. P. Price returns to Centenary Methodist Episcopal church for the third year. He rendered a good report of his work last year.

The *Northwestern Christian Advocate* is publishing the picture of each delegate to the General Conference, with brief sketch of their service to the church.

A communication from Bro. Holomon, an officer on the Lassater (Tex.) circuit, informs us that Rev. D. C. Haley, his pastor, is extremely ill and not expected to live.

Rev. H. A. Sorrell, pastor at Jackson, La., and his son E. J. H. Sorrell were in the city recently and gave us a pleasant call. Young Mr. Sorrell brought us two subscribers.

Charles M. Alexander, of Chicago, who accompanied Dr. Torrey on his recent evangelistic tour around the world, is regarded as one of the most successful singing evangelists in the world today.

Charles P. Ford, A. B., who graduated from the College of Liberal Arts of Howard University, Washington, D. C., last June, has matriculated as a student in the law department of Boston University.

A. F. Crawford, formerly owner of a large green house at Meriden, Conn., and later manager for a leading florist at Jersey City, has taken charge of the horticultural division at Tuskegee Institute.

Miss Ida M. Sharp, a niece of Rev. C. C. Minnegan of the Texas Conference, who went from Cincinnati as a teacher in Monrovia College, Liberia, has been seriously ill with African fever, but is now much improved.

Rev. Dr. A. F. Beard is now, owing to ill health, honorary secretary of the American Missionary Association, instead of senior corresponding secretary. His successor in office is Rev. James W. Cooper of New York City.

Hon. Sanford B. Dole, for a number of years governor of the Hawaiian Islands, has been appointed district judge by President Roosevelt, to succeed the late M. M. Estee. The new governor is Geo. R. Carter, former secretary of the Islands.

The *A. M. E. Church Review*, Prof. H. T. Kealing, A. M., editor, continues to improve with each succeeding issue. The October number is a literary gem and a beauty in its mechanical makeup. We congratulate the editor and the Church.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Lizzie Bentley, of St. Louis, Mo., and Mr. Milton L. Sanford, Jr., of the same city, on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1903, at high noon. We have known Mr. Sanford for a number of years and extend our best wishes.

Rev. W. C. Ellis, a member of the Central Missouri Conference and pastor at Fulton, Mo., is having a year of splendid success. He has practically cleared the church of debt and the number and efficiency of his membership is constantly advancing.

Rev. W. E. Hutcherson, of the Texas Conference, found times so tight on his work because of the destructiveness of the boll weevil, and as a result so many of the people left that he has relinquished his work for the present and has gone to East Mehia.

The buildings of Campbell College, Jackson,

Miss., an institution of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, were destroyed by fire Wednesday morning, Oct. 28. No insurance. An appeal for aid has been sent out which we hope to publish in our next issue.

The Negroes of Bossier parish, Louisiana, are reported to have lynched a Negro named Joseph Craddock, who had murdered two members of his race and seriously injured several others. Well this goes to show how faithfully Negroes copy the weaknesses of their white neighbors.

Rev. A. W. McKinny, presiding elder, calls attention to the success which is attending the labors of Rev. G. W. Lewis, pastor at Pensacola, Fla. The best people of the city are rallying to his support and a new church edifice is now in contemplation, with fair prospects for its erection.

Rev. J. C. Eusan, A. B., B. D., a member of the West Texas Conference, who came to this city to take up some studies looking to further preparation for his life work, called in to see us recently. He had just returned from a visit to his mother and brought us some excellent oranges from her country home.

Dr. George H. Bridgman, President of Hamline University, has been granted a six months' vacation by his trustees, and will spend the time in European travel. He sailed for Liverpool, England, October 11. Dr. Bridgman is a delegate to the General Conference of 1904, and will of course be back in time for that gathering.

The name of *New Africa*, the periodical hitherto edited and published by Rev. Dr. A. P. Camphor in Monrovia, Liberia, Africa, has been changed to *Liberia and West Africa*. Under this new name the paper has been much enlarged and otherwise improved. It is a creditable production and has our best wishes for continued success.

Rev. Wm. E. Grose, Field Representative of the Western House of the Book Concern, is in the city for a few days. He has been making a tour of the New Orleans District, Rev. W. R. Chase, presiding elder, in the interest of the Book Concern and the *Central Christian Advocate*. He made our office a pleasant call.

Liberia and West Africa says:

"Dr. and Mrs. Lyon have had attacks of African fever which made them quite sick for a while, but with the care and treatment they received, have thoroughly recovered, and are themselves again. Misses Maude and Annabelle seem to breathe their native air. They enjoy excellent health. Master Harry has recently begun his acclimation."

Miss Bessie Clarece Porter of Nashville, Tenn., is to be married to Dr. Joseph H. Carroll, Wednesday evening, Nov. 11, 1903, at Clark Memorial M. E. Church. Miss Porter is the granddaughter of the lamented Rev. Calvin Pickett and is one of the most charming and accomplished young ladies of Nashville. We have not the honor to know Dr. Carroll, but extend congratulations. They will be at home after November 12, at No. 259 St. Clair avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

It is gratifying to be able to announce that Miss Ida B. Hall, the charming and talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Hall, of New Orleans, has been placed in charge of the musical department of Straight University of this city, one of the leading schools of the American Missionary Association. Miss Hall is an alumnae of both the literary and musical departments of Straight, and has since graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music. We congratulate her and the institution as well.

Bishop Andrews has found it necessary to change two of the appointments made at the re-

cent session of the Rock River Conference. The Rev. Dr. P. H. Swift, who had for several years been pastor at Wesley church, Chicago, was made presiding elder of the Chicago Northern district, and Rev. Dr. M. E. Cady was sent to Wesley church. By the latest arrangement, Dr. Swift goes back to the church and Dr. Cady succeeds him on the district.

We are sure it will be a positive grief to the brethren of the Texas Annual Conference to learn of the death of two of its members within the past ten days. One was an old veteran, Rev. Aaron Neely, of Brenham, who had long since given up the active work and was simply tarrying by the side of the river awaiting permission to enter into the reward of the faithful. The summons came Oct. 28th. The other was Rev. W. S. Curtis, pastor at Palestine, one of the most energetic and successful young men of the conference, who was called from labor to reward, Sunday, Nov. 1st. Both these brethren will be greatly missed. We knew them well and loved them. Our heart goes out in tenderest sympathy toward their loved ones who are left to miss them at every turn and mourn with unconsolable grief. No particulars have as yet reached us.

News Notes

One thousand colored longshoremen are on a strike for higher wages at Mobile, Ala.

The Marconi wireless system has been established between Pekin, China, and the coast.

A railroad is being built to the Sea of Galilee and steamboats will soon be ploughing its waters.

Judge James A. Seddon of St. Louis succeeds James L. Blair, his recent law partner, who has resigned as World's Fair Consul.

The eight messengers of the White House force have donned blue uniforms furnished them from the funds of the White House.

Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador at Madrid, is to succeed the late Sir Michael Herbert as ambassador to the United States.

Dr. E. J. Davis, a colored resident physician of Provident Hospital, St. Louis, Mo., has been appointed physician to an Indian school in Zuni, New Mexico.

President Roosevelt says a community of interest, equal laws for all and the avoidance of envy, despotism and mob violence are the prime requisites for a prosperous national life.

The Quarto-Centennial Fair of the North Carolina Industrial Association at Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 27-30, was a decided success and an indication of the progress of the Negro of that state.

Last week death removed the famous philosopher and historian of Great Britain, Mr. Wm. Lecky; this week the great German historian, Christian M. T. Mommsen, died at his home in Berlin.

At Hattiesburg, Miss., Oct. 27, a Negro, who, it is claimed, had attempted to enter the home of a white family during the absence of its male members, was taken from jail by a mob and hanged.

The United States Government will reject Colombia's new proposition of \$25,000,000 for the Panama Canal, and will resist to the limit of its power foreign control, as now proposed by the Colombians.

We have on our desk a printed program of the twenty-eighth semi-annual session of the Greenville District Conference, to convene at Clarksdale, Miss., Nov. 19-22, 1903. Rev. J. W. Winbush, presiding elder.

Another addition to the faculty of Tuskegee Institute is Miss Vanderzee, a young woman from Lincoln, educated by the club women of Nebraska in the Washington training school for kindergarten work in the South.

Announcement is made by printed programs of the second district conference of the Holly Springs (Upper Mississippi) District, to be held on the Abbeville Circuit, Miss., November 18-23. Rev. N. H. Williams, presiding elder.

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FARM AND FRESIDE

Geo. C. Marshall Editor

The West is finding difficulty in moving its crops because of scarcity of railway cars.

Renters who have not yet made contracts for homes for the coming year will be wise in seeing to this matter at once. The farmer, by an early start, can secure more choice lands to cultivate and fairer terms, than if he delays until the year is near its close.

The cotton mill that has been established by colored men at Dallas, Texas, is a paying investment, and is an incentive to other colored men under the leadership of Hon. R. L. Smith to branch out in the same direction. We look for the establishment of the second mill soon.

The farmers of the South are very prosperous today. They are building better homes; supplying them with pianos and nice furniture, and putting their boys and girls into colleges. We hope that during this wave of good times the lands will be cleared of mortgages, and their owners freed from debt. Do not indulge in frivolity, leaving your homes incumbered with annoying obligations.

GEORGE O. MARSHALL, Editor.

The automobile will be very useful on the farm when it is reduced to a reasonable price. As a pleasure vehicle it is now having its day, and there is no more pleasure in it than there is in riding on a traction engine over a rocky road. What farmers need is an auto that will plow, plant, cultivate and harvest the crops, then take the family to town. All this is possible. In the light of present inventions and the possibilities of gasoline and electricity, the plow pulled by two horses and guided by a man walking behind it is a ridiculous proposition and one that will not last always.

HEAVES IN HORSES.

Most people know the diseases of livestock only in their effects. The trouble called heaves in horses belongs to this class.

When once this disorder is well established it is incurable. It has very intimate association with the digestive organs, with the stomach.

By giving an animal the best sort of

food any predisposition toward heaves is lessened.

A directly practical observation in this connection is that all bulky food containing but little nourishment should be omitted from the food of animals troubled with heaves.

One authority on the subject of heaves asserts that the disease is unknown where clover hay is never used.

Dieting and not medicine is the idea here: "Many different medicines have been tried, but not one has yet been discovered which gives even partial satisfaction."

These are good general directions as to the course to be taken in feeding: "A small quantity of the best hay once a day is sufficient. It is a good plan to slightly dampen this or the like food to allay the dust. The animal should not be worked immediately after a meal. Exertion, when the stomach is full, aggravate the symptoms. Turning on pasture gives relief. Carrots, potatoes or turnips chopped and mixed with oats make a good diet."—*Home and Farm Journal*.

HEALTH DECALOGUE.

1. Rise early, retire early, and fill your day with work.
2. Water and bread maintain life. Pure air and sunshine are indispensable to health.
3. Frugality and sobriety form the best elixir of longevity.
4. Cleanliness prevents rust; the best cared for machines last the longest.
5. Enough sleep repairs waste and strengthens; too much sleep softens and enfeebles.
6. To be sensibly dressed is to give freedom to one's movements and enough warmth to be protected from sudden changes of temperature.
7. A clean and cheerful house makes a happy home.
8. The mind is refreshed and invigorated by amusements, but abuse of them leads to dissipation, and dissipation to vice.
10. Do you gain your living by your intellect? Then do not allow your arms and legs to grow stiff. Do you earn your bread by your pickaxe? Do not forget to cultivate your mind and to enlarge your thought.—*Christian Advocate*.

Conference Notices

NOTICE.

To the Ministers and Laymen of the Texas Conference:

Dear Brethren—Please notify me at once if you intend to bring your wives to the Annual Conference. This information will greatly assist me in the assignment of homes. Fraternally,

W. H. LOGAN.

NOTICE.

Dear Brethren of the West Tennessee District: The First District Conference will be held at Mason, Nov. 27, 28, 29. The conference will open at 2:30 p. m., Friday, Nov. 27. Let every district steward be present. Yours for the Master. J. A. N. MOORE.
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The New Orleans South District Preachers' Meeting will convene at Hubertville, La., Nov. 19. We cannot meet, as was proposed, in New Orleans, on account of unavoidable circumstances. Let every preacher, on the district govern himself accord-

ingly. By order of the president, E. Baptiste. F. D. BOWER, Sec'y.
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We now commence another year's work. Let us go forth as heroes for God and the church, and plant Methodism in every place where it is needed. Take a part of the benevolent collection in the beginning of the year, and have revivals at every point. Let the Lord lead us for his glory. I am your fellow laborer, and let us work together faithfully.

ROBT. SMITH, P. E.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

The tenth session of the Spartanburg District Conference, Sunday School Institute and Epworth League Convention passes into history as one of the most successful ever held on the district. The presiding elder, Rev. R. L. Hickson, was at his best and presided with ease, grace and dignity. Elder Hickson is a polished gentleman, a ripe scholar and a parliamentarian of rare type. Of him the church has just reasons to be proud. This session of our district conference was held on the Ninety-six charge, of which the Rev. W. J. Smith is pastor. Although this is a country charge, the pastor and members of Branch Hill church deserve unbounded praise for the royal manner in which they entertained us. Revs. Thompson and C. L. Lindsey, our pioneer ministers who reside upon this charge, deserve special mention for their willing help and personal sacrifices, in making the conference the success it was. These are noble brethren, loyal Methodists. The District Conference was opened on Wednesday morning, Aug. 26, Presiding Elder conducting devotional exercises. Rev. S. D. Williams and Miss Minnie E. Burt were chosen secretary and assistant secretary respectively. The reports from presiding elder, president of the district Epworth League Convention, superintendent of the Sunday School Institute and those of each pastor and delegate were very encouraging and showed marked improvements along all lines of Church, Sunday School and Epworth League work. Essays of a high literary character were read by Misses Minnie E. Burt, Alice Wilkins, Laura Little, Lizzie Lindsey, Mrs. Mattie Chambers, Mrs. B. M. Pignese, A. M. Wright, W. J. Smith, J. Wesley Hardy, Wm. Wilkin and others. Our committee on District Conference program discussed the question: "Resolved, That the interests of our Methodism will be better conserved by increasing the number of Presiding Elders' Districts rather than by a division of the South Carolina Conference." Revs. D. H. Kearse and S. D. Williams on the affirmative; Revs. Jas. F. Page and W. G. Deas the negative. There was much interest manifested in

this discussion and the arguments made by the debaters for and against, were equally strong and convincing. The spiritual features of this conference during each of its religious services were all that could be desired. Powerful sermons were preached by Drs. W. R. A. Palmer, B. M. Pignese, A. G. Kennedy, Revs. F. N. Newton, W. B. Romans, W. J. Groves, W. G. Deas, Jas. F. Page, R. C. Campbell, W. H. Redfield. We were delighted with the presence, inspired and helped by the addresses of the following distinguished visitors: Drs. J. E. Wilson, presiding elder of the Florence District; W. R. Palmer, C. C. Jacobs, B. F. Witherspoon, Rev. C. R. Brown, presiding elder of the Charleston district, Rev. M. W. Muzon, presiding elder of the Greenville District, Revs. G. W. Cooper, J. McLeod, W. H. Redfield, R. A. Cottingham, of Gastonia, N. C., A. G. Kennedy, Prof. Mark H. Gassaway and Mr. Holloway, of Greenville, S. C. The committee on resolutions were righteously extravagant in their praises and commendations to the pastor, Rev. W. J. Smith, and the faithful officers, members and friends of Branch Hill Church for the royal manner in which they entertained their guests. The next session of the District Conference, Sunday School Institute and Epworth League Convention will be held at Cowpens, S. C. A warm welcome awaits all. Fraternally,
D. H. KEARSE, Reporter.

The Little Rock District Conference convened at Little Maumelle, Ark., Sept. 24, 1903, in St. Paul Chapel, at 9 a. m. The presiding elder, Rev. W. R. R. Duncan, D. D., presided and conducted devotional exercises, after which he addressed the conference on the importance of the district conference. W. H. Simpson was elected secretary; A. W. Piggee, assistant; A. R. Ray, statistical secretary, and W. S. Sherrill, treasurer. The presiding elder introduced the Rev. Dr. J. C. Sherrill, missionary from Africa, who spoke on the general work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Africa. A crowded audience listened with interest. The presiding elder's report showed marked improvement on all lines; a gain in the benevolence of the church and an increase in soul saving. The pastors' reports were read and adopted. They showed a general increase. Revs. G. J. Izard, of the Texas Conference; S. McDonald, pastor Malakau, Fort Smith, Ark.; C. W. Whitehead, pastor, Fordyce, Ark.; J. T. Hawkins, Jefferson Springs, Ark., were introduced to the conference. Several teachers of Philander Smith—Miss Hewett, Profs. R. C. Childress, H. H. Sutton, H. P. Strong, Dr. J. M. Cox, president Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.—spoke in the interest of the school. The Rev. Dr. J. H. Reed, pastor Wesley Chapel, spoke of the new church he is building at Little Rock. The SOUTHWESTERN was ably represented by the Rev. J. J. Freeman. Excellent sermons were preached by Revs. A. R. Ray, G. J. Izard, L. D. Daniels, W. H. Simpson, H. P. Strong, W. H. Morris and J. J. Freeman. Sunday the presiding elder administered sacrament to 107. God's holy spirit was with us and filled our hearts and souls with his love. The conference made quite an impression here for good. Too much cannot be said of the Rev. D. H. E. Harrie and his good people for their appreciated hospitality. The fatherly care with which our good presiding elder, Rev. Dr. W. R. R. Duncan, presided over the conference will never

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be forgotten by the members of his district. The next session of this conference will convene at Marche, Ark.

W. H. SIMPSON, Secretary.

The eleventh session of the Cumberland District Conference (formerly the Wheeling District) met Sept. 2, in Clarksburg, W. Va. The presiding elder, Rev. L. W. Briggs, presided. Devotional exercises were conducted by the presiding elder, assisted by Prof. L. C. Cabell and Rev. Virgil Carter. Rev. John M. Beane was elected secretary. Committees were appointed on Home Missions, Examinations, Programme, Epworth League and Resolutions. The address of welcome was delivered by the pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, Rev. J. M. Beane. Responses by Rev. I. W. Leavatt and the presiding elder. Devotional services second day conducted by Rev. S. P. Huskins. The presiding elder made a very encouraging report. Eleven of the 16 pastors reported their work in good condition. Rev. J. W. E. Bowen, D. D., of Gammon Theological Seminary, addressed the conference in his usual eloquent manner. Dr. Bowen dismissed the session. Evening session of second day at 7:45. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Geo. W. W. Jenkins, D. D. Rev. J. W. E. Bowen delivered an address, subject, "The New Emancipation Proclamation." Rev. D. W. Shaw, D. D., read a very strong paper, subject, "Ought the Negro Membership of the M. E. Church be Set Apart in a Church to Itself?" Dr. Shaw took the affirmative; Dr. Bowen the negative. Adjournment; benediction by Prof. J. McHenry Jones. Conference met at 9 a. m. third day; presiding elder in the chair. Devotional services conducted by Rev. Virgil Carter. Three pastors, local preachers and exhorters presented reports. Rev. C. A. McGhee, of the A. M. E. Church, was introduced to the conference. Moorefield was chosen for the next meeting of the District Conference. Benediction by Rev. C. A. McGhee. Conference met at 8:30 a. m. of fourth day. Devotional services conducted by Bro. J. W. Bruce. Reports from district stewards, Sunday school superintendents, Epworth League presidents and class-leaders were adopted. A resolution signed by Rev. D. W. Shaw, in favor of reviving the time limit of not more than five years, was unanimously adopted. The license of 14 local preachers were renewed.

Brother Samuel M. Beane received license. Prof. I. Garland Penn, secretary of the Epworth League, was introduced to the conference. Benediction by Rev. D. W. Shaw. Afternoon session convened at 2:30. Devotions conducted by Brother C. H. Eagland, of Piedmont. Committee on examination reported on the third year class. Revs. R. R. Boston and Virgil Carter were recommended for traveling connection. The licenses of six exhorters were renewed. Two reports received from Epworth League presidents and from all committees. Conference adjourned.

Evening session fourth day; the conference met in joint session with the District Epworth League Convention. Devotions conducted by Prof. I. C. Cabell, league president, and Rev. John M. Beane. Prof. I. Garland Penn delivered a powerful address on the "Work of the League." The conference then completed its work. The joint session passed a resolution of thanks to Prof. Penn for his address and adjourned. This session was the best in the history of the district. All pastors but three were present. All charges reported except Huntington and Montgomery. The Epworth League is growing. Home Missions are now the order of the day.

JOHN M. BEANE, Secretary.

The Epworth League and Sunday School Convention of the Mississippi Conference met in joint session at Vicksburg Sept. 23-27, with J. C. Houston and A. M. Trotter presiding. The attendance was good, larger than last year's. The papers read were of a high order. The delegates were given a hearty welcome by the people of Vicksburg and invited to come again in the near future. The music furnished by the Wesley Chapel choir was excellent. The welcome address by Hon. W. E. Morrison was enthusiastically received, as was also the response by Rev. A. M. Trotter. Subjects of discussion and papers were: "What Can Be Done to Interest the Children?" Miss Mattie L. Kelley; "Duty of the Sunday School Teacher to the Class," Miss Tartie A. Johnson; "The League as a Soul Winner," Mrs. R. P. Threlkeld; "Why Join the Church in Childhood?" Miss E. A. Johnson; "Relation of the League to Missions," Rev. B. L. Crump; "Model Sunday School Superintendents," Miss E. F. Scott; "Common Hindrances to Spiritual Growth," Rev. M. White; "How to Succeed with the Junior Class," M. Dean, read by Mrs. B. G. Cowan; "The Roll of the Honored Dead of the Mississippi Conference," Rev. J. B. Smith; "The Public School Teacher and the Sunday Schools," Miss Luella Ford. The subjects, "Popular Evils of the Day," "The Need of a Sabbath School," "The Purpose of the Sunday School in the Evangelization of the World," "Value of Bible Study," were opened for general discussion, in which many took prominent parts. Presiding elders J. M. Shumpert, R. P. Threlkeld and S. A. Cowan reported the League and Sunday school work on their respective districts in excellent condition. The future prospect of the convention is bright. With such aspiring presidents as J. C. Houston and A. M. Trotter we can but succeed. The golden age is before us; let us hasten to meet it. MISS TARTIE A. JOHNSON, Secretary.

The St. Louis Central Missouri District Conference, Epworth League and Sunday School Convention met in annual session in St. Paul's Chapel M. E. Church, at Farmington, Mo., Aug. 11-

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15, 1902. Rev. A. R. Martin, of Fredericktown, led the devotional exercises, assisted by Presiding Elder C. M. Keeton, Rev. A. Coleman of Lebanon, Mo., and Rev. B. McCain, of Warrenton, Mo. The conference re-elected H. A. Henley secretary; assistant, Rev. W. R. Rivers of Bowling Green, Mo.; Rev. B. McCain, treasurer. The welcome address delivered by Prof. W. A. Gunnell of Farmington, was an excellent one. Dr. R. E. Gillum, of Union Memorial M. E. Church, St. Louis, Mo., responded. Rev. B. McCain preached the opening sermon. Rev. E. P. Geiger, of St. James Chapel, St. Louis, Mo., assisted. The subject was well handled. An interesting sermon was also preached by Rev. A. M. Todd, of St. Louis, Mo. Aside from the routine work of the District Conference an excellent literary program was carried out. Rev. R. H. Smith and Dr. R. E. Gillum spoke for the Mission-



ary Society. Revs. W. R. Rivers and W. H. H. Brown presented the cause of Church Extension. Revs. John H. Nolen, of Montgomery City, Mo., and B. McCain, of Warrenton, Mo., were champions of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education. That each speaker did credit to the cause he represented, as well as to himself, was plainly shown by the liberal financial response that followed. The Sunday School and Epworth League Convention was presided over by Geo. J. Simpson, Rolla, Mo. Mrs. M. A. Edwards, St. Louis, Mo., noted the proceedings. Among the interesting topics presented were, "The Relation of the Pulpit to Current Questions," Rev. C. M. Keeton; "The Negro as an American Citizen," Dr. R. E. Gillum; "The Most Common Causes of Ministerial Failure, and the True Causes of Ministerial Success," Messrs. J. M. Smalley of Ironton, Mo., and Lou A. Tolson, of Rolla, Mo.; "The

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Epworth League, Miss Inez Parker, Rolla, Mo.; "What Advantage is there in Condensing the Seven Departments of the Epworth League into Four?" Miss Arsanah M. Williams, St. Louis, Mo.; "The Relation of the Epworth League to the Church," John Wheeler, Troy, Mo.; "Regeneration," by Rev. R. S. Hill, St. Louis, Mo.; "Systematic Bible Study," H. A. Henley, Troy, Mo.; The conference and conventions were blessed. Good music was rendered by Farmington and Ironton choirs. Sunday services were well attended; morning sermon by the conference secretary; at 2 p. m. Rev. E. P. Gelger addressed a large congregation. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper followed. Dr. R. E. Gillum preached an excellent sermon at night. Rev. B. McCain assisted in the after service. Rev. Leroy Woolrich, pastor, and his members are great workers. The church was beautifully arranged for the conference. Reports from all departments of the churches, backed by report of the presiding elder, showed the work of the district to be in a healthy condition. Epworth League and Sunday School Convention officers for ensuing year: President, Dr. Wm. S. Brabham, St. Louis, Mo.; vice-president, Miss Hallie Pierson, St. Louis, Mo.; secretary, Miss Geniva Young, Farmington, Mo.; corresponding secretary, Miss Etta Parker, Rolla, Mo.; recording secretary, Miss Josephine Bridges, Farmington, Mo.; treasurer, Mrs. Lizzie Strother, Warrenton, Mo. Following the reading of resolutions, the conference, Epworth League and Sunday School Convention adjourned to meet at St. Charles, Mo., for their next annual session. Rev. Dr. Gillum pronounced the benediction.

H. A. H., Reporter.

The Texas Conference, Epworth League Convention convened in Bryan, Tex., Sept. 15-17, Rev. B. M. Taylor in the chair. W. E. Hutcherson was chosen secretary. Many of the chapters were not represented. We had, during the meeting, a great number of city visitors, prominent among them being Drs. B. W. Roberts, M. A. Dixon, of the A. M. E. Church, the former presiding elder of Bryan District. They both gave us all assistance possible in the work, as also did Rev. W. A. Fortson, presiding elder Huntsville District. Prof. M. V. Burgess gave the welcome address, which made all feel at home. Every one that attended the meeting seemed to have enjoyed it. Rev. B. M. Taylor presided with ease; all learned to love him in this meeting. We had with us Brother Halsell, state president of the Epworth League, of M. E. Church South. His glowing lecture made our hearts burn within us. He

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promised to aid us as much as possible in our Epworth League work. Brother Halsell left the bedside of an afflicted sister to be with us; for this we appreciated the visit the more and pray God's blessing for him and for her speedy recovery. Officers elected: Rev. B. M. Taylor, president; Rev. C. G. Curtis, first vice; Rev. W. E. Hutcherson, second vice; Mrs. M. L. Milligan, third vice; Hearne; Miss Julia Culbreth, fourth vice, Huntsville; Mrs. Wm. Frazier, superintendent Junior League, Hearne; Prof. M. B. Burgess, Epworth guard, Bryan; Prof. J. C. Pitts, secretary, Jefferson; Prof. E. G. Williams, corresponding secretary, Buffalo; Mrs. W. H. Jackson, treasurer, Navasota; Mrs. S. C. Benford, organist; Mr. A. Jones, librarian, Jefferson; Prof. H. B. Pemberton, director of music, Marshall. Remarks by the president and the meeting adjourned to meet in Houston. Thus ended one of the best meetings we have ever witnessed of this kind. Benediction by Dr. B. W. Roberts.

Rev. B. M. TAYLOR, President.
W. E. HUTCHERSON, Secretary.

Shelby and Fallston Charge.—The fourth Sunday in September was a lively day at Philadelphia M. E. Church. A grand rally had been planned for that day and the Rev. C. C. Jacobs was expected to be present. He arrived in due time, preached twice and lectured once, presenting in a very simple but impressive way the cause of the Sunday School Union. The sum of \$16.75 was raised for that cause and \$95.43 on pastor's salary, making a total of \$112. Philadelphia is making a clean sweep this year.

AN OBSERVER.

OLD FOLKS' DAY ANNIVERSARY.

The Epworthians of Centenary M. E. Church celebrated their fourth Old Folks' Day Anniversary Sunday, Oct. 4, 1903. At the close of the 11 o'clock service dinner was served the aged mothers and fathers at the church parsonage. The Old Folks' service commenced at 2 p. m. Addresses were made by Misses M. B. Cox and E. B. Graham to the old soldiers and old ministers respectively. Mrs. M. F. Wilson spoke enthusiastically of the soul-inspiring melodies sung by our progenitors of ante-bellum days, and closed by singing "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." Rev. J. P. Price preached a brief and appropriate sermon, after which the old people were allowed time to express themselves. The decorations were in keeping with the occasion, the service was well attended and as a whole was of great spiritual uplift to both the individual and the church. The oldest person present was Sister Fannie Carter, aged 113 years. She has been a Christian 100 years. Yours for success.

A. D. IYR.
President of Social Department.

The Preachers' Meeting of the Baton Rouge District was held at Wesley Chapel, Baton Rouge, La., Oct. 15, with Rev. B. J. Reddix in the chair. A good many of the pastors were present and discussed important matters pertaining to the future of the district. Visitors present were: Rev. H. Daniel, presiding elder of the Shreveport District, and Rev. John McKee. They came in with Rev. H. Taylor, presiding elder. Rev. Daniel addressed the meeting. The next Preachers' Meeting will convene at Baker, La.

B. J. REDDIX, President.
JOHN TUTOR, Reporter.

W. R. R. Duncan, Presiding Elder, Hot Springs, Ark.—Dr. J. C. Sherrill attended our district conference, which convened in St. Paul's M. E. Church at Little Maumelle, Ark., and favored us with an address on Africa. We were delighted to hear him. The church was filled even to standing room and the audience seemed to hang upon the very words of this great and good man. The congregation rose in a body to thank Dr. Sherrill for such wholesome information on our fatherland, and with this very appreciative token of satisfaction, he is hereby commended to the whole church, for he is worthy.

Wm. Josey, Pastor, Hearne, Texas.—The Union City Camp Meeting, under the auspices of Hamilton Chapel, M. E. Church, conducted by the pastor and assisted by Rev. A. B. Pipkin, of the A. M. E. Church, Rev. J. H. Swann, of Calvert, Texas, was with us and gave valuable service. He is a power in a revival meeting. We also had help from other denominations. The meeting was a success and was largely attended by the white people. Number of converts, 21; accessions, 4; total, 25. Amount raised, \$65.60. We hope to be able to pay off an old church debt that has been standing for 16 years or more. We hope to meet the next conference in good shape. Pray for us.

CURED TO STAY CURED.

Mrs. S. T. Roberts, Clinton, La., sent a postal card request for a trial bottle of Drake's Palmetto Wine to Drake Formula Company, Drake Block, Chicago, Ill., and received it promptly by return mail without expense to her. Mrs. Roberts writes that the trial bottle of this wonderful Palmetto Medicine proved quite sufficient to completely cure her. She says: "One trial bottle of Drake's Palmetto Wine has cured me after months of intense suffering. My trouble was inflammation of the bladder and serious condition of urinary organs. Drake's Palmetto Wine gave me quick and entire relief and I have had no trouble since using the one trial bottle."

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R. N. Jones, pastor, Moss Point, Miss.—Our third quarterly conference, which was well attended, was held according to appointment, with Rev. S. H. Cowans in the chair. A number of officers were present with reports. Collected for pastor, \$242; for all purposes, \$274.85. The elder preached a great sermon. The pastor was sick, and could not be in the conference. I am thankful to Brother R. A. Jones, pastor of the A. M. E. Zion church, and my local preachers and exhorters for their faithfulness, and sermons delivered during the rally. Come again, brothers. St. Paul has noble-hearted members and friends, who always stand by their church. God has said, "I will repay." May the Lord bless this generous people.

N. H. Talbott, pastor, Maysville, Ky.—Sunday, August 16, was to us a hallowed one. Our beloved pastor, Rev. N. H. Talbott, and his official board arranged to have a grand finan-

cial lifting, to cancel a debt of nineteen years' standing on our church, and to have it dedicated, which we did. Our presiding elder, Rev. E. A. White, appointed our second quarterly meeting, and was with us on that day, and preached an able sermon at 11 a. m. A large congregation was present. The church had been divided into clubs. Each one did well. Rev. J. S. Young, pastor of one of our white M. E. congregations, preached our dedication sermon at 3 o'clock, to a large, appreciative audience. He helped us greatly in our collection. At the close of this sermon the dedication services were held, conducted by the pastor, presiding elder, Rev. J. S. Young, Rev. J. S. Young, Rev. O. A. Nelson, of Plymouth Baptist church, and Rev. H. H. Southgate, former pastor of Scott Chapel, now stationed at Augusta. At 8 p. m. Rev. E. A. White preached the sacramental sermon to a very large congregation; 118 persons communed. Rev. E. A. White assisted the Children's Club, an auxiliary to Club No. 3, and donated to it \$11. The Children's Club collected \$33. Total collection for the day, \$429.50, and our church is out of debt. We expect to have a great and glorious Thanksgiving day, Sept. 20, and on that day expect to have a mortgage burning, and have arranged for a grand rally for the benefit of pastor, who has labored so zealously. We can now boast of full possession of one of the most beautiful churches in our conference. Our church is valued at \$15,000, well located, and worth every cent of its valuation. We hope to have a glorious revival this fall.

Program of Fort Smith District Conference, held at Fayetteville, Ark., Nov. 5-8.—1. Bentonville Ct., "Authority of the Sacred Scriptures." 2. Fayetteville, "Inspiration of the Bible." 3. Van Buren, "Divine Sonship." 4. Fort Smith, "The Immortality of the Soul." 5. Fort Smith, (Eb.) "Who is my Neighbor?" Morrilton, "The Office of the Holy Spirit." 7. Salgoachia, "The Existence of God." 8. Danville, "The Destiny of Man." 9. Dallas, "How to Make Class Meeting a Success." 10. Atkin Ct., "The Relation of a Supply to the Conference." 11. Fort Smith Ct., "How to Organize a Church." 12. Wooster, "How to Conduct a Revival." 13. Conway, "How to resurrect a Dead Church." 14. Presiding Elder, "The Office of the Ministry, and the SOUTHWESTERN." 15. Fa. & S. E., Dr. J. M. Cox.

R. H. Patton, pastor, Union church, Miss.—Our third quarterly conference was held Aug. 22. Rev. R. P. Threlkeld, our most worthy presiding elder, was not present, so Rev. A. Howze, pastor in charge at Hamston, held the conference, and he will long be remembered for the able manner in which he presided, and the able sermon preached. The conference was largely attended. Reports showed the work to be in a good condition. Paid pastor during this quarter, \$97; presiding elder, \$15.10. In our revival, which we connected with the quarterly conference, fifty souls were Rev. I. C. Rucker and Rev. Hill House, Rev. I. C. Rucker, and Rev. Hill House, of the Presbyterian church, all preached wonderful sermons. Rev. J. K. Comfort and B. L. Crump were with us also, and brought good news of glad tidings.

S. T. Walker, pastor, Columbus Ct., Miss.—My third quarterly conference was held August 22-23, with Rev. C.

W. Walton in the chair. We paid him in full. He preached two stirring sermons while with us. The Columbus Circuit is in a prosperous condition. Raised during the quarter, \$57.32, and are praying for even better times. We have enjoyed a pleasant year's work on this circuit.

James M. Harris, pastor, Burns M. E. church, Kansas City, Mo.—Our second quarterly meeting was held by our esteemed presiding elder, Rev. J. Will Jackson, Sunday, Sept. 20. It was a great day for Burns Chapel. The sermon of the presiding elder was a source of inspiration to all. We paid him in full. The collection amounted to \$45.10. Amount collected during the quarter, \$261.75. All is well. We hope to raise \$300 the fourth Sunday in October. Our motto is, "The battle for the Lord."

L. W. Washington, Minter City, Miss.—Our third quarterly conference was held Aug. 22, with Rev. B. F. Woolfolk in the chair. Raised for the presiding elder, \$25; pastor, \$3. Sunday Aug. 23, Rev. Woolfolk delivered an able discourse, and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to 113. We held our revival, with the assistance of Brother E. C. F. Troupe; the Lord was with us. Brother W. S. Leake also assisted us. We appreciate the service rendered by these brethren. God has blessed Minter City M. E. church and its faithful pastor, Rev. G. Orange.

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To the Public.

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Paris, Tex.—Little, Novella M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pugh, died Oct. 9, aged 3 years. The parents have our prayers and sympathy. J. L. Owen conducted the funeral service.

Paris, Tex.—Miss Aurelia F. Wells, aged 30 years, a member of Mount Sinai M. E. church, Northwest Paris, died in Christian faith, Oct. 8, at the home of her mother, Sister Catherine A. Wells. She was ready and willing to go. She was the Sunday School superintendent, president of Epworth League and recording steward of this church, and was ever at her post. Miss Wells' place will be hard to fill, but heaven needed her, so we say, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow." The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Owen, P. E., assisted by Revs. Thomas Cole and G. W. Norris.

St. James, Shreveport, La.—Sister Emma Turner, a faithful member of St. James M. E. church for more than thirty years, died October 10, as she lived, a faithful Christian. She held several important offices in the church. Also, little Bernice Margaret McMillan, the infant daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Floyd McMillan, died Oct. 10. Oct. 4, Livey Brooks, aged 14 years, died a Christian. J. O. BROWN.

Galveston, Tex.—Bro. William Mitchell, a young man 35 years old, of excellent Christian character, and beloved by everybody who knew him, died Oct. 6. He was a member of St. Paul M. E. church; was a class leader, steward and trustee. He came to Galveston nine years ago from Columbus, Ga. His many friends and the church deplore his departure. N. R. CLAY, Pastor.

Holly Springs, Miss.—Mr. William McKissack, who had been for twelve years a member of Asbury M. E. church, died recently. His funeral was largely attended; the sermon was delivered by the pastor. His remains were laid to rest by the Odd Fellows Society of this city. A wife, six children and a host of friends mourn his departure. N. R. CLAY, P. E. Holly Springs, Miss.

Summit, Miss.—Sister Bell Johnson, aged 75 years, a member of the Magnolia M. E. church for thirty-one years, died Oct. 9. She leaves two sons, two daughters, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a bright light in this church, a faithful Christian.

L. J. S. BELL, Pastor.

Washington, Ia.—Sister Emma Perkins, a faithful member of St. Mark M. E. church for 30 years, departed this life Sept. 24, 1903. She leaves a bereaved husband, six daughters, two sons, one sister. Mahalle Nelson, another faithful member, died Aug. 8, 1903. A. Gray, the pastor, conducted the funeral services.

Kosciusko, Miss.—Sister Amanda Huffman was born April 18, 1852, and died Sept. 12, 1903. She lived a consistent Christian life over thirty years. She seemed fully conscious that death was near. A husband, four children and nine grandchildren mourn their loss. "She has gone where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest." WM. CAMPBELL, Pastor.

Centerville, La.—Thomas Brown died Oct. 4. Jesse Cunican, aged 12 years, died Oct. 5.

GEO. J. ROGERS, Pastor.

Bagwell, Tex.—Bro. Dan Robins was called home from labor to reward Sept. 8. He was a faithful member, and a good class leader. He leaves a wife and nine children. The funeral was conducted by the writer, W. W. Waters.

Cartersville, Ga.—On Sept. 25 Sister Mary Clemons went home, aged 45 years. She was a member of the M. E. church for thirty years, and a member of Alexander Chapel M. E. church at this place for eleven years. A more useful woman in her church and community cannot be found than was Sister Clemons. She was buried by her society, the Good Samaritans. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, D. C. Richardson, assisted by Revs. G. W. Cames, A. M. E. church, and H. Johnson, of the Baptist church.

Houston, Miss.—Sister Rachel Delany, a faithful member of Hopewell M. E. church, died in full triumph of faith Oct. 1, aged 88 years. She leaves one daughter and a number of grandchildren. ALICE PORTER.

Crawford, La.—Miss Nancy Gasper, an excellent young woman, with the future bright before her, died Oct. 2, 1903. She leaves a father, mother, several brothers and sisters.

ROBT. C. WORSHAM, Pastor.

Starkville Circuit, Miss.—Sister Caroline Mobiey, a kind and consistent Christian woman, departed this life October 12. She leaves a husband and nine children. The pastor was at her bedside on Friday evening; she spoke very encouragingly of the future. May the blessings of God be with the bereaved ones. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, George W. Baker.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Sterlington, La.—Mr. Ernest Jackson was married to Miss Lora Sims Oct. 18, at the home of the bride. We wish them a prosperous voyage.

E. I. POWELL, Pastor.

Daisy, La.—At 4 o'clock p. m. on the afternoon of Oct. 21 Mr. Louis Ingraham and Miss Orena Encalade, of Happy Jack, set sail upon the matrimonial sea, in the presence of relatives and a host of friends. They made a handsome appearance before the altar. Their presents were many. Mr. D. J. Ingraham gave his son, the groom, a farm and a house. Rev. G. Bosch, their pastor, officiated. The young couple are of the best families of Happy Jack. Both are very industrious and their many friends predict for them a joyful and prosperous life.

J. C. EUBAN.

Des Moines, Ia.—Mr. George Patton and Miss Mary M. Hall were married, Oct. 21, 1903, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brewton. They received a great many nice presents. Refreshments were served. O. A. Johnson officiated.

Moss Point, Miss.—At St. Paul Church, Oct. 22, Mr. Jackson Greenwood and Miss Della V. Walker were married. Miss Annie Johnson, of Biloxi, was bridesmaid, and Mr. Willie Huckleberry best man. The church was beautifully decorated. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Rev. R. N. Jones. The bride was attired in an artistically finished wedding gown. A host of admiring friends witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. R. N. Jones, the pastor. The bride is well and favorably known in the community, is an accomplished teacher in Jackson county, and a Sunday school teacher. The groom is a gentleman of good address and prominent in labor circles. After the ceremony refreshments were served at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood will for a while reside at Vancleave, where she is now teaching, and he has employment.

R. N. JONES.

Benton, Miss.—Mr. A. B. Harris, a gentleman of good standing in church and community, was married, Oct. 20, to Miss Laura Kirk, a lady of high social repute. The writer officiated. May they live long and happily. J. C. Houston.

Shreveport, La.—On the evening of Oct. 14 Mr. Wallace Daniels and Miss Edna Seals were happily united in holy wedlock at Fairfield M. E. Church. The church was beautifully decorated, and a host of friends, both white and



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colored, witnessed the ceremony. The bride was led to the altar by her father, Rev. D. M. Seals, one of our ministers. Her sister presided at the organ. The groom is a well-to-do farmer of Texas and has many friends in Shreveport. A reception was held at the parsonage. The evening of the 15th the happy couple left for their future home in Texas. We wish them much success through life. Hubbard Daniels officiated.

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J. H. Brandon, Pastor, Layonia, Ga.—The Rev. S. C. Upshaw, of South Atlanta, Ga., was with us last week and preached twice for us on Sunday. He made a remarkable impression upon his hearers. Monday night he delivered a grand lecture on "The Holy Land." He held his audience spellbound. Such a lecture had never been heard in this town before. Dr. Upshaw made for himself at this place a great name and did me good service. May he live long to do much good for the race.

ENQUIRY.

The names and addresses last heard of them are Rev. S. B. Danley, Nashville, Tenn.; W. M. Buckhannon, Kelley, Miss.; Tom Danley, Plumpoint, Miss.; W. M. Danley, Clarkston, Ark.; Henry Bailey, Everton, Ark. Any one knowing of these parties will please write to Rev. A. J. Pippins, Clarksdale, Miss.

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Central Alabama and Mobile—A. W. McKinney, *1; H. Adams, *2.

Central Missouri—J. W. Patton, *2; R. E. Gillum; J. D. Evans, *1; W. C. Ellis, *3; D. Payton, *1.

Florida—J. J. Debose, *1; P. A. Daniels, *5; S. A. Huger, *1; J. F. Elliott, *3; Mrs. J. S. Jenkins, *8; J. P. Patterson, *1; Dr. A. W. Smith; T. Austin, *2.

Lexington—H. W. Simmons, *2; D. McFarland; L. M. Hagood, *4; D. C. Quaw; Miss Maude Donnell, *1.

Little Rock—Wm. McIntosh, *3, 1; J. J. Freeman, *1; S. M. Stokes, 1; W. H. Higgins, *3; C. W. Whitehead, *1.

Louisiana—J. D. McCain, 1; Virginia Ferguson, 2; L. C. Thomas; C. W. Reeves, *8, 2; S. M. G. Taylor, *2; N. H. Oliver; J. E. Rolax; T. J. Johnson, *4; M. S. Alexander, *1; P. C. Colton, *1; J. H. C. Mean, *3; Wm. Porter; E. J. H. Sorrell, *2; Wm. Harrison, *2, 2; E. P. Harris; Mrs. Louisa Ross; J. W. Lewis, *1; Mrs. H. Baquie.

Mississippi and Upper—J. A. Patterson, *5; H. D. Hardy; E. Reed, *1; H. Roundtree, *1; J. T. Cannon, *3; G. Orange, *10; W. C. Weatherall, *3; M. Cooper, *1; Geo. W. Baker, *5; H. B. Hart, *5; N. N. Sidney, 1; A. Jackson, *2; J. M. Nevills, *5; Haney May, *5; J. K. Comfort, *2; J. C. Hibbler, *2; F. H. Henry, *2; T. A. Carter; W. H. Whitlock, *1, 1; C. W. Walton, *3; W. H. Gillian, *1; J. W. Parks, *1; B. L. Crump, *1; E. P. Chapman, *1; Wm. McMorris, *6; A. Handy, *2; J. D. Gilbert, *1; P. W. Baldwin, *5; Mc. McEwen, *1; S. D. Troupe, *1; Miss Alice Wesley; S. A. Cowan, *2.

North Carolina—Peter F. Johnson, *2; R. E. Jones, *2.

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COTTON.

The price of cotton fluctuated during last week, but the tendency was upward. On Monday it was 10c in this market. The quality is said to be fine this year and much of it might be classed as "good middling" or 1/4c higher.

CRESCENT CITY NOTES

The revival meeting at Williams Chapel closed with fifteen accessions, Oct. 29. November 1, 165 persons took sacrament. Collection, \$33. Rev. C. W. Reeves, pastor, is happy and hopeful.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Varnum, of 228 S. Johnson St., are rejoicing over the advent of their first born, a bouncing boy, who came to their home Oct. 22, 1903. Mr. Varnum is a hatter, and is now hustling for business as never before, since he already feels the weight of this new responsibility.

First St. S. S. Teachers and advanced students are studying Greek. Prof. F. B. Smith, superintendent of First Street M. E. church, has introduced the course in New Testament Greek, now running in the *The Sunday School Journal*, and prepared especially for teachers and students. The course is arranged in easy lessons, and teachers may soon acquire a reading knowledge of the New Testament Scriptures.

At the revival meeting of Wesley Chapel M. E. church, which commenced Sunday, November 1, seven were converted. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to 214 by the pastor, Rev. T. J. Johnson, and Rev. Davage. Three persons were received into the church. Collections: Sunday night, \$14.33; for the Old Folks' Home, \$6.93; total for the day, \$35.75. The Mosaic Tabernacle, No. 2, Accepted Order, will have their annual sermon preached at this church by the pastor, Sunday night, Nov. 22.

The Weekly Express of this city reports a presentation to the Editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, as follows:

"At the regular monthly meeting of the New Orleans branch of the National Negro Business League at the Burbridge & Dejoie drug store, Dr. I. B. Scott, editor of THE SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, was presented a beautiful silk silver-headed umbrella. The inscription on the handle is, 'Dr. I. B. Scott, New Orleans, La.' It was the gift of the members and friends of the League. The President, Mr. A. Dejoie, in presenting the umbrella, said that the humble token was in keeping with the appreciation of the good service that Dr. Scott is rendering the race. The Doctor responded in a happy style. Mrs. Scott was present also. The following gentlemen composed the committee: A. Dejoie, Sr., E. A. Grigsby, B. T. Hatter, J. A. Hardin, L. J. Walton, S. E. Davis, M. S. Alexander, T. J. Howard, Mrs. Sarah Crawford, P. James Scott."

The most important event that occurred last week in social circles was the marriage of Miss Della Benton and Mr. T. C. Terrell, which was solemnized Wednesday evening at First Street M. E. church, one of the leading houses of worship in this city. Revs. J. A. Tircuit, G. G. Hill and Hampton James performed the marriage ceremony, which made the two one. Because of the prominence of the contracting parties, the church was densely packed with the friends of each. The bride is a prominent member of the church in which she was married, and has the respect and confidence of its entire membership. The bride, who possesses an unusually pretty figure, was lovelier than ever in the beautiful bridal attire of cream silk mohair, with accordin plaited flounce, exquisitely trimmed with liberty satin, Spanish braid, and associated with sweet peas and Venetian lace. A pompon of tulle and orange blossoms decorated her hair. Miss Mattie Terrell, the charming and talented daughter of Mr. Terrell, acted as bridesmaid. She was also handsomely gowned. Mr. Samuel Jones, groomsman, discharged his duties with becoming dignity. Mr. T. C. Terrell, the groom, is well and favorably known, and at one time was associated with one of the best and most influential undertaking establishments in this city. He is a man of high character, and admirable business qualities, a leading member of Union Bethel A. M. E. church. Mr. Terrell is president of the International Relief Association. Under his efficient management its growth has been phenomenal. He

has established branch offices in many parts of the state, the largest of them being located at Lake Charles, under the superintendency of Mr. John Burrell. The home of Mr. Terrell was tastefully decorated for the reception which followed the ceremony at the church. The tables were laden with all the delicacies of the season, the huge bridal cake being the central feature of all. Mr. and Mrs. Terrell were the recipients of many beautiful presents, such as are usual on occasions of this kind. The guests, retiring after midnight, bade the happy couple a sweet night's repose and a long and prosperous journey through life.

W. E. Blackson, pastor, Denison, Tex.—We have closed our third quarter, which was quite successful. Our presiding elder, Rev. L. H. Richardson, preached three able sermons. Paid him \$14.46; paid pastor \$55.30; building and improvements, \$53.75; total, \$123.50.

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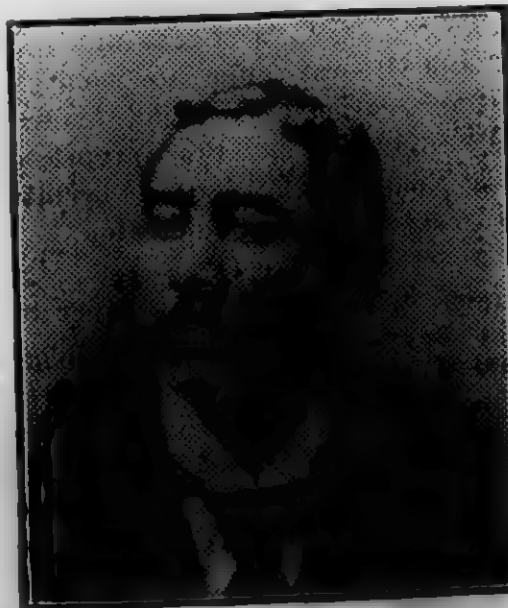
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Editorial Notes

Since mobs insist on administering to the accused revenge, instead of justice, the only thing left for the state to do is to see that the mobs get justice.

We so often read some reference to the Negro's race weaknesses that we are really curious to know what they are. According to our mind, the black man is specially weak on those lines on which his white brother is weakest. In such particulars he is a faithful imitator.

To think that 75 per cent of the demoralization of the natives of Africa in their home life and character comes from the use of strong drink, and that the strong drink is furnished them by Christian nations, is sufficient to impress one that missionary work is needed at both ends of the line.

After all, it looks as though the authorities of Belleville, Ill., propose to punish the leaders of the mob that lynched the school teacher, Wyatt, there some months ago. The announcement was made that the grand jury has indicted a number of persons, supposed to have taken part in that outrage.

One of our southern exchanges seems much perturbed because, as it says, the Negro holds the balance of power in New York City, and certain of the states indicated. Well, in a sense, this is true, but it is interesting to note that the Germans and some other nationalities make the same claim, and profit by it accordingly. Hence, since it is true that more than one class of voters lay claim to this distinction, we are prompted to ask if it is any worse for the Negro to hold the balance of power than for others to do so.

How the thoughtful, liberty-loving white citizens of the State of Mississippi can feel satisfied with the condition of affairs in that State we cannot see. The idea of there being less than 30,000 votes cast in an election for governor, when there should have been 300,000, is simply outrageous. The South will never reach its highest and best development till it sets a premium on intelligent citizenship and real worth by inviting the best class of her citizens, no matter what their color or nationality, to exercise the right of franchise.

We note with keen interest the proposition made by the *Pittsburg Advocate*, Dr. C. W. Smith editor, that the delegates to the fourth coming General Conference pay \$10 each toward the expense fund. The end in view is to meet the additional cost of transporting that body to and from California. While the delegates elected and those who hope to be, may not agree with this view of the case, its being suggested will doubtless impress them with the necessity of increasing the amount collected for General Conference expenses.

Without Constitutional Change

We are pleased to call the attention of our readers to an article which appeared in the issue of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* for October 28 last, by Rev. Joseph W. Van Cleve, D. D. The subject it discusses is, "Without Constitutional Change," and the writer takes the position that what Bishop Merrill seeks to accomplish by a change of the constitution could be done without any change whatever. He thinks that the same authority by which the church assigns a general superintendent to a certain field, as has been done in the cases of Bishops Vincent and Moore during the present quadrennium, can be exercised in the assignment of bishops in this country, and hence no change is necessary. The point in question is presented thus:

"But can we not do all that Bishop Merrill proposes without amending the constitution? A shorter, easier way would be for the General Conference to treat all our bishops as it has treated two of them—assign them to definite fields of labor for a quadrennium at a time. Men with special adaptation to certain fields might be re-appointed quadrennially to the same field without any other limit than belongs to the regular pastorate. This would put all the bishops on a level by elevating the missionary bishop to the rank of a general superintendent, assigned, in common with the other bishops, by the authority of the church, to his particular field of labor. This is eminently desirable. It is superior to Bishop Merrill's proposition, as he proposes to change only the name of the officer, leaving the office itself unchanged. Some of our missions object almost unanimously to receiving a missionary bishop, and there is strenuous opposition to the office in nearly all the rest. But no objections to a full-fledged bishop have yet been filed."

Following this argument to its logical conclusion, Dr. Van Cleve thinks the church could in the way suggested relieve itself of another difficulty, that of the election of a bishop of African descent. He presents the case thus:

"One of our difficult problems is the constantly recurring demand for a bishop of African descent. There are reasons why some of us would like to see the church accede to this demand: First, because our colored brethren want a colored bishop, and whatever is desired by any considerable element of our membership ought to be granted, unless there are strong reasons to the contrary. Secondly, because it would give aspiration and inspiration to our ministers and members of African descent to know that the episcopal office is really as well as theoretically open to one of their own race; thirdly, because the fact that we have no colored bishops is causing us to make considerable contributions to the membership of the African Methodist churches, and we do not believe that the policy of a separate church is best for the Negro. But whatever our personal wishes may be, we must be governed by facts, and the fact is that the Methodist Episcopal Church is not ready for a bishop of African descent if he is to 'travel at large through the connection.' There are large portions of the country, outside of the South, where a white conference presided over by a colored bishop, would not be entertained. But if we should have a districted episcopacy, our colored conferences would require not one, but two or three bishops, and the problem would be

solved. Of course, such a solution would dash the rising hopes of some brethren *not* of African descent, but the church would probably not suffer thereby."

As it seems to us, this is a square and honest putting of the case. And what is more, it agrees exactly with the view expressed by the Presiding Elders' Council, which assembled in Meridian, Miss., last summer, as well as that presented by one or two of the fall conferences that have adopted memorials on the subject. The brethren do not think that there is any necessity for a constitutional change, and not a few believe that a change would embarrass them more than it would help the work. At any rate, the foregoing view will indicate the thinking on this line of some of our brethren of the North, and may be the means of leading to a proper solution of the difficulty.

Things Political

Politically, this is what is called an "off" year. Only eleven of the states held elections. Nevertheless, great interest is taken in this off year elections. The state election of Ohio is considered a kind of political thermometer, which indicates the way the rest of the country will go the following year. When Ohio goes democratic in an "off" year, the country usually goes the same way the following, that is, the presidential, year, and vice versa. This year it elects M. T. Herrick, republican, governor by a majority of 115,000; and the legislature, which is to re-elect Senator Hanna to the United States Senate, will have a majority of 93 on joint ballot. This record is unprecedented.

The principle contest in New York was for mayor of Greater New York, between Hon. Seth Low, the present mayor, and General Geo. B. McClellan. The former represented the fusion-reform ticket, and the latter was supported by Tammany, and was elected. Maryland and Kentucky both elected democratic governors, as did Mississippi and Rhode Island. In the last named, however, all other state officers are republican. Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Nebraska, and Colorado all went republican.

It is said that Tammany cultivated and encouraged the colored vote, which will to some extent account for the sweeping Democratic victory; whereas Mayor Low has, during his administration, granted his Negro supporters little or no official recognition.

Panama has declared its independence of Colombia, and has already been conditionally recognized by the United States government. It is also announced that it will not be whipped back into line by Colombia, for the good and sufficient reason that Colombia is not able to bring sufficient force to accomplish that end. This would seem to settle the question as to the building of the Panama canal, the people of the new state being not only willing, but desirous that it be built.

Our Contributors

A Few Hints on the Race Problem

BY MRS. VIOLA E. LAWSON.

So much has been said and written upon the great "race problem" of late, that your humble servant feels induced to offer a few suggestions, which if followed, might be helpful in the solution of so great and knotty a problem. In the above problem X represents the Negro, but no one has ever been able to find the value of X. Could this value be found, the whole thing would be solved at once and we would all look back and see how foolish we had been, taxing our brains and spending sleepless nights worrying over the solution of a problem, that any schoolboy could solve, had he gone at it *right* at first. As it is, the question has been agitated by individuals, communities, states and nations, until now the agitation is at fever heat and the "Race Problem" is on every tongue. Conventions have been called to discuss this mighty problem; legislatures have met and tried to solve it by different modes, such as disfranchisement, discrimination on public carriers, at hotels, places of amusement, at schools, etc., etc., and still a solution has not been reached.

Some of the agitators advocate the accumulation of wealth as a proper solution; others higher education; others suggest industrial education. Still others claim that a higher standard of morality and greater regard for virtue among the Negroes will certainly bring about the desired result. All these have been and are being tried; yet a satisfactory solution has not been found. The Negro has accumulated wealth till his success has astonished the Nation; he has been educated in all the arts, sciences and languages known to the civilized world; he has learned every trade known to mankind, and his standard of morality has grown higher and higher until today the Negro is as justifiable in protecting the honor of his home as his fair-haired, blue-eyed brother in white ever dared to be. Still the value of X has not been reached.

One recent writer on the question advises "deportation" as a proper solution; but after counting up the cost of such wholesale deportation the more calculating and economical agitator finds that if the white man is able to export 10,000,000 Negroes to the Philippine Islands or to Honolulu or to some other far away uncivilized unexplored region, he is strong enough to keep him at home and to govern him.

Some of our philanthropic friends in Massachusetts offer a refuge within the borders of that grand old slavery-hating state, hoping that by taking the entire population of Negroes out of the South, the problem will eventually be solved and an end will be put to lynchings and other troubles between the races. But the worthy senator from South Carolina, the avowed enemy of the Negro and Negro enterprises generally, asks the North to please take her hands off in this matter and leave the management of the Negro to the Southern white man and he will control him. "Only repeal the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States," says Mr. Tillman, "and the Negro problem will be gradually solved."

Sam Jones, the Georgia evangelist, in a recent address before a Western audience, also advised that the North leave the solution of the race problem to the Southern white man. He thinks that if this is done there will be no difficulty in control-

ling the Negro and teaching him to find his place and keep it. Now, Mr. Editor, the question which naturally presents itself to me is, where is the Negro's place? The white man knows his place because he is all white man. The Chinaman knows his place because he is all Chinaman. The Japanese knows his place because he is all Japanese. The Indian knows his place because he is, more or less, all Indian. But how can the Negro know his place when he is everything? And who is responsible for this conglomeration of blood, this diversity of complexion, hair features and general physique found among the so called Negro race? Now, as it occurs to the writer, there are but two alternatives—either put an end to all amalgamation, legal and illegal, between the races or do away with the law prohibiting amalgamation, a prohibition like most others which does not prohibit. This wholesale, unlawful, sinful intermingling of the races, abominable in the sight of God and disgusting in the eyes of a decent and virtue loving people, is the sole cause of the troubles existing between the races in the South today. Let the Negro man keep away from the white woman and compel the Negro woman to keep away from the white man, and all these night prowlings, these illicit meetings these burnings and lynchings and all other fiendish atrocities will end.

Or, else, as has been suggested above, repeal all laws proscribing a person on account of race, color or previous conditions of servitude. Do away with this "Jim Crow" car business, open up the ballot box, take down the partitions from the theatre galleries, railroad waiting rooms, &c., &c., and let every man be his own free moral agent as God intended he should be. Give him the right and the privilege to enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This is all the colored man asks. All this fuss about "Negro Supremacy" and "Social Equality" is a "bug-bear." In fact, it is "much ado about nothing," "a will-o-the-wisp."

Of course the Negro did many very foolish things just after his emancipation, but he ought to be excused for having committed follies at that time when he was so jubilant over his deliverance from bondage that he would have attempted to rule Great Britain, upon whose possessions the sun never sets. He thought freedom was all that was necessary to make him a monarch. He is wiser now and he does not want to rule the white man. He is intelligent enough to know that he is not yet powerful enough to govern himself much less a race which has had every possible advantage over him for centuries. Nor has the Negro ever asked for or desired social equality with the whites. Society adjusts itself and receives into its circles only such persons as are desirable and congenial. The intruder is soon made to understand that he is not in his proper sphere, and he is either asked out or he very quietly and modestly steps down and out. The Negro is naturally modest and timid and of a very sensitive nature, and it is a noticeable fact that he rarely ever thrusts himself *where he knows he is not wanted*. Some few in the more humbler walks of life may visit their neighbor's chicken roost, or his pig pen or his watermelon patch and appropriate unto themselves the products thereof to satisfy the desires of the inner man, but the Anglo-Saxon becomes avaricious and visits the cash drawers of his employer and appropriates unto himself the contents therein contained to satisfy his greed for gain, and wherein lies the difference? Only in the value of the property stolen.

"Fleecy locks and dark complexions cannot al-

tern states where no restriction is put upon a man's nature's claim." In those Northern and Western states where his color, white society is seldom ever annoyed by the intrusion of the Negro and there is very little intermarrying between the races. All pure minded, virtuous colored women prefer colored men for husbands and they would marry them even if there were no law forbidding legal amalgamation between the races. So a repeal of this law need not alarm the white man of the South; for, I venture to say that if this barrier were taken away, amalgamation would grow astonishingly less. It is being forbidden to do a thing which makes a person so determined to do it. I don't suppose Eve would have ever eaten that apple if God had not told her not to eat it, and oh how gloriously happy we might all have been if our dear, departed mother of centuries ago had not been so bent on tasting that fatal apple! I don't know what color we would have all been, whether white, black, brown, yellow or red. I suppose though we would all have been black since some of the recent scientists have discovered that black is the natural color of the human race and that white skin is the result of leprosy and other skin diseases so prevalent in Oriental countries in the early ages.

This great problem can never be solved by the hot-headed, hot-blooded politician and stump speaker, nor by the Negro filling his home with rifles and ammunition. That is only making bad matters worse and adding fuel to fire. We all remember the hard, knotty problems found in the Arithmetic, Algebra or Geometry when we were school boys and girls. We also remember that we could never solve those problems while the mind was in an agitated state, but we would lay the book aside and think calmly and quietly over the matter. How often would we put the book under our pillows at night and try to dream the solution out!—(dear old happy days!) Then we would go to the teacher and while he would not tell us just how and what to do, he would throw out a few helpful hints and would tell us to follow strictly the rule laid down in the book and we would soon find a proper solution. Then we would go at the thing quietly and in earnest and before we knew it the value of that indispensable X was found, and all the other quantities would swing around and adjust themselves so beautifully that we would be astonished at our own stupidity. So it is with this great Negro problem. We have got to think quietly, calmly and prayerfully over the matter and I don't know but what it would be wise to lay the whole thing aside for a while until the agitators can get into a proper frame of mind to go at the solution right. Then, after their minds have gotten rested, let them go to the Great Teacher and while He may not speak to them as He did to Moses and tell them just what to do, yet He will reveal many helpful hints to them and will tell them to follow the Rule laid down in the Book of books, namely: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Oh, if the legislators, jurors, ministers, editors and all men in power in the South would lay aside that seemingly insurmountable obstacle, prejudice, and adhere earnestly and religiously to this rule, how rapidly would the problem be solved! The real value of the Negro would be discovered; his place in the march of life be fixed and all other matters both social and political would adjust themselves with such rapidity and correctness that the most biased and incredulous would be amazed at the simplicity of the solution. How glad all would then be to

draw the curtain over the dark, horrible past and shut out the remembrance of the horrors enacted during the many wasted years of struggle and strife.

Race wars will never solve this problem; prohibitory laws will not do it; going to Europe and begging the intercession of other nations will never solve it. These methods have all been tried and have brought about such a multiplicity of complications that a solution now seems almost impossible.

We know, all too well, how useless and how utterly futile it is to try to force the Southern white man into subjection. As well try to blow away Mt. Everest at a single breath.

This solution is simply a matter of law and conscience. The hearts and consciences of the Southern law makers must be worked upon by the finger of God to such an extent that they will have the moral courage and intrepidity to stand out boldly and say: "The Negro is our brother, made in the likeness and similitude of God as we are and we must and will blot out every vestige of law proscribing him because of conditions for which he is not responsible and give him an equal show in the great struggle for existence."

When this is done, strife and confusion, wars and bloodshed, hatred and bitter wranglings in this beautiful Southland, the Eden of the world, will end and the great "Race Problem" will be solved forever.

Hubbard City, Tex.

The Pastor and His Obligations

By the REV. EDWARD M. TAYLOR, D. D., Cambridge, Massachusetts, Field Secretary of the Missionary Society.

The efficient minister of Christ must be swayed by two great convictions. First, God's plan and purpose for human life is to bring man into fellowship with the wisdom, knowledge, holiness and love of the All Father. The world is not a hit or miss pattern. Second, God proposes to accomplish this stupendous work through the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, using individual men as instruments in the work.

"Go ye and disciple all nations." * * * "Lo, I am with you." These are the words given by Christ to the first band of Christian ministers. We have them in His last will and testament. We are the executors of that will. There is nothing connected with our ministry more sacred than the solemn obligations to execute the purpose of that will, to the "Uttermost parts of the earth." The minister who fails to do it robs the heirs of Christ of their promised rights.

Those words "Go preach and teach" were the words that created the Missionary Church. In the fulfillment of their meaning by us, we as ministers are to continue the life of a Missionary Church. We cannot escape its obligations to-day. It is our supreme business to see that the Church is kept on the march, as an imperial, world-conquering power. We are the officers in this army of God. Where we go the soldiers follow.

We should remember that in the normal Christian life there is nothing in the world so broad, so deep, so all-pervasive, as solicitude for the spiritual condition of all mankind. It is our work as pastors to get some of the burden and agony of the world's sin upon the heart of the Church, and through the awakening of this Christian impulse have her send deliverance in the name of Christ.

To miss this pathetic, deep undertone of Christ's solicitude for the world of lost men is to mar the highest moral quality of our ministry. It is to miss the heart thrill and enthusiasm that come from the

highest service to our King. It is to fail to know Him as "The Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me."

As pastors we owe a loving service to Christian missions through patriotic devotion to the heroes of early mission periods. All the blessings of life we have to-day come to us because we are walking in the footsteps of men and women who have done the best work of the world. To stand in the places of such heroes is high honor. It should be esteemed a privilege by the minister of Jesus Christ to acquaint his congregation with the events and scenes in the lives and services of these great saints of the Christian faith. It should be a part of our pulpit work to take some great missionary character and bring his life and work definitely before our people. Surely, in an age when the secular, the artistic and literary people are celebrating the birthdays of their great patron saints, it becomes the Christian Church to have an All Saints' Day for the commemoration of the heroic services and martyr death of the men who have done more for the peace and happiness of modern civilization than any other set of men in Christian History.

We stand in a grand procession. We must be of kindred spirit if there is a spark of gratitude or adoration in our hearts.

"My soul be with the Saints" was one of the slogans in martyr days. Keep step, brother mine, in the procession over which floats the flag that never goes down.

Not only fellowship with the saints, but partnership with God through Jesus Christ, that is the crowning motive and glory of missionary zeal. We are co-workers together with God in this work of revealing His Son to the world, towards the consummation of which glorious purpose the Almighty is now hurrying the marching years.

Our need in this high calling is a clearer discernment of the Son of God as Leader and Lord, in the mighty work. We want an open vision of the Christ thrilling us to the very center of our souls. We place too much weight on the opposition of sordid men. We defer too much to the opinion of the men in the street. We rely too much on the cold mathematical calculation of mere intellect. We cringe before the blatant, superficial views of men over whose spiritual sense creeps the paralysis of sensuous pleasure.

Oh, fellow captain in the Lord's host, pray for an open vision of Christ as Saviour and Lord. This power and vision is ours only when God has by His Spirit given us to realize that Christ is in us the hope of glory. God revealed His Son to St. Paul on the way to Damascus. Afterwards, as the first apostle to the Gentiles described it in his own great words, "It pleased God to reveal His Son in me." After that "I conferred not with flesh and blood." Then came courage into his soul. Then his spirit was bathed with martyr's blood. He was willing to perform any duty, ready for any mob and wilderness journey, to face the scoffing, pleasure-loving Greek, or confront the stoical indifference of Rome, yea, the sword itself.

That spirit, my brothers, must be our spirit if we are to serve God in the face of present missionary opportunity. The spirit of ceaseless effort, indefatigable energy, and quenchless zeal.

Men with this spirit and vision have made an indifferent, sensuous world listen to it before, and that same life and service can make them listen again. It is not by might nor by power, but by the Spirit of the Son of God who loved us and gave Himself for us.

I despair of getting the Church to realize her obligations till a consecrated ministry shall lead the way. Increase of money, accumulated knowledge, ready material resources will not do it. It must have the preparation of heart from the Lord. The fields are ripe. But before the reapers were to gather the grain our Lord asked that we pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth reapers with a consecration of heart commensurate with the need of a lost world.

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FOR LEARNING BEST HYMNS.

BISHOP H. W. WARREN.

The most important event in the universe demands a memorial in this world and the next. What shall it be? A mountain shaken into shape by an earthquake? It would be cold, seen by few and ended with the world. No; infinite wisdom and love provided a possible celebration wherever there is a bite of bread and a drop of drink. It is significant of sacrifice resulting in life for others. It means intimacy. My body, let it be your body; my blood, your blood. And Paul fills out the thought: "Let the same mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus."

THE HOLY COMMUNION.

The King of heaven his table spreads,
And blessings crown the board;
Not paradise, with all its joys,
Could such delight afford.

Pardon and peace to dying men,
And endless life are given,
Through the rich blood that Jesus shed
To raise our souls to heaven.

Millions of souls, in glory now,
Were fed and feasted here;
And millions more, still on the way,
Around the board appear.

All things are ready, come away,
Nor weak excuses frame;
Crowd to our places at the feast,
And bless the Founder's name.
—Philip Doddridge (b. 1702, d. 1761).

Seek the Ideal

The strength of your life is measured by the strength of your will. But the strength of your will is just the strength of the wish that lies behind it. And the strength of your wish depends upon the sincerity and earnestness and tenacity with which you fix your attention upon the things which are really great and worthy to be loved. This is what the apostle means when he says, at the close of his description of a life which is strong, and inwardly renewed, and growing in glory even in the midst of affliction—"while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are unseen." It is while we look that we learn to love. It is by loving that we learn to seek. And it is in seeking that we find and are blessed.—Henry Van Dyke, D. D.

Faith and Sight

"What shall I do with this sorrow that God has sent me?"

It means intimacy. My body, let it be your body; blessing out of it."

"Ah, if I only knew what blessings there were in it; if I saw how it would help me, then I could bear it like a plume."

"What shall I do with this hard, hateful duty Christ has laid right in my way?"

"Do it, and grow by doing it."

"Ah, yes; if I could only see that it would make me grow!"

In both cases do you not see that what you are begging for is not more faith, although you think it is, but sight? Faith says not, "I see it is good for me, and so God must have sent it," but God sent it, and so it must be good for me."—*Phillips Brooks.*

Life's Sweet Music

A visitor to Amsterdam wished to hear the wonderful music of the chimes of St. Nicholas, and went up into the tower of the church to hear it. There he found a man with wooden gloves on his hands pounding on a keyboard. All he could hear was the clanging of the keys when struck by the wooden gloves, and the harsh, deafening noise of the bells close over his head. He wondered why the people talked of the marvellous chimes of St. Nicholas. To his ear there was no music in them, nothing but terrible clatter and clanging.

Yet, all the while, there floated out over and beyond the city the most entrancing music. Men in the fields paused in their work to listen, and were made glad. People in their homes and travellers on the highway were thrilled by the marvellous bell tones which fell from the tower.

There are many lives which to those who dwell near them seem to make no music; they pour out their strength in hard toil; they are shut up in narrow sphere; they dwell amid the noise and clatter of common task work; they think themselves that they are not of any use, that no blessing goes out from their life; they never dream that sweet music is made anywhere in the world by their noisy hammering.

But out over the world where the influence goes from their work and character, human lives are blessed, and weary ones hear with gladness sweet, comforting music. Then away off in heaven, where angels listen to earth's melody, entrancing strains are heard.—*Alabama Advocate.*

The Two Ways

None of us can tell for what God is educating us. We fret and murmur at the narrow round and daily task of ordinary life, not realizing that it is only thus that we can be prepared for the high and holy office which awaits us. We must descend before we can ascend. We must suffer if he would reign. We must take the via crucis (way of the cross) submissively and patiently if we would tread the via lucis (way of light). We must endure the polishing if we would be shafts in the quiver of Emmanuel. God's will comes to thee and me in daily circumstances, in little things equally as in great; meet them bravely; be at your best always, though the occasion be one of the very least; dignify the smallest summons by the greatness of your response.—*Rev. F. B. Meyer in Christian Advocate.*

Woman's Dominion

Saviour divine, unerring guide,
That we may keep life's narrow way,
Be near us, ever by our side,
From morn till eve, each coming day.

This Is Nice With Fish

One tablespoon butter; melt in stewpan; add one tablespoon flour and stir to a smooth paste; add one-half teaspoon salt, one-half teaspoon paprika, and two teacups milk; boil four or five minutes, stirring constantly. Add three-quarters

of a cup of butternut meats and one teaspoon of Worcestershire sauce. This is a delicious sauce for fish.

Apple Fritters

Make a batter with one cup of milk, one teaspoonful of sugar, two eggs, whites and yolks beaten separately, two cups of flour, one teaspoonful baking powder mixed with flour. Chop some good, tart apples, mix them in the batter and fry in hot lard. They are delicious if served with maple syrup.

Doughnuts

Cream together a half cup of butter and a cup of sugar, add a cup of milk, two beaten eggs, a tablespoonful of mixed nutmeg and cinamon, and a pint of flour that has been sifted with a heaping teaspoonful of baking powder. Add enough flour to make a soft dough. Roll into a sheet nearly an inch thick and cut into shapes with a cutter. Fry to a golden brown in deep boiling fat.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Mississippi Conference met at Dudley's Chapel M. E. Church Oct. 21 and 22, with Mrs. C. L. Brown, conference president, in the chair. On Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock p. m. the service was opened with devotions, after which the pastor, Rev. J. K. Comfort, introduced Miss M. E. Williams, of Forest, who extended a cordial welcome in behalf of the people of Ellisville.

Visitors introduced the first day were Dr. and Mrs. Lucas, the president of Meridian Academy and wife. At 8:30 p. m. a large audience greeted Dr. Lucas, who delivered a noble, inspiring sermon. Thursday evening at 3:30 o'clock devotional exercises were held. The remaining part of the day was given to discussions, the subjects of absent delegates were left to the open discussion of the house. Very interesting papers were read. Mrs. Lucas delivered a very helpful address on "How to Best Interest Our Women in the Woman's Home Missionary Society." Reports showed that the officers had been active in pushing forward the work.

A. E. SMITH.

Ellisville, Miss.

Christmas Gifts

BY MISS MARGARET P. BOYLE.

About this season of the year, one is apt when glancing at the calendar to say, or at least to think, "Only a little while before Christmas will come. I must begin to get ready for it." They who will carry this good resolution into effect are of two classes, those who buy their gifts, and those who make them. For the former, the shops will soon be full of suggestions; but perhaps the latter class will gladly avail themselves of some new ideas.

For a person who boards, a useful little gift is a napkin holder. Make of grey or tan linen an envelope large enough to hold a napkin. Bind the edges and the flap with white braid, or tape. With white lustre thread, work on the face of the envelope the initials or monogram of the owner.

Stock collars are always favorites. The following is a very pretty one: Over one of the feather bone foundations ivory colored satin was fastened. At the bottom of the collar in front were three pointed tabs, the center one being a little larger. Along the upper edge, about an half inch apart, couch two rows of white rope silk. The couching is done with dark green rope silk. Between these two rows is a row of French knots of the same green. Each of the tabs is slipped through a Battenberg lace ring, which has first been button-holed with the green silk.

A dainty and at the same time a serviceable work bag is made from one of the cotton handkerchiefs used for pillows. Hemstitch a hem around all four edges. To this hem sew a ruffle of narrow lace. Lay the handkerchiefs out smoothly, and on the wrong side, about two inches from the side of the handkerchief, stitch a bias strip of muslin about an inch and a half wide. This should be put on in the form of a circle, so that when the bag is drawn up, the four corners will hang out. Make three rows of stitching in this for the strings, which are two yards of ribbon cut into two equal lengths. These same handkerchiefs make very inexpensive sofa pillows. Cut one into four equal parts. To the hems of one piece overhang two strips of coarse lace insertion, letting the lace cross in the centre so as to form a Maltese cross. In the vacant corners set in the same way the other pieces of the handkerchief. Take a whole one for the back, and about the edge put a white lawn ruffle with an edging of lace.—*New York Observer.*

Young Friends

Pearls

BY ERNEST GILMORE.

One day last summer a lady with her two small daughters sat on a park bench, in a secluded place, eating a dainty lunch. Just as they were finishing their repast they noticed two barefooted children strolling slowly along. The latter looked tired and hungry. They were both boys, the elder one about ten, the younger about seven. Their grimy faces were pallid and pinched, and the younger one limped.

"Come, my dears," said the lady on the bench to her daughters, "it is time to move on. Leave the lunch-box on the bench; we'll not want it again."

The barefooted boys heard what the lady said, and, looking at each other, smiled.

"Mebbe there's something in it, Sammy," whispered the older boy.

"Oh! Oh!" with joyous expectancy; "mebbe there is."

Before the lady and children were out of sight the boys had taken possession of the seat and lunch-box. In the latter they found a small chicken sandwich and a patty-pan sponge cake.

"Take your choice, Sammy," said the older boy, cheerfully.

"That's what yer allus say when there's anythin' ter divide. Now, yer choose this time, Billy."

"No, sirree," from Billy. "You'se de littlest, and you'se goin' ter choose. Wh'ch is it, Sammy, chicken sandwich er sponge cake?"

It was very hard to choose, but Sammy, being very hungry, wasted no time.

"I'll take de sandwich; I just love chicken sandwiches," wistfully.

The sandwich disappeared in a twinkling, but the patty-pan cake remained undisturbed.

"Why don't yer eat your cake?" demanded Sammy, wonderingly.

Billy laughed as gleefully as if he had just finished a good, square meal.

"Dat's yer second cou'se," he said; "yer wants to be stylish w'en yer eating in the pa'k."

"I won't hev no second cou'se," declared Sammy. "I've had my choice, and I've eaten it; the cake's yours, and you've got ter eat it."

"S'posin' I don't like de cake," said Billy. "But yer do."

"No, I don't, and dat's a fact," Bill said emphatically.

"Truly and bluely?" questioned Sammy.

"Truly and bluely," was the answer.

Consequently Sammy ate the cake as eagerly and hungrily as he had eaten the sandwich.

The lady and little girls having again seated themselves, this time in the shade of some shrubbery, had overheard every word of the conversation.

"That boy, Billy, is a hero," the lady whispered, softly, her eyes becoming misty. "Now, children, wait here quietly while I leave you a few minutes. If those little fellows should start to leave, detain them until I come."

"What are you going to do, mamma?" they asked together.

"Hush! she said. "Wait and see."

She went off hastily, returning again in a little while with a smile on her face.

"Where have you been, mamma?" questioned one of the girls.

"What makes you smile so?" asked the other.

"Look," said she, "and then you can guess."

What they saw was a colored waiter from the dairy kitchen in the grove. He was just handing a tray to Billy.

"Wid de compliments of a friend," he said, showing his white teeth in a broad grin.

"Tain't for us," was Billy's answer. "It must be some mistake."

But although he declined the tray he looked at it longingly.

"Is yo' name Billy?"

"Yes, sir."

"And," nodding his head toward the small boy, "is he Sammy?"

"Yes, sir."

"It's fo' you; I knew it. Now, when you're through eatin' bring de tray and dishes to the dairy kitchen in the grove. You know where that is, don't you?"

"Yes, sir."

"All right." And he hurried off.

(To be Continued.)

The Atlanta Y. M. C. A. Conference

Great interest is being manifested in the approaching Y. M. C. A. workers' conference, to be held in Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 27 to Dec. 1. It is now evident that a much larger number of delegates will attend than was at first anticipated. Both student and city associations all over the country are already electing their delegates. The Atlanta association is making great preparation for this conference, and it is expected that a mighty influence will go out from this important gathering of Christian young men, which will help to uplift the young men of the race.

Educational

To Pastors of M. E. Churches

DEAR BRETHREN—Permit me to call your attention to the fact that, by the appointment of the General Conference, the fourth Sunday in November is Temperance Sunday. Let a temperance rally be held in every church on that day or as soon thereafter as possible. Take collections and divide as the Discipline directs, namely, one-half to your local committee, one-fourth to your Annual Conference committee and one-fourth to the General Conference committee. If you have no Annual Conference committee send one-half to the General Conference committee. Send to Rev. H. Lemcke, 57 Washington street, Chicago, who

is treasurer. Your local committee cannot do better than to use their funds in purchasing the tracts published by the General Conference committee for gratuitous distributions. Twelve tracts are now printed. As many more will soon be printed. Send 10 cents for samples and prices of these tracts. All sent to J. G. Evans, 57 Washington street, Chicago. There is no more important work for the church than the destruction of the saloon, and there is no better way to secure that end than the distribution of up-to-date temperance literature. Hold your temperance meetings, take your collections and send on your money.

J. G. EVANS,

Chairman General Conference Committee.

Campbell College in Ashes

An immediate and urgent appeal, not only to African Methodists throughout the connection, other denominational churches as well, but likewise to the friends of Christian education, both white and colored:

Campbell College, located in Jackson, Miss., was destroyed by fire on the morning of Oct. 28. Students and faculty barely escaped with their lives. Furniture and fixtures—piano, tables, beds, bedding, desks, dining-room utensils, etc., the college library worth more than \$2,000, and the president's private library worth more than \$4,000, with an insurance of \$3,500 which expired August last—all lost.

Arrangements are made for carrying on the work and caring for students, those who come as well as those who are here.

Donations of money, food, clothing, furniture, books, stationery, etc., will be thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged.

Forward at once whatever help given to the president. Feeling assured of the loyalty, sympathy and generous support of African Methodism, sister denominations, as well as friends in general, I am yours for rebuilding and pushing the cause.

DANIEL H. BUTLER, President.

Central Alabama Academy

D. H. BALL, A. B., President.

HUNTSVILLE, ALA., Oct. 14, 1903.

DEAR FRIEND—Central Alabama Academy opened Sept. 28. We are pleased to announce that the opening was, in every respect, most creditable. The patrons of the school in and around Huntsville were present in large numbers to again renew their oath of loyalty to every interest of the dear old Academy which has been the child of the Alabama M. E. Conference for so many years.

This fall marks the beginning of a new administration under the presidency of Prof. Benj. H. Ball, an alumnus of Geo. R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo. President Ball comes to the school with every equipment of heart and head for the furtherance of the cause of education in northern Alabama, as well as for the promotion of the work at this chosen field.

We appeal to our generous Methodism and other friends to come to our rescue. Our dormitory needs such articles as sheets, pillow-cases, chairs, tables, beds, curtains, etc. Our dining hall needs dishes, cups, saucers, lamps, knives, forks, or any piece of crockery friends may feel inclined to give.

Any and all contributions, whether new or old, will be gladly received and gratefully acknowledged.

Our buildings are in sad need of repairs and any donation of money to this end is earnestly solicited.

Now, brother, friend, this is your school, and, as our beloved Dr. Mason said in a recent communication, it is planted here to stay as long as it is supported.

Methodists in other states are standing loyally by their church schools, giving their time and their money to them, and counting no sacrifice too great to make in their behalf. Will you not do the same?

The efforts which President Ball is putting forth cannot fail to be crowned with success if he has the unselfish support of every pastor within the bounds of the two conferences. Come to our aid and help us in this great work. Sincerely,

J. E. HOLMES, Secretary of Faculty.

Remittances may be made to President B. H. Ball, Central Alabama Academy, Huntsville, Ala.

Meridian Academy

The work of this school and all of its interests are being pushed forward as rapidly as possible. Under the leadership of its present principal I predict nothing but success. A great deal of work has been done since the opening. The work of the school in past years has in many respects been marked with much success. However, at one time I lost all hope for the school, but now I am entertaining high hopes. Our friends, who, by the way, are rallying to its interests, are forgetting the past. I ask the ministers of the Mississippi Conference and other friends of this well-known school, to stand by the faculty and make the school what it ought to be. After five weeks' work I find one of the best equipped set of teachers in the history of the school. I take great pleasure in recommending them. I feel safe in saying to all, send your sons and daughters; and they will be well cared for. B.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

General Missionary Committee -- Annual Session at Omaha

Mass Meeting in First Methodist Church, Wednesday Evening, Nov. 11.—President, Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, Auburndale, Mass. General topic, "The Home Field." Porto Rico, Dr. Henry K. Carroll, New York City; City Evangelization, Dr. Frank M. North, New York City; Our Colored Work, Dr. Griffith G. Logan, Holly Springs, Miss.; Frontier Missions, Bishop J. W. Hamilton, San Francisco, Cal.

Friday Evening, Nov. 13.—General topic, "The Foreign Field." President, Bishop Earl Cranston, Portland, Ore.; India, the Rev. J. W. Robinson, Lucknow, India; China, the Rev. James Simester, Foochow, China; Korea, the Rev. George Heber Jones, Chemulpo, Korea; Japan, the Rev. David S. Spencer, Tokyo, Japan; South America, Bishop Isaac W. Joyce, Minneapolis, Minn.

Sunday Evening Services, Nov. 15.—General topic, "Home and Foreign Missions." Methodist Episcopal Churches in Omaha:

First Church (Mass meeting)—President, Bishop S. M. Merrill, Chicago, Ill.; Foreign Missions, Dr. A. B. Leonard, New York City; Home Missions, Bishop C. H. Fowler, Buffalo, N. Y.

Hanscom Park Church—President, Mr. Anderson Fowler, New York City; Home Missions, Rev. N. Simonsen, Evanston, Ill.; Foreign Missions, Dr. Frank D. Gamewell, Peking, China.

Seward Street Church—President, Mr. Richard W. P. Goff, Philadelphia, Pa.; Foreign Missions, Dr. John F. Goucher, Baltimore, Md.; Home Missions, Dr. William F. Oldham, Chicago, Ill.

Monmouth Park Church—President, Mr. Ezra B. Tuttle, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Foreign Missions, Dr. H. C. Jennings, Cincinnati, Ohio; Home Missions, Rev. R. H. Robb, Epworth, Ga.

South Tenth Street Church—President, Rev. J. C. Arbuckle, Washington Courthouse, Ohio; Home Missions, Dr. Edward M. Taylor, Cambridge, Mass.; Foreign Missions, Rev. David S. Spencer, Tokyo, Japan.

Southwest Church—President, Dr. Henry G. Jackson, Chicago, Ill.; Foreign Missions, Rev. George A. Stuart, Nanking, China; Home Missions, Rev. W. D. Marsh, Utica, N. Y.

Trinity Church—President, Gen. James F. Rusling, Trenton, N. Y.; Home Missions, Dr. Samuel F. Upham, Madison, N. J.; Foreign Missions, Dr. George Heber Jones, Chemulpo, Korea.

Walnut Hill Church—President, Mr. Edward L. Dobbins, Newark, N. J.; Foreign Missions, Rev. James Simester, Foochow, China; Home Missions, Dr. William F. Anderson, Ossining, N. Y.

First Church, South Omaha—President, Rev. H. J. Coker, Chanute, Kas.; Foreign Missions, Dr. George B. Smyth, Foochow, China; Home Missions, Rev. W. H. Nelson, Huntsville, Ala.

Methodist Episcopal Churches in Council Bluffs.—Broadway Church—President, Rev. W. W. Ogier, Bangor, Maine; Home Missions, Dr. James O. Wilson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Foreign Missions, Rev. John W. Robinson, Lucknow, India.

Fifth Avenue Church—President, Rev. P. J. Maveety, Albion, Mich.; Foreign Missions, Dr. John C. Floyd, Cincinnati, Ohio; Home Missions, Dr. John B. Trimble, Sioux City, Ia.

Trinity Church—Rev. John Parsons, Salem, Ore.; Home Missions, Rev. R. C. Smith, Erie, N. Y.; Foreign Missions, Dr. A. K. Sanford, New York City.

Woman's Home Missionary Convention

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The Woman's Home Missionary Convention of Indiana District, Lexington Conference, convened in Simpson Chapel, Indianapolis, Wednesday morning, Sept. 16, 1903, at 10 o'clock, the president, Mrs. Carrie Ross, in the chair. The convention was opened by a song service, conducted by Miss Annabelle Vest, of Connersville. Then followed devotional services by Mrs. Henry Griffin, of Muncie.

The address of welcome was given by Miss Daisy Walker, of Indianapolis, who expressed her personal pleasure in having so delightful a task committed to her. Mrs. Malissa Mason, responded to the very cordial welcome. Roll was called and all officers were present except the recording secretary. The president appointed Miss Annabelle Vest secretary during the convention. Reports of auxiliaries were called for and the following were heard from: Anderson, Connersville, Bloomington, Princeton and Indianapolis. The convention was favored by a beautiful solo by Miss Henrietta McAfee, of Bloomington. Then followed a routine of business, at the close of which the convention was led in prayer by Mrs. R. S. Gilliam. At 2:30 p. m. the session was opened by devotional services, conducted by Mrs. W. H. Riley, of Indianapolis. The following visitors were introduced: Mrs. C. E. Wesley, of Hall Place M. E. Church; Mrs. Sperry, of Central Avenue M. E. Church; Mrs. Andrews, of Indianapolis; Mrs. W. B. Harris, the corresponding secretary of Conference Society, of Anderson, and Lawyer J. T. V. Hill, of Indianapolis. Mrs. Henry Griffin read a paper on the "Work Done by the W. H. M. Society for the Negro." Miss Traquillia Riley, of Indianapolis, favored the convention with an instrumental solo. Mrs. Wesley and Hon. J. T. V. Hill very ably addressed the convention. The corresponding secretary read her report. A question drawer, conducted by Miss Sperry, was an interesting feature.

The Presiding elder of the district, Rev. G. A.

Sissle, came in and was introduced to the convention. His remarks were helpful and encouraging. He also extended an invitation to the W. H. M. convention to meet in session with the District Conference, which convenes in Anderson some time in 1904. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Carrie Ross, of Indianapolis; vice president, Mrs. Mollie McCowan, of Indianapolis; recording secretary, Miss Anna Pinkston, of Princeton; corresponding secretary, Miss Annabelle Vest, of Connersville; treasurer, Mrs. Malissa Mason, of Connersville; district organizer, Mrs. Cassie Jackson, of Indianapolis; secretary of supplies, Mrs. Mattie Baurer, of Muncie; mite-box secretary, Mrs. Minnie Noel, of Bloomington; secretary of young people's work, Mrs. Mayme Covington, of Indianapolis.

Mrs. Cassie Jackson, the expresident of the district, briefly addressed the convention. Doxology and benediction by Presiding Elder G. A. Sissle. The evening session was opened by singing "Let a Little Sunshine In." Prayer by Rev. W. H. Riley, pastor of Simpson Chapel. Mrs. Mattie Baurer, of Muncie, sang sweetly, "Would You Know Him." Mrs. Emma Harris, our conference corresponding secretary, delivered an address on "The Work of the W. H. M. Society." It was interesting and well delivered. Miss Annabelle Vest sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," followed by an address by Rev. W. H. Riley. Miss Henrietta McAfee sang once more, to the delight of all present. The installation of officers, a very impressive service, was conducted by Mrs. Mattie Sissle, our conference treasurer. The work is growing rapidly in this district. Having five of our conference officers of the W. H. M. Society as residents, there is no reason why we should not continue to maintain the standard as the banner district. The papers and discussions were helpful, the ladies showing quite an interest in the work. Benediction by Rev. W. H. Riley. Adjourned to meet in Anderson in connection with District Conference of 1904.

CARRIE ROSS, President.

ANNABELLE VEST, Cor. Sec.

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

Topic for November 22,
THANKSGIVING FOR PERSONAL MER-
CIES.

Scriptural References: 1 Kings, 8:56; Isa. 63:7; 1 Tim. 1:12.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday—Light in the darkness. Ex. 14:19-22.

Tuesday—Better to us than our prayer. Ex. 32:30-34.

Wednesday—God sustaining us. PPs. 55:22.

Thursday—Mercy for the widow. Luke 7:11-15.

Friday—Mercy for sorrowing sisters. John 11:32-44.

Saturday—Mercy for the blind men. Matt. 20:29-34.

"O Cromwell, Cromwell!

Had I but served my God with half the zeal
I served my king, He would not in mine age
Have left me naked to mine enemies."

Thus the bard Shakespeare makes Cardinal Wolsey to lament, when honors were perishing in his years of age. Wolsey had rendered ambitious service to his king and "had sounded all the depths and shoals of honor," and now in the time of age when he had every right to expect the protection and help of those for whom he had spent

his best energies, he finds himself deserted and helpless, left to the mercy of a rude stream which must forever hide him. The aching, throbbing heart of history reveals ever and anon the failure of human help and human sympathy, in the direst needs of man. How different is God's treatment of men!

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice,
Which is more than liberty.

We are to think a little to-day about our personal mercies. According to Dr. Barrow the act of giving thanks implies several things: 1. A right apprehension of the benefits conferred. 2. A faithful retention of benefits in the memory. For we so soon forget the benefits which God bestows, and begin again to complain. 3. A due esteem and valuation of the benefits received. No one can properly return thanks who does not appreciate benefits received. 4. A reception of those benefits with a willing mind and a vehement affection. 5. Due acknowledgement of our obligations. If for all the benefits a man receives he a sunbath. I went into the hospital, had a ten-high heaven, he cannot properly give thanks. 6. Esteem, veneration, and love of the benefactor.

Such are the considerations implied in thanksgiving. Dr. Barrow goes farther and lays down a list of blessings for which we are to be thankful, and since these cover almost the entire range of personal mercies I shall note them here, and briefly discuss them. He places these in four groups; I shall only take up three. The four are: 1, Temporal; 2, spiritual; 3, eternal; 4, the past, the present and the promised.

1. The Temporal Blessings.

(a) *Health.* I went the other day to a great hospital in our city where are the sick and maimed and distressed. There were men and women with crutches and canes and invalids chairs. Some were in the febrile action of disease, some were slowly convalescent; some were on the high, airy porches and others had gone out to the green, where, amid flowers and grasses, they were taking a sunbath. I went into the hospital, had a tender word and prayer with the sick and passed out and away. As I strode down the long stairway and down the front steps I said: "Thank God for health." And I never go into one of these asylums for the sick without breathing a prayer of thanks to God for health.

(b) *Food.* Did you never see the gaunt and the hungry, with hollow cheek and sunken eye, with skeleton fingers seeking a meal at the swill barrels of great hotels, or begging bread at your back door? Did you never hear the wee voice of a child at your door begging bread for a sick mother at home? These are familiar things in the great cities where the multitudes flock for the sake of companionship. You who sit down to a full meal and a well laden table ought to thank God for food.

(c) *Raiment.* Many times in our city streets I have seen men and women in a summer suit bending before the winter gale. A cold snap fell upon our city a few days ago and as I passed down the street I saw many a pedestrian who still clung to the threadbare summer suits while others were dressed in furs and winter wraps. If God has so blessed you that you are well clad for the winter, give Him thanks.

(d) *Rest.* Did you ever get tired and could not rest? Did you ever go to bed and could not sleep? Did you never get up in the morning and thank God for a good night's rest?

2. *Spiritual Blessings.*

(a) *The Bible.* This is God's message to man, a lamp unto his feet and a light unto his path. If you had not read or heard the Bible read and its truths preached, what progress would you have toward a better life? We ought to thank God for the Bible.

"Holy Bible, book divine,
Precious treasure thou art mine."

(b) *Free Grace.* When the world of mankind lay in sin, God provided free grace for the sinner. Now, all men, regardless of class or color, may find grace in the time of need. Without money and without price all men may possess themselves of grace.

(c) *Pardon and Justification.* These blessings and mercies come to each man individually. To be pardoned, what bliss; to be justified, what concentrated joy and happiness!

3. *Eternal Mercies,* or the enjoyment of God in a future state. This is the consummation devoutly to be wished. To live hard, die hard and be lost at last is a burden too intolerable to be borne even in thought. But in his mercy God has made provision for us that we may dwell with, and enjoy Him forever. Does not such a thought warm up your heart? Yes, we may, if we are good and true, live with God forever, for Jesus said: "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also. In this thanksgiving season, let us count our blessings over, 'count them one by one, count your many blessings, see what God hath done.'"

"Praise to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days;
Bounteous source of every joy,
Let thy praise our tongues employ."

Pittsburg, Pa.

Epworth League Convention

On Oct. 30-31, 1903, the Versailles Sub-District Epworth League convened in Simpson M. E. Church, Versailles, Ky. The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. J. W. Mebane, and the following officers were elected: Vice president, Rev. H. C. Buckner; treasurer, Rev. Jos. Small; Miss Eva Alexander, local secretary. After an interesting session, during which papers by the delegates were read and discussed, and reports from local chapters of the various charges were heard, the convention listened to an excellent sermon by Rev. Joseph Small, of New Zion. Friday night a large audience was thrilled by the wonderful sermon delivered by Rev. H. C. Buckner, of Gunn's Tabernacle. At the close of the service refreshments were sold by the social department.

The church had been tastefully decorated in the Epworth League colors, red and white, and badges of the same were worn.

The convention closed Saturday afternoon with a devotional service led by Rev. Buckner and Presiding Elder J. H. Stanley.

CARRIE D. C. MEBANE.

Versailles, Ky.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson VIII—November 22, 1903. Title—The Curse of Strong Drink (Prov. 20:1, 23:20, 31, 24-35). Golden Text—"Wine is a mocker" (Prov. 20:1). Time of writing—About 1000 B. C.

There are about one thousand proverbs in this book. It is likely the son of David wrote less than seven hundred of them. They are called the

proverbs of Solomon because he composed more of them than did any other person. Proverbs are comparisons or similes. They are short, pithy sayings that express a practical truth. Jesus spoke in parables, which are proverbs expanded.

Wine a mocker. (1) Two kinds of drink—wine and strong drink. This was no doubt fermented wine. The strong drink was not rectified spirits. The art of distilling was not known in that age. The strong drinks of ancient Palestine were wines mixed with various kinds of poisonous drugs. (2) Two effects—mocking and raging. Wine as a mocker smiles, invites, kisses, and smites into hell. The strong drink excites the heart and sends the blood rapidly through the arteries. The entire literal man becomes like a boiling caldron. (3) Two classes—the wise and the unwise. Education is not a bar to intemperance. The learned, the same as the ignorant, are deceived by it. Those who are not misled by it are prudent, far-seeing, temperate, and pious. The only safe ground is total abstinence from all that intoxicates.

The guided heart (19-21). Man belongs to himself. He has been given power to control his mind, soul and body. God holds him accountable for his thoughts, words and deeds. If he breaks law it is because he wills to do so. In the text he is exhorted to guide his heart. He should conduct himself so that he is never found among wine-bibbers, or gluttons. Let him shun the saloon, brothel, and gambling den. And keep out of the way of those who visit such places; and steer clear of bad books and papers, and of blatant, foul-mouthed young men, who speak as though they never had a mother or sister. The reasons given for shunning the drunkard and glutton are poverty, drowsiness and stupidity. Strong drink is a thief. It steals our money, good clothes, honored name, permanent happiness, vital energy and eternal life.

The woes of the drunkard (29). The results of intemperance are fearful. It robs man of everything that produces happiness here and hereafter. It inclines him to vicious habits that produce sorrow and woe. It puts him in the jail, the pen, and on the gallows. He has contention and babbling. Drinking leads to strife over small matters. It causes man to wrangle until words stir up strife and lead to blows. It destroys judgment until man babbles like the goose or chatters like the magpie. He has wounds and redness of eyes. He hurts himself in a tender part, which produces redness of eyes. Others wound him: He stirs up strife, and others beat and bruise him. Strong drink maddens the tiger, and then unchains him. The drunkard's tongue is "set on fire of hell." Nothing goes right with those who are wholly wrong. Drinking men are exposed to many accidents and diseases peculiar to that evil.

The disposition of the drunkard (30). He tarries long at the wine. Those who drink never know when to stop, or at what time to go away from the saloon. Anxious ones may be looking for them, still they linger. The night may be dark and cold; they may perish by the way, yet they must go. Those who sell strong drink, and those who use it are unfeeling alike. He goes to seek mixed wine. That is, spiced, drugged, medicated wine. Such men drink the cup of a costly death. A chemical analysis of the liquor used in this country shows that it contains, alcohol, arsenic, alum, aloes, bitter almond, blood, chalk, cherry laurel water, coculus indicus, copperas, gypsum, henbone, isinglass, lime, lead, logwood, nux vomica, opium, oil of vitriol, oil of juniper,

oil of turpentine, tobacco, and sugar of lead. (Les. Com. 1889.) It is no wonder we have sorrow and woe, contention and babbling, wounds and redness of eyes, when we take such poisons into our system.

The warning to the drunkard (31). "Look not upon the wine when it is red." Red wine was more admired by the people of the East than white. It gave its color in the cup. The beaded bubble, on which the drunkard loved so well to look, sparkled on the wine in the cup. Then it moves itself aright or went down sweetly. We should beware of temptation: watch the beginnings of evil. They are the little foxes that spoil the vines. There is the appearance of evil in the saloon, danger in keeping company with those who visit the saloon, and great hazard in the first drink. He who goes freely into temptation is more than half fallen. This verse shows the fascinating side of wine. Here it not only seems harmless, but it promises joy and gladness. It is the shining side of evil that is so dangerous.

Some results of drinking (32-35). At the first it goeth down sweetly, but at the last it "biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." The results of strong drink are fearful. It destroys our good name, and gets away with our money, home, and lands. It ruins our intellect, reason, judgment, memory, conscience, and will. It deadens our love for God, for man, for home, and for country. It weakens the muscles, softens the brain, interferes with the movement of the heart, poisons the blood, enlarges the liver, and brings on premature death. The community at large suffers from the saloon. It is annoyed and insulted by those who drink. It is uneasy about its own welfare and safety. The wife and children suffer greatly from intemperance. Their minds are racked, their souls tortured, and their bodies beaten, bruised and often destroyed by a drunken husband and father. The eyes of the drunkard behold strange women, or strange things. Either rendering is a result of intemperance. When a man is full of strong drink reason is dethroned, and passions are aroused. If there is a brothel in the locality he goes in search of it. He is unfit for the society of ladies. Women should shun him as they would a mad beast. If we take the rendering of the Revised Version it is equally as true. He who drinks until his brain is on fire sees many strange things. The heart of the drunkard "shall utter perverse things." The heart is the center of life: the fountain from which flows our words and deeds. From its fullness we speak and act. Perverse things are those which are wrong, crooked, obstinate. The drunkard's course in life is crooked, both in walking and dealing. His notions about the liquor traffic are wrong, yet he is obstinate in holding to them, and in forcing them on others. The drunkard is as one "that liveth down in the midst of the sea," or on the "top of a mast." All people are exposed to dangers of many kinds, but the drunkard is much more exposed than the sober man. He makes more enemies, is less capable of taking care of himself, and meets with more accidents. He is more liable to take some diseases than those who do not drink. The drunkard becomes past feeling. He says: "They have beaten me and I felt it not." He receives many blows, scarcely felt at the time. He becomes a tool for others. He is imposed upon, insulted, and beaten, yet he will not stop. The spell is woven about him. He is a slave to the habit. Poor, weak, besotted wretch, cursed of God, and deserted by man. He is living in hell before he has been banished from God and the glory of His power."

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General Committee of Church Extension KANSAS CITY, MO.

The General Committee of Church Extension met for its annual session November 4, 1903, in the Grand Avenue M. E. church, Kansas City, Mo. Bishop Merrill presided and conducted the opening devotions. Bishops Warren, Vincent and Moore are absent from this country, but all other bishops were either present or expected during the session except, of course, the Missionary Bishops.

All district representatives were present. The representatives of the Board were: Clergymen—Revs. S. W. Gehrett, J. W. Sayers, Wm. Downey, A. G. Kynett, J. S. Hughes, J. G. Bickerton, J. S. Crouch. Laymen—Messrs. T. A. Redding, F. W. Tunnell, J. E. James, Geo. Kessler, Francis Magee, J. W. Boughton and S. T. Fox.

Dr. James M. King, the corresponding secretary of the Board, rendered his report, in which he paid high tribute to the life and work of Dr. Manley S. Hard, first assistant corresponding secretary, who died since the meeting of the General Committee a year ago. Appropriate reference was also made to Bishops R. S. Foster, John F. Hurst and the Rev. Drs. J. S. J. McConnell and T. C. Murphy, all members of the Board, who had died during the year. His report also showed that 261 churches had been aided during the year, making a total since organization of 12,279.

The report of the treasurer, Mr. Samuel Shaw, showed total receipts for the year, \$339,468.48, from the following sources: General Fund, \$193,468.48; Loan Fund, \$57,672.08; and the Annuity Fund, \$88,367.01.

Collected for church extension by our patronizing conferences:

	Asked.	Collected.
Atlanta	\$ 275	\$ 226 00
Central Alabama	150	73 00
Central Missouri	350	187 29
Delaware	1075	744 00
East Tennessee	225	117 90
Florida	225	118 00
Lexington	600	281 50
Lincoln	59	69 94
Little Rock	225	134 00
Louisiana	800	557 00
Mississippi	325	135 00
Mobile	150	63 00
North Carolina	325	213 00
Savannah	250	104 00
South Carolina	750	166 00
Tennessee	300	174 00
Texas	800	262 00
Upper Mississippi	325	178 40
Washington	1000	648 00
West Texas	450	232 70
	\$8650	\$4684 23

The regular collections amounted to \$132,044.51, which is an increase over last year of \$14,187.81. The balance of the income is from personal gifts, interest on loans, bequests, donations returned, etc. The net increase from these sources is \$22,191.38.

In addition to what is being done in the States and Territories, the Board has also expended

some money in the insular possessions, Porto Rico and the Philippines. The former has had \$12,500 in donations and \$3,000 in loans; the latter has had a donation to the Charles Knox Memorial Church, being erected in Manila.

According to the law controlling the Board it can make no grant to a church unless the case is exempted from the rule by this General Committee. Hence, as soon as the opportunity presented itself a number of such cases came into view. Bishop J. W. Hamilton, one of the most persistent fighters of the Committee, for what he wishes for the conferences or churches under his supervision, presented a case from Berkeley, Cal. The University of California is located here, and the desire is to erect a church to cost anywhere from \$11,000 to \$50,000. For this it was hoped to get the assistance of the Board. The proposition had its opposers and its supporters. The application came directly to the General Committee, without having gone to the Board at Philadelphia, which greatly weakened the case. After a spirited debate, the committee voted against exempting the case.

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The next day Dr. J. C. Arbuckle, of Ohio, brought up the case of Oberlin, O., where a representative church is greatly needed for the 200 or 300 Methodist young people who attend the Oberlin University. This brought on another lively debate, but was finally defeated. It is said another case, that of Princeton, N. J., was not brought up because those who favored the proposition feared it would share the fate of the other two. Only one expensive church was exempted, and that was the Spencer Memorial Church in Illinois, being erected in memory of Dr. Wm. A. Spencer, a former secretary of the Church Extension Board.

The committee worked carefully and faithfully on the amount to be asked of each annual conference, and what each is authorized to draw on the Board for during the fiscal year. These we shall publish at a later date.

The committee was hospitably entertained, and everything made extremely pleasant for them. On Friday the committee and visitors were invited to take dinner at the Hotel Coates as the guests of the Grand Avenue Church, in which the meetings were held; and on Saturday a similar courtesy was extended at the Baltimore Hotel by Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Blanchard.

The committee adjourned Saturday morning, when some of the bishops and representatives left at once for Lincoln, Neb., where the Freedman's Aid Committee meeting is to be held. Secretary King expressed himself as much gratified with the success of the meeting.

Spring Conferences.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation for 1904.

N. B.—The eleven conferences first named below belong to the Plan for 1903, but are to be held subsequent to the bishops' conference in November, 1903.)

Conference, Place and Time	Bishop.
Austin, Ft. Worth, Tex.—Nov. 26.....	Walden
South Carolina, Sumter—Nov. 28.....	Cranston
Southern German, Perry, Tex.—Dec. 2.....	Walden
Alabama, Anniston—Dec. 3.....	Foss
Savannah, Brunswick—Dec. 3.....	Cranston
Texas, Houston—Dec. 9.....	Walden
Central Alabama, Birmingham—Dec. 10.....	Foss
Atlanta, Covington, Ga.—Dec. 10.....	Cranston
West Texas, San Antonio—Dec. 16.....	Walden
Mobile, Union Spr'gs, Ala.—Dec. 17.....	Foss
Georgia, Ellijay—Dec. 17.....	Cranston

Upper Mississippi, Okolona—Jan. 13.....	Mallalieu
Arkansas, Siloam Springs—Jan. 13.....	McCabe
Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss.—Jan. 20.....	Mallalieu
Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Ark.—Jan. 21.....	McCabe
Louisiana, Baton Rouge—Jan. 27.....	Mallalieu
St. John's River, Tarpon Sp'gs, Fla.—Jan. 28.....	Goodsell
Gulf Mission Con, Hughes Sp's, Tex.—Feb. 4.....	Mallalieu
Florida, Gainesville—Feb. 4.....	Goodsell
Porto Rico, Guayama—Feb. 25.....	Cranston
Central Missouri, Kansas City, Mo.—Mar. 9.....	Walden
Virginia, Alexandria—Mar. 10.....	Foss
Lexington, Lexington, Ky.—Mar. 10.....	Fowler
Lincoln, Topeka, Kan.—Mar. 10.....	Hamilton
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 16.....	Merrill
Delaware, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 16.....	Andrews
Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.—Mar. 16.....	Walden
Washington, Baltimore, Md.—Mar. 16.....	Fowler
Wilmington, Dover, Del.—Mar. 16.....	FitzGerald
Gen. Pennsylvania, Harrisburg—Mar. 16.....	McCabe
South Kansas, Baldwin, Kan.—Mar. 16.....	Hamilton
New Jersey, Trenton—Mar. 23.....	Merrill
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.—Mar. 23.....	Foss
N. Eng. South'n, N. Bedford, Mass.—Mar. 23.....	Goodsell
Newark—Mar. 23.....	Cranston
East German, New York—Mar. 24.....	FitzGerald
Southwest Kansas, Wichita—Mar. 24.....	Hamilton
Wyoming, Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Mar. 30.....	Andrews
Missouri—Mar. 30.....	Walden
Vermont, Montpelier—Mar. 30.....	Fowler
Maine, Rumford Falls—Mar. 30.....	Vincent
Eastern Swedish, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Mar. 31.....	Foss
Northwest Kansas, Salina, Kan.—Mar. 31.....	Hamilton
Northern New York, Ilion, N. Y.—April 6.....	Merrill
New York—April 6.....	Andrews
New York East, Brooklyn, N. Y.—April 6.....	Foss
St. Louis, Carthage, Mo.—April 6.....	Walden
New Hampshire—April 6.....	Fowler
East Maine, Pittsfield, Me.—April 6.....	Vincent
New England, Springfield, Mass.—April 6.....	Goodsell
North Indiana, Muncie, Ind.—April 6.....	McCabe
Troy, Gloversville, N. Y.—April 6.....	Cranston
E. C. Af. Mis. Con.—Nov.....	Hartzell
Foochow, Foochow—Nov.....	Moore
Hinghua, Hinghua—Nov.....	Moore
W. C. Af. Mis. Con.—Dec.....	Hartzell
Bombay, Baroda—Dec. 10.....	Warren
West China Mis.—Dec. 23.....	Moore
Bengal, Calcutta—Dec. 30.....	Warren
Liberia, Monrovia—Jan.....	Hartzell
North India, Bareilly—Jan. 7.....	Warren
Burmah M. Con., Rangoon—Jan. 7.....	Warne
Northwest India, Cawnpore—Jan. 15.....	Warren
Central China Mis., Kiukiang—Jan. 20.....	Moore
Mexico, Mexico City—Jan. 21.....	FitzGerald
South India, Bangalore—Jan. 27.....	Warren
South America, Buenos Ayres—Jan. 27.....	Joyce
Corea Mission, Seoul—Feb. 17.....	Moore
Malaysia, Singapore—Feb. 18.....	Thoburn
Western S. America, Santiago, Chili—Feb. 25.....	Joyce
S. Japan Mis. Con., Fukuoka—Mar. 16.....	Moore
Japan, Tokio—Mar. 31.....	Moore
North China, Peking.....	Moore

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.
J. N. FITZGERALD, Secretary.
Rock Island, Ill., Nov. 8, 1903.

The Year Book recently issued records the making of remarkable progress by the Methodist Church this past year. The Methodists have raised about \$25,000,000 for various good causes. All the Methodist churches in America, excepting those in the South, and some connected with the smaller Methodist bodies, are estimated as being worth \$126,024,000, and parsonages an additional \$20,500,000. The followers of John Wesley throughout the world are stated by the Year Book to number 28,018,770, of whom 22,531,113 are in America. The total Methodist property of the world is estimated at about \$300,000,000.—*Raleigh Advocate.*

Personal and General

The present address of Rev. C. H. Hurd, of the East Tennessee Conference, is Pocohontas, Va.

The postoffice address of Rev. J. L. Massey, of the Tennessee conference, is Lewisburg, Tenn.

Osman F. Hall, M. D., appointed medical missionary to Chungking, West China, in January, 1899, died there on Oct. 28, 1903.

F. E. Hirsch, D. D., during the recent session of Northwest German Conference, was inaugurated president of Charles City (Iowa) College.

We learn with sincere regret of the sudden demise October 20 of Rev. H. C. Crump, pastor of Visitors' Chapel M. E. church, Texarkana, Ark.

Bishop I. W. Joyce completed his round of eight annual conferences in as many weeks, and looks as well as though he were at the beginning of his labors for the fall.

A cablegram received in the office of the Missionary Society, Oct. 23, announced the death of Mrs. Kate Strong Fulkerson, the wife of Dr. E. R. Fulkerson, principal of Chinzei Seminary, Nagasaki, Japan.

We have received a printed program of the Second District (Upper Mississippi) Conference, of the Aberdeen District, which is to convene at Macon, Miss., December 2-6, 1903. Rev. C. W. Walton, presiding elder.

Zion's Herald says: "Mr. R. T. Miller, of Covington, Ky., requested not to be elected a delegate to the General Conference. His request was not heeded, and he was elected by a splendid majority by the Kentucky Lay Electoral Conference."

As evidence that our Conference widows can assist greatly in the upbuilding of the church, we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Annie E. Jenkins, of Waldo, Fla., has just sent us eight annual subscribers in fulfillment of her pledge made a year ago at the conference.

Dr. E. J. Price, of the New York Conference, formerly dean of Ocean Grove Summer School of Theology, and Mr. Carl H. Fowler, son of Bishop Fowler, are included in the American Commission for the study of intemperance and for the spread of the Oppenheimer Institution, England.

Mr. U. R. Beverly, Sunday school superintendent of the Pleasant Grove M. E. church, Harrison, Miss., who was in the city this week on business, called at the SOUTHWESTERN and left one yearly subscriber. As an indication of prosperity at this point, a new church is being erected, which they hope to complete before the Christmas holidays.

Dr. Joseph E. Dibble, formerly of Houston, Tex., is pursuing his chosen profession with unusual success in Kansas City, Mo. The Doctor is in charge of the medical interests of a large number of labor organizations of the city, and has also been appointed by the Pullman Car Co. to look after the porters who gather in this great railroad center.

Miss Jean Hudson, of Canton, Miss., is to be married at that place November 18, 1903, to Rev. Jno. J. Morant. Miss Hudson, who is a highly accomplished young lady, is a graduate of Rust University, and has taught in the Industrial department of Meridian Academy. Dr. Morant is a brilliant young minister of the A. M. E. church, a graduate of Payne Seminary, Wilberforce, O.

The Book Concern at Kansas City, Mo., has just moved into its new home, and the current number of the *Central Christian Advocate* presents an excellent picture of the same. We had the pleasure of visiting the building and dropping

into the editor's den. We congratulate Dr. Spencer upon his pleasant and commodious surroundings, as well as the excellent paper he is giving his readers.

The many friends of Prof. A. O. Coffin, Ph. D., will be pleased to learn that he is in Kansas City public schools, and making his usual good record. It will be equally gratifying to know how faithfully he stands by Bro. Wheeler as a Sunday school teacher at Asbury Chapel. The Doctor's ability as a scholar and his reputation as a teacher opens the way for him in educational work wherever he goes.

Rev. J. O. Williams, pastor, Hempstead, Texas, is closing an unusually successful year's work. On the first Sunday in this month his people raised money sufficient to pay him \$100 on his own salary, and \$39 balance due the presiding elder on his salary. The church is already in advance of what it raised last year for ministerial support and benevolences, as well. Brother Williams has also broken his record in number of subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN.

The Philadelphia Methodist says: The next General Conference will have a number of women delegates. Already the following have been elected: Miss Alice M. Haman, Indiana Conference; Mrs. Mattie Yates McMahon, Illinois Conference; Mrs. M. E. Roberts and Mrs. A. W. Nickell, Nebraska Conference; Mrs. P. H. Bodkin, Southern California Conference; Mrs. E. S. Martin, Des Moines Conference; Mrs. May Bliss, Detroit Conference; Mrs. Florence Richards, Central Ohio Conference; Mrs. Lottie E. Valentine, Michigan Conference; and Mrs. Lucy Rider Meyer, Rock River Conference.

The Atlanta Constitution calls attention to the movement in the state of Georgia, headed by a colored man named Moses Bentley, to provide homes for the old ex-slaves. Mr. Bentley has secured a tract of 201 acres of land near Constitution, Ga., and is endorsed and being backed by a number of prominent white citizens. It is gratifying indeed to know of such a movement, and we wish it all possible success. While many of the former slaves are among the most successful and enterprising farmers and business men of the race, it is equally true that thousands of others know what it is to want for the necessities of life. It is announced also that the Daughters of the Confederacy of that state are taking an interest in such work, and that the movement is likely to spread throughout the South. We welcome this not simply for what it will do for this very needy and deserving class, but because it will, to some extent, tend to hold the two races together, in spite of the agitations of unprincipled newspapers and ambitious politicians.

Somehow, we like the idea advanced by the California Conference, that the General Conference provide that every preacher in actual service be entitled to one year in ten for purposes of rest and recreation, without affecting his conference relations. Don't get nervous, brethren; this doesn't mean that you must take it unless you desire it.

The Indianapolis *Freeman* of Oct. 31 contains a number of excellent pictures and a well-written article of the gallant companies B, C and D, Twenty-fourth U. S. Infantry, and its famous band now stationed at Fort Harrison, Mont., quite near the beautiful city of Helena, the state's capital. This military band, which won fame on the Lunetta, of Manila, P. I., by its matchless music, is conceded to be far superior to any musical organization in the United States and is highly deserving of the generous endorsement accorded it by both press and public.

News Notes

Mauna Loa, the great volcano of Hawaii, is in an active state of eruption.

Twenty-five people were killed in the tenement house fire in New York, Sunday morning, Nov. 1.

The death mask of the late President Wm. McKinley has been placed on exhibition at the National Museum, Washington, D. C.

The trials of the fourteen persons indicted for complicity in the lynching at Belleville, Ill., of the colored school teacher, James Wyatt, is set for December 14.

As a result of the wreck on the Big Four at Indianapolis, Ind., Saturday, Oct. 31, the death of the sixteenth victim is reported. Several others are fatally injured.

The assassination of Sagatel Sagouni, president of the Armenian revolutionary society in London, has disclosed a plot to massacre three hundred compatriots in the city of New York.

An attempt was made at Tiflis, Russian Caucasus, last week, to assassinate Prince Galitzin, the governor-general of Trans-Caucasia. His assailants were shot down by Cossacks.

It has been ascertained that out of the one hundred and three persons on board the steamer Tokai when it collided with the Russian steamer Progress off Hakodate, Japan, fifty-five were drowned.

What is said to have been one of the largest funerals ever held in the city of New York was that of Caleb Simms, the leader of the United Colored Democracy, who was recently shot at that place.

Gordon, the colored football player of the Wabash (Ind.) College team, has given up his position on the 'varsity, but will continue to play on the second team. His resignation is due to the objection to his playing made by other clubs.

The African Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of America, organized Feb. 22, 1897, at St. Louis, Mo., will convene in that city during the World's fair in 1904. Charles William Prentice, Grand Master; Geo. H. Green, Grand Recorder, pro tem.

The rebellion of the isthmian states against the Bogota government, which has been in progress since the rejection by the Congress at Bogota of the Hay-Herran Canal Treaty, was successfully accomplished November 3, and the independence of the Isthmus of Panama proclaimed.

For its thirteenth convention the National City Evangelization Union of the Methodist Episcopal church will meet in Cleveland, Ohio, November 17, 18, 19. The program includes papers, discussions and addresses upon many of the most important phases of city evangelization.

Mrs. Emma Booth-Tucker, consul in America of the Salvation Army, wife of Commander Booth-Tucker and daughter of William Booth, founder of the Army, was killed Oct. 29, in the wreck on the Santa Fe, at Dean Lake, Mo. Many others were more or less seriously hurt. Col. Thos. Holland is improving.

The Texas Negro Convention, which was to have convened in Houston, Texas, Oct. 29-31, has been postponed on account of the general state quarantine and will meet in that city Nov. 26-28. The program contains many interesting and highly important subjects pertaining to the race, which will be discussed by prominent Negroes.

President Roosevelt and his cabinet decided November 6 to formally recognize the new republic of Panama, and General Guderger and Admiral Coghlan have been instructed to proceed to the isthmus and enforce the claims of the United States. The United States warship Nashville has sailed to Porto Bello to prevent the landing of Columbian troops.

The proceeds of the first verdict under the new Ohio law which makes a county liable for damages to the estate of a person who is killed by a mob within the county, were distributed recently to heirs in Cook county, Illinois. The beneficiaries were Mrs. Lillian Brown and Mrs. Daisy Paine, of Chicago, sisters of Charles W. Mitchell, who was lynched at Urbana, Champaign county, Ohio, June 4, 1897. Each secured one-fourth of a verdict of \$5,000. The remainder was given two Ohio heirs in the courts of that state.—*Detroit Informer*.

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The wheat crop of Kansas is the largest in its history.

Eastern people are borrowing money from the western farmers. The West is very prosperous owing to several years of good crops that have been sold at high prices.

The cotton states are also enjoying good times. Cotton has been selling at fair figures all this fall. We hope our farmers are paying off the mortgages and putting their surplus into the banks.

Winter will soon be upon us. Repair the shelters for stock and cattle, see if your hay stacks are big enough. Of course, you have already seen to the children and supplied them with warm clothes, new shoes and school books.

The annual convocation of the Farmers' Improvement Society, held at Columbus, Texas, last month, proved a grand success. The report of the president was a wonderful tale of progress. The society during the year grew 100 per cent in membership, with a reputed property valuation of one million dollars. An agricultural college has been started under bright auspices, and has a fair chance to succeed. The organization is now enlarging its sphere to include a work among the city people, and has also added an insurance feature which gives its members protection against destitution at death, at an extremely low rate of cost. Well done, R. L. Smith. We wish you much success in this noble work you have dedicated your life to.

Conference Notices**THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1904.**

A letter has been sent to all pastors in charge explaining the necessity of securing the full amount apportioned for the expenses of the General Conference. If all pastors will report before January 1, 1904, on the postal card therein enclosed we can then know with comparative certainty whether the expenses can be met. We therefore urgently request the return of the postal card with the questions answered, after the collection has been taken. We have no means of knowing the amount paid by the churches but this, and this

report from pastors is vital to the success of our financial plan. If the card sent has been mislaid an ordinary postal card on which the amount apportioned and paid shall be written will answer, to be sent to the chairman, Newark, New Jersey.

The money may be sent to O. P. Miller, treasurer, Rock Rapids, Iowa, or to the agents of our Book Concern at Cincinnati or New York. We must exercise extraordinary care because of the extraordinary cost, and our opportunity is justified by our responsibility.

In behalf of the Commission on Entertainment,

HENRY SPELLMEYER, Chairman.
W. F. WHITLOCK, Secretary.

NOTICE.

A special rate on the convention basis has been secured for those wishing to attend the Texas Annual Conference, to be held at Houston, Dec. 9. Tickets will be placed on sale Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 7 and 8, good until Dec. 14. The convention rate is one and one-third fares for round trip for distances greater than 100 miles. Speak to your ticket agent about rates a few days before the dates of sales in order that oversights may be corrected.

M. W. DOGAN, Secretary.

I want a complete file of all of the minutes published by the Central Alabama Conference from its organization about 27 years ago. I will thank any one who may chance to have in his or her possession any of these minutes published since the organization of this conference, if they will forward same at once to Rev. William T. Trammell, secretary of the Central Alabama Conference, Scottsboro, Ala.

NOTICE.

Dear Pastors: Will each one please let me know what you have raised for the Woman's Home Missionary Society? If you have nothing on hand, kindly observe Thanksgiving Day and raise \$1 at the least. We must lead in this cause. Let us go to the annual conference with good reports. On charges where there is not a Woman's Home Missionary Society, will the pastors organize one at once and raise his dollar. Yours in Christ,
MRS. L. L. ALLEN, District President.
Fort Payne, Ala.

NOTICE.

To the Epworth League Chapters of the Orangeburg District: The president has received an urgent letter from Brother G. G. Penn, setting forth the action of the board of control, making it mandatory upon each local chapter to send a collection for the general league expenses. We, therefore, ask the hearty co-operation of every chapter and pastor in the Orangeburg district. Brethren, if you have not taken the collection, do so at once. Does the South Carolina Conference know of any back seat in her history?

D. J. SANDERS,
President of the Orangeburg District
Epworth League.

**DOINGS OF THE
WORKMEN**

A. W. McKinney, Presiding Elder, Pensacola, Fla.—Those who have been interested in our work at this point will be glad to know that things have taken a new turn and the outlook for our church here is now very encouraging. Some of the best people of the

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An interesting letter to our readers from Hon. H. L. Dunham, Ex-Mayor of Dover, N. J.

Dover, N. J., Nov. 12th, 1902.
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city are now identified with the church. Brother Lewis, the pastor, has won the hearts of the people and they are justly proud of him. The people have it in mind to build a new church and from present indications success will crown their efforts. The pastor's salary up to this time is about three times that of last year and the benevolent and other collections in the same proportion. Brother Lewis is a good, strong intellectual preacher. He has succeeded in winning the people, not only of our church but of the town generally. Pensacola now bids fair to become one of our most important charges.

A. M. Quinn, Pastor, Pearlinton, Miss.—We held our third quarterly conference here Sept. 12-13. Rev. J. I. Garrett was in the chair. Reports showed the work in good condition on all lines. Paid pastor \$133.66; presiding elder, \$10; trustees raised \$86; missions, \$2.50; total, \$241.16. Rev. Garrett preached two wonderful ser-

mons, to the delight of all. We hope that when the elder can't come himself he will always send Bro. Garrett. Pearlinton is alive in church work. Elder Garrett organized a board of trustees and sisters of charity for the Comfort Orphans Home.

E. P. Chapman, Missionary, Miss.—Our third quarterly conference was held Sept. 5-6. Many officers were present with well written reports. The conference was a success. Rev. J. C. Hibbler preached a noble sermon. Paid pastor this quarter, \$54; elder \$16. We are preparing to build a new church at Wesley Chapel and have built a new parsonage at a cost of \$300. Raised for benevolence \$15. Have just closed our revival meeting; 45 were happily converted and joined the church and 12 reclaimed; total 57; baptized 35 children.

J. B. Webb, Pastor, Cedar Bluff, Ala.—The revival on this circuit was blessed with the holy Spirit. It closed with 15 converts and 29 accessions Sept. 14. We are moving along nicely.

G. W. White, Pastor, Velasco Cir.—Our second quarterly conference convened July 12, with our beloved presiding elder, E. Lee, in the chair. Reports showed that the work was progressing along all lines. Eight had been added to the church; some mission money had been raised. Sunday the elder preached two soul-inspiring sermons to crowded houses. A large number partook of the Lord's Supper. Baptized three; raised for the elder, \$6. We have set aside a certain day for SOUTHWESTERN day. The Lord is with us. We wish to thank Brother J. H. Pride, of 168 West 88th street, New York City, for \$1 on our church at Angleton, which is the only dollar we have received so far.

J. E. Webb, Pastor, Lake Como, Miss.—My third quarterly conference convened Sept. 10, with J. C. Hibbler in the chair. All officers were not present, but the affairs of the conference ran smoothly. This work is alive. In my revival I had the assistance and hearty co-operation of the exhorters and local preachers; Brothers I. T. Gavin, E. P. Page, G. H. Harris and J. L. Brown. Paid pastor this quarter, \$54.78; elder, \$9.87; raised for all purposes, \$69.23.

Asheboro, N. C.—At St. Luke's M. E. Church, Aug. 23, was held a red, white and blue tribe rally. Captain of the red tribe, Mrs. Lishia Smallwood; of the white, Mrs. Harriet Carter, and of the blue, Mrs. Jannie Reed. There was great interest manifested. The collection was \$26. The white led. The infant class had a rally Sept. 20. The little ones worked like bees collecting pennies. Little Effie Reed led; she and Bertha Howard presented the money, \$6.85, to the pastor, Rev. D. Brooks.

L. C. Thomas, Pastor, New Roads, La.—St. Paul is yet alive. My wife and I have been ill but the work has progressed. We have had four converts and are turning over new stones in New Roads. The revival fire is burning. We received a wonderful pounds surprise, led by a sinner friend, Mr. Benjamin Stanley, and others. The Baptists took an active part. Our Sunday school is doing good work. Pray for us.

J. A. Reddix, Rec. Steward, Darrow, La., Sept. 12.—The host of Methodism

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down in Darrow is marching gloriously on. The presence of Rev. H. J. Robinson is indeed an incentive to our forces, a stimulus to our work. Rev. Robinson was given a warm reception by everybody. Traveling expenses were raised in quick order, and he is now comfortably situated in the parsonage. The trustees are planning to add two rooms and a kitchen to accommodate his family. Already he has invaded the "shadow of the quiet forest" and St. Landry has the greatest revival in its history. The pastor is hopeful.

A. J. Proctor, pastor, Mansfield, La.—The work at Shady Grove and St. Matthew M. E. churches has been wonderfully blessed thus far, this, my first year here. When we came to this place, after the adjournment of the Louisiana conference, the prospects were not at all encouraging, and I thought my appointment here a punishment. However, I, by the grace of God, took hold at St. Matthew, with only six members, but I kept at it. Finally, when the weather opened up, a few of the old people met me and planned for a year's work putting God ahead. And now, instead of six members, we have fifty members, and our congregation is growing daily. We closed last night one of the greatest revivals ever held in this part of the country, with twenty-nine accessions, and at Shady Grove, our headquarters, we closed a meeting two weeks ago with twenty-three accessions, making a total of fifty-three. We are now making ready for our annual conference. Both churches are spiritually alive. Any preachers coming to Shady Grove and St. Matthew will find a good people and live churches. Our beloved presiding elder, Rev. Daniels, has paid us four visits this year, and we have paid him, up to date. We are expecting him soon to hold our fourth quarter, and will pay him in full. Rev. Daniels is well liked by all, and by his faithful and energetic work the Shreveport district is taking on new life. A better selection could not have been made for this district.

H. W. Tate, pastor, Mt. Zion M. E. church, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O.—I took charge of this work Sunday, March 29, under encouraging circumstances. The charge is composed of earnest, liberal-hearted worshippers,

and the work has moved on smoothly. The pastor and family were tendered a cordial reception. The Epworth League is at work, the Sunday school is prosperous, and the Woman's Home Missionary society is growing in interest. My predecessor, Rev. H. W. Simmons, left the work in good condition, and there is nothing to do but go on in the good work already begun. Fifty per cent of our benevolence is raised. Our indebtedness on the church is being reduced. The SOUTHWESTERN is not forgotten.

W. L. Marshall, pastor, Bay St. Louis, Miss., Sunday, Sept. 13, 1903, was a great day at St. Paul M. E. church. Dr. I. B. Scott, editor of the SOUTHWESTERN, preached for us at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m. At 3:30 p. m. Rev. J. R. Campbell, of the A. M. E. church, preached acceptably. Many thanks to Sister Hulda L. Vaultz, of Pearlington, and Brother Collins, of Gulfport, for their service in swelling the collection. Too much credit cannot be given to Sisters Ella Bennett, E. F. Ross, H. K. McArthur, Bertha Beears, and Brother S. J. Moseley, for their hard and earnest labor in this rally. (The pastor has handed us the names of those who paid \$1 and more, but lack of space forbids our publishing them.—Ed.) The total amount raised was \$58. Monday night the presiding elder, S. A. Cowan, held our quarterly conference. Reports showed the work to be alive. Collections—Trustees, \$27.51; presiding elder, \$10; pastor, \$97.93; total, \$135.44.

W. M. Harrison, Clinton, La.—We have just closed our three weeks' revival, with twelve converts and backsliders reclaimed, and several from other churches. The friends and members of Mount Carmel M. E. church presented the pastor with a fine suit of clothes; also Mr. Anthony James gave a pair of fine shoes, worth \$3.25; Mr. S. Q. Davis, hat, price, \$2.50. The night of August 13 a storm was announced by a band of Steward sisters. This happy company was led by Sister Lou Chase, who is a wide-awake Christian. She delivered the welcome address; the pastor responded. They left on the table 126 pounds of groceries and a small purse of money. They were invited to come again. Dear friends, I thank you all.

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J. W. Woodlee, Atlanta, Ga.—The Central Avenue (formerly Lloyd St.) M. E. church in Atlanta, Ga., under the pastorate of Rev. J. A. Rush, is in a splendid condition spiritually, and financially. Dr. Rush is a man of strong personality, a good speaker, a good revivalist, and a splendid financier. He has ably filled the pulpit during the last four years, and the church seemingly has taken new impetus along all lines. Many improvements have been made on the building, involving heavy debts, but under his able financiering they were paid when due. The great revival, conducted during the spring months, when a number

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of souls were brought to Christ, is still producing good results. Many persons have and are yet connecting themselves with the church. Sunday night Dr. Rush preached the last of six special sermons. They were all of a very high intellectual order, yet simple and plain. The vast audiences which packed the church each Sunday night listened with unabated interest. Fifteen hundred dollars in three Sunday's offerings is the record this year. A special plea has been made for the SOUTHWESTERN at nearly every service. Prof. Chas. G. Harris, formerly the instructor of music at Tuskegee Institute, now filling a like position at Clark University, is instructor. The writer is cornetist for the choir.

Rev. W. O. Bartley, pastor, Ocala, Fla.—We are still moving on. Since the second Sunday in last February we have had ten converts and sixty-eight accessions. Thank God we are moving along rapidly with the building of our new church. Our building committee, namely, Mr. T. J. Anderson, D. W. Goodwin, S. M. Middleton, H. L. Reece and G. P. Curry, are wide awake men. We are expecting to begin worshipping in our new church in thirty days. It is a very large structure, and will seat at least four hundred. When thoroughly completed it will cost not less than \$2,500. We made a special request through the SOUTHWESTERN to officers, members, and friends of Methodism as far as the old church extends for assistance, but only one brother so far has responded. That one was Rev. S. B. Darnell, of Hackettstown, N. J., who agreed to send us \$10, and says he will, as soon as possible, send more.

W. N. G. Lipscomb, pastor, Bridgeville Circuit, Miss.—This work is on the upward march, the churches have been improved at a cost of \$75 since conference. The Lord has blessed the work in all lines this year. In our revival at Little Rock twenty-four were added to the church, and seven baptized; four await baptism. Collected

during the meeting, \$40; paid to pastor, \$21.10. Rev. L. W. Price, pastor at Brookhaven, was with us, and his sermons made lasting impressions. The church at Georgetown, where we have only twenty-eight members, has accomplished a grand work; here the revival resulted in four additions. The church is a magnificent one, built by four men and twenty-four women. On Friday, during the meeting, Rev. H. May, of Columbia, Miss., came over, but was taken very sick, and could not preach for us until Sunday, when he delivered a good sermon.

J. W. Wright, pastor, Devine, Tex.—Our third quarterly conference was held Sept. 12 and 13, 1903, with Rev. H. Swann in the chair. This is the first quarter ever held here. We have only two members at this place. Paid the presiding elder, \$19.35. He preached three inspiring sermons to a crowded house, after which eighteen sinners came forward for prayer. Pray for us that our membership may increase.

B. M. Bufkin, Lawrence, Miss.—After the death of our beloved Brother Cannon, Rev. J. C. Lodge was sent to us. He arrived the third Sunday in August. The church gladly received him, and feel that he is well suited to this people. Five souls have been added to the church since his coming. We have paid him \$33.95. May God bless him and the work.

E. D. Ford, pastor, Chatawa, Miss.—Our third quarterly conference convened Sept. 17. Officers were present with good reports, showing that the charge is advancing on all lines. Paid presiding elder in full; raised for all purposes, \$25. The elder preached one of his soul-stirring sermons. He is loved by the people of Chatawa.

A. J. McNair, pastor, St. Paul M. E. church, Meridian, Miss.—Sunday was a great day for missions at St. Paul M. E. church, Meridian, Miss. Dr. G. G. Logan preached one of his best sermons. At 2 p. m. A. J. McNair, the

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS.

Cumberland River, Lebanon, Tenn., S. S. and E. L. Nov. 12-15
 Holly Springs, Abbeville Ct., Miss. Nov. 18-23
 Greenville, Clarkdale, Miss. Nov. 19-22
 Greenwood, N. Carrollton, Miss. Nov. 25-29
 Brookhaven, Bowerton Ct., Miss. Nov. 26-29
 Tennessee, Mason, Tenn. Nov. 27-29

CONVENTIONS.

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pastor, preached, subject, "Self Denial," and at 7:30 Dr. Lucas preached a glorious sermon on "forgetting those things which are behind." The collection for missions was \$48.47. This church raises a hundred dollars this year for missions.

G. W. Reeves, Pastor, Wedowee, Ala. —My third quarterly conference was held, with Rev. G. M. Jones presiding, and Sunday he preached at 11 o'clock, and at night, and the foremost citizens of this city heard him at the Sunday evening service. For two hours he held the audience spellbound. We certainly think him the presiding elder for this district. This church is wide-awake. We have taken in 52 new members. I will be able to go to the conference with a good report. Two members have died recently, and a couple have been joined in holy matrimony. Paid pastor this quarter \$47.65; presiding elder, \$12; raised for missions \$41. We have lumber on the ground for the building of a new church. Our camp meeting will be at Wedowee Oct. 10-14.

To the Public.

SCOTTSBORO, ALA., Oct. 1, 1903.
 Mr. Editor:—Please allow me a little space in the columns of your valuable paper to announce to all who read the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, that I am agent for the Cataract Gold Mining and Power Company, of Minneapolis, Minn., and for the present will sell to all who may desire to invest their money in an absolutely safe money making business, 10,000 shares of this wonderful stock for cash, at the low price of 33 cents (thirty-three cents) per share, or \$33.00 per 100 shares. (Par value of stock is \$1.00 per share.) Stock certificates will be issued to all paid-up investors. The Capital Stock of the Company is \$2,000,000, fully paid. The Company is at present oreing gold in large quantities in Plumas County, California. Ore is selling at nearly \$19 an ounce direct to the United States Mint. Can supply circulars and reports to any one on application. I know of no better way to help my people than to ask you to please allow this notice to appear in your columns. Ministers, this is a rare opportunity for you, as well as for others. Can furnish all who may desire to invest in the Cataract Gold Mines, with ready-made Application Blanks on application direct to me.

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Conference Notices

NOTICE TO THE MEMBERS OF ATLANTA CONFERENCE.

Let every minister and member of the Atlanta Conference bear in mind the resolution passed at the last Annual Conference, that we would this year raise \$800 for the Conference Claimant Fund. No cause of greater importance can be brought before our people than the wants of our poor widows and veterans of the Gospel who are superannuated. It will take 8 cents per member to make the \$800. Just how much each charge raises per member will be published in the minutes next year. Remember those who laid the foundation. Respectfully yours, in Christ.

S. C. UPSHAW,
South Atlanta, Ga.

CENTRAL ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

All delegates and visitors to the above conference, to be held at Birmingham Nov. 10, will be returned on reduced rate, provided you pay full fare coming and get a certificate from your selling agents. Buy through to Birmingham, if possible; but, if you cannot, buy to the nearest point and repurchase and get certificates from every selling agent.

W. H. NELSON, Secretary.

CENTRAL ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

All candidates to be admitted or passed in regular studies are hereby requested to meet at St. Paul M. E. Church in Birmingham, at 9 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, Nov. 9. Should you fail to be present and take the examination at the time, you have no further claim on the examiners.

A. S. WILLIAMS, Registrar.
W. H. NELSON, Chairman.

NOTICE.

To Presiding Elders and Pastors: Please send me the names of delegates and those who are represented for admission on trial. The ministers who intend to bring their wives will please inform me at once. Yours for success,

H. A. McCLELLAN,
Box 5, Baton Rouge, La.

Field

Nellie Gant, St. Martinsville, La.—Rev. S. Duncan, presiding elder, of Alexandria district, held his third quarterly conference at Mallalieu Chapel M. E. Church, St. Martinsville, La., Sept. 19-20. The reports of pastor and officers showed an increase on all lines. The presiding elder was pleased with the work accomplished during the quarter. The president of the Epworth League, Brother George Drak, presented to the presiding elder a fine hat, after which the members of the league served refreshments at the parsonage. Sunday, Sept. 20, Rev. S. Duncan preached three wonderful sermons. He gave a lecture in the interest of the SOUTHWESTERN. Paid him in full for this quarter, \$17. Our pastor, Rev. J. H. Pierre, is interested in the welfare of the church and people and he is well thought of here. Pray for us.

M. J. Nickerson.—The concert given at Pleasant Plain by the Sons and Daughters of Conference, conducted by Mrs. H. Dutch, was a treat to all who witnessed the two nights' scenes. It was a financial blessing. The trustees and pastor were each presented a purse of \$10.50. On the night of Sept. 16 the president of the deaconesses, Mrs. M.

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—REV. J. H. WRIGHT, 416 West Newton Avenue.

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J. Nickerson, assisted by Mrs. E. Voltz, led a large surprise party to the parsonage. After the Misses Griffin, D. B. Phillips, H. Dutch and others had sung several beautiful songs, the guests were served with refreshments. The dining table was laden with many good things and the pastor, tho sick in bed, was made to feel stronger. God bless the Sons and Daughters of Conference, the Deaconesses and other friends of Pleasant Plains. When we consider the surroundings of this little church and then think of the good work done by the faithful, it seems only just to say that they merit the prayers and praise of every true Methodist. The Deaconesses were delighted

to have Rev. T. J. Johnson and congregation present at their rally on Sept. 20. Collection \$10.10.

R. B. Anderson, Pastor, Fort Stephen Circuit, Miss.—The third quarterly conference was held on this circuit at Center Ridge Church Sept. 24. Rev. J. C. Hibbler was on time. We have 26 officers, ten were present with written reports that showed prosperity. My revival meeting closed with 15 converts. Adults baptized and received into full connection, 5; total received this quarter, 30. Paid pastor during quarter, \$71.76; presiding elder, \$11.52; paid on the church, \$12; for missions, \$1; total this quarter,

\$96.28. Five subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN.

L. F. White, Pastor, Ittabena, Miss.—My revival, which closed a few days ago, resulted in eight conversions and 16 accessions; total number added during the meeting, 24. A party of Samuel Chapel's good members, led by Brother Wm. Bufkin, gave the writer a hundred or more pounds of groceries and sent him home with smiles on his face to spend a few days with his family. God bless this good people.

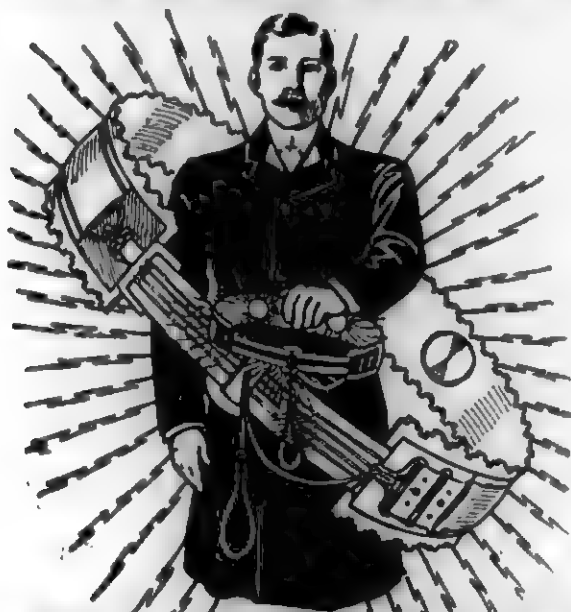
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Rev. H. C. Crump, pastor of Visitor's Chapel, M. E. Church, died very suddenly, Oct. 21, at Texarkana, Ark. Rev. David Hall and the city pastors conducted the funeral service; they were assisted by his lodge, the K. of P.'s. He leaves a wife, children and many friends to regret his unexpected death. So far as is known he died in perfect peace. His family has moved to New Louisville, Ark.

Palestine, Tex.—Rev. W. S. Curtis died Nov. 2 at 3 o'clock a. m. His remains were taken to Houston on the 3rd for burial. He died unconscious and unexpectedly. Death was the result of an internal abscess. Dr. Dogan and Rev. A. R. Luster were here.
L. S. BLAKENET.

Sister Jimmie Harboro, wife of Mr. Thomas Harboro, was born Sept. 15, 1878, and died Sunday, Aug. 2, 1903, aged 24 years. She confessed a hope in Christ in St. James M. E. Church in 1891. Sister Harboro was a devoted wife, a kind mother, loving daughter and sister; was devoted to her work in

the Sunday school and church, doing willingly and cheerfully at all times her duty. She died in peace with God and all mankind, leaving an unsaved husband, one child, a father, mother, four brothers, two sisters, many other relatives and a host of friends, who mourn sincerely the departure of this noble and useful woman.

Okolona, Miss.—Sister Mary Adams, the wife of Rev. Moses Adams, better known as Father Adams, fell asleep in Jesus Sept. 24. She was an exemplary character, a true helpmate to her husband during their married life of 50 years and three months. A friend to the poor and rejected always. Truly a mighty woman has fallen. Her husband, the old pioneer, survives her, also two grand daughters, sisters, brothers and a host of weeping friends. Rest, Mother Adams, till the dead in Christ shall rise, then we will meet you.

D. A. BRAGG, Pastor.

Willis, Texas.—Sister Kate Thomas, a faithful member of the M. E. Church, after a lingering illness of several years, found rest in Christ Sept. 3. She was loved by all who knew her. She leaves one son and two grandsons. The church has lost a devoted member, the sons a mother, the community a respected citizen, but 'tis heaven's gain. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

J. JONES, Pastor.

Natchitoches, La.—On October 9, after a lingering illness, Mrs. Emma Black, aged 72 years, went home to her reward. Asbury M. E. Church loses a faithful member; heaven gains a precious soul. Sister Black was a friend to all ministers of God; her house was their home.

"Servant of God, well done,

Thy glorious warfare's past;

The battle's fought, the victory won,
And thou art crowned at last."

The funeral service was attended by Rev. H. J. Wright, of St. Paul, Shreveport, and the pastor of Asbury.

W. J. M. PRICE.

Palestine, Texas.—Sister Eliza Todd, wife of Rev. Todd, one of the oldest ministers of the Texas Conference, departed this life Sept. 29, 1903, aged 66 or 70 years. A faithful member of the church, her place cannot be filled. Peace to her ashes. Also little Cheatham Taylor, a child about 15 years of age, died with perfect faith in Jesus, Oct. 3. He passed from this life suddenly, leaving no testimony but the life he lived. He was a good child, a member of the church, Sunday school, Epworth League and choir, always on time and loved by everybody. He was shot through the head about 3 o'clock in the morning, the result of trouble in which he had no part. He was the brightest and the most useful child in the church. The town mourns his untimely death. W. S. Curtis, the pastor, attended the service.

Starkville, Miss.—One of the best members of Zion Franklin M. E. Church, Sister Panther Young, departed this life in full faith October 1. A bereaved husband and a number of children and friends mourn their loss. The funeral service was conducted by the pastor, G. W. Baker.

Willis, Texas.—Miss Johnserlean Thomas, who had strayed from the Christian life, confessed Christ on her dying bed. Her death, Sept. 17, brought sadness to the loving hearts of a

mother, brother and a host of friends.

Brother Fred Foot, aged 80 years, a member of the church for 45 years, after an illness of one year, fell asleep in Christ Sept. 29. Five sons, two daughters and thirty grandchildren survive him and a host of friends.

J. JONES, Pastor.

Greensboro, N. C.—Mrs. Mary S. Yancey, the wife of Mr. Dennis B. Yancey, a prominent official in our church here, was taken ill Saturday, Oct. 3, during the day and at midnight of the same day quite suddenly departed this life. Her funeral, which was attended by a large concourse of friends, was preached the following Monday by the pastor, Rev. S. A. Peeler, of St. Matthew M. E. Church, assisted by the different ministers of other churches. Sister Yancey leaves three little girls, her loving husband and a host of friends. She was quite an active and useful member in church service. In her death, as well as in other inscrutable dispensations of our heavenly Father, we can only bow in humble submission and say, "Thy will be done."

C. H. M.

Clarendon, Ark.—Rev. M. B. Wells died August 16, aged 42 years. A wife and seven children and friends mourn his loss. He died as he lived, a true Christian man.

R. M. REQUES.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Canton, Miss.—Mr. James Hunter was married to Miss Anna Hester. Both are members of our church here. We wish them happiness and prosperity. J. E. Coleman officiated.

Miss Vernie Lawrence and Mr. Arthur Cowferd were joined in holy wedlock Sept. 9, by J. B. Webb, pastor, at Cedar Bluff, Ala.

Scooba, Miss.—On the night of Oct. 18 quite a large congregation of both races witnessed the marriage of Mr. Oscar C. Brock to Mrs. Luvenia C. Delk, both of this place. The bride is a public school teacher of high reputation, also president of the Glee Club of this church. The groom is a member of the First Baptist Church. Monday night, the 19th inst., the Glee Club will give a grand banquet in honor of their worthy president, under the direction of Jas. P. Crump, chancellor. May they live a long and happy life.
P. R. Crump, the pastor, officiated.

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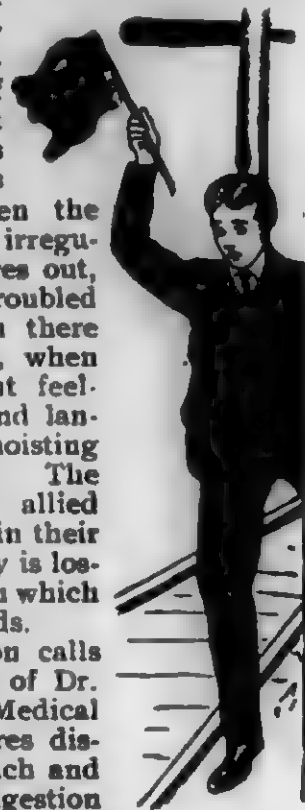
Fullwood Springs, Ga.—On the evening of Nov. 1, 1903, in New Hope M. E. Church, Mr. A. B. Ammons and Miss Emma Pollard were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. H. L. Phillips officiated. Both parties are prominent members of New Salem Baptist Church. Their many friends wish them a long, happy voyage and great success through life, crowned with God's richest blessings.

DESSIE LOWERY.

Hudson, N. Y.—Mr. Edward Thomas Dickerson and Miss Sarah Elizabeth Tanner were united in holy matrimony on the 28th of October by me, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Smith. This was the occasion of a delightful evening; the bride and groom presented as pleasing an appearance as could be desired at a wedding feast. Mrs. Smith's home was beautifully decorated. The guests numbered about 30; all was a most fitting demonstration of the advance of our people toward the noble, the good and the true way of living.

D. DEWITT TURPEAU.

Sedalia, Mo.—Miss Jessie Floyd, of California, Mo., was united in marriage to Mr. John Birt Thurston, of Versailles, Mo., by Rev. A. M. Somerville, pastor of the California charge, Oct. 29, at the residence of the bride's mother. Among the guests were a number of the best white citizens of California. One of the white ladies played the wedding march. Many valuable presents were given the young couple by these friends and others. The bride has been a member of the M. E. Church in California, Mo., from childhood, and with a good Methodist mother before her, has proved herself to be a Christian, a church worker and a



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A. M. SOMERVILLE.

Natchitoches, La.—On Oct. 28, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. Henry Schuman and Miss Magline Garner.

October 29, Mr. Fisher Smith and Miss Ella Cortney.

Also, on Nov. 3, Mr. John Traylor and Miss Hattie Burrell were joined by me in holy wedlock. We wish them a happy and successful sail over the matrimonial sea.

W. J. M. PRICE, Pastor.

Cotton Plant, Ark.—Mr. Joseph Madden and Miss Effie Mason were joined in holy matrimony, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kennedy's, Oct. 25. Rev. C. A. Taylor officiated.

Oliver, La.—The Mt. Zion B. E. Church was beautifully decorated Oct. 28, the occasion being the marriage of Mr. E. D. Luckey to Miss Virginia Green, both of Oliver. We pray God's blessings on them through the voyage of life. The ceremony was performed by W. D. Rigger.

LITERARY NOTES

The November number of the *Southwestern Workman*, published by the Hampton Institute press, is of more than ordinary interest. Two articles on the Negro Question, one by a Northern journalist, and the other by a professor in a Southern college, are thoughtful contributions on this much-discussed topic.

Reginald Wyon, the English correspondent whom the Turkish officials tried to drive out of Macedonia, because of the fidelity with which he reported the atrocities perpetrated by Turkish troops at Monastir and elsewhere, is the author of a striking narrative, "What I saw in Macedonia," which *The Living Age* for November 7 reprints from *Blackwood's Magazine*; and Mrs. Archibald Little's article, "How the Court Came Back to Peking," in the *Age* for October 24, gives a vivid account of present conditions in the Chinese capital, and of the curious personages who control the government of the empire.

H. E. Morgan, pastor, Philadelphia, Miss.—The Philadelphia circuit is yet alive. We have three churches on the work, and have just closed our revival with good results. I was assisted by Brother B. W. Robinson of the Handle charges. He gave good service. At Mt. Zion we received 15 members, at

Liberty, 20; Hopewell, 11; total, 46, during revivals. Collections, \$61.40. The revival fire still burns. Pray for us.

A. W. Piggee, Little Maumelle.—We are just out of a glorious revival, in which seventeen souls were happily converted. The meeting was conducted by the Rev. D. H. E. Harris, assisted three nights by Rev. H. C. Dunlap, of Hensly charge. This was one of the greatest meetings held in this part of the country in twenty years.

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CRESCENT CITY NOTES

In the annual concert and bazar given Oct. 24th for the benefit of the stewards and trustees of First Street M. E. Church, \$103.85 was realized. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Tircuit, was general manager. He and his forces are to be congratulated. Rev. Samuel Davage preached to the edification of the congregation at First Street M. E. Church, last Sabbath.

WESLEY CHAPEL NOTES.

Tuesday evening, Nov. 3, class rally; collection, \$38.41.

Sunday, Nov. 8, a sermon was delivered by the pastor, Rev. T. J. Johnson, to the Daughters of Conference. They collected \$3.10. Officers were installed. Church collection for Sunday, \$21.60.

Mr. Willie Seymore was married to Miss Alberta Fernanders Oct. 28; also Mr. Ruffin Bush to Miss Tillie Anderson, Nov. 4.

The King's Daughters and Sons and Daughters of the Conference of Williams Chapel presented to Rev. S. Davage a purse Nov. 5, the contents of which were greatly appreciated by him.

Mrs. I. B. Scott, Mrs. B. Williams and Mrs. R. Morant presented their pastor, Rev. C. W. Reeves, with a neat purse of money Nov. 6, which he highly appreciated.

There was a special sermon preached at Williams Chapel Sunday night for men by the pastor, and a large company was present. Collection, \$12.

Several of the friends of Business Manager Morse made him a birthday call recently at his residence on Fern street. The evening was very pleasantly spent. Misses Essie Davis and Miriam Voltz graced the occasion with good singing and recitations. A fine umbrella was presented as a memento.

CONFERENCE NOTICE.

To the Members of the South Carolina Conference: This will inform you that the Southeastern Passenger Association has granted reduced rates to all ministers and delegates attending the next session of our Conference, to be held at Sumter, S. C., Nov. 26, 1903. Tickets will be on sale Nov. 24, 25, 26 and 27, and be good for return passage until midnight Dec. 3. If you cannot secure round-trip tickets from your station, purchase straight ticket to

nearest junctional point, and from there secure round-trip ticket to and from Sumter. E. B. BURROUGHS,
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New Orleans, La.—Sister Mary Williams, aged 58 years, mother-in-law of Rev. J. A. Lindsay, while seated at the breakfast table Wednesday, Nov. 4, answered the summons of the Master, after an illness of three and a half years. She was a member of the Liberty Baptist Church, and for 35 years lived a consistent Christian. She fell asleep in Jesus without a struggle. Rev. Lindsay, his wife and sister, the only relatives left, take this method of thanking the Revs. J. J. Obee, J. D. Wilson, V. Chapman, H. James, T. B. Cooper and M. Gettridge for their kind and consoling words, and the assistance they rendered her pastor, Rev. F. Benoit in the funeral ceremonies. May heaven's choicest blessings rest upon them till we meet Sister Mary William in the kingdom of our God.

Field

J. McKee, Campti, La.—Campti circuit is in good working order. I have just closed one of the greatest revival meetings at St. Paul M. E. Church that has been held there for ten years. The Lord has been with us. Up to date, Sept. 15th, we have had 19 converts and 12 backsliders reclaimed. We also had a grand revival at Mt. Zion M. E. Church. Ten happy souls were saved and 12 reclaimed and several received from the Baptist church. Total number of conversions and those reclaimed, 56. The first Sunday in September, baptism at Mt. Zion. The stewards paid the pastor \$29.15. The second Sunday, at St. Paul, baptizing. It was a happy occasion. The stewards here paid pastor \$23.80. We are coming to the front. Rev. N. R. Randolph, of Cane River, was with me in my meetings; also Rev. Daniel Shelby, of Leesville, and Miss Katie McKee, of Texas.

H. P. Belcher, Pastor, Liberty and Temperance Hall, Tenn.—My fourth quarterly conference was held successfully Sept. 5-6 by Rev. T. B. Blackman, pastor of Cherry Valley. The Lord's supper was administered to 43; 42 paid their quarterage; paid the elder, \$12.28; pastor, \$33; raised for missions \$5, and for all purposes \$56.75. Our revival meeting of seven days followed the quarterly meeting. Twenty-eight souls were converted and 22 joined the church. Rev. Blackman rendered us excellent service. The Lord is to be praised.

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Biloxi, Miss.—At a regular meeting of the members of the Israelite M. E. Church, called by the pastor for the election of a delegate to the Mississippi Annual Conference, James Pittard presiding, candidates nominated were: M. Gant, N. Jackson and A. B. Pittard. M. Gant was elected delegate to represent this church at the Annual Conference to be held at Hattiesburg, Miss., 1903. James Pittard, president; M. Gant, secretary; Rev. D. D. Armstrong, pastor.

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Editorial Notes

Now for the renewals and new subscribers, too.

Perhaps that unconcerned careless member simply needs to be put to performing some duty in the church. Try the plan of giving everyone something to do and show them how it should be done.

Your church has held on to you for a number of years and you have seemed unconcerned as to your own soul's welfare; it is now time you were making an effort to do something in the church both for yourself and for the cause.

Battles for free trade have been fought and lost and so have at least two contests for free silver, hence it looks as tho no political party will in the next national campaign be advocating either of these dead issues. The only rallying cry that seems not to lose its charm or efficiency is "down with the Negro!"

The call has been issued for a meeting of the Republican National Committee to meet at the Arlington Hotel, Washington, D. C., Friday, Dec. 11th. This body will decide when and where the Republican National Convention is to be held. This begins to look as tho the great political battle is soon to be on.

Poor old Missouri! Officially she must be corrupt from the top right through to the bottom. The lieutenant governor and a number of members of the legislature have had their rottenness exposed and now it is thought the jury which failed to agree in the case of a senator recently tried, was "fixed," hence the jury is to be investigated. So many bribe takers have been unearthed that they do not now trust any one, it seems.

It is well for parents and their children who live in the country to remember that city life is becoming more and more dangerous for young people unaccustomed to its temptations and allurements as the years come and go. Sometime since we were told by the city attorney in a northern city that thousands of country young people, colored and white, go to the bottom almost as soon as they reach the city.

Not only does Congressman Crumpacker, but a number of other good citizens, feel that the South should be made to pay the penalty of disfranchising the Negro. If it be the fixed purpose not to allow to him the right of suffrage under any circumstances, then he should not be counted in determining the South's representation either in Congress or the electoral college. We love the South and feel interested in all that tends to strengthen and develop it, and yet it cannot be for the best good of the South to violate law or for the country at large to deprive any American citizen of those rights guaranteed him by the laws of the land.

The Insincerity of Those Who Malign the Negro

The more we read northern newspapers or talk with citizens of that section who have not taken occasion to properly inform themselves on the subject, the more we are convinced that they really believe the Southern outcry against the Negro to be sincere. This is unfortunate both for the Negro and for this country. In the former case it is unfortunate because it enables those who desire to deprive the black man of his rights as a citizen, and thus nullify the results of the war, to do so almost without a protest from those on account of whom it is sought to decitizenise him; and in the latter case it is unfortunate because the very foundation principles of our government are being undermined. That this is true no honest man who knows the facts and thinks can deny. To read the bitter denunciations against the Negro, so often found in a certain class of southern newspapers, or listen to the outcries against him made by a certain grade of statesmen(?) one is led to feel that the South is really afraid of him and wishes to get rid of him. But the fact is, neither is true. It is all a political display for effect. The first purpose is to continue the work of disfranchisement without interference. The second, is to destroy the black man's influence at the North where he has been driven, or at any rate has gone in such large numbers. If the North can be made to believe he is a dangerous, worthless citizen and a bad man generally, it will not only find no fault with the South for disfranchising him, but will give him the cold shoulder wherever found. We still hold, as we have often done before in these columns, that the South does not want to get rid of the Negro. That she does not is evidence of the fact that she is not afraid of him. Hence some other reason must be found for the outcry against him. We deem the reasons just given all sufficient. In order to sustain our claim that those politicians and newspapers who denounce the southern Negro are not sincere, we call to witness "Peg Leg" Williams, a southern railway agent who has been imprisoned again and again and has suffered in many other ways for trying to remove them even from one state to another. In a letter recently published in the *Atlanta Constitution*, he says:

"The Negro makes at least 70 per cent. of the 11,000,000 bales of cotton made. This makes him an essential part of the industrial commerce south. The farmers of Georgia and the Carolinas cannot compete with the western states and buy fertilizers, even though Georgia ranks second in cotton production.

"How does she do it? At the expense of her Negro population of 800,000, who have to help pay for guano and remain in the white owner's debt from year to year, eking out an existence that no other race of people could sustain life at. No wonder the lands of Georgia are worn out. An ignorant class of half-starved people have done the best they could for the past thirty-five years and they do well considering all the circumstances. Now, if you want to get rid of the Negro, repeal the emigrant laws made thirty

years ago and make the Negro free to go to the western states or where he pleases. This law does not affect white emigrants at all; it was made to hold the Negro. I have transported white and black both, but never had any trouble about moving whites; but it has cost me \$3,500 in the past seven years to pay lawyers' fees, cost of courts and licenses to move the Negro in my business as railway agent.

"I know of several counties not a hundred miles from Atlanta where it's more than a man's life is worth to go into to get Negroes to move to some other state. There are farmers that would not hesitate to shoot their brother were he to come from Mississippi to get 'his niggers,' as he calls them, even though he had no contract with them. I know personally numbers of Negro men who have moved west and after accumulating a little returned to get a brother, sister or an old father or mother and they were compelled to return without them, their lives being imperiled; they had to leave, and leave quick.

"The facts are that if the Negro wanted to leave in numbers the United States soldier would have to be called out to protect them and even then they would have trouble. This applies to the farming class of Negroes."

Great Year For the Missionary Society

The Missionary Society has just closed one of the greatest years of its history. While it did not get all the money it needed to carry forward its work, a decided advance was made by the church in missionary giving. The cash receipts for the year ending Oct. 31st were \$1,482,272.82, which is an increase over the year previous of \$136,974.89. The receipts from conference collections were \$1,405,945.07. This is an increase over the previous year of \$124,223.38. There were received from legacies \$62,006.49, an increase of \$7,103.89; received from sundry sources, \$14,321.26, an increase of \$5,647.62. A report of the meeting will appear later. All colored conferences show an increase in giving but four. We are sure the following will be of interest:

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Conference.	Collected.	Increase.	Decrease
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Central Alabama.	342.55	105.13
Central Missouri.	549.61	42.43
Delaware	4,119.08	212.58
East Tennessee..	634.00	....	134.00
Florida	775.18	....	84.67
Lexington	826.57	292.25	....
Lincoln	194.52	194.52	....
Little Rock.....	644.76	333.91	....
Louisiana	1,527.03	....	80.47
Mississippi	719.14	147.57	....
Mobile	378.74	53.49	....
North Carolina.	741.00	75.32	....
Savannah	416.40	20.40	....
South Carolina..	2,871.92	643.72	....
Tennessee	951.44	234.59	....
Texas	1,318.25	165.85	....
Upper Mississippi	902.42	442.57
Washington	3,387.00	605.00
West Texas	1,544.00	132.65

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What Do Our Christian Institutions Stand For?

BY REV. GEO. T. SAXTON.

They stand for:

1. The fundamental ideas back of them.
2. Spiritual truth—the craving of the human mind.
3. The elevation of womanhood and childhood.
4. Citizenship and civilization.

It has well been said that back of a Christian institution there must be a Christian idea, a suitable field, the necessary material resources, and men of power and ability. Our Christian institutions have these elements. To inspire, instruct, and train Christian men and women is a Christian idea. Nine millions or more of a recently emancipated and an oppressed race who are native born citizens of the largest and greatest republic on earth, and who have as their fatherland Africa—a great continent which is yet to be redeemed to Christ, an adequate field. The generous gifts of the benefactors of our Christian schools have given us the necessary material resources, together with men and women of power and ability to operate these schools.

Speaking in a general way, one has said that an institution contains within itself an organism by which it effects its own independent actions, continuation, and, generally, its own further development, and which acts through officers and members. An institution therefore, is not brick and mortar, nor individual persons; it is primarily an organization of persons associated together under ideas embodied in laws or customs in accordance with which these persons act. A Christian institution, then, is not the material structure of its buildings and equipments, nor the endowment, nor the charter, nor the board of trustees, nor the president and faculty, nor the alumni and students; it is a great organism with ideas and laws in accordance with which these manifold agencies and means co-operate in the intellectual and Christian or moral development of its students.

In the nature of the case, says another, many lives contribute to the life and growth of a great Christian school. Life is a great river; it may have its source in one or a few large fountains, but as it sweeps on in its majesty to the sea, it is enlarged by many tributaries.

An institution points backwards and forwards; as a symbol it stands for the great fundamental ideas which lay back of it. It stands for those ideas which gave it birth; in fact, it is the reserved ideas of its founder, to whom it points back with pride, reminding us that though his body sleeps in the dust, and that he himself has gone into the spirit world, yet the great fundamental ideas still live. It points forward to the future development of those ideas woven into human lives, and put into the practical affairs of life.

A Christian institution stands for more than this. Standing as it does upon the uppermost peak of the intellectual mountain, it points back not only to its human founder with limited and obscure ideas, but it points back, back, through nineteen centuries to the superhuman Christ, with clear and unlimited ideas who gave birth to the Christian ideas and principles which underlie every Christian institution. It points forward to the development of these ideas and principles in this present life, and further still to a larger development of them in the life to come.

During the early days of man, after having lost the image of God, the Father, and thus becoming void of real spiritual understanding, the human mind craved for, and searched after something to satisfy its spiritual wants and needs. For many generations it wandered in this loathsome condition. Now Christian schools, springing up here and there, sought to supply this deficiency for the human mind. In their vain attempt they produced the dry philosophy of Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle. This, though containing some truths vital to Christianity, soon grew into skepticism, and left the human mind confused and dissatisfied. "Pagan faith and thought were unavailing to meet the spiritual wants of man." The soul soon found that it could not live on the triumphs of art, literature, eloquence, nor legislation, and in its despairing it looked above and beyond even its own pagan gods, and worshipped ignorantly, "the unknown God." It was then that Christianity came forward with its sublime truths and made proffer of them to the world. Paul, a representative of the truths, a product of Christian thought, preaching Christ on Mars Hill, looked back upon a long line of dead systems of Greek genius, and forward to the rise of Christian institutions in their stead. Great indeed had been the thinkers of the Stoa and the academy; greater still was the messenger of Christ. His system was the permanent truth.

Under the old pagan system the degradation of woman was complete; even in Athens, a center of great learning, the wife was a slave, without legal rights. Her mental endowments were declared to be of inferior grade, marriage was a loose bond with only a shadow of political institution. A low estimation was put upon childhood. In Sparta, the maimed child was a burden to the state, because useless as a soldier. In a boy, to steal was a virtue, provided it could be done so cleverly as not to be detected. But to-day, under the system of our Christian institutions, the mental endowment of woman is rightly recognized as equal to that of man; in society she stands side by side with father, husband, brother.

Christianity gave prominence to woman as an important factor. Elizabeth, Anna, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, became early witnesses, however unconscious, to the worth and dignity of woman in the Christian system.

Look about you to-day and you see witnesses to the same fact. In our Christian schools our girls, as students, master the difficult studies as well as the boys; as teacher, woman has well won her place as a member of the faculty, and is now fast becoming a competitor in the other professions.

Under the influence of our schools, which are but crystalized efforts of the early Christian thought, childhood is dignified and children themselves have become a blessing, instead of a curse and stealing is no longer a virtue.

The foregoing are some of the results which can be tabulated. But who can begin to measure the results which cannot be put into statistics; the transformation of individual lives, the elevation of the home, the starting of centers of intellectual, moral, and spiritual power in communities?

Through the influence of our Christian schools, the intellectual and moral tone of the order and efficiency of the work of the church and of the various professions and trades have been greatly affected, and in many cases transformed.

As a civilizing force our Christian schools stand first among the educational institutions of the land

in moulding and shaping the character of our young men and women. It is from these Christian schools that we get the truest leadership of the race. It is from the sentiment put in motion by these schools that the race has been able to win for itself the citizenship referred to by the Rev. R. C. Ransom, whom I now quote. He says: "If citizenship is to be won by good conduct, by honorable striving, by devotion to the flag, by respect for laws and an inclination towards peaceable living, then the Negro has won citizenship. Four colored regiments in the regular army, the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth infantry, and the Ninth and Tenth cavalry, have made enviable records of good service. The regular and volunteer colored regiments did as well as any of the white regiments in Cuba and the regular colored regiments won as much honor in the Philippines. The Negro has rarely been an insurrectionist, and has rarely been found in mobs. Denied the right to vote in the South, the Negro has striven to educate himself.

This is to his credit, and is so recognized everywhere save in the South. Few intelligent men in the South contend that the educated and trained Negro is a menace in the sense of thirty years ago. The fact seems to be that he has become a competitor in many trades, and there is the trouble.

For example, the New Orleans *Times-Democrat* objects to the Negro being taught printing. They may not work with white men, it says, so they should not be taught the trade. As a matter of fact, however, there are hundreds of newspapers published by colored men, scores of printing establishments owned and managed by colored men, in which a great many colored printers find employment.

The peril of Negro citizenship, as conceived a generation ago, is no longer a real one, for Negroes are buying farms, owning homes, paying taxes, engaging in business, building churches and sending 1,000,000 children to the public schools.

There is certainly no cause for despair as to the progress of the Negro in the United States since slavery was abolished. A Southern planter boasted in 1858 that he had on his plantation not only Negroes from Virginia, Kentucky, and Louisiana, but "the noblest Romans of them all, from Africa." It is a matter of record that slaves were smuggled into this country as late as 1851. Therefore, there are now among the freedmen of the South, men and women whose parents were born in African savagery. There are hundreds of thousands of Negroes still living who were born in slavery. At most, the Negroes of the South are only one generation removed from slavery, and thousands of them are only two generations removed from African savagery.

In view of these facts, the progress of the race in the last forty years is wonderful. In his willingness to work, in his loyalty to his employer, in his desire for education, in his aptitude for business, in his ambition to improve his condition, and in his patriotism, the Negro has, beyond question, educated himself; he shows that he owns property, personal, public and real. He shows that he pays taxes, thus helping to support the government under which he lives; that he is patriotic, a lover of his country, and that he will die for the same.

In our Christian institutions, more than anywhere else, is the true basis of citizenship laid. It is here that we get the idea of a higher and better education, because of the Christian principles interwoven therein. It is here that we get the

idea that a race that is ever to amount to anything worthy of a name, must own lands, build homes, and operate business establishments. It is here that we learn from the study of our country's history and from the sight of our country's flag, as it floats from the flag poles of our school buildings, to love our country and her cause, and to rally around her flag in time of war. And as a result of these principles, we have thousands of young people in our Christian schools to-day; we own taxable property to the amount of about \$750,000,000, and four noted colored regiments in the service of the United States.

Much honor is due to the public schools for the work which they are doing; great honor is due to the other non-Christian schools for their mighty achievements. But greater honor is due to our Christian schools, which are doing as much as any other class of schools can do along the line of intellectual training, and in addition are knitting Christian principles into the lives of human beings. Schools that have dignified womanhood and childhood, and which to-day stand as the greatest civilizing force in all the world.

Is Africa to be redeemed? I need not tell you that this question can only be answered by our Christian schools. Already there are many of our young men and women in that dark continent, who have gathered the fruit of Christian influence from our home institutions, and to-day are planting the seeds of that fruit in African soil. And now five sons and daughters of dear old Philander Smith toil in our father land.

It was the intention of those through whose efforts the republic of Liberia was organized and set apart, that we, as a race, should have a chance to demonstrate our capacity for nation building, and also that we should have an opportunity to help redeem and civilize Africa. This seems to have been providential. By what means are we to do this?

Exclusive of Liberia, there are 150,000,000 black natives in Africa who are rapidly passing under the control of most of the great powers of the world. This control is more or less that of military force, which permits no radical change among the natives, and is not conducive of moral and intellectual improvement. The great work needed in Africa is head and heart work. This can not be done by external force; it must be done from within, outwardly.

Other nations and races use the material sword in carrying civilization to the uncivilized; but peculiarly situated as we are, our means must be the "sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God."

Must we as a whole emigrate to Africa? Certainly not. Our work there can best be accomplished by sending and supporting a sufficient number of men and women educated and trained in our Christian schools, who feel called to that field of labor.

Along this line, our schools have done remarkably well, but when we consider the great extent of that vast continent with its dense population, we must admit that we have scarcely made a beginning. * * *

Van Buren, Ark.

The International Committee of Methodist Women

At the last Ecumenical Conference, held in London in 1901, there was held a meeting on Friday, September 13, to consider women's work in world-wide Methodism. Wesley's Chapel in City Road was crowded to listen to the representatives

of the great work which is being accomplished by the vast army of Methodist women throughout the world. There were few evening sessions that had so large an attendance as at this enthusiastic gathering.

The testimony of the women of Methodism, English and American, Continental and African, made manifest the far-reaching effects of their work. At the close of the meeting the following resolution was read and adopted by the audience:

"We, the undersigned, on behalf of the women of the Eastern and Western sections of Methodism, beg leave to present the following memorial: In view of the great and increasing work of the women of our churches, we respectfully request you to take such action as will secure a place on the regular program of the Fourth Ecumenical Conference for the representation of the work of these women of world-wide Methodism."

A further effect of this historic meeting was the formation, a few days later, on September 16, 1901, of an International Committee of Methodist women, with Mrs. Hugh Price Hughes, President of the Eastern section, and Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, President of the Western.

The Western section is composed of the following twelve branches of Methodism:

- Methodist Episcopal Church.
- Methodist Episcopal Church, South.
- Methodist Church in Canada.
- African Methodist Episcopal Church.
- African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.
- Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.
- African Union Methodist Protestant Church.
- Union American Methodist Episcopal Church.
- United Evangelical Church.
- Primitive Methodist Church.
- Free Methodist Church.
- Methodist Protestant Church.

The work of the International Committee of Methodist Women is to collect information of the work of all women in the above twelve branches of Methodism. To obtain this information at the close of 1902, correspondence was begun with representatives. Letters were sent to prominent officials of these twelve branches of Methodism, asking that some women interested in the Christian work of these churches should be nominated as members of the International Committee, who should furnish statistics giving knowledge of the work of their women. From four of these branches we have obtained quite complete reports, viz: the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, (furnished by Mrs. W. R. MacDonell) the Methodist Church of Canada (compiled by Mrs. F. C. Stephenson), the Methodist Episcopal Church, (furnished by Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Mrs. J. B. Robinson and M. E. Year Book), and the United Evangelical Church (given by Mrs. W. H. Gruhler). We would earnestly urge the officials of the other branches of Methodism to nominate a woman of each church to serve on this International Committee, and to forward such names to the Secretary of the Committee for the Western section, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Nashville, Tenn.

While the statistics submitted are in a measure incomplete, yet the results are not unworthy the very first attempt ever made to tabulate the Christian work of the women of Methodism. In truth, we present them with praise and thanksgiving for the goodness of God in so "establishing the work of our hands."

MRS. JANE BANCROFT ROBINSON,
President.

Of the M. E. Church.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,

Secretary.

Of the M. E. Church, South.

Of the International Committee of Methodist Women.

Life of Faith

THANKSGIVING.

For all true words that have been spoken,
For all brave deeds that have been done,
For every loaf in kindness broken,
For every race in valor run,
For martyr lips which have not failed
To give God praise and smile to rest,
For knightly souls which have not quailed
At stubborn strife or lonesome quest;
Lord, unto whom we stand in thrall,
We give thee thanks for all, for all.

For each fair field where golden stubble
Hath followed wealth of waving grain;
For every passing wind of trouble
Which bends thy grass that lifts again;
For gold in mine that men must seek,
For work which bows the sullen knee;
For strength, swift sent to aid the weak;
For love by which we climb to thee;
Thy freemen, Lord, yet each thy thrall,
We give thee praise for all, for all.
—Margaret E. Sangster, in *Christian Guardian*.

Not what we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare;
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three—
Himself, his hungry neighbor, and me.
—Lowell.

The Sentiment of Thanksgiving Day

Standing well within the fortified precincts of national prosperity and progress, we pause on one day of the year to reflect in grateful mood on the gifts and blessings with which Providence has crowned our endeavors. There is no custom more beautiful than this, and none that more fitly typifies America as a God-fearing nation. In our feverish chase for wealth and our onward march, we do not forget that praise and thanks are due a Higher Power for the gracious manner in which we have been tided over the shoals and quicksands which so dangerously beset us.

Of our commercial and industrial prosperity, there is little reason to speak at length. The buzz and whirl of the busy factory mingles with the song of the well-paid workman as he goes about his daily vocation.

It will not be amiss for each individual to glance back over his own life with a view to satisfying himself that there is ample cause for thanksgiving in a personal sense. There is hardly a single citizen that has not something for which he should be grateful. The only standard of possession or attainment is comparison. We may thus solve the whole question of graciousness in our lives by comparing our blessings and our achievements with those of our neighbors. We are confident that the result will be such as to justify all in kneeling humbly before the altar of the Omnipotent and rendering thanks for the things we have and the things we are.

The day is one of hope, of congratulation, of benign feeling toward those with whom we are associated in worldly joys and worldly sorrows. Let us, then, look only on the sun-garlanded hills, forgetting the shadows of the toilsome valleys. Let us be thankful that we live in this twentieth century of such wonderful achievement and enlightenment; that there are within our borders a countless multitude of noble men and true, bearing evidence to God's presence in their words and deeds; and that if we be properly looking for such comfort, that we have with us ever the helping touch of him who labors at our side, and of an all-comprehending Father, Who has never yet forgotten His children.—Sunny South.

A well known writer has said, "Perhaps we are often enough thankful for things, but it is seldom we are sufficiently thankful for people; and it is people that need our gratitude; things can get along without it." Behind this sentence lies a

great truth. There is nothing that comes into our life except there is a person to influence it in some way: True, things do not need our thanks, but we stand greatly in need of thanksgiving, even for things; yet our minds should rise higher than inanimate objects and conditions, and bestow their gratitude eventually upon some person. This process will finally lead us to God, and we may become even a David or a Paul in this particular.

There is not a Christian who reads these lines but was led to Christ partly through the influence of some other person. There is not an unchristian young man or woman who reads them but would have been worse had it not been for the restraining influence of other persons of godly life. It would not be amiss for children to express gratitude to their pious parents for the example of an upright life; or, write a letter to that effect, if distance separates. It will be an uplift to both children and parents.—*Religious Telescope*.

Woman's Dominion

GRACE FOR THANKSGIVING.

For all thy care and loving kindness, Lord,
Accept our thanks who gather 'round this board;
We see thy goodness in each perfect thing:
The sky, the sea, the bird on happy wing,
And every blade that makes the velvet sward.

With hearts and lips in worshipful accord
Do we recount the blessings on us poured,
And lift our voices hymns of praise to sing,
For all thy care.

Help us to help the needy and ignored;
Teach us mere riches no true peace afford,
And grant to each that he may often bring
Some consciousness to Thee of laboring
To prove, O Guardian! a worthy ward,
For all thy care.

Edward W. Barnard, in *The Criterion*.

A Thanksgiving Dinner

The dining room on Thanksgiving day may be decorated with autumnleaves, bearded grains, chrysanthemums and other late blooming flowers. Crooked-neck yellow squashes, gourds, brightly-hued leaves and a few ears of corn in a red and blue Indian basket may be a suggestive decoration for a corner. The dinner is carved and served on the table, so the centerpiece and side dishes are arranged with that idea in view. A pyramid of fruits, purple and pink-tinted grapes, pears and oranges, wreathed about with purple and yellow chrysanthemums, makes a charming centerpiece.

At each side of the centerpiece are small plates of sliced cake and plates of cheese, crackers and nuts. The name cards may be simply square cards with a spray of scarlet berries and grains tied on with scarlet ribbon.

The turkey is, of course, the king of the feast at a Thanksgiving dinner. Roasted slowly in a deep pan, basted often and served with a giblet sauce is one way in which the turkey is prepared for the table. Oysters, chestnuts, or highly seasoned bread may be used as stuffing and dressing.

A baked ham usually accompanies the turkey. If it is old, parboil before baking; otherwise, soak over night and scrub well, cover with a paste of flour and bake in a slow oven. It will take six hours for a ten-pound ham. When done, break off the crust from around the ham, remove the skin and sprinkle over with light brown sugar, then stick full of cloves and set in the oven till the sugar has formed a brown crust. Put on a dish, garnish with curled parsley.

Baked and also candied sweet potatoes, rice, boiled onions, baked squash, mashed turnips and beets go to make up the Thanksgiving dinner, to-

gether with pies of various kinds, spice cakes and other sweets as deserts. At the last comes fruits, nuts, cheese, crackers and coffee.

"Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul, and the heart of man knoweth none more fragrant."

A genuine thanksgiving ought to be followed by earnest thanksgiving. Real giving of thanks may be intensified on a day, but should not be confined to it. Turkey and football on the fourth Thursday of November is not a sufficient symbol or expression of gratitude. Thanksgiving should characterize our entire year.

Thanksgiving Helps

Ceylon Stuffing.—Brown two teaspoons of butter, stir in two onions and one clove of garlic chopped fine, cook three minutes, stir in a teaspoon of curry dissolved in a tablespoon of milk, and cook three minutes longer, stirring constantly. Then add half a pound of pork tenderloin, finely chopped, and cook on the back of the range for fifteen minutes. When slightly cooled, add a quart of dry, well-boiled rice, a teaspoon of salt (this to be added if the ingredients were not salted when cooking), a saltspoon of black pepper, a scant cup of melted butter, and two well-beaten eggs. Mix thoroughly, and use when entirely cold.

Cranberry Jelly.—Add one cup of water to one quart of cranberries and cook until the fruit is quite soft; strain through a jelly bag, add one pound of granulated sugar, boil fifteen minutes longer, and set in a cold place until firm. This may be poured into a fancy mold or into dainty individual molds. For the latter, egg cups do very nicely. A shallow square or oblong enameled pan is also very nice for molding cranberry jelly, as it may then be easily cut into blocks and piled, log-cabin fashion, on a glass plate. The rich, ruby translucent squares form a beautiful color note on the Thanksgiving table.

Pumpkin Fanchonettes.—Mix one and one-half cups of stewed pumpkin very dry, with two cups of milk, one beaten egg, a large half-cup of brown sugar, one teaspoon of cinnamon, one-half teaspoon each of salt and ginger. Line individual tins with pastry and bake in a slow oven until brown on top.

Salted Nuts.—A mixture of almonds, filberts, and walnuts salted is a good combination. The filberts are blanched, as are the almonds, but the skin is not removed from the walnuts.

Old-Fashioned Hickory Nut Cake.—Of nut cakes there is none better than this old-fashioned one. Cream together one and one-half cups of fine granulated or pulverized sugar, and one-half cup of butter. Add three-fourths of a cup of sweet milk, two and one-half cups of flour sifted with two teaspoons of baking powder and one cup of hickory-nut meats dredged lightly with flour. Lastly, add one-half teaspoon of vanilla and fold in the whites of four eggs beaten to a stiff froth.—*Good Housekeeping*.

Lobster Cutlets

Season one pint of chopped lobster meat with salt, mustard, cayenne and lemon juice to taste. Moisten with a half-pint of thick cream sauce, made by adding one large tablespoonful of butter, two large tablespoonfuls of flour seasoned

with a little salt and pepper and pouring on a cupful of hot milk. Cool, shape into cutlets, dip in bread crumbs and fry in fat hot enough to brown bread while counting fifty. Garnish with parsley and serve with sauce.

Young Friends

BE THANKFUL FOR A MOTHER.

"God thought to give the sweetest thing
In His almighty power
To earth; and deeply pondering
What it should be one hour,
In fondest joy and love of heart
Outweighing every other,
He moved the gates of heaven apart
And gave to earth a mother."

A Thanksgiving Story

Lottie stood joyfully clinking the six bright pennies which grandma had just put into her hand. "I am going to have the nicest time!" she exclaimed.

Grandma finished buttoning the warm coat, put a kiss on each cheek, and said softly: "I know something better yet, Lottie."

The blue eyes opened wide. "Why, grandma," she said, "what could be nicer for a little girl than a holiday and pennies to spend just as she likes?"

Grandma could not help smiling as she replied: "Making a nice time for somebody else; that's it, Lottie. I know, and so will you, if you try it."

Very sweet looked Lottie that autumn morning, as she tripped down the street, clinking her six new pennies, and blushing yet at the memory of grandma's words. Lottie was a good little girl, only a wee bit selfish, as both she and grandma knew.

A baker's widow, all arrayed in Saturday morning glory, attracted her attention. Oh, such lovely cream puffs, sugared doughnuts, buns, and chocolates! She gazed upon them with delight, exulting in her riches, yet finding it very hard to choose. "Six pennies'll buy three buns and one cream puff," she murmured, "or four doughnuts and one chocolate. Oh, dear, I wish—"

She was so absorbed in the good things in the baker's window that she did not notice a little figure which crept up beside her, till a little voice broke in upon her raptures, half crying with delight: "Buns, buns! Great fat buns!"

Lottie turned, to see a little girl like herself in size, but, oh, so thin and pale, with her clothes in rags, her toes all out of her shoes, and her fingers blue with the cold. It seemed as though she was sent there just to test Lottie, for the minute she saw her, grandma's words came right to her mind. Here, surely, was a chance to make a nice time for somebody else. There was a great struggle in Lottie's selfish little heart, but she grasped the little girl's hand, and drew her into the store. "A bun, sir," said Lottie, laying down a penny, and, putting the bun into the hand of the child, who stood dumb with wonder, said: "Eat it. You like them, do you not?"

It seemed but a second to Lottie when it had disappeared. She put down another penny with the same result, and so on until every penny was gone, and the little girl looked up with such a happy smile, and said, softly: "I thank you, for I was so hungry."

Then Lottie took her hand, and walked away, wondering whether any little girl was ever so full before. Lottie asked the little girl where she lived, and she pointed to a dingy house in a narrow street, where the child said she and her mother lived and took care of her crippled father.

Lottie ran home even fuller than the little girl. "Oh, grandma," she cried, when she had told her story, "it seems as though I never got so much for six cents in all my life! And to think, I haven't had a single bun! I never would have believed it, grandma."

"Well, my child," replied grandma, "golden cream puffs and buns are very good things, but they can't equal a warm and generous heart, after all."

Thanksgiving Day was less than three weeks off, and Lottie was saving up all the pennies that grandma gave her, and what do you think she was planning? Well, I will tell you. She was going to send a Thanksgiving basket to the family in the narrow street, and every morning she counted her pennies over, and could hardly wait for the time to come when she could spend every one of them. You never saw a happier little girl than Lottie was on Thanksgiving morning, as she grasped her savings and went down to the baker's to spend every cent for good things to put into her basket. And somehow another basket found its way to the house where the little girl lived. This one was filled with biscuits, a chicken all cooked, jelly, pie, and many other good things for the Thanksgiving dinner. I think Lottie's grandma had something to do with the packing of this basket, although she never said so.—*Children's Visitor*.

Pearls (Concluded.)

The boys looked at each other and laughed. It was a mystery to them, but a beautiful one. The food was abundant now—no need for the big-hearted Billy to go without, and the tears rushed to the watching lady's eyes as she noticed the eagerness with which he grabbed a biscuit and ate it. There were two glasses of cold creamery milk. Sammy was already drinking from one. There was a plate of ham sandwiches and buttered biscuit, a smaller one of sponge cake squares and molasses cookies, and still another one of cold sliced chicken. Besides these were two oranges. After Billy had eaten one biscuit, he said:

"Let's divide the things into four parts."

"What for?"

"Why, there's mommie and Sallie, you know. Won't mommie be glad? Won't Sallie?" chuckling with delight."

Then, counting the biscuit he had already eaten as part of his share, he carefully packed "mommie's and Sallie's shares" in the lunch-box on the seat. Putting an orange in Sammy's hand, he slipped the other in the box. Sammy saw him and called out:

"That's your orange, Billy."

"I don't want no orange," said Billy. "This is for mommie and Sallie, half and half."

His face shone with delight; this was a red-letter day for him.

Sammy shoved his orange along the seat slowly.

"Put this in the box, too, Billy, an' then mommie and Sallie can each hev one," he said.

"No, sirree," Billy cried out; "none o' that. You're little and lame, and you haven't had an orange since—oh, I can't remember when."

"An' I'm not goin' ter hev any now," asserted Sammy.

"You jess love oranges, Sammy," declared Billy.

"So do you."

"I'm bigger than you."

"I'm goin' to save my orange for Sallie an' yours is fer mommie," said Sammy; and he did.

"Oh, the poor little fellow!" exclaimed the lady.

"He's a hero, too, isn't he, mamma?" said one of the girls.

"Indeed he is."

After the lunch box was packed and tied up with a cord the repast began in earnest, and was enjoyed to the full. The boys ate like the starved creatures they were, talking meanwhile with their mouths full, about how good everything was and what a wonderful "friend" that was who had remembered them "wid sech a load of good things."

"I guess it's God," was Billy's conclusion, looking up through the branches of the trees to the blue sky, as if to solve the delightful problem.

"He must care lots for us," said Sammy, joyously.

"He does." And over Billy's plain face there came a radiance that was lovely to see.

"Come, children," said the lady, rising, "let us pass on. We have learned our lesson. Those little fellows belong to the slums, but they are pearls."—*Christian Work and Evangelist*.

Benevolent Causes

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Central Missouri Woman's Home Missionary Society

The Central Missouri Woman's Home Missionary Society deserves the credit given for their recent efforts to send the conference corresponding secretary and treasurer to represent it in the sessions of the Woman's Home Missionary Society at Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 28 to Nov. 4.

The conference organization was effected last March and the districts were organized in August. Auxiliaries have been organized in Troy, Sedalia, Marshall, Armstrong, Burns' Chapel, Kansas City and Asbury Chapel, Kansas City. Each auxiliary sent in \$1.00, which amounted to but one-fifth of the sum necessary to defray delegates' expenses from Troy, Mo., to Chattanooga, Tenn.

This money will remain in the treasury, and with the 5 cents per member contingent fund for the conference expenses, it is hoped that a delegate will be able to attend the next annual meeting of the board of managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Let every minister's wife in Central Missouri conference consider herself an organizer and proceed to organize at once, and then write for further information to Anna Adams Henley, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of W. H. M. S. of Central Missouri Conference, Box 401, Troy, Mo.

The Colored Orphan Asylum at Cincinnati, Ohio, has received a bequest of \$3,000 from Mary P. Ropes, a wealthy spinster of Salem, Mass., who died recently at that place.

A Methodist church in Cleveland, O., costing \$200,000, will be paid for at once, says an exchange, and a surplus left of \$300,000 to be used as an endowment fund.

An exchange says, an option on two hundred and one acres of land has been secured near Constitution, Ga., by Capt. Moses Bentley (colored), for the purpose of colonizing the indigent ex-slaves of the state, and that the movement is endorsed by prominent citizens. The Daughters of the Confederacy also have a movement of the same kind on foot.

Dr. William F. Oldham, one of the assistant secretaries of the Missionary Society, received re-

cently \$7,000 for the erection and partial endowment of the Jean Hamilton Training School for Native Pastors in India, a gift of Mr. Samuel Hamilton, of Pittsburg, Pa., in memory of his little daughter Jean, at whose funeral, some years ago, Dr. Oldham officiated.

A Missionary Meeting

The third missionary meeting of the Meridian District was held at Toomsaba, Miss., October 26-27, 1903. Rev. C. H. Brown, Chairman and Rev. A. J. McNair, Secretary. The meeting was good, the best that has been held on the district. Revs. W. H. Smith, Erby, McNair and Rev. J. C. Hibbler, P. E., delivered noble speeches on the needs of our foreign field. Several important papers were read by the different ladies, viz: "Life and How Shall we Raise it," by Mrs. Emma Crofford; "How to Save our Boys and Girls," by Miss Katie Merick; "The Sunday School," by Miss Mamie Emerson; "The Epworth League," by Miss Mary Price. These papers were most excellent for the occasion. Revs. A. J. McNair, H. B. Key, J. C. Hibbler and H. R. S. Erby preached to the delight of all who were present.

The writer was elected reporter to the Southwestern Christian Advocate and to represent it during this meeting.

The collection for missions was good, \$15.35. Six annual subscribers for the Southwestern Christian Advocate were secured. The meeting of the society will be held next on the Paulding circuit.

Yours,

H. R. S. Erby.

Educational

Bombala, the chief town of Wellesley county, New South Wales, has been selected as the capital of Australia.

The English ship Victory, which is said to be the oldest warship in existence, was launched in 1765, and is, therefore, 138 years old.

With the coming spring, Captain Peary, the Arctic explorer, will again attempt to reach the north pole. He has obtained a three years' leave of absence from the Navy Department.

Moss Point School

The Rally at St. Paul M. E. Church Sunday, October 11th., for the Moss Point Colored Citizens' School, did not quite come up to our expectations. However, we realized about eighty-five dollars, including twenty-five dollars raised by a committee of ladies and fourteen dollars given by the Sister Knights of Labor and the D. D. Club of young girls. Mr. John Hawkes, Sr., and J. Thomas gave five dollars each in the collection also Mr. John Polk and F. J. Hill. Rev. R. N. James, pastor of St. Paul M. E. Church, and many others gave one dollar. Adjoining this church and parsonage property is this beautiful school building of which the colored people of Moss Point are justly proud.

Mr. J. E. Thomas, one of our wide awake christian young men proposes to organize a "Five Dollar Club," of which each member is to give five dollars until the building is completed.

S. H. WALLACE

Moss Point, Miss.

Ex-Senator Thurston has been engaged by the National Liquor Dealers' Association as its Washington lobbyist to checkmate the "Christian Jobby," especially to offset the recent forward move-

ment of the International Reform Bureau, whose building they propose to overshadow with a costlier building, more fully manned and equipped. Unfortunately, at this very time the financial support of the reform "firing line" is falling off because of the slight shrinkage in business, and the forces will have to be decreased unless the financial ammunition is increased. Let the challenge of a reinforced foe prompt every Christian citizen to come to the support of the Bureau and its allies, the national legislative agents of the W. C. T. U. and the Anti-Saloon League.

Classified documents appropriate to Thanksgiving and the opening of Congress will be sent in a subdivided envelope to all who send ten cents to the International Reform Bureau, 206 Pa. Ave., S. E. Washington, D. C. They will be helpful not only to preachers but also to Bible Class teachers and many others.

WILBUR F. CRAFTS.

Morrison Normal and Industrial College

The attendance at the Morrison Normal and Industrial College is larger than ever before. Nearly every room in the dormitory is filled. If the present rate of increase continues there will not be a vacant room by Christmas. The Industrial departments are in full operation. The foundry is turning out from fifteen to twenty stoves each week in addition to repair work for the surrounding country. It may be a surprise to some when they are told that this institution has the best equipped department of Domestic Science of any school in the South. Every student taking a course in this department is guaranteed a good position. The Sewing and Dressmaking Department is second to none. The teachers of Domestic Science and of Domestic Art are graduates of the famous Pratt Institute of Brooklyn, N. Y. We have twenty-three professors and instructors.

JUDSON S. HILL, President.

Wiley University

Wiley University opened with a large enrollment which now has increased to about 350. The school seems to be entering upon a most prosperous session.

The third floor of Central building has been nicely fitted up with dormitory rooms. About the 15th. inst. there will be a select program in connection with the celebration of the opening up of this part of the building.

President Dogan has made an energetic canvass of the conference and raised the snug sum of \$1000. \$89 of this was made up by the students at chapel services the first few weeks after the opening.

The class in Carpentering is now completing a frame building for the electric light plant. Prof. J. R. Reynolds, who spent part of the Summer in the North for that purpose, has raised the funds and purchased the machinery which will soon be put into place.

The class in Engineering are quite enthusiastic and will no doubt prove apt pupils of this wonderful science.

The outlook for the school is unusually bright, old students are returning bringing with them many others whom they have interested in Christian education.

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

Topic Nov. 29.—The Use of Prayer.

(Scripture References, Luke 10, 2; Heb. 4, 16; James 4, 8; Col. 1, 9.)

DAILY READINGS.

Monday. For Deliverance From Enemies. Gen. 32; 9-12.

Tuesday. For God's Presence. Ex. 33; 12-16.

Wednesday. For Divine Blessing. 1 Chr. 4; 9, 10.

Thursday. For Wisdom. 1 Kings 3; 5-9.

Friday. For His Murderers. Acts 7; 59, 60.

Saturday. For a Revival. Hab. 3; 1-16.

The uses and accomplishments are so numerous that we cannot hope to do more than suggest a few of its many uses.

What is Prayer? "Prayer," says Watson, "is the gold key which opens heaven. The tree of promise will not shake its fruit unless shaken by prayer."

"Prayer," says Beecher, "is the soul of man moving in the presence of God, for the purpose of telling its joy or its sorrow."

"Prayer," says Dr. McLeod, "blots out sins; repels temptations; quenches persecution; comforts the desponding; guides the wanderers; feeds the poor; lifts up the fallen and supports those who stand. There are over sixty recorded special prayers in the Bible covering a wide range of subjects thus showing how variously and significantly prayer is used. Let us then note some of the purposes for which prayer has been and may be used.

1. *As Protection Against Our Enemies.* Long years ago King Hezekiah was confronted by the armies of a great king and the ancient city of the Jews was threatened with destruction. Out over the hills and valleys that surrounded Jerusalem lay the armed warriors of Sennacherib. Into Hezekiah's hands was laid the stern demands of the besieging general, and the old king trembled with fear for his city. But he took the letter, went into the house of God and laid it before God in prayer. Waste of time did you say? Read the story and find that after Israel's king had prayed, God sent out his angel, and the next morning the hills and valley of the surrounding country were covered with thousands of dead warriors who had come to smite Jerusalem.

2. *For Wisdom.* "If any man lack wisdom," says St. James, "let him ask of God who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not." But a thousand years before James recorded that scripture, Solomon learned the truth. He had come to the position of ruler and he asked God to give him wisdom to govern his kingdom and God gave it. Men may yet get wisdom from the Lord and their intellectual night turned to day and their folly translated into wisdom.

3. *For a Revival of Religion.* In a Methodist church in a little southern town, the fires had well nigh gone out on the altar amid financial rallies and money getting. But the pastor with a few faithful got together in a small room and began to pray for a revival of the work of the Lord. Night after night the company grew until a spirit of prayer filled all hearts and the Holy Ghost fell on them as at the beginning and nine weeks of meetings resulted in over one hundred conversions.

4. *To Remove Disturbers of the Church.* In a lovely community of Christians there was a solitary sceptic who glibed and mocked the servants of Jesus. He was a hindrance in the way of all the Christian work of the community. What to do with him was a problem. Finally two young men agreed to spend the night in prayer for his removal. In prayer they got the victory. And that sceptic was converted from his evil way and the church had rest.

5. *For the Healing of the Sick.* Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up." No scripture is clearer than this. If we can but bring our faith up to this highwater mark, we should find a sure and never failing remedy near at hand when our loved ones lay languishing.

6. *For Divine Mercy.* "God be merciful to me a sinner," cried the publican as he smote upon his breast with face bowed toward the earth. It was the cry of a bleeding, breaking heart and that cry echoed through all the vaulted skies and rolled at the feet of the Most High, and God answered with pardon, filling him with peace and joy. Ten thousand times ten thousand, the experience has been duplicated and each leaguer who to-day enjoys the fruits of the Spirit realizes how with breaking heart and earnest crying he sought the Lord.

"Go when the morning shineth,
Go when the noon is bright,
Go when the eve declineth,
Go in the hush of night,
Go with pure mind and feeling,
Fling every fear away
And in thy chamber kneeling
Do thou in secret pray."

"Remember all who love thee,
All who are loved by thee;
Pray, too, for those who hate thee,
If any such there be;
Then for thyself, in meekness,
A blessing humbly claim,
And link with each petition
Thy great Redeemer's name."

Pittsburgh, Pa.

October 25 at Baldwin M. E. Church was the Epworth League Missionary Rally Day. The president, W. L. Moore, appointed a committee of fifteen and \$41.60 was realized. The church committee raised \$16.20. Prof. Shaw, of Rust University, was with us and spoke encouragingly of young people's education in this country. We will always be glad to hear Prof. Shaw.

W. L. Moore, Reporter.

Brooksville Ct., Miss.

The Columbus Sub-District League and S. S. Institute

The Columbus Sub-District Epworth League and S. S. Institute met in the 11th St. M. E. Church, and held an interesting and helpful session of two days. Springfield, Dayton, Xenia, Rushsylvania, Marion, Delaware, Troy and Columbus were well represented. Papers and addresses were delivered which were far above the average. The aim of the meeting was to make it truly an "Institute," and this was successfully accomplished. The reports of delegates and pastors showed that we may confidently look forward to a year of exceptional activity among the young people.

Miss L. E. Farmer, of Troy, our President, presided with ease and dignity and much of the credit is due her for the profitable session.

The presence of Rev. H. W. Simmons, Presiding Elder, added to the interest of the meeting. Our pastor, Rev. E. L. Gilliam, looked after the entertainment of the members of the Institute, and was ably seconded by Misses Helen Smallwood and Anna Taylor.

Under the leadership of our efficient officers, Miss Farmer, president, Rev. C. T. Lewis and

Miss Smallwood, vice-presidents, and Miss Anna Taylor, secretary, we expect to make this the lead of the Ohio District in effective Christian work during this year.

Our next quarterly session will be held in Dayton.

Yours,

Helen Smallwood.

Columbus, Ohio.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson IX—November 29, 1903. Title—David's Charge to Solomon (1 Chron. 28:1-10). Golden Text—"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart" (Prov. 3:5) Time—About 1015 B. C. Place—Jerusalem.

David was at this time well stricken in years. He was older at seventy than was Moses at a hundred and twenty. Some think his feebleness was a result of hardship in early life; others believe it was brought on by intemperate habits, while a third class are of opinion that some disease was preying upon him. Probably all three had something to do with it.

Solomon seems to have been twice anointed king over Israel (1 Chron. 29:22). After the proclamation, recorded in 1 Kings 1, he was likely associated with David on the throne. At the time of our lesson David publicly withdrew from all management of the kingdom and left it in the hands of Solomon, who was a second time anointed king. Between these two anointings David seems to have given instructions concerning the office of the Levites, the divisions of the priesthood, the arrangement of the singers, the captains for each month, the princes of the tribes, and the building of the temple.

I. *David assembled all the representative men of the nation* (v. 1). He brought together, at Jerusalem, the governors, or princes of the different tribes; the captains over thousands, and over hundreds; the officers over smaller companies; the stewards over the goods; and his sons with the officers, and the "mighty men of valor." Dr. Whedon says: "The army consisted of twelve divisions of twenty-four thousand each, making a total of two hundred and eighty-eight thousand. Joab was general-in-chief. Each course, here called company, had its captain or general; and the several courses were on duty by turns, one month in every year. The courses were divided into twenty-four bands, called thousands, and the thousands into ten bands called hundreds, whose captains were much like the Roman centurion, or the captain in the American army." All the officers of the army; all the princes, or governors of the different tribes; all the sons of David; and all the "mighty men of valor" were in this assembly. The king, though old, still had the bone and sinew of the nation with him.

II. *David's past life* (v. 4). The king, old and feeble, arose and "stood upon his feet." He spoke tenderly: "Hear me, my brethren and my people." God chose Abraham from among all people to make of him a great nation, and to fulfill in him the promise made to Adam and to Noah. From among the children of Abraham He selected Isaac to be in the "royal line." And of Isaac's two sons it is said: "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated." Of Jacob's twelve sons, Judah was preferred above the others. And from among the thousands of Judah the house of Jesse was chosen. And in the house of Jesse David was liked best, and God had named Solomon to be David's successor.

The first twenty years of David's life was spent in his father's home. He was a shepherd and kept the flocks of Jesse. During this period he

slew the lion and the bear. The next ten years of his life was connected, directly or indirectly, with Saul, king of Israel. He slew Goliath of Gath, married the king's daughter, and became very popular with the people. Saul became jealous and sought to take his life. By the help of his wife, and brother-in-law he escaped from the king's court. For six or seven years he was an outlaw and hunted like a partridge of the mountains. At the death of Saul and his sons David became king over Judah, and seven years later he was crowned ruler over the twelve tribes. He extended his kingdom to the Euphrates in the east and to the Nile in the west. In this lesson he withdraws from public life, and gives the reins of government into the hands of Solomon.

III. *David's desire to build the Lord a house* (vs. 2, 3). The moral quality of an act lies in the design. He did not feel comfortable dwelling in a house of cedar while the ark of the Lord rested "within curtains." This temple he wished to build would be the most glorious in all the world. It is not certainly known when this message not to build the temple was given to David. At some time, not recorded, God likely sent Nathan to him with the injunction. David was not allowed to build the temple because he had "been a man of war, and had shed much blood." The wars of David were not carried on against God's will. Many of them were ordered by the Lord. Yet the bloodshed and barbarity of war were not in harmony with the profound peace that should characterize the house of God. David was not grieved because he could not build the temple, but began to arrange for his son to erect it. He secured a location by buying Mt. Moriah from the Jebusites. He put men to work opening quarries and dressing stones for the new building. He sent men into the forests of surrounding governments to prepare timber for the house of God. And he secured iron, brass, silver, and gold, in great quantities for the temple.

IV. *David was told who should build the Lord a house* (vs. 5-7). From among the sons of David God had selected Solomon to sit upon the Lord's throne over the kingdom of Israel; to build the temple; and to establish His kingdom forever. All this was on the condition that Solomon would be constant, or strong, to do the Lord's commandments and judgments. Solomon was at this time about twenty years of age. He was to be a man of *rest*. He would be a stranger to the labors and hardships that entered into the early life of David. He was also to be a man of *peace*. David's life had been one of conflict. From early manhood to old age he had been engaged in wars. His biography is written in blood. Solomon, whose name means peaceful, was to be a man of quietude. It was not necessary for him to fight as his father had done. He was also to be a man of *devotion*. God would receive him as a son and be to him a father. These were no doubt very consoling words to David, for Solomon was without experience.

V. *David's charge to Israel* (v. 8). This multitude is called the congregation of the Lord. They were His peculiar people; they had been chosen and kept by Him down to that day. They were exhorted to seek for all the commandments of the Lord. I know of no sin that does not violate the letter or spirit of the commandments. He who keeps both is a perfect man. If they should do this they would possess the land of Canaan, and leave it for an inheritance to their children forever. Every promise of God, where the will of man is concerned, is conditional.

VI. *David's charge to Solomon* (vs. 9, 10). Not all that the king asked his son to do can be found in these verses. He charged Solomon to punish certain persons; to build the temple; and to lead a godly life. (1) David's words respecting Joab and Shimei (1 Kings 2:5-9) appear unworthy of him. They should be attributed not to personal resentment, but to a sense of justice. Joab had committed three or four murders; and had become a traitor to the government. It was a breach of law to let him live. David's words of Shimei did not mean immediate execution. Solomon gave him a chance for his life, but he cast it away. He had publicly and wantonly broken the third commandment. (2) The whole matter of building the temple will be considered in a future lesson. (3) Solomon is exhorted to "know the God of his father;" and to "serve Him with a perfect heart and a willing mind."

Spring Conferences.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation for 1904.

N. B.—The eleven conferences first named below belong to the Plan for 1903, but are to be held subsequent to the bishops' conference in November, 1903.)

Conference, Place and Time	Bishop
Austin, Ft. Worth, Tex.—Nov. 26	Walden
South Carolina, Sumter—Nov. 26	Cranston
Southern German, Perry, Tex.—Dec. 2	Walden
Alabama, Anniston—Dec. 3	Foss
Savannah, Brunswick—Dec. 3	Cranston
Texas, Houston—Dec. 9	Walden
Central Alabama, Birmingham—Dec. 10	Foss
Atlanta, Covington, Ga.—Dec. 10	Cranston
West Texas, San Antonio—Dec. 16	Walden
Mobile, Union Sp'gs, Ala.—Dec. 17	Foss
Georgia, Ellijay—Dec. 17	Cranston

Upper Mississippi, Okolona—Jan. 13	Mallalieu
Arkansas, Siloam Springs—Jan. 13	McCabe
Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss.—Jan. 20	Mallalieu
Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Ark.—Jan. 21	McCabe
Louisiana, Baton Rouge—Jan. 27	Mallalieu
St. John's River, Tarpon Sp'gs, Fla.—Jan. 28	Goodsell
Gulf Mission Con, Hughes Sp's, Tex.—Feb. 4	Mallalieu
Florida, Gainesville—Feb. 4	Goodsell
Porto Rico, Guayama—Feb. 25	Cranston
Central Missouri, Kansas City, Mo.—Mar. 9	Walden
Virginia, Alexandria—Mar. 10	Foss
Lexington, Lexington, Ky.—Mar. 10	Fowler
Lincoln, Topeka, Kan.—Mar. 10	Hamilton
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 16	Merrill
Delaware, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 16	Andrews
Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.—Mar. 16	Walden
Washington, Baltimore, Md.—Mar. 16	Fowler
Wilmington, Dover, Del.—Mar. 16	FitzGerald
Gen. Pennsylvania, Harrisburg—Mar. 16	McCabe
South Kansas, Baldwin, Kan.—Mar. 16	Hamilton
New Jersey, Trenton—Mar. 23	Merrill
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.—Mar. 23	Foss
N. Eng. South'n, N. Bedford, Mass.—Mar. 23	Goodsell
Newark—Mar. 23	Cranston
East German, New York—Mar. 24	FitzGerald
Southwest Kansas, Wichita—Mar. 24	Hamilton
Wyoming, Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Mar. 30	Andrews
Missouri—Mar. 30	Walden
Vermont, Montpelier—Mar. 30	Fowler
Maine, Rumford Falls—Mar. 30	Vincent
Eastern Swedish, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Mar. 31	Foss
Northwest Kansas, Salina, Kan.—Mar. 31	Hamilton
Northern New York, Ilion, N. Y.—April 6	Merrill
New York—April 6	Andrews
New York East, Brooklyn, N. Y.—April 6	Foss
St. Louis, Carthage, Mo.—April 6	Walden
New Hampshire—April 6	Fowler
East Maine, Pittsfield, Me.—April 6	Vincent
New England, Springfield, Mass.—April 6	Goodsell
North Indiana, Muncie, Ind.—April 6	McCabe
Troy, Gloversville, N. Y.—April 6	Cranston
E. C. Af. Mis. Con.—Nov.	Hartsell
Foochow, Foochow—Nov.	Moore
Hinghua, Hinghua—Nov.	Moore
W. C. Af. Mis. Con.—Dec.	Hartsell
Bombay, Baroda—Dec. 10	Warren
West China Mis.—Dec. 23	Moore
Bengal, Calcutta—Dec. 30	Warren
Liberia, Monrovia—Jan.	Hartsell
North India, Bareilly—Jan. 7	Warren
Burmah M. Con., Rangoon—Jan. 7	Warne
Northwest India, Cawnpore—Jan. 15	Warren
Central China Mis., Kiukiang—Jan. 20	Moore
Mexico, Mexico City—Jan. 21	FitzGerald
South India, Bangalore—Jan. 27	Warren
South America, Buenos Ayres—Jan. 27	Joyce
Corea Mission, Seoul—Feb. 17	Moore
Malaysia, Singapore—Feb. 18	Thoburn
Western S. America, Santiago, Chili—Feb. 25	Joyce
S. Japan Mis. Con., Fukuoka—Mar. 16	Moore
Japan, Tokio—Mar. 31	Moore
North China, Peking	Moore

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.
J. N. FITZGERALD, Secretary.
Rock Island, Ill., Nov. 3, 1903.

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Church Interests in Greensboro and Atlanta

My first letter from Greensboro, N. C., called attention to some of the beautiful homes owned by our people in that attractive little city. The day after writing it, through the courtesy of the Rev. Dr. R. E. Jones, who is to the manner born, I had the pleasure of a drive over the city and found that "the half had not been told." It is surprising to see how many excellent homes and what splendid property our people own. During the drive we visited the commodious and well-ordered home of Mr. Holly and that of Mr. J. R. Nocho. I also visited Dr. McNair's well-stocked drug store, as well as a few other business enterprises.

In the conference the General Conference election was the centre around which everything else circled. The result, however, seemed already determined upon when the conference gave R. E. Jones 59 and M. M. Jones 49 on the first ballot. These two brethren are not related, tho they bear the same name. Still they stand together on the interests of the cause.

The magnificent new church which is in course of erection here, when completed will be the first in the conference. But for the fact that Bishop Joyce feared that to remove the Rev. S. A. Peeler would retard the completion of this edifice he would have gone to Cookman Academy, Jacksonville, Fla., where he had been appointed principal. While his not going is a sad disappointment to the authorities of the Jacksonville school, I think it would have been a worse one by far to the church at Greensboro.

As soon as the conference adjourned, Prof. I. Garland Penn, A. M., and I left for Atlanta, where I stopped over to visit Clark University. Gammon Theological Seminary and other church interests. I found Clark University and the friends of the school "shouting happy" over the appointment of the "Old Roman," Dr. Wm. H. Crogman, as president. On invitation I visited the chapel and addressed the school. The enrollment was nearly 500 and I judge by this time is far beyond that number. The new president has gathered about him a strong faculty and it is evident they are doing excellent work. Several of them served with President Melden, to whom I heard the most kindly references, but the others went in with the new administration. Among the latter I noticed an acquaintance of my boyhood days in the person of Prof. Sawyer Taylor, A. B., a recent graduate of the Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. He has made a good start and his work is highly spoken of; Prof. Chas. G. Harris, who was the director of music in the now famous Young People's Congress which met in Atlanta more than a year ago, is in charge of the department of music at Clark. His presence has proven an inspiration and his work is meeting with most flattering recognition. The people of the city have drawn on the professor's time to such an extent that he is being greatly taxed to meet the demand. He is not only giving instruction on vari-

ous musical instruments but has a number of vocal classes also. Miss Lottie Crogman, the charming daughter of the president, is assisting her father in teaching the dead languages, in which work she is said to be a "chip off the old block."

I also visited Gammon, and on invitation of the president addressed the classes. While the attendance is not what the president desires to have it, it continues to increase and, in view of the unusual advantages afforded, it is to be hoped that it may soon reach the "high water mark" in its enrollment.

Through the courtesy of Dr. Bowen, whose guest I was, I also visited a number of the other schools and am convinced that Atlanta is one of the greatest educational centres in the whole country. Such opportunities as are here open to the race are sure to tell on its uplift and development.

Another point in Atlanta that is of special interest to Methodists is the headquarters of the Epworth League. The office is situated right down in the business portion of the city and the untiring and invincible Prof. Penn, has made arrangements to, and keeps it open, whether he is in the city or not. His stock of Methodist books is the

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most complete I have seen in the South since the days of the Atlanta Book Depository. It was really refreshing to me to be able to stand across the street and learn from the lettering on the window where the headquarters of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church is located in Atlanta. Bro. Penn not only knows how to do things for his church, but he does them.

Then again, another enterprise of which the SOUTHWESTERN's readers should know is what the Rev. John P. Wragg, B. D., is doing for the American Bible Society. Bro. Wragg was appointed to represent the Society among the colored people of the South and right well is he doing so. But he is doing more than this, for he was scarcely at his work before it was evident that his office in South Atlanta was to become a great distributing center. Now he has a number of colporteurs who are giving to the poor and selling to others, thousands of Bibles and New Testaments. The Society keeps him supplied with a large stock of everything in their line and Bro. Wragg and assistants are kept busy sending them out to his representatives in the field. We call attention to these matters because we are sure it is not gener-

ally known how important a work he is doing. I heartily wish that he too could be situated right down in the heart of the city that even the "way-faring man" might know what our representatives are doing as leaders in such great movements.

But Atlanta has much more than what I have here mentioned, indeed she has, and wants everything else, that is, in the way of official recognition, such as the SOUTHWESTERN, the Field Agent of the Missionary Society, etc. I should also mention the elegant dinners, teas, etc., served for the editor of the SOUTHWESTERN and a few kindred spirits, but space is limited and I must close. Suffice it to say it is a real uplift to visit our church interests in Atlanta and I congratulate all whose good fortune it is to be surrounded by the splendid influences which there prevail.

Some of the Savage in His Own Family.

The Philadelphia Methodist makes reference to Senator Tillman's address in Michigan which calls to our mind the fact that the senator has since found some of the savage in his own kinsman. Says the Methodist:

"Senator Tillman, in an address before the 'Good Government Club' of the University of Michigan, said: 'I do not approve of colored men even when educated,' and again, 'If you scratch one of these college graduates you will find a savage, his accomplishments, like his skin, being only a coat of paint.' If that be so the various evangelical denominations and a goodly number of wealthy philanthropic men have been wasting an enormous amount of money in the education of the Negroes. Our own church alone has over \$2,000,000 invested in school property in the South. In our colored schools 233 were preparing last year for the ministry, and 832 were preparing for teaching. Colored men are beginning to take their place on the public platform in the pulpit and as educators. The colored race is raising its own advocates, some of whom could cope with Senator Tillman on the platform, and excel him in an enlightened grasp of problems of the times."

Notes of Central Freedman's Aid Committee Meeting

Bishop Mallalieu was in attendance and much improved in appearance in general health.

Dr. R. S. Rust, whom the church delights to honor, was invited to a seat on the rostrum and to address the committee.

Dr. M. C. B. Mason has issued a manual of the Freedman's Aid Society that gives much interesting data about the work of the Society.

The Beck family, consisting of Mrs. Beck, her daughter, her sister, and Miss Lillian Elliot, of Holly Springs, Miss., sang at the anniversary meeting and their singing was much enjoyed by the audience.

Dr. W. H. Nelson made a plea to have the appropriation to the Central Alabama Academy continued at \$1,000. He not only carried his point but a gentleman stepped forward and gave him \$10 for his cause.

Interesting and instructive addresses were delivered at the first day's session by Bishops Mallalieu, Cranston, Walden and Hamilton. The theme was, "What I know of the work of the Freedman's Aid Society in the South."

Bishop Walden is vigorous in health and works as hard and as constantly as ever. He thinks such extremists as Tillman and Vardaman will serve the purpose of arousing the nation to a sense of its duty to the Negro and to see that the laws are enforced.

Bishop Hamilton says: "The 14th and 15th amendments to the constitution did not grow out of southern sentiment in the first place and will not be enforced by it; they grew out of northern sentiment and must be sustained by it." He also declares that education does not spoil the Negro for farm life, for more than one-half of the young people who attend our schools return to agricultural pursuits.

Personal and General

Bishop I. W. Joyce expects to sail for South America at an early day.

Mrs. Haven, the widow of Bishop Erastus O. Haven, lives at Urbana, Ill., and is now seven-eight years of age.

We have been informed that Rev. W. M. Roberts, pastor of M. E. Church, Corinth, Miss., died at that place, November 10th.

Bishop Earl Cranston will preside at the South Carolina, Savannah, Atlanta and Georgia conferences instead of Bishop Fitzgerald, as previously announced.

Rev. and Mrs. N. R. Clay, of Holly Springs, Miss., are rejoicing over the presence of another fine boy—little Foster Roy, who entered their home November 3rd.

Prof. and Mrs. H. W. McDonald, A. B., of Gilbert Academy, acknowledge the presence of a newcomer in their home—a son—who sends greetings to the SOUTHWESTERN and its readers.

Rev. Victor West, B. D., of the Des Moines Conference, and pastor at Tabor, Iowa, is an alumnus of Grant University. He has also taken the theological course at Drew. After his graduation he accepted an invitation to preach at Tabor and was invited to return and organize a church, which he did, with eleven members. This was a year ago last February. He now has ninety members and the church continues to grow. Bro. West is a native Tennessean and a loyal Methodist.

Mr. D. E. Blackburn, who was our host at Kansas City, Mo., while we were attending the General Committee meeting, is quite a talented musician. While the cornet is his specialty, he plays and teaches any of the wind instruments. Much of his time is devoted to this line of business, but he is also employed by Mr. G. N. Neff, the proprietor and publisher of the *Drovers' Telegram*, to rent and collect for many of his houses. Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn know how to make it pleasant for a guest.

Rev. J. I. Gilmore, of Clarksville, Tex., is in great grief over the death of his aged mother. She passed to her reward Sunday, Nov. 1st, at 1:15 p. m. In his letter to the editor he says: "She passed away as peacefully as a babe falls asleep, and died trusting in her Savior, to whom she came 61 years ago." We had the honor to know this aged saint for a number of years and our heart goes out in tenderest sympathy to Bro. Gilmore and his family. Sister Gilmore's remains were interred in Clarksville for the present, but later will be removed to Mobile, Ala.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Nelson, of the Central Alabama Conference, has just closed his quadrennium on the General Committees as the representative of the Twelfth General Conference District. The position is one of very great responsibility and is far more trying than most persons think for. In these meetings one is brought into contact, and has actually to contend with many of the ablest representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church. As the representative of many of our southern conferences, colored and white, he has steadily grown on his brethren and has stood up bravely for what he thought due his constituents. From what we learn his conference brethren are proud of his services and well they may be, for each session of the committees has found him contending faithfully to increase their appropriations, both for educational and for conference purposes. The Doctor is a strong preacher and a successful author, and we are sure has a promising future before him.

General Committee Freedman's Aid Society

LINCOLN, NEB., Nov. 9, 1903.

The General Committee of the Freedman's Aid Society assembled for its annual session in St. Paul M. E. Church, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was called to order by Bishop J. M. Walden, president of the Board of Managers. Devotions were conducted by Dr. R. C. Smith, of the Erie Conference. Bishop Fitzgerald, whose turn it was to preside, took the chair. Dr. H. C. Jennings, treasurer of the Society, was then called upon to report. His report showed total receipts for the year of \$134,539.26 from the following sources: Conference collections, \$105,224.54; miscellaneous, \$497.49; bills receivable, \$15,400; interest, \$227.60; Gammon Theological Seminary, \$12,899.90; Sunday schools, \$289.73. Amount collected by the conferences is slightly in advance of last year and it is thought would have been much larger but for the fact that the North was swept by a blizzard on the Lincoln Birthday Sunday. It may be well, too, to mention the fact that even as it is, the conference collections are the largest since 1893. Besides there were \$24,089.56 that came through the conferences as special gifts, and also \$5,596 collected by the Wilmington, Washington, Baltimore and Delaware conferences for Morgan College and affiliated schools. These two items bring the total up to \$134,910.10. Amount asked from and collected by the colored conferences is as follows:

Conferences.	Asked.	Collected.
Atlanta	\$1,500	\$3,973
Central Alabama	500	94
Central Missouri	1,000	318
Delaware	2,000	1,008
East Tennessee	500	242
Florida	500	171
Lexington	1,000	490
Lincoln .....	...	80
Little Rock	1,000	534
Louisiana	2,500	874
Mississippi	1,200	567
Mobile	500	68
North Carolina	1,000	463
Savannah	900	215
South Carolina	3,300	2,321
Tennessee	700	1,036
Texas	1,200	543
Upper Mississippi	1,700	1,004
Washington	2,800	1,674
West Texas	1,200	398

\$16,073

In addition to the amount reported here as Freedman's Aid collection a number of the conferences have school building enterprises on hand for which they are collecting money and for which no credit is given in the foregoing figures.

The report of Drs. Mason and Thirkield, the corresponding secretaries, was interesting and instructive. The various schools had recorded an attendance of 11,161 pupils an advance over the previous year of 832. The appropriations for the support of schools have been increased since the year 1899-1900 from \$52,600 for colored schools to \$84,500 for the present session; and those for the white schools have been increased from \$7,000 for the session of 1899-1900 to \$19,508 for the present session.

Not only so but the indebtedness which in 1898 amounted to \$212,093 has been gradually reduced till at present it is \$132,555.48.

Special reference was made to what is being done in our Southern conferences in the way of self-help. In this connection attention was called to South Carolina's work for Claflin University; Texas' for Wiley University; Little Rock for Philander Smith; Atlanta for Clark University; West Texas for Sam Huston, etc.

Since 1866 the Society has collected \$7,546,-

528.62, of which nearly a half million have been collected during the quadrennium just closed. The showing made by the secretaries was most creditable indeed, and the committee was much gratified with this year's work.

The following is a partial list of the appropriations as made to the schools for the year 1904-05: Gammon Theological Seminary, \$12,000. (From the seminary's endowment.)

Bennett College, \$2,600.

Claflin University, \$5,000, and \$2,500 for the Industries.

Clark University, \$6,000, and \$1,500 for the Industries.

New Orleans University, \$5,000; Medical College, \$1,000, and Nurse Training, \$700.

George R. Smith College, \$2,400, and \$300 for Industries.

Morgan College, \$5,900.

Philander Smith College, \$3,000.

Rust University, \$5,000, and \$400 for the Industries.

Walden University, \$6,000, and \$1,000 for Industries; Meharry Medical College, \$1,000.

Wiley University, \$3,100, and \$300 for the Industries.

ACADEMIES.

Alexandria Academy, \$50.

Central Alabama Academy, \$1,000.

Cookman Academy, \$2,000.

Gilbert Academy, \$2,000 and \$1,000. for industries, referred to Board of Managers.

Haven Academy, \$100.

La Grange Academy, \$100.

Meridian Academy, \$1,000.

Morristown Academy, \$3,000, and \$1,500 for the industries, one-half of which is immediately available and one-half after June 30, 1904.

Sam Huston College, \$2,100, and \$300, immediately available.

The total amount appropriated for all purposes is \$130,200. To support schools among colored people, \$77,900; schools among white people, \$16,300, and the remainder for office expenses, interest on debt, insurance, repairs, printing, etc.

The committee went over the appropriations with the greatest possible care. The discussions were interesting and instructive; and Bishop Walden, president of the Board of Managers, who always takes the keenest interest in the proceedings, was much delighted with the session.

Governor Mickey, of Nebraska, who is a loyal Methodist, welcomed the committee and conducted the devotions on the morning of the last day of the session.

The meeting closed Tuesday night; the bishops and district representatives left, leaving the city early Wednesday morning for Omaha to attend the General Missionary Committee.

Notice

Let the brethren of the conferences in Mississippi take notice that Bishop Mallalieu has changed the date of the Upper Mississippi from Jan. 13 to Jan. 6, and that of the Mississippi from Jan. 20 to Jan. 13.

Notice to Fall Conferences

In view of the effort we are making to increase our subscription list, we sincerely ask every member of the conferences yet to be held to bring two or more subscribers to the session of the conference soon to be held. Help us, brethren; the cause is yours.

Sigurd Ibsen, son of the famous dramatist, has been named for a position in the new Norwegian Cabinet.

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FARM AND FIRESIDE

G. O. Marshall Editor

THE FARMER MUST BE A SCIENTIST.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE JAMES WILSON.

There's a new era in store for the farmers of the United States, and those of New York and the Mississippi Valley in particular. It will be the new-fashioned farmer who will bring it about. He is the Moses of modern agriculture.

The farmer of the future must be a practical scientist. The man who does not understand the science of the soil has no business on the farm; if the boy wants to be a farmer it is just as necessary that he take a course at an agricultural college as it is for the boy who wants to be a lawyer, a doctor, or a preacher to have a university education.

The great need of the agricultural college has been instructors who could instruct. Why, out in Iowa we could send to Chicago and get a carload of chemists, if we wanted to put up the money for them, but we could not find a man who could teach the student the science of making butter and cheese. The government can endow agricultural colleges, the more that is done the better, but it cannot furnish instructors, because there have not been any. We are going to give a few young men a chance at the department to learn the scientific features of instruction in agriculture, but we can only help a few.

The only way that these instructors can be made is through the agricultural colleges. We do not want the student taught the theory, but we want the practical facts put before their eyes.

There is no lesson so good as an object lesson. The boy who sees experiments in dairying carried on from day to day knows when he sees the result how it all came about—and it is not because some one else told him that it was thus and so. He knows the science of dairying and has been taught it in the most practical way. The dairy farmer of the United States is going to be a great factor in the future. He is a factor at present, to be sure, but nothing to what he will be, and I will tell you why—because we have learned the secret of Denmark's butter and cheese keeping so well in tropical climates.

The farmers of New York state and those of the Mississippi Valley make as Denmark makes good butter. We send our butter to China, and it cannot compete with the butter from Denmark. Why? Because it won't keep. There is a splendid market in the Orient, but we are shut out of it practically because our butter will not stand exportation to that sort of a climate. Mind good butter as is produced anywhere, you, in all other places we never had any trouble, but the minute we struck the tropics with butter and cheese it was very different.

It is in everything the farmer has to cultivate and grow that the reason for his being an agricultural scientist is found. If he knows the reason why things don't grow or do grow, or his crops are large or small, he gains a wisdom that will help him to increase his crops the next year, and so make his income greater.

The scientific farmer has a better chance of making a big income than any farmer ever had. But the man who insists on following the old-fashioned methods of never learning anything that his father did not know is going to have trouble to make both ends meet.

There is no place that the farmer needs to apply scientific methods more than out West where they irrigate their land. I am going to have the matter looked into. Hundreds of acres of fine land are being ruined because the men who irrigate them do not understand the scientific facts about it. They let too much water run on the land, this brings the alkali to the surface and the result is that there is no use trying to grow anything. Now, what should be done is to study the science of the soil so as to know how to apply the water and in what quantity. If scientific reasoning had been employed in the beginning, this land would not have been comparatively worthless to-day.

The new-fashioned farmer, the scientific farmer, must study the feeding of cattle. Not a pound of cottonseed was fed to the four hundred thousand cattle we exported last year, although the South raised 600,000 tons of it. That cottonseed was mostly wasted, or made fertilizer of. Think what it might have amounted to if it had been fed to beef cattle. The trouble with the farmer is that he don't know how to make the best of what he has got, and he has got to learn the science of agriculture to know how to.

Conference Notices NOTICE.

The board of examiners of the Atlanta Conference will meet in the M. E. Church at Covington, Ga., Dec. 9, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m. All undergraduates are requested to be present with their books for examination.

A. P. MELTON, President.

NOTICE.

Griffin, Ga.—To the Savannah Conference Board of Deaconesses: Our Annual Conference will meet in Brunswick, Ga., this year, Dec. 3. Let no member of the board fail to be present. With the help of the Lord, let us work together and strive to procure a home for the training of deaconesses in our Conference. The members of the Deaconess Board are: Mesdames Logan Heard, M. E. Munny, T. Williams, M. P. Moore, Minnie V. Facson, Fanny White, J. T. Grimes.

D. McLENDON, President.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

G. H. Lennon, Pastor, LaGrange Circuit, Ga.—Our fourth quarterly conference convened at Union Chapel Sept. 19, with Rev. J. D. Jenkins, P. E., in the chair. The business was quite interesting, and the brethren read good reports. On Sunday at 11 o'clock Elder Jenkins preached a most excellent sermon. He swayed the great audience at will. Amount collected \$16.80, and two yearly subscriptions for the SOUTHWESTERN. We baptized a large number of converts and five infants. We have been gloriously blessed with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in both of our revivals, which resulted in 34 conversions and accessions to our church. Pray for our success.

Wm. McHenry, Secretary, St. James M. E. Church, Clifton, Tenn.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held Sept. 5 and 6. Our beloved presiding elder, Rev. W. R. Smith, was on time. He has just recovered from a very severe attack of fever, and was not able to preach. Local preachers, class leaders, committees and officers made encouraging reports. Sunday was a glorious day. Sister Jimmie Harboro's funeral was preached by Rev. S. S. Rideout and Rev. G. R. Smith. It was also the beginning of our protracted meeting. Fully 1,500 people were present. Rev. Rideout was at his best, and preached a wonderful sermon. The church caught the hallowed fire, so much so that Rev. Smith forgot his physical weakness and closed with the greatest sermon we ever heard him preach. Dinner was served on the ground and it was plentiful. A special table was prepared for the 14 preachers, their wives and their company by a committee of sinner men, Messrs. John Sphears, Henry Sphears, E. R. Roberson, Gibe Roberson and Wm. Roberson. God bless and save these kind men. At night Rev. S. S. Rideout preached again. The presiding elder closed with burning words, after which he administered the sacrament and 81 communed. One joined the church. Collections: For the presiding elder, \$20; pastor, \$20.25; total, \$40.25. Have paid the elder all we owe him, also the pastor. We are having a successful time in our protracted meeting—several converts, and the outlook bids fair for many more. Doubtless Rev. S. S. Rideout is the happiest preacher in the Tennessee Conference. On the 17th day of September there came to his home, not one but two little angels, a pretty, sweet girl and boy. Our church wishes for Rev. and Sister Rideout the best success.

John H. Wise, Pastor, Scarborough, La.—Our third quarterly conference was held Sept. 23 by Rev. H. Daniel, our presiding elder. He was pleased with the written reports presented. We paid him up to date. We were pleased to have with us Rev. J. O. Brown, of St. James. He preached an excellent sermon. We have had a three weeks' revival and the Lord has wonderfully blessed us. Two were converted and one reclaimed. Sunday, Sept. 13, we had our baptizing. Rev. W. M. Harrison preached for us an inspiring sermon.

S. Jossel, Pelahatchie, Miss. (Sept. 23).—Our revival on the circuit was a success. At Mt. Ridge, 11; Mt. Pleasant, 20; Little Zion, 21; total, 50.

Conversions, 35. We have sent in three cash subscribers for the paper; others will follow soon. We had the aid of Rev. W. L. Mills, of Madison Station, who rendered us valuable service in the meeting, which was one long to be remembered by all. Pray for our continued success.

C. W. Ivy, Pastor, DeKalb, Miss. (Sept. 21).—We closed our protracted meeting a few days ago at New Hope M. E. Church with 35 conversions and accessions; also I commenced an eight-day meeting the first Sunday and 19 conversions and accessions were the result. Total, 54. At New Hope I baptized 19 infants, and at DeKalb 5 infants. The Lord has wonderfully blessed my labors this year. Rev. James Jordan, from Heidelberg, assisted me one week at DeKalb and rendered good service. He was the pastor here 15 years ago.

W. H. H. Gallion, West Point, Miss.—We have just closed (Sept. 15) a grand revival on the Caledonia circuit, which resulted in 43 precious souls being converted to God, and the entire number joined our church. The Caledonia people say that never before have they witnessed a grander meeting on this work. The circuit is alive spiritually and financially. We expect to report in full along all lines, pay the pastor's salary in full and present him a new suit before our Annual Conference convenes. Our third quarterly conference, which was held by Rev. W. M. Bell, was a success. He preached two grand sermons and administered sacrament to 57. Rev. C. W. Walton, P. E., could not be present. We pray God that this people may be able to do as they wish.

C. G. Gavin, Pastor, Lillian, Miss. (Sept. 15).—The Lillian circuit yet has for its motto, "Onward march!" There was indeed a high day observed at Prairie Chapel on the third Sunday of August. We had four days in one, viz., pastor's day, church dedication, revival and quarterly conference. Each cause represented was a success. The revival was indeed a success. The presiding elder, J. C. Hibbler, was with us Sunday at 11 o'clock, and at night he preached two stirring sermons. Twelve precious souls were converted. We have added 18 to our church during this revival season and organized one new point on which we think we will be ready to build soon. Pray for our success.

Brookhaven, Miss.—Rev. A. Davis was with us last Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12 and 13, and held our third quarter. We had a good time. He preached a great sermon. Sunday 21 persons partook of the Lord's supper. Paid the elder \$5.30 this quarter. After the services we went to Brookhaven, Rev. L. W. Price, pastor. I preached for him Sunday night. Seventy-five or eighty persons partook of the Lord's supper. Our new church will soon be ready for services.

S. R. Gipson, Shawnee, Oklahoma.—This is a city of quite 15,000 people, more than two-thirds of whom are whites. Our colored Methodism was organized about fifteen months ago. We have a neat little church here in the city and a loyal membership. We have with this church four others. Our second quarterly conference was held here Aug. 22-23, with Rev. D. G. Franklin, P. E., in the chair. Reports

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showed an encouraging increase along all lines. Rev. Franklin preached four strong sermons on this charge, which were very helpful. He leaves no stone unturned for Christ's cause and looks zealously to every interest of the church. Sacrament was administered to a large number. Collection, \$16. Additions this quarter, 42. We have just closed a revival, with 15 converts. The SOUTHWESTERN was faithfully represented. Last Thursday evening lightning struck the Baptist church here and it was burned to ashes.

L. W. S. Bell, Pastor, Summit, Miss.—My third quarterly conference was held Sept. 19 and 20. Rev. A. Davis, our efficient presiding elder, looked carefully after the interest of every department of the church. He gave the conference a strong speech on the SOUTHWESTERN and we secured two yearly subscribers. The elder preached two of his best sermons. A large number partook of the sacrament. Paid pastor this quarter, \$136.25; presiding elder, \$11.25; on church debt and repairing, \$138; total, \$285.50. Conversions, 10, and we are still pushing the battle to the gates. We are in the midst of a glorious revival at this writing. Pray for our continual success.

D. T. Burch, Pastor, Warren Chapel Church, Memphis, Tenn. (Sept. 18).—This has been one of the most successful years in the history of my ministry. The church has been thoroughly organized and all departments are in good condition. We have only four weeks until the annual conference, and are confident we shall be able to make a round report. We have added 23 members to the church this year; have raised more benevolent money than we were asked; paid the presiding elder in full; repaired and beautified the church; paid off all old indebtedness, and the pastor has received nearly all of his salary, and the remainder is almost sure. The SOUTHWESTERN is in many homes. The rally for pastor Sept. 6 amounted to \$55.85. Pray for us.

R. N. Jones, Pastor, Moss Point, Miss.—Our rally on pastor's salary took place Sept. 6. We have twelve classes and the leaders of these selected captains for the classes to aid them. Each leader did very well. (We would

like to publish all names and amounts, so that all might know just how well, but cannot owing to the crowded condition of these columns.) Total raised for the day on pastor's salary, \$157. St. Paul has some strong members. A great number paid one dollar each and many others fifty cents apiece. I thank the members and friends for these kindnesses. The young men, headed by Mr. Albert Daniel and 25 or more known as the Education Club, turned out and donated to Brother Willie Dubery's class. Come again, young men; you are always welcome. The leaders and captains are speaking of trying it again. The Lord bless this kind-hearted people.

A. B. Venable, Pastor, Clinton, La., Macedonia Church.—The Sunday school of Macedonia gave a grand picnic and concert Aug. 8 for the young people and the old as well enjoyed themselves. A program was rendered. The parents set a very nice dinner for the comfort and enjoyment of all who attended. The amount raised was \$26.70. Our revival, which was in session for two weeks, closed with nine souls happily converted. I had also the pleasure of baptizing one dear old soul Sept. 28 on her sick bed, who was converted and joined the church Sept. 26. The leaders and stewards gave a rally meeting for the pastor to assist him in his time of trouble and need. They raised \$16.25. The funeral expenses of my beloved son, J. B. Venable, who was shot at his home in Shreveport, La., was \$55.75. I appeal to my brethren and friends to help me in my distress.

E. B. Richards, Pastor, Clinton, La.—Too much praise cannot be given to the young people of Clinton. The first of September they gave a concert and realized \$25 and gave the pastor a cash surprise. Misses Mary Taylor, A. Cammel and Sister L. Gaden, wife of Rev. Z. T. Gaden, with the Sunday school superintendent, Brother Richard Cenny, at the head of the rank, did very well. Try it again.

L. J. S. Bell, Pastor, Summit, Miss. (Sept. 1).—I have just closed a successful meeting at Magnolia. We had six conversions and three reclaimed. The good people stormed me twice during the meeting. God bless them for their help. We were assisted by Rev. E. D. Ford and Rev. H. P. Lewis of the M. E. Church South. A few nights ago at Summit, Misses Eula Lumpkins and Senia Rice, leaders, and many others came with one of the most successful surprises on the pastor and his family. Refreshments in abundance were served to all; the table was left loaded with many good things. After several selections of sweet music the crowd dispersed, with a hearty invitation from the pastor to call again. The dear people have also given the pastor a \$20 suit. We had with us, Aug. 30, the Rev. W. F. Waters, Assistant Business Manager of the SOUTHWESTERN. He gave us two excellent sermons and one lecture. May God bless him. We gave him 10 subscribers, five of which were yearly. Raised on our debt \$50. We are doing all we can to save our new church. The captains of the clubs (whose names we would publish but for lack of space) reported Aug. 20 the amount of \$37.90 raised. The efforts of each were commendable indeed.

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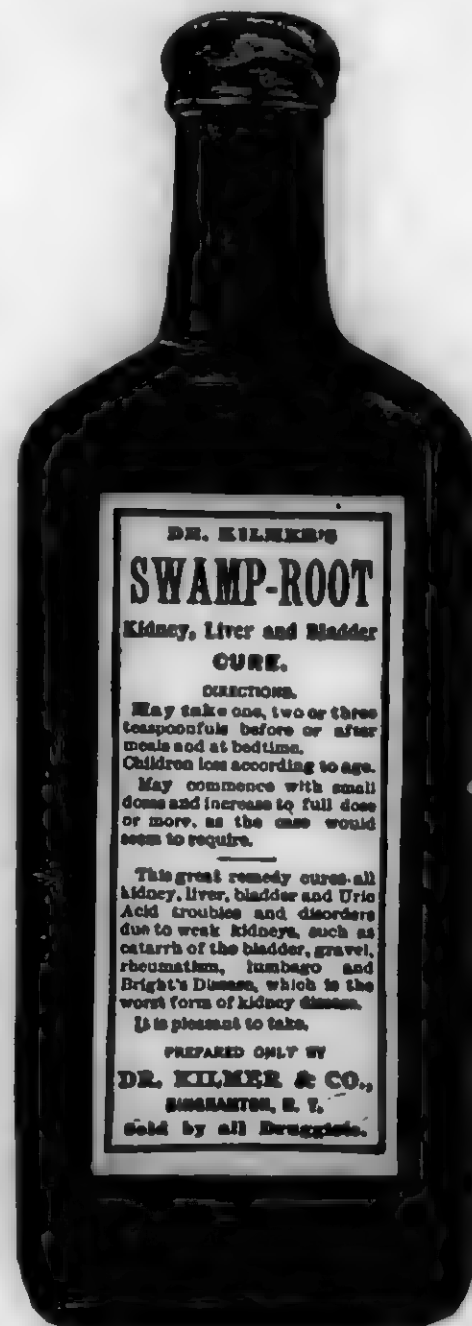
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moving along nicely on the work. The third quarterly conference has been held with telling results. On the 5th and 6th of September the Rev. B. F. Woolfolk, P. E., was at his post as usual and looked after every interest of the work. The conference was held at the smallest church on the work (Craigside) on Saturday. The elder preached at Wildwood Sunday, the 6th. Collection, \$16. Revivals in part had been held with 29 conversions and accessions. At two churches the stewards and leaders have pledged to support the pastor in raising all of the benevolences. So a round report from this charge may be expected. We have promised to give the paper to the leader or the one raising the highest amount, by classes in our forthcoming rally.

G. W. Smith, Pastor, Yazoo City, Miss.—Our church work here is still

encouraging and growing brighter, and we are expecting another successful year's work. Our fall revival, which closed two weeks ago, resulted in 29 conversions and accessions to the church. On account of the rebuilding of our church that was the first revival we have had for more than two years. The church was generally revived and the presence of the Lord is still with us. Our quarterly conference, on Sept. 15, was indeed a success. Dr. Shumpert preached a soul-stirring sermon and administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper to a large number. Raised during the quarter for ministerial support, \$165.75, and paid the elder up to date. Dr. G. G. Logan, Field Agent of the Missionary Society, was with us Sunday, Oct. 20, and preached a very strong and interesting sermon at 11 a. m. He lectured at night and raised during the day \$75 for missions. The church here has

Conference Notices

DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS.

Holly Springs, Abbeville Ct., Miss....
.....Nov. 18-23
Greenville, Clarksdale, Miss Nov. 19-22
Greenwood, N. Carrollton, Miss.....
.....Nov. 25-29
Brookhaven, Bowerton Ct., Miss.....
.....Nov. 26-29
Tennessee, Mason, Tenn....Nov. 27-29
CONVENTIONS.
Aberdeen, Macon, Miss.....Dec. 2-6

sustained a serious loss in the death of Brother E. Phipps and Sister Hall. Brother Phipps, who was a class leader, died Sept. 22, and Sister Hall the 23d.

R. F. Long.—St. Paul M. E. Church of this city is in a flourishing condition, both spiritually and financially. Our congregations continue to increase. The stewardesses' board, of which Mrs. Nellie Ford is the proficient president, Mrs. Matilda Grant, vice president, Mrs. Fanny Neighbors, secretary, and Mrs. Marilla Jacobs, treasurer; these good ladies, with the other members of the band, have done a great work for the church and pastor. During the second quarter and one month in the third these dear sisters have raised \$93.26 for church purposes alone, excluding the amount raised for support of pastor. Miss Matilda Ford is president of the Steward Daughters' Band and Miss Julia Askew secretary. The Daughters of Conference, Miss Nellie Grant, president, are doing a great work for God and Methodism. May God bless these loyal supporters of the cross of Christ. The Sunday school, led by Miss Matilda Ford, is marching on to victory. Dr. R. E. Jones, Field Agent of the Sunday School Union, was with us the first Sunday in this month and put new life in the Sunday school. Raised and paid in \$10. Come again, doctor. Sunday school love feast was held the first Sunday; collection, \$2.75. The Epworth League, under the leadership of Mr. David Johnson, and the Junior League, which has 32 members, led by Miss Nellie Grant, are prospering. Our board of trustees, of which Brother Alex Ford, Sr., is the loyal president, has done a work of which universal Methodism should be proud. Collections for the month of August, \$74.95; for September, \$80.01. We shall come to conference with every cent of our benevolent collections raised. Under the leadership of our heroic Presiding Elder Shallowhorne, we expect to soon stand second to none in the state.

A. B. Harris, Pastor Wesley Chapel, Wilson, La.—We have been received nicely by the members and friends of Wesley Chapel. The trustees have furnished the parsonage in part. The steward brothers made our home happy by purchasing a nice lot of fancy staple groceries for the pastor and assured him that they would make his entire stay with them pleasant, if it was for five years. We are planning for a big rally the fourth Sunday in October, at which time we want to raise upward of \$100. Watch Wesley at the annual conference. On Thursday night we were tendered a reception at the cozy residence of Miss Gracie Drake, one of Wesley's prominent young members. Our introductory sermon was preached to a crowded house, and the people continue to come. Pray for us.

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Mrs. M. E. Dent, Brunswick, Ga.—The evening of Oct. 26, the members of Grace M. E. Church, other churches and the citizens in general, knowing that the Rev. John Watts had served as pastor of said church for five years, and not knowing whether the Savannah Conference, which convenes in said church Dec. 3, 1903, would honor us by returning Rev. Watts as pastor another year, we felt it would be doing the Rev. an injustice to have him leave us without some show of appreciation on the part of those who have been helped in so many ways by his kindness and wisdom as a pastor and citizen. Therefore, a banquet of the first order was tendered him on the above date; it was the first one of its kind ever held in this city, and was participated in by the leading citizens of Brunswick. Program rendered, to the delight of a large gathering, at St. Athanasious hall: Music; introductory remarks by C. A. Shaw, M. of C.; music; Rev. Watts as a Pastor, Prof. Hull; Rev. Watts as a Neighbor, Miss I. M. Minor; solo, Miss L. Wade; Rev. Watts as a Citizen, R. C. Wright; solo, Miss Addie Purcell; oration, Master Charles Dawson; Rev. Watts as an Educational Adviser, Miss M. Howe; original poem—"The Negro Slave"—Mrs. J. B. Garnett; quartette; Present Requirements of a Minister, J. G. Carter; solo, Mrs. M. E. Hooley; Rev. Watts as a Race Leader, Judge W. H. Matthews; solo, Prof. Shootes; Rev. Watts as a S. S. Teacher, Mrs. Thomas. A committee of ladies had charge of the refreshments. The several door managers and ushers added to the dignity and order of the occasion. After the program, Rev. Watts was escorted with many friends to enjoy a delicious repast. The appreciation and esteem the community have for Rev. Watts and family could not be expressed in that one act, but in years to come, unborn generations will bless the name of Rev. John Watts whose coming to Brunswick was a blessing to Grace church and to the entire city, and if he is not returned to us, then wherever he is sent, the community which receives him may rest assured that to have him in their midst is an honor; and his work in Brunswick shall be like seed sown in good soil, which have already taken root, and shall spring up to the honor and glory of God.

L. J. S. Bell, Pastor, Summit, Miss.—We have just closed a two weeks' meeting with 32 conversions. We were assisted by Revs. P. H. Rembert, W. Pope and H. H. Bucking. This was truly a season of refreshing showers. We are moving along on all lines of church work. During our meeting the members and friends unloaded a delivery wagon at our door and left one-half barrel of flour, sugar, and many other good things. Dear friends, we will always welcome you. Call again. May we work together for good. Our tribe rally at Magnolia, Miss., was a success. (We would, if space permitted, publish the names sent in by pastor and the sum raised by each.—Ed.) Total amount raised, \$56.30.

Wm. H. Wheeler, Pastor, Kansas City, Mo.—The second quarterly meeting held at Asbury M. E. Church was in several respects the best we have had during our three years' stay here. Rev. Dr. J. Will Jackson, P. E., preached twice. His sermons were indeed inspiring and uplifting. One noticeable feature was the presence of

many able divines. Prominent among them were Rev. Barksdale, P. E. of Kansas City district, A. M. E. Church; Revs. J. J. Clark and J. M. Harris, pastors of M. E. churches of city and vicinity. Rev. Dr. J. C. C. Owens, pastor Allen Chapel, A. M. E. Church, preached the sacramental sermon. Amount raised, \$45.86. Number of communicants, 136.

C. E. Moody, Pastor, Hernando, Miss.—Our third quarterly conference was quite a success. Dr. N. H. Williams, P. E., was with us and preached two able sermons, to the delight of all who heard him. We raised our full quarterage and paid the elder his assessment. Raised this quarter for all purposes, \$80. Benevolence raised up to date is \$26, which is 30 per cent. more than total amount raised last year. Our revival has just closed with 17 souls happily converted to God. Rev. J. P. Price, of Memphis, was with us two nights and rendered valuable service. Our work is spiritually and financially alive. Pray for us that we may continue to succeed.

J. A. Y. Dickens, Sardis, Miss.—The Sunday school on this circuit is moving along nicely so far, with a new list of officers as follows: Miss U. S. Ballentine, superintendent; Mr. J. H. Harmon, assistant; Miss L. C. Lester, secretary; Mr. J. E. Laird, assistant; Mrs. C. H. McCarty, treasurer; Miss A. B. Ballentine, librarian; Rev. W. H. McCarty, Mrs. W. N. Dickens, J. A. Y. Dickens, Mrs. J. H. Harmon, C. J. W. Harmon and Mr. H. O. Peyrees, Bible teachers and assistants. We hope to continue our good times all during the remainder of the year. Pray for our success.

J. H. Pierre, Pastor, St. Martinsville, La.—Class roll: Class No. 1, A. Patterson, leader, \$8; No. 2, John James, \$13.85; No. 3, Mr. B. Van Drak, \$19.90; No. 4, Joseph Jones, \$15.70; No. 5, W. G. Drake, \$22.45; No. 6, W. Linimstan, \$7.70; No. 7, Alexander Charles, \$8.90; No. 8, Giffard Drake, \$12.80; No. 9, J. James, \$17.10. Total class collection, \$126.40. Publication collection, \$20. Total collection \$146.40.

A. Taylor, Brenham, Tex.—This closes my two weeks' revival on the work, with Revs. A. Britton and J. E. Beale assisting. They rendered good service. Seven precious souls were truly converted. We can truly say the Lord was with us, for we had sinners aroused from the age of 70 down to 10 years. The success of this meeting could have lasted longer but circumstances forced us to close.

B. F. Witherspoon, Pastor, Greenville, S. C.—We are in the midst of a great revival. One hundred and sixteen souls have been converted and 96 have joined the church, and still the interest of the meeting is rising higher and higher all over the city. We are working now for a large list of subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN.

G. W. Baber, Daingerfield, Tex.—We have closed our revival with 81 converts, all joined the M. E. Church. The presiding elder, A. F. Jones, was on time. We had good meetings Saturday and Sunday. Raised \$24.10 and paid the elder in full. Raised for benevolence \$28.30. We are coming to the conference with a round report for benevolence. The SOUTHWESTERN is not forgotten. Pray for our success.

R. H. Patton, Union Church, Miss.—In our rallies at Bell Hill the first Sunday in October, we raised \$26.50 at Hickory Block second Sunday raised \$46.50. This money is on parsonage. We are building a nice parsonage of six room and will soon have it completed. Pray for our success.

J. Robertson, Secretary, Prairieville, La.—At Mt. Zion M. E. Church on Saturday night, September 19, we went to work to get our pastor, Rev. E. V. Taylor, a Stetson hat for Conference, and we have now the hat in hand and are working hard to purchase his suit. We have a good pastor here and intend to stand by him along all lines. Sunday is our baptizing day.

Meridian, Miss.—There will be a class leaders' rally at St. Paul M. E. Church the fifth Sunday in November, for the purpose of paying up the pastor's salary. The people of the city are cordially invited to attend. A neat program will be rendered by the class leaders. The SOUTHWESTERN will be remembered.

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To the Public.

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Truly 'tis said that "In the midst of life we are in death." Darrow was never more shocked, our hearts never more saddened, than when on the 19th of September, Mrs. Olivia Bringier Pharris fell into that blessed sleep "from which none ever wake to weep." With her sweet disposition and child-like simplicity, she won all hearts. None knew her but to love her. Reared in a model Christian home, she was early brought to Christ, and lived a consistent Christian life. She was educated in the public schools of Ascension, from which she sought higher learning in Straight University. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. J. Robinson. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne, presiding elder of Monroe District, who paid most glowing tribute to the memory of the deceased. Rev. J. H. Thompson, an ex-pastor, came to the funeral but because of a delayed train, was too late for the exercises. Deceased was recently mar-

ried to Rev. D. G. Pharris, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bringier. Interment was in the family square in Darrow cemetery. She leaves three brothers, a sister and a host of friends. JOSEPH A. REDDIX.

Sister Mary V. Green, of Tatums, S. C., departed this life suddenly Oct. 2. She was the wife of Mr. Thomas Green and sister of Rev. A. B. Morrissey of Longtown. She was a devoted sister to her church and will be greatly missed. She leaves eight little children, a husband and a host of friends.

Moss Point, Miss.—Death has taken from our midst Sister Martha Honesty, one of the oldest members of this church and city and a true servant of God. She was 102 years and 10 months old. She was always happy. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thompson, her niece and nephew, with whom she resided, spared no pains in making this old mother comfortable. She leaves many relatives and friends.

Also Oct. 22 Mrs. Mary Dubros' dear mother, aged 43 years, was burned to death, she not having full control of her mind caused the accident. But she was a devout Christian who claimed Christ as her best friend. She leaves one daughter and many other relatives to regret her sad end. R. N. Jones officiated.

Bonace, Miss.—Sister Eliza Wright, an aged member of St. Paul M. E. Church, has answered the summons "Come Home." She died as she lived and leaves one son and a host of grandchildren to mourn their loss. The pastor being absent on business, Brother Charley Nelson, an exhorter, conducted the funeral service.

REV. E. H. LANGSTON.

Jackson, La.—Mr. Ernest Cook, a former member of our church, and the son of Mr. T. W. Cook, and brother of Dr. Lafayette Cook, who is now in Texas, met, on Oct. 16, an untimely death. While working in the swamp at Litcher, La., where he lived, a tree fell on him killing him instantly. The body was conveyed to Jackson, La., and buried in the family cemetery. A host of relatives and friends followed his remains to its long resting place. He leaves a bereaved father, mother, nine brothers and sisters, a wife and two children. The funeral was conducted by Rev. I. B. Granderson, the pastor, H. A. Sorrell, being away.

Union Church, Miss.—Sister Mary Ford departed this life for a better one. She was a good woman, and had been a member of this church 22 years. Her death brought sorrow to a husband, five children and a host of friends. But we will meet her again. Also little Katie Sevilion, four years of age, the Father has taken unto Himself. Sister Amanda Low died in September, at the age of 40 years. She was a member of the church for a number of years.

R. H. PATTON, Pastor.

The Rev. Samuel Braxton, the founder of Methodism in this parish, a faithful and consistent Christian for more than 50 years, died Oct. 2, at the home of his son, Richard Braxton, Sr. A pioneer of the first class, and an effective preacher of the gospel. Rev. Samuel Braxton has many sons and daughters in this church who were brought to Christ through his teach-

ings. His funeral, which was largely attended, was conducted by the writer, assisted by the local preachers. He leaves a son, who is one of our class-leaders, and a host of grandchildren, who are faithful members of our church. Too much cannot be said in honor of this great Christian. A few days before he died he said to Rev. S. Davage, in the presence of the writer "I am glad to see you. I am ready to go and am only waiting on the Lord." To his son, when dying, he said, "Don't grieve but prepare to meet me." He is gone but not forgotten, not dead, only sleeping. He was 104 years old at his death; was converted when but a child. J. O. RICHARDS, P. E.

Clinton, La.—On Sept. 27th Sister Henrietta Thomas departed this life for a better. She was a good member of Mt. Zion M. E. Church. She leaves a husband and six children. Revs. S. Bell and A. Luster assisted in the funeral service, conducted by the pastor, E. B. Richards.

Farche, La.—Little Bettie Marman, granddaughter of Brother Lake Marman, died Oct. 17th, aged six months. Master Daniel Johnson fell asleep in Jesus Sept. 27th, aged 4 years. The funeral was attended by Rev. R. H. Brown of the Baptist Church.

B. CARR, Pastor.

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom and justice has called from our midst our beloved and esteemed Sister Mattie L. Boles, and as we realize in her death the loss of one of our most true and noble daughters, one esteemed by all who knew her as a devoted Christian and a model young lady of our community; therefore be it Resolved by the Epworth League of Burns Chapel, That the news of her death is received by us with profound and unspeakable sorrow, and we join in sympathy with the sorrow-stricken family; that we bow in humble submission to the will of God, trusting to meet her in glory; that these resolutions be spread at large on the records of the league and a copy sent to the SOUTHWESTERN.

Nansura, La.—Sister Mary Rably departed this life Sept. 1, aged 21 years. She was converted when 12 years of age and joined the M. E. Church at Eola, of which she was a faithful Christian member. A husband and three little children survive her, and a host of friends. The funeral service was conducted at St. John Church. The pastor was assisted by the Rev. A. L. Haines of the Baptist Church. J. L. McCain, Pastor.

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Marshall, Tex.—Sister Hannah Parker, a member of Cedar Grove M. E. Church, died Aug. 21st; Sister Belle Hinton, a member of Pleasant Hill M. E. Church, Sept. 8th; Sister Millie Hickman, Sept. 15, and Sister Montgomery, Sept. 22. These were also members of Pleasant Hill Church. Each one was a faithful wife, loving mother and kind friend. Our hearts are sorely grieved o'er our loss, yet they are

"Where the faithful in Jesus do dwell,
And the lips never murmur farewell."
His will.

Thou art gone from earth, sweet friend,
To live a life that has no end,
With God and angels above,
Where all is peace, joy and love.

Sisters Hinton and Montgomery each lost a babe this month.

M. Q. A. FULLER.

Oxford, Miss.—The funeral of Miss Mattie L. Boles was attended Oct. 21 at Burns Chapel, Rev. F. H. Henry officiating. We, the members of the M. E. Church, realized in the death of Sister Mattie Lee Boles the loss of an intelligent Christian worker. She was ready to go. She leaves a mother, three brothers and three sisters. We can only say He doeth all things well. Pray that God may send showers of blessings on the bereaved family.

S. W. ROGERS.

Greenville, S. C.—Blanche May, the eldest daughter of the Rev. B. F. Witherspoon, D. D., passed away Wednesday, Oct. 21, 1903, from the parsonage of John Wesley M. E. Church, Greenville, S. C., after a short illness. She was a lovely, Christian child of sixteen summers, was born July 29, 1887, in the city where her death occurred. She was converted in October, 1900, and died in the faith as loved ones

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sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and "Brightly Gleams Our Father's Mercy." Her funeral service was held Oct. 22, in John Wesley M. E. Church, Greenville; the addresses were made by Revs. M. M. Mouzon, A. M., presiding elder; D. M. Minus, D. D., president of Sterling Industrial College, of which she was a student in the graduating class of 1904, and Rev. A. B. Davis, Sunday school superintendent. Her remains were borne by her father to Orangeburg, S. C., Friday, Oct. 23, and there laid to rest peacefully until "The triumph of God gives out the welcome sound,

That shakes her silent chamber walls,
and breaks the turf sealed ground."

B. F. WITHERSPOON.

Robeline, La.—Little Eli Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry and Jane Smith, aged 12 years, departed this life Oct. 18, 1903. May God comfort the bereaved family. The funeral was attended by Rev. S. P. Branch.

Sulphur Rock, Ark.—Miss Noble Earls, a faithful Christian member of the A. M. E. Church, died at Magness, Ark., Oct. 14, 1903. She leaves four sisters, one brother and a large host of friends. The morning of resurrection we will see her again.

Fouche, La.—Sister Angeline Morris, a member of the M. E. Church here, has gone to her eternal home; aged 78. The church has lost a faithful stewardess, but heaven has gained a precious soul. She leaves three daughters and one son and a host of friends. The funeral service was attended, Oct. 14, by S. Johns and the pastor, B. Carr.

Lexington, Miss.—Sister Patsy Rogers died, unconscious, Oct. 13. She had recently joined the Tredwell Grove M. E. Church, being formerly a member of the Baptist Church. She lived a consistent Christian life. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, W. S. Leake.

Slidell, La.—Sister Hester Clark died in peace Friday morning, Oct. 23, after an illness of more than two years, aged 17 years. She has gone home to rest.

Z. T. GAYDEN.

Zachary, La.—Sister Jane Walker, a member of Albert Chapel M. E. Church for 27 years, fell asleep in Jesus Oct. 21. Her age was about 65 years. A husband, two daughters, a son and other relatives mourn their loss. Interment was made in Springfield Cemetery by the pastor, E. H. Clark.

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La.—At the home of the bride, Miss Zoie Francis, was married to Mr. Lee Petterlin. The bride is a member of St. James M. E. Church and was well thought of in this community, as shown by the large attendance and many wedding presents. The bride was attired in a beautiful dress of cream colored nunsveiling tastefully trimmed with lace and ribbons. We wish for them a happy and successful voyage. T. A. Brown officiated.

Luther, Okla.—Mr. Essie Allen and Miss Nancy Walker were united in holy wedlock at the bride's home, Oct. 12, 1903. We wish for them success. A. J. McAllister officiated.

At the home of the bride, Heidelberg, Miss., Sunday, Nov. 8, Mr. W. M. Jones and Miss Careene Harrison were joined in holy matrimony by Rev. J. Jones. The bride is one of the best and leading young women of Heidelberg and the groom is an industrious and prosperous farmer. He made an excellent beginning by subscribing for the SOUTHWESTERN just after his marriage. We predict for them a long, happy life of usefulness.

R. N. JONES.

Bell Rose, La.—At the residence of the bride, Oct. 29, Mr. Isum Thority and Miss Mary Patterson were joined in matrimony. Both are members of St. James M. E. Church. Rev. D. Harrison, the pastor, officiated.

Lutcher, La.—Mr. Solomon O. Williams and Miss Catherine Cartrell, Mr. Emile Hurbert and Miss Mary Terry were united in marriage by the pastor, M. C. Harrison. May the Lord bless them and keep them true to their promise.

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Mississippi and Upper—L. F. Jones, *2; S. H. Cannon, *3; J. E. Coleman, *1; E. P. Chapman, *3; J. C. White, *4; U. R. Beverly, *1; L. Gill; Charles Thompson, *2; B. L. Crump, *1; S. Jossel, *1; J. I. Garrett, *2; W. L. Marshall, *1; J. B. Brooks, *4; H. May, *1; N. Toole, *2; J. W. Winbush, *3; J. W. Parks, *2; R. P. Threlkeld, *6; S. A. Cowan, *9; T. A. Lemon, *1; C. W. Ivy, *1; J. T. Cannon, *1; J. W. Hill, *1; J. J. Jackson, *1; J. W. Byrd, *1; P. F. Robinson, *1; N. Collier, *1; C. W. Butler, *1; Charley Henderson.

New York—W. H. Brooks, *2.

Tennessee and East—E. J. Cox, *2; R. A. Swan, *1.

Texas and West—J. O. Williams, *3; F. R. Morton, *3; J. W. Wright; Freeman Parker, *2; M. S. Jordan, *1; L. H. Richards, *3, 1; L. W. Johnson, *1; W. B. Lott, *1.

N. N. Sidney, Pastor, Brandon, Miss.—We have just closed our revival at St. James M. E. Church. There were 33 precious souls converted to the Master, and all of them joined our church. At this place Rev. Wm. Sutton and Rev. Green Johnson fought like men of war, after which we went to Evergreen M. E. Church. There we pitched another battle and at this place we left the field with 31 converts, all of whom joined our church. Rev. M. Byrd, from Jackson, Miss., our local preacher, preached a wonderful sermon, which stirred the hearts of many.



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CRESCENT CITY NOTES

At Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, Sunday evening, Nov. 5, Rev. Samuel Davage delivered an able and effective sermon to a large audience. A special collection was asked for Rev. Davage and \$4.50 were raised; collection for the evening \$11.20; total for the day \$21.

Hon. John L. Bates, Governor of Massachusetts, the monument sculptress, Mrs. Henry H. Kitson, and a special delegation of the Massachusetts Legislature, reaching this city Friday morning, Nov. 13, spent the day in sightseeing. The distinguished party was en route to Vicksburg, Miss., for the dedication of the Massachusetts monument at the National Military Park, Nov. 14.

WILLIAMS CHAPEL.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Williams Chapel was organized the 9th inst., with Mrs. I. B. Scott president; Mrs. B. Williams, vice-president; Mrs. D. C. Meade, secretary; Mrs. E. Messiah, treasurer. The pastor, Rev. C. W. Reeves, preached to the women on the 15th inst. The seating capacity was inadequate. Six joined the church; collection \$14.75. The children, in their third social class meeting collected \$1.89.

Sunday, Nov. 8, was a successful day financially and spiritually at St. Paul M. E. Church, New Roads. The captains of the two clubs are to be highly commended for their excellent work. The results were indeed gratifying. Mr. P. Scep, captain the 1st club, raised \$32.15 and Mr. C. Stanley, Jr., captain of the 2nd club, \$32.35, making a total of \$64.50. St. Paul church is in a prosperous condition, and this year's work is closing successfully. We received information last week of the illness of Mrs. L. C. Thomas, the pastor's wife; we hope that she is now much better.

At the concert given at First Street M. E. Church, this city, Oct. 24, \$104 in clear cash were realized. The pastor, J. A. Tircuit, who acted as general manager, and his officers and members take this method of thanking the young ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted in making the occasion both enjoyable and profitable; also the friends and all others who helped in any material way to make it a success. At their last rally \$400 were raised

and paid on the debt of the church. The next rally will take place Dec. 13. The Annual Fair begins Nov. 24. The church is in excellent condition.

COTTON.

The upward tendency of cotton last week received a setback on Monday, owing to the fine, warm weather that prevailed, which was so favorable for harvesting, and the increase in "top crop." The receipts were also large. Ten and thirteen-sixteenths cents was the spot price in this market on Monday.

Field

Seney, Ga.—Miss Claudie Brantley, our teacher, of Biggers, Ga., returned home Oct. 28, and I want to say to the people of the South that Rev. Brantley's daughter of Seney, Ga., is the teacher for children. She gave one of the best exhibitions ever witnessed in this county. We cannot say enough about her. Sallie B. Scott has gone to Clark.

W. T. Chapman, Campti Charge.—Sunday was a grand day at Mt. Zion. Ten converts were baptized and twenty were read in the church on probation. A sermon was preached by Miss Hattie Makee. The pastor administered the Lord's supper to 91. During the day \$36.45 were raised. Our revival has closed at St. Paul. Sixteen were converted at Campti charge.

F. H. Henry, Pastor, Oxford, Miss.—Our rally on the fourth Sunday in September was a decided success. The following was raised: A. C. Boone, \$17.50; Taylor Robertson, \$5.25; Sister F. Beney, \$13.10; W. Bally, \$12.75. (A number of others whose names the pastor has handed us did equally as well. Public collection, \$4.96. Total amount for the fourth Sunday rally, \$102.45.

J. L. Massey, Tallahoma, Tenn.—Our August camp meeting at this place should be considered in every way a success, and 'twas said it was more largely attended than any meeting of its kind ever conducted in the city. Now we are putting forth every effort to be fully ready to meet the Annual Conference. At each meeting we are urging the importance of supporting the great causes of our church, especially the cause of missions and the duty we, as a race, owe the SOUTHWESTERN. We feel assured of raising the number of subscribers assigned us, and more. Our little charge here is in a prosperous condition. I see that the brethren of the Tennessee Confer-

ence have said nothing about the conference claimants. I feel that I ought to urge them to strive to make our conference a record-breaker in this line of work this year. Elder Williams held his last quarterly conference with an unusual amount of interest, and said that the charge is in no way behind any in his district, everything considered. Yours for Christ, the old church and the race.

J. E. Coleman, Pastor, Canton, Miss.—My third quarterly conference was held Sept. 27-28, with Dr. J. M. Shum-pert in the chair. Reports from the leaders showed the work progressing. Raised during the quarter, \$32.75; paid presiding elder in full; pastor this quarter, \$100; raised for all purposes, \$122.75. We had a great time on Sunday. The presiding elder preached and the Holy Spirit was with us. Eighty-two communed at the Lord's table. Conversions and accessions, 12; deceased, 1.

ENQUIRY.

I want to find my sisters, Jane Lewis, Easter and Clarisy Coleman, and four brothers whom I left in South Carolina before the war. I came to Mississippi with Daniel Coleman. My father's name was Forthen and mother's name was Sallat. My sister Easter married Jesse Carr. Clarisy's three children came to Mississippi with them. Their names are Daniel, Jane and Bella. I wish every preacher would read this in his pulpit. Informants please address Dave Coleman, McCool, Miss.

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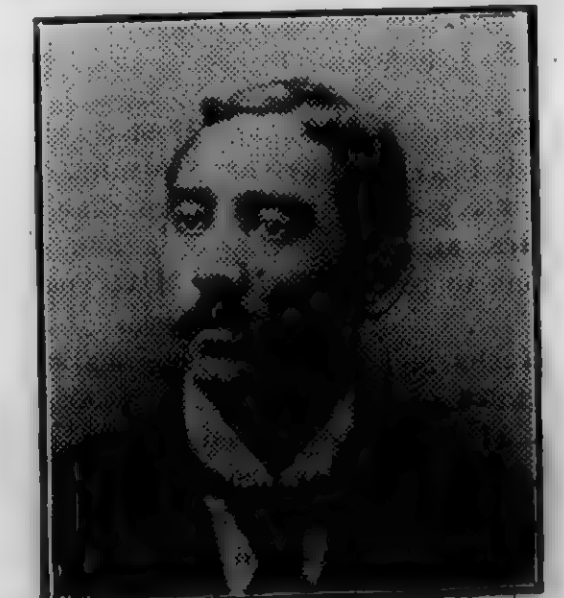
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Editorial Notes

Are you ever grateful for anything?

Think of how much others have done and are still doing for you.

One should be grateful not only for what has been done for him but also that he is able to do something for others, and then do it.

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits?" is asked by a sacred writer. To those who ask it now we reply: Love more, do more and strive to be more like the Master in all the affairs of life.

As desirable as is civilization the distinction between it and barbarism is not as great as one might think for. At any rate we are frequently so impressed by the actions of those who claim to be most highly civilized. Witness the mob spirit of which we read from day to day.

We have scanned with pleasure and profit the masterly speech delivered by Mr. Joseph C. Manning, of Alabama, before the Middlesex Club during the present year. His subject was, "Letting the South Alone," the folly of which doctrine he shows to the satisfaction of any candid mind. The speech has been published in pamphlet form and we wish it might be read by every citizen throughout the country.

The telegraph and district messenger companies of Boston, Mass., have dismissed boys and substituted girls for the delivery of messages, packages, etc., and the change is said to be working well. They were compelled to do this on account of the increasing carelessness and negligence of the boys. For similar reasons more than one of our Southern cities had to drop white and employ colored boys. Such a course should teach the boys of both races a useful lesson.

In an address delivered at the anniversary meeting of the American Missionary Association, recently held in Columbus, O., Dr. Washington Gladden said: "The American Missionary Association was born to bear witness to the truth that black men are men, that they have not only hands but souls, and for them there must not only be bread, but a kingdom, hope, outlook and opportunity, a clear path to the height of manhood." These words have the right ring.

"Who will bell the cat?" that's the question. Now that a measure has been presented to the Extra Session of Congress looking to the repeal of the 15th amendment, the question now hinges on who shall push it. The Democrats, tho' the measure is introduced by one of their number, say it is a dangerous thing for them to start the movement for the abolition of Negro citizenship and the Republicans are understood not to desire it, so there it is. A literal enactment of the old fable of "Who will bell the cat?" The Democrats like the mice agree that it should be done.

The Gratitude That Has No Limitation

"Lord we thank Thee that everything is as well with us as it is!" How often have many of the readers of the SOUTHWESTERN heard the old saints of the churches pray this prayer. And they meant it from the depths of their hearts. But how pathetic it is! Evidently they had seen many chances for things to have been worse for them than they were. It is not the exultant shout of triumph; at best it still recalls the trials of the past in spite of the gratitude of the heart for deliverance. Such a prayer is accompanied by a glance backward at the foe as well as some misgivings as to the future. One almost shudders as he thinks of it in this light. This may not be a proper interpretation of its spirit but if it is, we are lead to ask is it real gratitude? True it is, that the hunted fleeing man may feel grateful that thus far he has escaped—he has not been caught, but he does not swing clear of his fears. Does not real gratitude mount up on the pinions of faith and while seeing the past look forward with hope inspired by faith to better things to come? And who has greater reason to do this than he who has had even a partial triumph if he recognizes the hand of God in bringing it about? A partial triumph is as good as the whole if the remainder is made secure by faith in God. And besides gratitude is prompted by the blessings—the deliverance already realized and cannot be what it should, when hampered by fears as to the future. That this is absolutely true we think there is no doubt, else who could be really grateful?

In presenting the subject thus we are confident that we have touched the line of thought running through the minds of many of those for whom we write. They feel that they have escaped thus far, but like Israel of old they are still pursued while the unexplored sea is just ahead. Many are in doubt as to whether they should be more thankful for the deliverance of the past or fearful for the uncertainty of the future. The dread of the one destroys to a great extent a proper appreciation for the other. Looking about themselves they tremblingly enquire:

"And are we yet alive,
"And see each others' face?"

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"What troubles have we seen,
"What conflicts have we passed,
"Fightings without, and fears within,
"Since we assembled last!"

And they look at themselves thus situated until it is difficult to do otherwise. But such views too long dwelt upon cast down and discourage them. The only hope is to follow the example of the poet whom we quote and cry out with him:

"But out of all the Lord
"Hath brought us by his love,
"And still he doth his help afford
"And hides our life above."

If they will only stop to think the hand of God can be seen in their past history and the present as well. Seeing it their faith soon settles the question as to the future. If they will only do their

duty God will take care of the rest. The schemes, the plans and even the prophecies of men may be right in their own eyes and exceedingly wise, but God means that every man shall have a chance in spite of all such trifles. For to Him they are trifles. Again, too often men magnify their troubles—which in many cases are of their own making—while they almost entirely lose sight of their blessings. Even a mole hill of sorrow, disappointment, hardship is large enough to obscure their vision and prevent their beholding the mountains of blessings that tower up, not only along side, but in their pathway from day to day. But the fact is many of the unpleasant things of life are blessings in disguise, and are the means of much good to man. Hence there is reason for gratitude whether we look at one or the other, whether to the right or the left.

And yet, aside from these there is so much of good for which to be thankful and man need not look far to find these. Many, we dare say, never stop to think what a privilege it is to live in a free country and under a flag that in all the wars of its history has always been found on the side of human rights and freedom. They seldom or never recall with gratitude the largeness of opportunity which stands out before them in this great country every way they turn. True, there are limitations to these in the minds of men—those who oppose—but how true it is that in everyday life such do not prevail. The worthy individual, no matter what his race or color, who finds one door closed needs only to swallow his temporary disappointment and press his way to the next and rap for admission. There must be some reverses in order to develop stamina and character, but the fact is there are so many openings that one scarcely knows which to enter first. Then another thing for which one has reason to be grateful is the triumphs of others. These indicate the possibilities of attainment. This is especially true of those who have arisen from humble life, lowly estate. Since they have, others may. There are besides every day occurrences in individual life for which one needs to be thankful. Taking all in all there is more sunshine by far in the average life than shadow. Hence let every one in expressing his gratitude to God swing clear and thank Him, not "that it is as well with us as it is," but for all the blessings of life.

That Watch

On the authority of a gentleman who is greatly interested in the SOUTHWESTERN, the publishers gave notice some weeks ago that a gold watch would be given the one sending in the largest number of subscribers during the canvass that was being made for 3,000 subscribers. The competition became more and more interesting as the end approached. In the end it was found that the Rev. V. D. Jenkins, of Georgia, had sent in 153 and the one coming next to him was Rev. C. W. Reeves, of Louisiana, and a pastor in this city who secured 50. Since Bro. Reeves did so well, the Business Manager has decided to give him a present also, which, as we understand, will be formally tendered at an early date.

Our Contributors

General Missionary Committee Meeting

The Committee met in the First M. E. Church of Omaha on Wednesday morning, November 11, at ten o'clock, with Bishop Foss in the chair. The first hymn was sung, Bishop Foss led in a very touching prayer, the 122nd Psalm was read, and the religious exercises concluded with the singing of the 8th hymn. Bishop Merrill, who had been delayed, then took the chair. Dr. Benton called the roll, and nearly all the members of the committee responded to their names. Dr. Thomas took the place of Dr. Buckley, Mr. Goff that of Mr. Tuttle, and Mr. Gibson of Mr. Scott. Dr. Eaton was elected financial secretary, and Dr. Benton recording secretary. After arranging for the bar of the committee, and other preliminary matters, the financial report was read, showing a net increase in collections from conferences of \$124,223.38. This was regarded as sufficient occasion for singing the doxology, in which the committee and visitors heartily joined. The total amount reported received last year was \$1,482,272.82, and it was agreed that this amount, or rather \$1,482,000, be the basis of this year's appropriations.

With very little discussion the following amounts were appropriated as "miscellaneous appropriations: Contingent fund, \$50,000; incidental expenses, \$50,000; salaries of officers and missionary bishops, \$34,000; office expenses, \$15,000. But when it came to the amount for disseminating missionary information, there was considerable discussion, lasting almost to the time of adjournment. Dr. Goucher moved to increase this amount from \$32,000 of last year to \$40,000, the additional \$8,000 to be used in the Sunday school work. He claimed that the Sunday school children are not being informed on missionary subjects as they ought to be by the parent society, and that this work is being done, as far as it is done at all, by the women's societies. If we neglect this work the influence of these other societies will be strong on the young people, and they will not have much interest in the parent society. Dr. Leonard favored the appropriation of \$35,000, as being sufficient, owing to the fact that there is now being prepared a series of tracts and booklets to circulate among the young. Bishop McCabe asked what our Sunday school publications are for, if not to instruct the young on missionary matters. He seemed to think that the kind of information given in the *World Wide Missions* was not particularly suited to the young. What they want is more about the work and the people who are being saved, and how they are being saved. He said that he had started this periodical and had charged ten cents a year for it. He had run somewhat in debt thus, but had made it up by lecturing. Bishop Fowler remarked, "Yes, and the General Conference hauled you over for it." To which McCabe replied, "Yes, as they did for a good many things. You cannot expect a General Conference to get wise in a minute. It is too large a body." At which the Committee laughed.

Dr. Leonard, replying to Bishop McCabe's statement as to how much the income of the society had increased in his time said that the advance in the last quadrennium had been over \$500,000, and no debt had been created as in the case of the previous administration. But Bishop McCabe said the debt was not his fault, as the Committee had not taken his advice when he pre-

dicted financial ruin as the result of Mr. Cleveland's financial policy.

Bishop Fitzgerald said that in his opinion no people in the church are better or more regularly informed about missions than the children. Dr. Goucher said that the question is, whether or not we shall cultivate this constituency. He claimed that this committee does not have control of the Sunday school publications, and that if any missionary matter is prepared for them it must be done at the expense of the fund under consideration. There is a great demand for Sunday School missionary literature, and this demand must be supplied. If not, there will be a serious retrograde movement among our young people. Dr. Carroll said that the office had conferred with Dr. Neely on the subject of missionary matter in the Sunday School publications, but no definite arrangements had been made yet.

Dr. Arbuckle thought that to spend so much for these incidental matters would disappoint the people who had given the money, but General Rusling thought that this increased expenditure would bring in increased supplies.

Bishop Cranston moved to substitute that the item for disseminating missionary information be \$35,000, and that the incidental expense appropriation shall be \$45,000.

Bishop Foss emphasized the point that the contingent and incidental expenses are really missionary money, used for missionary purposes, and not, as some seem to think, office expenses.

Bishop Mallalieu said that it had been announced that \$350,000 had been pledged at the Cleveland convention, but that not much more than one-third of it is in hand now, according to the report. He also said that *World Wide Missions* has a circulation of 280,000 per month, going into families where there are children. This would make over three million copies each year of that one publication alone. To this should be added all our Sunday School and other publications, some twelve million pieces going into the children's hands. He thought we ought to use the machinery we have rather than spend more for this which is not needed. Arrangements could be made by which we could put a great deal of missionary information into the daily papers.

Bishop Andrews, referring to the Cleveland Convention, said that the report shows some \$237,000 that has come in to the society in the form of special gifts. This includes a large amount of the Cleveland contributions. In addition, pledges have been made by presiding elders and pastors that they would increase their collections. Dr. Goucher added that the subscription of \$100,000 was to be paid in five annual payments. Bishop Merrill said that a large number of the pledges will be realized at the spring conferences.

At the conclusion of the debate \$35,000 were appropriated.

The question of the division between the home and foreign fields was then taken up, and Bishop Foss moved that the amount given to the foreign field be 57½ per cent, and to the home field, 42½ per cent.

Bishop Fowler said that we ought to give some fair attention to the matter of property, especially in the foreign field. Some of our property there has been condemned as unsafe, and we have done nothing for it for 12 or 15 years. He moved to amend Bishop Foss' motion by giving \$75,000 for property in the foreign field, and then dividing the remainder on the basis of 57½ per cent., and 42½ per cent.

Bishop Walden showed that this would allow an advance of \$16,000 on the home field, and between \$22,000 and \$23,000 on the foreign field. He said that he preferred to set apart \$50,000 for building purposes, instead of \$75,000.

The Bishop then announced that they were adjourned by expiration of time.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Bishop Andrews presided at the afternoon session, and the devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. Arbuckle.

Bishop Fowler wished to change the form of his motion as follows: "That \$75,000 be set aside for property in the foreign work, together with 57½ per cent of what remains, and that 42½ per cent be given to the home work.

Bishop McCabe made a plea for the distribution of the \$75,000 between the home and foreign fields on the same basis, and spoke very feelingly of certain needy portions of our western work where more missionaries are needed.

General Rusling wanted to make the division 58 per cent for the foreign field and 42 per cent for the home field, but his motion to that effect was laid on the table. Dr. Sanford named 43 per cent for the home field and 57 per cent for the foreign field.

Bishop Merrill said that he thought the peculiar form of Bishop Fowler's motion was to enable us to do by indirection what we could not do directly; but Bishop Fitzgerald contended that the motion was perfectly proper.

In answer to a question as to how much each field would receive, under the motion proposed, Bishop Foss said the foreign field would get \$777,500, including the \$75,000, and the home field would get \$518,500. Bishop McCabe claimed that this would take \$30,000 from the home work, which properly belongs to it. This stirred up Secretary Leonard, who produced figures to show that for all purposes we expend 97½ cents at home and 2½ cents abroad. That is, for the 80,000,000 or 90,000,000 of people in the United States we are giving 97½ cents out of every dollar, and for the 1,000,000,000 of the heathen world we are only using 2½ cents out of every dollar we give. He claimed that most of the 20th century thank offering had been given at home. Dr. Jackson said that none of it had gone to the home missions, it being mostly used in payment of old debts. Continuing in the same strain as Dr. Leonard, Dr. Goucher said that in the last three years the church had contributed \$96,000,000, of which less than \$4,000,000 went out of the United States. From all denominations, only 1700 foreign missionaries have gone from the United States, and 124,000 ordained evangelical ministers are at work in the United States. He said he favored a division on the basis of 58 per cent and 42 per cent.

Dr. Eaton, speaking from personal observation, emphasized the need of doing something for the repair of our property in China and Japan, and of doing it now; because there is a possibility that the contributions may shrink next year. Bishop Cranston spoke of an experience in one of the buildings which needs repair, he having been there when it was almost wrecked by an earthquake.

The motion to set apart \$75,000 for property in the foreign field was carried, as was also the motion to make the division 57½ per cent of the remainder for the foreign work, and 42½ per cent for the home work. On Bishop Fowler's motion a committee was ordered to suggest to the General Committee how this \$75,000 should be appropriated.

A committee was also ordered to which the appropriations for city work were referred. This committee was instructed to consider all formal applications that have been sent here, and then report to the general committee.

Appropriations to the home field were taken

up first. Division 1, Class 1, was then taken up. This includes conferences north of the Potomac and Ohio and east of the Mississippi river.

To Detroit Conference \$4,000 were appropriated, the same as last year. On Brother Ogier's representation the appropriation to East Maine Conference was increased from \$1,750 to \$2,000. The Erie Conference received \$500 for new work at Newcastle. When the Illinois Conference was called it was stated that Dr. Coker, the representative of this general district, had been called home by the death of his father, and consideration of all the conferences which he represents was deferred until his return.

To the Maine Conference appropriation \$100 was added, making it \$1,300.

The following conferences received the same as last year: Michigan \$3,500, New Hampshire \$1,400, Northern New York \$1,000, Troy \$1,000, Vermont \$1,450.

Dr. Simenson said that he had received letters from the elders of the West Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Conferences, urging an advance. The West Wisconsin received \$4,200, and the Wisconsin \$3,600, this being an advance of about \$300 on each. The Wilmington Conference received \$750, the same as last year.

Class No. 2, Conferences in Iowa and Kansas and states north of them, including Black Hills and Oklahoma Conference, was then taken up. The Black Hills Mission received \$4,000, an advance of \$100. When the Dakota Conference was called Bishop Walden spoke of the fact that the district is a cold one, and fuel scarce, and there is consequently more need for missionary money. Bishop Goodsell also spoke of the new development of missionary work in this conference, in the direction of the Missouri river and beyond. He thought it would be well to give the sum proposed, \$8,000, but with the proviso that \$500 be given for new work, and this was agreed to.

When the Des Moines Conference was called Secretary Leonard said that he thought that Des Moines should be put among the City Missions, but Dr. Jackson said that the term City Missions as it appeared on the budget, was misleading; it should be called an appropriation to the conference for missions. An increase for this was asked, and \$1,200 were appropriated. It was also agreed that the expression, "for City Missions, Des Moines," be stricken out. Minnesota conference and the Nebraska Conference received the same as last year, the first \$3,200, and the second \$1,800.

North Dakota Conference received \$8,700, \$500 of which is for new work, this being an increase of \$300 over last year.

North Nebraska Conference received \$5,000, the same as last year, less the amount given for Omaha work. Northern Minnesota Conference received \$6,500, \$500 of which is for new work. Northwest Iowa received the same as last year, \$3,465, as did also Northwest Nebraska, \$3,300, and West Nebraska, \$6,500. On Bishop Fowler's motion \$1,000 of the amount for Northwest Iowa is devoted to work in Sioux City. On motion, the Committee adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 12TH, 1903.

Bishop Foss presided at the morning session on Thursday, and, together with Bishop Hamilton, conducted the religious exercises. After the reading of the minutes Class No. 3, "Work in the Mountain Regions," was taken up. Arizona Mission received \$6,200, the same as last year. Dr. Isham said that the full amount ought to be

given to Colorado Conference, and whatever is given to Denver as a city should be independent of this. Nine thousand, four hundred dollars was appropriated, with the clause, "\$600 of which is for Denver."

An advance was given to Idaho on Dr. Parsons' recommendation and statement that we are there face to face with the Mormon propaganda. The amount appropriated is \$5,000.

For Kalispell Mission an advance of \$300 was made, giving in all \$3,200. Both Dr. Parsons and Bishop McCabe made appeals for an increase for Montana. Dr. Leonard thought the appeals a little premature, as they were made on the basis of a population that is to go there, but has not yet arrived! Several sums were named, and the Committee finally agreed on \$5,500.

On the ground of the hopeful condition of the work in the Nevada Mission and of the vast extent of it, an advance was asked by both Dr. Parsons and Bishop Hamilton. The amount appropriated was \$4,250. To the New Mexico English Mission the same appropriation was made as for the last year, \$5,227. To the North Montana Mission \$5,000 were appropriated, an advance of \$300.

Speaking of the Utah Mission, Bishop Cranston said that many people deplored the publicity that had been given to the dissensions of this mission. There were many discouragements in connection with this work, but also some encouragement. He thought the appropriation ought to be \$11,000. Bishop Fowler seemed to think that the reason this work had not been more successful was in part to be found in the kind of men we had sent there. He said, "Every place you put a man you can win. Let us have no place for 'things' in them." Dr. Carroll said that one of our sister denominations puts four or five times as much money into Utah as we do, and still has very little success, and Dr. Leonard said we ought to be there, whether we make any converts or not, as a protest against Mormonism. Bishop McCabe, referring to a remark of Bishop Fowler's, said that one thing we could do to help Utah would be to stop reflecting on the men we have sent there, and he spoke in high praise of Dr. Iliff and his work, as well as that of some others. Bishop Fowler replied that he had no reference to these superintendents, but to the kind of material they had to work with.

Eleven thousand dollars were appropriated to this mission.

For the schools in Utah the same appropriation as last year was made, namely, \$2,000.

Dr. Isham, speaking of the Wyoming Mission, said that living was very high there. Six thousand dollars were appropriated to this mission.

Class No. 4 was then considered, consisting of missions on the Pacific Coast. Consideration of the Alaska Mission was postponed for the present. Bishop Hamilton spoke at some length on the work in California, asking for an advance in the appropriation. With the money given last year, and some raised from other sources, the debt had been cleared off the San Rafael Mission church. But some help he said is needed for new churches in San Francisco. California has increased its population by one-fourth in the last three years. At his request \$6,135 were appropriated, \$500 available for Sacramento and San Francisco districts, and \$60 for work in the mountains.

Bishop Cranston asked for \$9,000 for Colorado River, \$700 of it for new work. Bishop Hamilton said that more is needed, and asked for \$750; available at once. On Bishop Fitzgerald's motion

\$750 were given to this mission to cover the work until the next session of the Conference, and the regular appropriation made \$8,250.

There was considerable debate over the Oregon Conference, some of the Committee claiming that much had been given without showing corresponding results. Dr. Parsons explained that the sharp competition between the denominations made it necessary to spend so much there. He thought a "church trust" would be a good thing there, saving money to the denominations. Bishop Goodsell said that giving so much there had interfered with efforts at self support. Two hundred dollars were appropriated to fill out the present year, and \$4,300 as the regular appropriation, \$100 of which is for the Salem District.

Bishop Cranston, when Puget Sound was under consideration, spoke of the hopeful condition of things there. The Bishop asked for \$7,200, of which \$600 should be for work at Seattle, and this was granted.

Southern California was next considered, and Bishop Hamilton spoke of a large new territory that had formerly been desert. He asked for an appropriation of \$5,000, \$200 of which is for Imperial, this new territory. He also spoke of the rapid growth of Los Angeles, stating that 5,000 houses were built in the city last year. Four new Methodist churches are there now, and a new Sunday School is started. He said he wanted \$500 for the churches in Los Angeles.

Seven hundred dollars was appropriated to fill out this year, and the regular appropriation of \$4,500 was made.

On Dr. Carroll's motion a committee was ordered to consider matters relating to South America, referred by the Board to this Committee.

On Secretary Leonard's motion, a committee was ordered, to which the appropriations to the different foreign countries shall be referred.

On motion of Bishop Walden the limit of the size of cities to which we shall make appropriations was fixed at forty thousand. It was also decreed that as a rule appropriations should be to cities that have city organization, but where an exception is made, it should be on the condition that they organize during the coming year.

On Bishop Hamilton's motion the Pacific Japanese and Chinese Missions were also referred to a committee to consider the amount of appropriation needed.

The Committee then adjourned with the benediction by presiding bishop.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Bishop Walden occupied the chair at the afternoon session, and Dr. Edward Taylor conducted the religious exercises.

Division 2, Class No. 5, "White Work in the South, Maryland and Delaware Excepted," was then considered.

The Alabama Conference received \$2,500, the same as last year. To the Arkansas Conference, on the representation of Dr. Nelson and Bishop Walden, an increase of \$200 was given, making the appropriation \$4,500. Bishop Joyce represented the needs of the Atlantic Mission Conference, and \$2,000 were appropriated, together with \$500 for the current year.

While the Austin Conference was under consideration, there was the customary discussion concerning the Fort Worth church, which this year asks for \$500. Secretary Leonard said that this appropriation was very unpopular in the Austin Conference. It was positively asserted that this would be the last time special help would be asked for this church, as the debt had all been pledged. Four thousand dollars were appropriated, \$500 of which is for the Fort Worth church.

When the Blue Ridge Conference was under consideration Bishop Joyce represented their needs, and asked for an increase of \$200, and

Bishop Goodsell spoke very feelingly of the heroism and devotion, as well as the poverty of the preachers of this conference. The Committee, feeling in a generous mood, increased the appropriation \$400, making it \$3,000.

While the Central Tennessee Conference was under consideration, Dr. North said he would be glad to vote for something that would give our church a fair position in the central city of that conference, which is Nashville, and Bishop Goodsell explained that our city is unfortunately located, and a new site must be obtained. General Rusling said he knew all about Nashville, he had campaigned there during the war, and that it is now a town of 100,000 population, with a large number of Northern people there. He thought the Methodists of the city were able to take care of themselves, and favored an increase of appropriation for the country districts. He said he had seen the church at Nashville organized by Bishop Simpson, and had seen General Grant and his wife worshipping there.

Three thousand, two hundred dollars were appropriated, \$400 of which is for new work.

To the Georgia Conference \$2,250 were given, and to the Gulf Mission \$4,500, this last being an addition of \$1,000.

Dr. Robb asked for \$2,000 for the Holston Conference, but Bishop Goodsell thought that last year's appropriation of \$1,650, \$300 of which should be for new work, would be sufficient, and this was what the Committee granted.

Bishop Joyce said that thirty-two charges of the Kentucky Conference pay salaries of \$208 and less. On this account, and on other grounds, he believed an increase of appropriation necessary. Bishop Fowler said that the people in this district are poor and ignorant and stupid. That you may go and stand in their presence, and they will not indicate the slightest possible interest. He said further, that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has the same difficulty we have, and that the average contribution per member of that church, in this district, is even less than our own. Speaking further on the general relation of the two churches, he said: "The time for fighting the Church, South, is past. We ought to exert ourselves to the utmost to induce our brethren in the Church, South, to stand with us in helping to protect these colored people, and our way will be through friendship with the Church, South."

Four thousand, five hundred dollars were appropriated to the Kentucky Conference.

Owing to Dr. Coker's absence, consideration of the Missouri Conference was postponed.

For the St. John's River Conference, Dr. Robb asked for \$3,500. Bishop Foss said that the work grows very slowly there, and in some places it is declining, and he thought that \$500 of the appropriation should be for new work. He further said that he thought there was little sense in our continuing in a place where the Church, South, is strong and growing stronger, but where we are getting weaker. Dr. Goucher spoke of visiting a colored conference in a town in Florida, and said that the pastor of our white church there refused to invite the presiding bishop to speak in his church, because he was holding a colored conference in his town, as that would offend some of his people. The Doctor said he had been asked to speak in that church, but had refused, out of consideration for the bishop. Bishop Mallalieu said that our church was needed there for the people who have gone from the North, and who mostly make up our membership. He deplored the division of the church, and expressed his friendliness for the people of the Church, South. He said if any of them wanted to come to Boston and establish a branch of the Church, South, there, he would take them into his house and board them for a month, and find a place for them to preach. He believed the time was coming when both churches would need to stand shoulder to shoulder in order to meet the great problems that are confronting us. Bishop Hamilton also spoke in glowing terms of the growing harmony and fraternity between the two churches, but said that he believed that there was never a

time when our church was more needed in the South than now. He thought that such cases as Brother Goucher had mentioned were rare, indeed. He had never before heard of one. He spoke of the indignation on the part of people of the Church South over the outrages perpetrated on the colored people, in one case especially, and of how one man of that church, a very prominent one, too, was ready to do anything to create sentiment against such outrages, and even consented finally to address a public meeting in the interest of the Freedmen's Aid Society. There was considerable discussion of the question of our work in the South, and its advisability. At the close of this the appropriation was made for the St. John's River Conference of \$3,000, \$500 of which is for new work.

On Dr. Robb's motion \$3,300 were appropriated to the Virginia Conference.

Bishop Mallalieu made a strong plea for more money for the West Virginia Conference. He said that more than half our preachers there are getting less than an eighteen-year-old boy can earn driving a mule in a coal mine. He instanced Nebraska, where four conferences get \$17,100, while only \$4,000 are appropriated to West Virginia, claiming that this is unjust, as the people of Nebraska are rich compared with those of West Virginia. He said that Nebraska is loaning money to Massachusetts, and he had seen recently, in the treasurer's office in Lincoln, \$5,000,000 in bonds of Massachusetts, held by Nebraska. Dr. Goucher also favored a larger appropriation for this conference. Six thousand dollars was proposed, but the proposition did not prevail, and the amount appropriated was fixed at \$5,000.

The committees ordered were then announced as follows: On South America, Bishops Joyce and McCabe, and Messrs. McClain and Fowler and Drs. Jackson, Parsons and Carroll. The committee on foreign missions, Bishops Andrews and Goodsell, and Drs. Simonson, Marsh, Anderson, Upham and Leonard.

A resolution of sympathy was adopted with reference to Mr. Charles Scott, who is ill at his home in Philadelphia.

Bishop Hamilton brought up the subject of Alaska, which had been passed over, and made a lengthy report concerning the work there and the need for a much larger sum than we have been giving. Men have been sent there, and must be supported, and this could not be done with the amount hitherto given. On his motion, supported by Bishop Cranston, \$6,350 were appropriated.

On Dr. Leonard's motion, the Secretary was instructed to express the sympathy of the Committee to Brother Coker, the death of whose father detained him from the meeting of the Committee.

On Dr. Carroll's motion a committee was ordered to consider the subject of missions to Indians.

Dr. Leonard then moved that the committee adjourn, which motion prevailed, and the benediction was pronounced by the presiding bishop.

Life of Faith

THE MEMORY GUILD

FOR LEARNING BEST HYMNS.

Bishop H. W. Warren.

When the Lord gave man the world He had made and owned, and time out of his own eternity, He reserved a seventh of the time and a tenth of the property gained for himself. So there is a Lord's day. All that he is should come into it. All this is well indicated in the hymn. What may the eternal Sabbath be?

Its rhyming is peculiar and very sonorous. There are two more verses equally pleasing and rhythmical.

The author, a bishop of the Established Church, was a nephew of William Wordsworth, the poet of religious insight.

THE SABBATH.

O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness,
Most beautiful, most bright:
On thee, the high and lowly,
Through ages joined in tune,
Sing "Holy, holy, holy,"
To the great God Triune.

On thee, at the creation,
The light first had its birth;
On thee, for our salvation,
Christ rose from depths of earth;
On thee, our Lord, victorious,
The spirit sent from heaven;
And thus on thee, most glorious,
A triple light was given.

To-day on weary nations
The heavenly manna falls;
To holy convocations
The silver trumpet calls,
Where gospel light is glowing
With pure and radiant beams,
And living water flowing
With soul-refreshing streams.

New graces ever gaining
From this our day of rest,
We reach the rest remaining
To spirits of the blest;
To Holy Ghost be praises,
To Father, and to Son;
The Church her voice upraises
To thee, blest Three in One.
—Bishop Wordsworth (b. 1807, d. 1883).

From Day to Day

Just to be loving the things Jesus stands for;
just to be hating the things which He hates; just to be going out of our way to be helping someone else; just to be thinking less of self and more of our fellows—that is to be carrying a bit of the true cross; that is to be following the Savior of men.—T. C. McClelland.

What True Love Does

True love is unselfish. Love that craves, rather than that desires to give or do, is not love; it is covetousness rather than love. It is true love, unselfish love, that is the fulfilling of the law, and that includes every claim that can rightly be made on another. Love in the best sense is greater than hope or than faith. Love is a grace that we can aspire to, and that we can seek to manifest constantly in our daily life. Love goes out toward God and toward all whom God loves. Being loving, in the best sense, is being God-like, for "God is love," and one who is in the likeness of God must show love at all times as God is showing it.—Sunday School Times.

Constant Thankfulness

Have you ever tried the blessing of a constant thankfulness? Not occasionally, or when it suits you, but every day, and all day long? If not, begin at once, and the next time you feel disheartened or discontented, instead of getting irritable and complaining, just look long and gratefully on your blessings and put all grievances behind your back. A French king once said: "If a civil word or two will make a man happy, he must be a churl indeed who would not give them to him." We may say of this kindly temper that it is like lighting another man's candle by one's own, which loses none of its light by what the other gains.—Philadelphia Methodist.

Do Not Miss Your Chance

"Forty years ago," said an old man to us while walking on the street, "I was offered that lot over

there in exchange for a cow. I declined to trade. Now it is worth half a million dollars. I missed my chance!"

"When eighteen years of age," said a friend to whom we repeated the above, "my father urged me to enter college. I told him I preferred to wait a year. Before twelve months rolled around a combination of circumstances made my going to college impossible, and I was forced to begin life with the most meagre mental training. I missed my chance!"

Young Christian, God has called you to his service. He has given you a measure of talent and tact. You have no little influence in the church and league and social circle where you move. God has also put unsaved persons near you who may be won from lives of worldiness and sin. No one has so great influence over them as you have. No one has just such opportunities of leading them aright. But time is passing. Opportunities are passing. Unexpected circumstances may separate you from your friends, or your friends may be separated from you. Sickness may come. Death may come. If ever you are to be the means of their salvation you must act at once. A week's delay, a day's delay, an hour's delay may be fatal. Do not miss your chance!

And you, young reader, who may still be unsaved. Do you realize that a priceless treasure has been placed in your keeping? A soul. A deathless soul. A soul which will be in conscious existence ages after this universe has crumbled into dust. Before you is an open door. A door of escape. A door of salvation. The Saviour invites you to enter. He pleads with you to enter. Decide to do so to-day! It is dangerous to parley. It is suicidal to delay. Now is the accepted time. Time is fleeting. Opportunity is passing. You are in danger of missing your chance. To lose a fortune or an education or bodily health is proper cause for regret, but to lose your soul would be a misfortune as great and enduring as eternity. Salvation is possible to-day. Do not miss your chance.—*Epworth Herald*.

Young Friends

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Rachel's Thanksgiving Guests

Katherine waved her hand as she went by, but that only made Rachel sigh harder. Of course she smiled to Katherine, but it was a poor little rainy smile. The sight of the grip in Katherine's papa's hand was more than she could bear, for it meant to her grandmother's for Thanksgiving.

"O, dear me! O, dear me!" sobbed Rachel, very softly indeed, so poor, sick mamma would not hear, "seeing Katie go makes my stomach ache for my grandmother's Thanksgiving dinner! The mashed potatoes and the white meat and the cranberry sauce and the wishbone! O, dear me! and the little saucer mince pie just a-purpose for me! Seems to me I sh-shall d-die if I try to bear it!"

The windowpane was cold, and Rachel's little flattened nose turned quite blue against it. Her tears made little paths in the steam of her warm breath. She was a very unhappy little girl indeed.

Last year she and Katherine had gone to Cloverdale together and sat in the same car seat, and nibbled both ends of the same banana. That was such fun. Then their grandfathers had met them and they had wished each other "a merry Thanksgiving" and parted.

Now, only Katherine had gone. A faint whistle sounded down at the end of the snowy street.

"There goes Katherine's whistle this minute!" thought Rachel, dolefully. "Now the engine's puffing in—now they're getting on—now the conductor's crying 'All aboard!'" Katherine's sitting next to the window, and she's begun to eat her bananas. We did, the minute we got on, last year. You can't wait when you're riding on the cars. O, dear! I wonder if my end o' that banana doesn't look lonesome!" And then, in spite of herself, Rachel laughed. It was such a funny idea.

"Dear child! How good that laugh sounds!" thought mamma, among her pillows. She had been lying there grieving that her sickness must keep Rachel away from grandmother's Thanksgiving dinner. It was hard for the child. And then, to have Bridget gone, so there couldn't be any Thanksgiving dinner at home. It was a wonder the dear child could laugh.

Outside, on the snowy lawn, a few little chickadees were hopping about, pecking hungrily at the dry weedstalks that peeped above the snow. Rachel watched them with a sudden feeling of companionship with them. They would have no Thanksgiving dinner, either—just snow and dried grass, poor things. Not even rice and cream and baked apples!

"I wish I could—I wonder if I couldn't—I'm going to!" she cried aloud. Her eyes shone with delight. It would be such a beautiful thing to do! Who'd ever given the birds a Thanksgiving dinner before!

"I'll begin right now to make out the bill o' fare. O, this is fun!" laughed Rachel. And she tiptoed to the door and listened.

"Mamma, you asleep?" she called just above her breath.

"No, sweetheart; come right in here." And Rachel went in and sat on the bed and told her plan.

"A dear little birds' Thanksgiving dinner, mamma!" she cried. Won't that be splendid?"

"Splendid, sweetheart."

"And we'll count the things to eat—the courses, you know—right now, on my fingers. You say the thumb one, mamma." Rachel held up her little fat thumb and waited.

"Seeds, Rachel, and grain."

"O, please wait. The grain's my forefinger. That's two courses. And little bits of apple, mamma?"

"Yes, dear, and peanuts all nicely shelled and broken up."

"O, yes, peanuts—goody!"

And bits of cake and bread and—yes, a bone, Rachel."

"Mamma! a bone!"

"Yes, or two or three bones—that would be better," mamma smiled palely. You can hang them on the lowest branches of the mulberry bush. Tie them on with little bright ribbons, to make the dinner table look nice! Didn't you know little birds liked to peck at meat? The idea of a Thanksgiving dinner without any turkey-course! I'll tell you, Rachel—there are some cold chicken bones in the pantry. That's next best to the turkey, isn't it?"

Such a Thanksgiving dinner as it was next day! Rachel got it ready herself, with her mittens on! The "courses" were daintily spread in neat rows on the clean, white snow for a tablecloth. There were "covers" for twenty-five, Rachel said.

And the guests that came—the snow-buntings, and the woodpeckers and the chick-a-dee-dees! And the social way they chattered and chirped! and the appetites they had!

But, best of all, mamma was able to sit bolstered up in the easy chair, beside the window, and be introduced to the guests. She nodded and smiled, and they nodded and ate.

"O, mamma, seems as if this was the thankfulness Thanksgiving that—ev-er—was!" laughed Rachel.—*Annie Hamilton Donnell, in the Young People's Weekly*.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C Conference

General Committee of Church Extension

(CONCLUDED FROM ISSUE OF NOV. 12.)

The debates upon the important subjects that came before the Committee were of great interest and importance.

The Committee, by a count vote of 31 to 10, declined to remove the limitation which prohibits the Board from making appropriations in churches exceeding in value \$10,000 on a number of applications for expensive churches within the bounds of the Conferences from which the chief contributions for general church extension have hitherto come, and from which they must hereafter come to aid in the erection of small and inexpensive churches where they are most needed. The General Committee believes that the church at large will approve of this action, as during recent years such a large amount of the revenues of the Board has been given to aid either in the erection or freeing from debt of expensive churches as has decreased the possibility of extending the work of the Board in destitute parts of the country, because this course of action has consumed the revenues of the benevolent Conferences.

The bishops were requested to nominate additional assistant corresponding secretaries, and Drs. T. C. Hiff and W. D. Parr were nominated and unanimously elected by the General Committee for the ensuing year.

The following includes the principal special actions taken by the General Committee in the way of reports of Committees adopted:

From the report of special committee on "a church site fund."—"Your committee having considered the scheme of 'a church site fund,' recommends that the General Committee earnestly request the Board of Church Extension to carefully consider the subject, and if practicable, mature a plan for such a fund and its administration, to be recommended to the favorable consideration of the next General Conference."

From the report of the committee on treasurer's report.—"We congratulate the Board on the increase of more than \$22,000 in its income, as represented in the general fund. While the amount does not seem commensurate with the importance of this great cause, in view of the prevailing prosperity, nevertheless when we consider the earnest pleas that have so successfully replenished other treasuries, increased educational endowments, and the large amounts contributed by our people in payment of church debts, and new building enterprises, the increase has been very considerable. We are especially gratified by the care with which the Board has safe-guarded the annuity fund. We commend the fidelity of the executive officers in holding steadily to the purpose of placing a dollar of valid security behind every dollar represented in our annuity obligations. The gradual conversion of loans into more reliable interest bearing investments promises very soon to meet all the interest on annuities, and so release for the benevolent work of the society the considerable sum that heretofore have necessarily been taken from the general fund for interest account.

We commend the efforts to gather in the loan fund, and approve the policy of the Board in discouraging further loans, until some means shall be devised for more adequate security."

From the report of the special committee on adjustment of askings and authorizations:

"I. That the credits of the conferences are in no sense a debt of the Board.

"2. That unpaid donations do not diminish the amount of the preferred claims or other credits of the Conference.

"3. Since the experience in administration shows that not to exceed eighty per cent of the preferred claims have been called for by the conferences in any given year, and inasmuch as this class of claims has been unduly increased, partly by neglect or inability of the conferences to avail themselves thereof, we deem it unnecessary to embarrass our work by providing for more than eighty per cent of these claims in the authorizations for the coming year.

"4. We approve the recently adopted method of the Board by which the annuity and loan funds share their proportion of the expenses of administration, and recommend that hereafter this arrangement be recognized in the authorizations made by the General Committee."

From report of committee on general reference.—"That the great cause of church extension should not be consolidated with any other benevolent cause. But in expressing this judgment, the General Committee does not desire to be understood as expressing any adverse opinion concerning the general subject of a consolidation of benevolences."

The following table gives the askings and authorizations for the ensuing year:

AMOUNTS ASKED AND AUTHORIZED FOR 1904.

Conference	Amount Asked.	Amount Auth'd.
Alabama	\$ 350	\$ 350
Alaska Mission	100	2 500
Arizona Mission	250	500
Arkansas	275	300
Atlanta	275	300
Atlantic Mission	200	1 000
Austin	325	750
Baltimore	7 500	1 500
Black Hills	250	500
Blue Ridge	225	625
California	3 000	4 000
California German	350	350
Central Alabama	200	600
Central German	7 000	7 000
Central Illinois	5 000	4 000
Central Missouri	300	600
Central New York	6 500	1 000
Central Ohio	6 000	1 200
Central Pennsylvania	8 500	1 350
Central Swedish	650	900
Central Tennessee	325	800
Chicago German	4 000	4 000
Cincinnati	6 500	1 200
Colorado	1 500	3 000
Columbia River	1 200	4 000
Dakota	1 000	2 000
Delaware	1 000	800
Des Moines	5 000	1 500
Detroit	6 000	3 000
Eastern Swedish	200	1 000
East German	4 000	4 000
East Maine	1 000	1 800
East Ohio	7 500	1 200
East Tennessee	225	450
Erie	6 500	100
Idaho	300	1 500
Florida	225	400
Genesee	6 500	1 000
Georgia	225	800
Gulf Mission	500	1 600
Holston	1 100	2 000
Idaho	300	1 500
Illinois	8 000	1 000
Indiana	8 500	1 000
Iowa	3 500	700
Kalispell Mission	150	750
Kansas	2 800	1 600
Kentucky	1 200	1 200
Lexington	600	1 200
Lincoln	200	1 200
Little Rock	225	675
Louisiana	800	800
Maine	1 200	1 000
Michigan	6 000	3 000
Minnesota	2 000	1 800
Mississippi	325	600
Montana	700	1 400
Nebraska	2 250	1 500

Conference.	Amount Asked.	Amount Auth'd.
Nevada Mission	225	675
Newark	8 500	1 000
New England	6 500	1 200
New England Southern	3 500	500
New Hampshire	1 800	600
New Jersey	7 500	900
New Mexico Miss., Eng.	400	1 500
New Mexico Miss., Span.	200	1 000
New York	13 500	2 250
New York East	13 500	2 250
North Carolina	325	550
North Dakota	1 000	3 000
North German	2 500	2 500
Northern Minnesota	2 000	3 000
Northern New York	4 500	900
Northern Swedish	325	700
North Indiana	6 000	1 000
North Montana	300	1 350
North Nebraska	1 500	1 500
North Ohio	5 500	1 000
North Pac. Ger. Mission	200	450
Northwest German	2 500	2 500
Northwest Indiana	4 500	2 000
Northwest Iowa	3 500	1 500
Northwest Kansas	750	1 250
Northwest Nebraska	250	500
Norwegian and Danish	600	1 200
Ohio	6 500	1 200
Oklahoma	1 200	4 800
Oregon	1 100	2 200
Pacific Japanese Mission	200	4 500
Philadelphia	13 500	3 500
Philippines	200	1 000
Pittsburg	8 000	1 350
Porto Rico	100	4 000
Puget Sound	1 200	4 500
Rock River	10 000	3 500
St. John's River	300	300
St. Louis	2 700	1 800
St. Louis German	5 000	5 000
Savannah	250	450
South Carolina	1 000	800
Southern California	1 800	6 800
Southern German	450	450
Southern Illinois	2 700	900
South Kansas	2 800	1 800
Southwest Kansas	2 800	1 800
Tennessee	400	700
Texas	800	1 500
Troy	6 000	4 000
Upper Iowa	6 000	1 100
Upper Mississippi	325	1 000
Utah Mission	500	500
Vermont	1 300	270
Virginia	450	900
Washington	1 000	800
West-Nor. Dan. Mission	300	1 250
West German	4 000	4 000
West Nebraska	650	850
West Swedish	350	1 050
West Texas	450	900
West Virginia	2 500	2 200
West Wisconsin	1 600	1 600
Wilmington	5 500	2 000
Wisconsin	2 500	1 250
Wyoming	6 500	1 000
Wyoming Mission	350	1 500
Contingent Fund	.....	5 000
Emergency Fund	.....	25 000
Expenses of Administ'n	.....	10 000
Preferred Claims	.....	94 055
Total	\$338 350	\$338 350

Educational

Gammon Theological Seminary.—Important Notice.

As so many young men preparing for the ministry have little or no employment during the summer and are without funds to enable them to enter the Seminary the first of October, the faculty has arranged to form new classes after December 15, in the Fall Term studies, and thus give students who are willing to study hard an oppor-

tunity to make up lost time and enter the middle class the second year. Any single man who can enter the middle of December, reaching the Seminary with \$30.00 can with what aid can be loaned him complete the first year so far as to enable him to go on with the present Junior class. Will not all Presiding Elders and Pastors call the attention of local preachers to this offer at once and advise them to come? Let no one come with less than (\$30.00) thirty dollars, as the loan fund is small and no work can be had, and if it could the additional study required to make up lost time would prevent one from meeting expenses in that way. Let a large number of young men enter December 15.

L. G. Adkinson, President.

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

Topic Dec. 6th: Lost and Helpless—A Man Without Christ.

Scripture References: Jno. 12, 37-43; Heb. 3, 12.

DAILY READINGS,

Monday, Desolation of the Obstinate. Isa. 6, 9-12.
Tuesday, Land and City Doomed. Micah, 3, 8-12.
Wednesday, Under Judgment. Rom. 1, 29-32.
Thursday, Unbelief. Deut. 1, 31-36.
Friday, Convicted, not Converted. Acts 24, 24, 25.
Saturday, In the Bond of Iniquity. Acts 8, 18-23.

Lost and helpless; such was the condition of the whole human family until Jesus Christ provided a salvation. Lost and helpless; this is still the condition of the sinner, and all who refuse to believe on Jesus Christ. They live in the region of darkness. So long as they refuse to believe on Jesus their case is helpless. That Jesus Christ seeks them will not help matters until they turn and seek him. That Jesus Christ stands at the door and knocks, will not alter their condition unless they open the heart's door and let him in. Men are lost and helpless all about us. In our churches and Sunday Schools, in our leagues and in our homes. It is your business and mine to bring them to Christ that they may be saved.

1. *Seeking the lost and helpless.* Two weeks ago as we sat in Sunday School, my little girl, three years of age, having been sent home from morning church, strayed away from home, hatless and coatless and said she was going back to the church. No one thought she would leave the premises, but she wandered away and out into the street thronged with people and was soon lost in the multitude. Search was begun by all the members of the family and many friends. The alarm was given in several Sunday Schools and many others joined in the hunt for the little lost and helpless one. Two or three hours later, more than a mile from home, jostled by the crowds on the city street this little one was picked up and restored to the loving embrace of father and mother. The sinner, like this little child, is lost in the maze of life. He is helpless. But Jesus and his evangelists are seeking him. If he will but hear the call and follow the loving hand that seeks him he may be led safely from the way of the lost and the perils of the helpless.

2. *Light houses.* To the mariner tossed on strong seas, the lighthouse is a most welcome vision. Jesus has set up his light houses that the

lost and helpless may find their way home. The temples, which we call churches, dedicated to the Son of Mary are light houses, by whose flashing rays of gospel light the lost may find their way home.

3. *Lamp for his feet.* In other days I have been caught at night fall in the vast forests of the South, and at the same time clouds have hung along the mountain brow growing denser and darker as the sun sank in the West. Then as we made our way homeward in a darkness dense and terrible how we wished for even a ray of light here and there, but there was none to lighten the way. The sinner's way is much the same, except that God has given him the Bible, a lamp unto his feet and a light unto his pathway. If you would find your way from your lost and helpless condition open the Bible, the Word of God, and learn the way to Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life.

4. *Constant and unerring help.* If a man wants to find his way out of the wilderness of sin he is assured of constant and unerring help. The Holy Ghost is ever at our heart's doors, at the great court of our conscience and is waiting to show us the things of Jesus and lead us unto him, who is the light of the world. He is convincing us of righteousness of sin and of judgment to come. If under the search light of the Spirit your heart condemns you, let the Spirit lead you unto Jesus who will heal all your wounds and make you every whit whole. From your lost and helpless estate you may rise up to the best of all lives; for as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

5. *Lost now or saved now.* The sinner is as much lost now as they will ever be. All of hell is predicated on the now; all of heaven's hopes are built up on the now. What of your life now? Oh, you say, "I was converted—". No matter; are you converted now? Yes, you say, "I got religion and united with the Church when I was a child." Very good, but have you got religion now? Do you think that the cause of God is as dear to your heart now as it was the year you were converted? If it is why don't you work for the Church as you did then? Really don't you think you have cooled off a great deal in your religious zeal since the first year you joined the Church? What is the reason for this?

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson X—December 6th, 1903. Title—Solomon's Wise Choice. (1 Kings 3:1-15). Golden Text—"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Prov. 9:10). Time—About B. C. 1015. Places—Gibeon, about six miles north of Jerusalem, and Mt. Zion in Jerusalem.

After David had given his last solemn charge to his son he slept with his fathers, and was buried in his own city, Bethlehem. The first three years of Solomon's reign are stained with blood. Adonijah, his half brother, was put to death for intrigue. Abiathar, one of the high priests, was deprived of his authority, and banished to his own fields, because he was worthy of death. Joab, David's uncle and the commander-in-chief of his armies, was slain because he had shed innocent blood. And Shimei was killed because he had broken the oath of the Lord. Jehovah will destroy those who labor to defeat his plans. We must remove from our heart every foe that opposes God.

Solomon likely expressed more policy than love when he married the daughter of Pharaoh, king

of Egypt. He no doubt feared the influence of Hadad, the Edomite. This Egyptian wife, along with others, "turned away Solomon's heart after other gods." It is no doubt hard to serve the true God and live with a wicked wife. Solomon also offered sacrifices in high places. Idolaters did this way, supposing they were nearer heaven when on hills than when in valleys. It would have been better if the king had offered all his sacrifices before the ark. We cannot serve God as well in one place as another; neither can we be as devotional in one assembly as another. We should worship the Lord where we can do His cause the most good, and where we receive the greatest blessings.

Gibeon is not mentioned in the New Testament. It is supposed to have been about six miles north of Jerusalem. Solomon went there to offer sacrifices unto God. Within seven days a thousand whole burnt offerings had been consecrated to Jehovah. The design of this was to establish the new reign, acknowledge transgression, implore forgiveness, and seek divine guidance. The sacrifice the sinner should make is a broken heart and a contrite spirit. The entire life should be dedicated to God.

At the close of this religious feast the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream. He often revealed Himself to men in this way. With every appearance of this kind the impressions were so clear and strong that every doubt was swept away, and the person knew God had spoken to him. The Lord speaks to us through His written word, which is sufficient to make plain and enforce every branch of internal and external godliness. God said to the young king: "Ask what I shall give thee." This is an exhortation to prayer. It is the Lord's will that we pray. By our petitions we prepare our hearts for the blessing, and influence God to bestow it.

Solomon likely decided at once what he most desired, but saw fit to give his reason before stating his request. God had shown mercy to David according to the king's truth and uprightness of heart. He had made good His promise to give David a son to sit on his throne. Solomon realized that God alone had made him king over Israel in his father's stead. He confessed his weakness. He was as a "little child," not knowing how to conduct his public life or private affairs. The children of Israel, who were too many to be numbered, were God's chosen people, and He was to govern them through Solomon, their king. God's mercy is shown to us, and all His promises are made good. Every person should be a ruler, and govern well his mind, soul and body. Let all who are unable to do this ask God to help them. He will be strength in weakness. The world, like Absalom and Adonijah, realize no want of ability, but the godly, like Solomon, feel their weakness.

Long life, riches, honor, and earthly power, likely swept through the mind of the king. He could have chosen any one of these, and if he had been for himself alone, would most surely have done so. There was nothing selfish in the motive which led him to choose wisdom. He did it that he might be of greater use to others. The welfare of the nation was the great desire of his heart. We increase our joy by acts of kindness to others. The "understanding heart" which Solomon so much desired was a true kingly heart; a sense that was common to all of the people; a power of entering into that which was peculiar to each individual; a faculty of distinguishing the person most suited for any particular service; a judgment that was not determined by anything

external; and a wisdom whose principles were in a world not seen by the natural eye. Good and evil are before us, and the power of choice is ours.

God was well pleased with Solomon's decision. Our conduct may add to, or detract from, the joys of heaven. The Lord did as the son of David desired. Solomon's power of discernment became greater than that of any other man. If we seek first the "kingdom of God and its righteousness," all other things that contribute to our earthly happiness will be added. Long life was also promised on the condition that he keep the "statutes and commandments" of the Lord. This he failed to do, thereupon he died prematurely. God's laws are their own executors. Solomon returned to Jerusalem and offered sacrifices to God. The burnt offering was dedicatory, and the peace offering signified the forgiveness of sin, and fellowship with the Lord.

Spring Conferences.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation for 1904.

N. B.—The eleven conferences first named below belong to the Plan for 1903, but are to be held subsequent to the bishops' conference in November, 1903.)

Conference, Place and Time—	Bishop.
Austin, Ft. Worth, Tex.—Nov. 26.....	Walden
South Carolina, Sumter—Nov. 26.....	Cranston
Southern German, Perry, Tex.—Dec. 2.....	Walden
Alabama, Anniston—Dec. 3.....	Foss
Savannah, Brunswick—Dec. 3.....	Cranston
Texas, Houston—Dec. 9.....	Walden
Central Alabama, Birmingham—Dec. 10.....	Foss
Atlanta, Covington, Ga.—Dec. 10.....	Cranston
West Texas, San Antonio—Dec. 16.....	Walden
Mobile, Union Spr'gs, Ala.—Dec. 17.....	Foss
Georgia, Ellijay—Dec. 17.....	Cranston

Upper Mississippi, Okolona—Jan. 6.....	Mallalieu
Arkansas, Siloam Springs—Jan. 13.....	McCabe
Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss.—Jan. 13.....	Mallalieu
Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Ark.—Jan. 21.....	McCabe
Louisiana, Baton Rouge—Jan. 27.....	Mallalieu
St. John's River, Tarpon Sp'gs, Fla.—Jan. 28.....	Goodsell
Gulf Mission Con, Hughes Sp's, Tex.—Feb. 4.....	Mallalieu
Florida, Gainesville—Feb. 4.....	Goodsell
Porto Rico, Guayama—Feb. 25.....	Cranston
Central Missouri, Kansas City, Mo.—Mar. 9.....	Walden
Virginia, Alexandria—Mar. 10.....	Foss
Lexington, Lexington, Ky.—Mar. 10.....	Fowler
Lincoln, Topeka, Kan.—Mar. 10.....	Hamilton
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 16.....	Merrill
Delaware, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 16.....	Andrews
Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.—Mar. 16.....	Walden
Washington, Baltimore, Md.—Mar. 16.....	Fowler
Wilmington, Dover, Del.—Mar. 16.....	FitzGerald
Can. Pennsylvania, Harrisburg—Mar. 16.....	McCabe
South Kansas, Baldwin, Kan.—Mar. 16.....	Hamilton
New Jersey, Trenton—Mar. 23.....	Merrill
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.—Mar. 23.....	Foss
N. Eng. South'n, N. Bedford, Mass.—Mar. 23.....	Goodsell
Newark—Mar. 23.....	Cranston
East German, New York—Mar. 24.....	FitzGerald
Southwest Kansas, Wichita—Mar. 24.....	Hamilton
Wyoming, Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Mar. 30.....	Andrews
Missouri—Mar. 30.....	Walden
Vermont, Montpelier—Mar. 30.....	Fowler
Maine, Rumford Falls—Mar. 30.....	Vincent
Eastern Swedish, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Mar. 31.....	Foss
Northwest Kansas, Salina, Kan.—Mar. 31.....	Hamilton
Northern New York, Ithaca, N. Y.—April 6.....	Merrill
New York—April 6.....	Andrews
New York East, Brooklyn, N. Y.—April 6.....	Foss
St. Louis, Carthage, Mo.—April 6.....	Walden
New Hampshire—April 6.....	Fowler
East Maine, Pittsfield, Me.—April 6.....	Vincent
New England, Springfield, Mass.—April 6.....	Goodsell
North Indiana, Muncie, Ind.—April 6.....	McCabe
Troy, Gloversville, N. Y.—April 6.....	Cranston
E. C. Af. Mis. Con.—Nov.....	Hartsell
Foochow, Foochow—Nov.....	Moore
Hinghua, Hinghua—Nov.....	Moore
W. C. Af. Mis. Con.—Dec.....	Hartsell
Bombay, Baroda—Dec. 10.....	Warren
West China Mis.—Dec. 23.....	Moore
Bengal, Calcutta—Dec. 30.....	Warren
Liberia, Monrovia—Jan.....	Hartsell
North India, Bareilly—Jan. 7.....	Warren
Burmah M. Con., Rangoon—Jan. 7.....	Warne
Northwest India, Cawnpore—Jan. 15.....	Warren
Central China Mis., Kinkiang—Jan. 30.....	Moore
Mexico, Mexico City—Jan. 31.....	FitzGerald
South India, Bangalore—Jan. 27.....	Warren
South America, Buenos Ayres—Jan. 27.....	Joyce
Corea Mission, Seoul—Feb. 17.....	Moore
Malaysia, Singapore—Feb. 18.....	Thoburn
Western S. America, Santiago, Chili—Feb. 25.....	Joyce
S. Japan Mis. Con., Fukuoka—Mar. 16.....	Moore
Japan, Tokio—Mar. 31.....	Moore
North China, Peking.....	Moore

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.
J. N. FITZGERALD, Secretary.
Rock Island, Ill., Nov. 3, 1903.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

PLEASE NOTE THAT

- 1—All business letters should be addressed to Eaton, Ins., and all communications intended for publication to the Editor.
- 2—In sending matter for publication, write plainly on one side of the paper, and make your communication as short as the subject will allow.
- 3—When the ADVOCATE does not arrive regularly, notify us promptly.
- 4—Methodist pastors are our authorized agents, to receive subscriptions and collect dues for the ADVOCATE.

The Outcome of Our Rally

Perhaps few things have occurred in the history of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE that went farther to encourage those interested in the success of the paper than the magnificent rally which has just closed. At the Presiding Elder's Council, which met last summer, it was suggested that a call be made for 3,000 annual subscribers by the close of the fiscal year, Oct. 31st. The call was made accordingly and including the short term subscribers and the renewals that number was secured and a few over. The names thus added to our already excellent list give our colored membership a better standing with the church and in the church than ever before. They have thus evidenced to the church that they can do something to help themselves. But they have done more than this; they have raised themselves in their own estimation and thus increased their own self respect. Then, too, they have demonstrated what they *can* do and consequently what they *should* do for themselves and for the church. But how was it done? Just this way; everybody helped a little. No, not everybody either, but very many helped. For had everybody helped we should have secured many more by far than we did. At any rate a sufficient number helped to make a magnificent showing and at the same time to demonstrate that it is not necessary to wait for everybody when there is something to be done. After all it was simply the rallying of the old body guard—the "old stand bys"—assisted by a few new recruits. But it was extremely encouraging to see the new names of the brethren and sisters who joined in the canvass and sent in good lists. There is no doubt in the world that three months more of such work would make the old church open its eyes wide. Our people can do anything we try to do on this line.

We recall with grateful pleasure that in the thickest of the fight the clear, confident voice of Bishop Mallalieu could be heard now and again urging the brethren forward and telling them it can be done and must be. And now the brethren will note that he says again we should have a 1,000 more at once. This can and must be done. Let us go at it and do it.

The Rights of Men and American Citizens

The *Louisville Courier-Journal*, the leading daily of Kentucky, thinks the meeting held recently in Boston, Mass., by certain prominent colored men of the North stands for all it claims to and more beside. That paper thinks that the advice given Negro voters of the North by that body to get together and stand aloof from either of the two great parties means the "formation of a distinct Negro party in this country for the agitation of the question of equality, both political and social." The SOUTHWESTERN has no right to speak for these gentlemen for we know little if anything of the meeting; but we do understand to some extent the hopes, ambitions and thought-life of the Negro in the South. Not only so but we believe it our

positive duty to speak out for him when and wherever there is cause to do so. Relative to the meeting in question the *Courier-Journal* says:

"If the agitation were merely for the purpose of securing full political recognition and confined to the North, there would be no need of concern. In fact, there would be no occasion for it at all as the Negro occupies there politically the same rights and privileges as the whites. But it has had no such limitation, and has for its object two additional ends. The first is to cultivate opposition to the line of Booker Washington's plan of elevating the race by industrial education, as the initial means of improving it in thrift and morality, and of fitting it for still greater development in mental acquirement and capacity for a higher plane of citizenship. Instead of appreciating, as it deserves, the wisdom of this born leader of his race upon practical lines conducive to their elevation or the encouragement he is receiving everywhere by the white people of the South, every effort of these agitators looks to discouragement of the one and a spirit of resentment of the other. This is openly avowed as one of the objects of the movement. The other is quite as strenuously entertained, but as yet not so boldly asserted. This is no less than the assertion of the purpose to demand social equality as a right concurrent with political equality."

Now the fact is when our Southern friends declare their concern relative to the question of social equality, we cannot believe them sincere. We can see no reason for their being alarmed and hence do not believe they are. It simply strikes us as the part to be played in the great political drama now on and it is being played with the evident purpose of making it appear as real as possible. They know full well that with all the laws, written and unwritten, now in existence against it, the South has nothing whatever to fear on this line as far as the Negro is concerned. The two races come in contact with each other in their business relations from day to day but neither seems to consider this "social equality," and what is more the Southern black man is not concerning himself in the least about it. But we are free to say the case is entirely different when it comes to his civil and political rights.

He believes he should be accorded every right and protection granted other American citizens, no matter what their race or color. He believes that the law holds his home, his loved ones, his life and his rights under the law, just as sacred as those of his white brother. He believes that under our system of government the only way to have his rights properly regarded is the way by which other citizens secure a proper regard for theirs, namely, by the ballot, which enables the citizen to choose the officials who are to execute the laws of the land. The Negro knows that to deprive him of the ballot leaves him at the mercy of men, many of whom fear nothing else. Believing this as he does, he feels there is nothing left him to do but to exhaust every legitimate means of retaining the right guaranteed him by the laws of the land, which right underlies all that is dear to the American citizen.

As to Mr. Washington and what he stands for, we do not hesitate to say that while there are individuals among us who do not agree with him in everything he says, the Negro believes in him and the work he is doing. They believe that on all the questions which concern their present well being or their development for the future he stands for the very things for which they stand. Occasionally there arises differences as to the means of attaining the end in view, but they believe him to stand for all that is best and most ennobling for the people of his race. In every contest or undertaking for the good of the race he has always been among the first to put his money down and more of it by far than his associates have. On the point

of the disfranchisement of the Negro he pleaded earnestly and eloquently with conventions and individuals for fair treatment in this particular—he asked that the law be so framed as to apply to all men alike. To have asked more would have been as unwise as useless. Having failed in this, he then urged his people to take advantage of the law as it stands and instead of moaning over it make it a means of good rather than evil. The leaders of the race in the South believe in both industrial and higher education as does Mr. Washington, and that neither kind will of itself settle all the difficulties that confront their people. In this section of the country grave need for both is evident, and yet they would be glad indeed if a sufficient number of the rising generation were prepared industrially to take the places of the fathers now so rapidly disappearing. They allow Mr. Washington considerable latitude in advocating the leading feature of his particular work but notwithstanding that fact believe him a perfectly sane and an absolutely safe leader.

Conference of Colored Methodist Church

The New Orleans Annual Conference of the Colored M. E. Church in America has been in session during the past week at their church on the corner of Amelia and Dryades streets, this city. Bishop Elias Cottrell, D. D., presided. Rev. M. H. Spencer, pastor of the church, was secretary. Among the prominent officials of that church who were present, we mention the Rev. Dr. R. T. Brown, editor of the *Index*; Rev. Dr. R. S. Stout, secretary of the Church Extension Board, and the Rev. Dr. G. W. Stewart, secretary of the Epworth League. Both the Assistant Business Manager and the Editor of the SOUTHWESTERN were invited to address the conference. Replying to this editor's remarks as to the special work of the C. M. E. Church, Dr. Stout expressed himself as hoping to see the day when the colored members of the M. E. Church and his own church would become one and thus form one of the most powerful religious organizations of our time, and his remarks were heartily applauded by the conference.

According to the reports all the benevolent collections and other financial interests of the church are on the increase. The Church Extension Board, which is only eighteen months old, has during that time raised and expended seven thousand dollars. Rev. M. H. Spencer seemed to be the leader of the body.

The American Missionary Association

Something of the work being done by the American Missionary Association may be indicated by the following figures presented at the anniversary recently held:

The report of the Executive Committee was read. It included a statistical summary for the last eighteen years. There has been an increase of thirty normal and grade schools, twenty-eight instructors and 3,232 pupils in higher grades. The forty-four normal and graded schools in the South registered 10,701 pupils and 307 teachers. The total income from living donors has increased from \$150,660. in 1885, to \$180,841.

The report of Treasurer Hubbard showed the total amount received for current work and for endowment is \$433,294. The total receipts for current work alone have been \$336,601. There is a debt balance on the year of \$19,414. The donations are \$11,044 more than last year and the expenditures \$11,079 less than last year. The estimates for the coming year awaken expectations of an income of \$400,000, which will require an increase in donations of about 28 per cent. over last year.

The Daniel Hand income account for the education of Negroes in the South shows an income of \$66,130 and a balance on hand and unappropriated of \$6,369.

Another 1,000

Yes, brothers, another thousand, and these can be secured much easier than any thousand of the three thousand already secured. It is a magnificent achievement to put the SOUTHWESTERN into three thousand new families. It proves a help and a blessing wherever it goes. But we must never rest satisfied with what we have done. The victories of the past must inspire us to attempt still greater victories. It would be a source of constant good to all our families if they could have the SOUTHWESTERN. It would help the fathers and mothers and all the children.

Brothers, two things are especially essential. First, that each one shall see to it that every present subscriber shall continue. We can never reach the self-supporting basis if for every new subscriber an old one drops off. We must induce every one now taking the paper to continue to do so. Second, without any delay set about getting new subscribers. Poor indeed must be the family that cannot afford the luxury of having the SOUTHWESTERN. Thank God, our people are not paupers. They can find the price of the SOUTHWESTERN if they look for it. If all our preachers and presiding elders will do their full duty we can not only have a thousand new subscribers before Christmas, we can double that number.

A long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether and the work is done, but we must begin to pull at once.

W. F. MALLALIEU.

Missionary Appropriation to Colored Conferences

Atlanta	\$1,100
Central Alabama	1,500
Central Missouri	2,000
Delaware	1,800
East Tennessee	2,000
Florida	1,900
Lexington	2,300
Lincoln	2,500
Little Rock	3,000
Louisiana	3,300
Mississippi	2,000
Mobile	1,200
North Carolina	2,200
Savannah	1,400
South Carolina	2,200
Tennessee	2,300
Texas	3,800
Upper Mississippi	2,200
Washington	1,800
West Texas	4,000

Attention, Texas Conference

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Nov. 20, 1903.

To the Brethren of the Texas Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN—I send you through the columns of the SOUTHWESTERN this hasty note expressing my hearty appreciation of the splendid work, which you have done in the last four weeks, of raising over \$1,200 for the completion of the third story of the new building at Wiley University. Since the beginning of the building you have raised over \$19,000 in cash and material. This places your Conference among the first, if not the very first, in the matter of self-help among all our Conferences in the South, and the continued increase in appropriations which the society has made to Wiley University shows how we appreciate the work you are doing.

It is a great satisfaction to the office that you are standing so loyally by Dr. Dogan, who is giving himself so unselfishly to his work. No president in any of our schools, white or colored, stands higher in the estimation of our Board. By a sagacious, prudent policy, by a thorough mastery of every detail, by kind and generous treatment to all his pupils and patrons, and by unself-

ish devotion to his work, he has won this place among us.

You have done well in your work, but you must not falter now. The institution is crowded, and we could have as many more if we only had room for them. The fourth story ought to be completed at once, and I hope that every pastor who has already taken a collection will increase it by a supplementary offer, and all who have not taken the collection will take one immediately, and send either to me at my office, 220 W. Fourth street, Cincinnati, or to Dr. Dogan at Marshall, Tex. The work ought to begin on the rooms in the fourth story so as to complete the same before severe cold weather sets in.

With hearty appreciation for all your work, and praying the blessing of the Master upon you all, I am, yours fraternally,

M. C. B. MASON.

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Balance of Free.

Tell the people to pay the pastor or send to this office \$1.25, the price of a year's subscription, and we will give them the SOUTHWESTERN the balance of this year free and send them the paper for the entire year 1904. How can we make a better offer? Help the paper by helping yourself.

Now, brother pastors, this will give you an opportunity to secure all the subscribers you pledged and more beside. We are depending on you and trust you may begin at once and make the effort of your life for the SOUTHWESTERN. Get every renewal you can.

Getting Ready for the World's Fair

The Mobile & Ohio railway, which reaches St. Louis, Mo., from three important southern cities—New Orleans, Mobile and Montgomery—is not making much noise but it's getting ready for the World's Fair in the Missouri metropolis. The roadbed is being thoroughly ballasted and heavy steel rails are taking the place of the light ones; the time is gradually being shortened and it must be unusually dry if a passenger gets any dust at all. We have just been over the entire line from New Orleans to St. Louis and find that tho the M. & O. is not saying much, it is sawing wood every day in the month.

Personal and General

Rev. B. C. Calvert, of the East Tennessee Conference, pastor at Hill City and Tannery Flat, died November 9th, 1903.

We are requested to announce that the second term of the school year at Garrett Biblical Institute will begin January 12, 1904.

Bishop Thoburn, who sailed on the steamer Arabia for Bombay, for Marseilles, Oct. 30th, expected to reach Bombay Nov. 14th.

Rev. W. H. Smith, of Haven Chapel, Meridian, Miss., says he proposes to make a creditable advance in his benevolent collections over what they were last year.

We are glad to announce that Rev. D. C. Hail-

ey, pastor of M. E. Church, Lasater, Texas, who has been seriously ill for some time, has again resumed his work.

Rev. A. B. Harris, of Wilson, La., called at the office a few days since and left some of the largest native persimmons we have yet seen. They were very greatly appreciated.

Prof. H. T. Kealing, A. M., the capable editor of the *A. M. E. Church Review*, Philadelphia, Pa., who passed through the city last week, was a caller at the SOUTHWESTERN.

The inauguration of the Rev. Edwin Holt Hughes, LL. D., as president of DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., will take place on the 6th, 8th and 9th of December, 1903.

Rev. J. K. Comfort has arranged for a rally in the interest of Meridian Academy, to be held at Laurel, Miss., Sunday, November 29, 1903. He expects to have with him Dr. W. W. Lucas and others.

By authority of Rev. Harry Swann, presiding elder, announcement is made in this issue that the forthcoming session of the West Texas Conference will be held in Waco instead of San Antonio, Tex., on account of yellow fever in the latter city.

Rev. B. T. Badley, of Lucknow, India, writes that Rev. Robert Hoskins, Ph. D., of the Northwest India conference, who in general missionary work stood pre-eminent as a man who trained men for the ministry, died at Caunpore, India, Sept. 22, 1903.

Our church and parsonage at Gainesville, Fla., Rev. J. M. Deas, pastor, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday, the 18th inst. A message from Bro. Deas informs us that he expects to entertain Conference there anyway. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

Rev. Z. T. Gayden, pastor at Slidell, La., called at the office last week. He has paid in \$17.00 benevolent money, and reports a glorious revival now in progress on his charge, which closed at Village, with 32 conversion and is being continued at Slidell with good results.

As previously announced in our columns, we learn that Rev. G. W. Lewis, pastor at Pensacola, Fla., is pushing the work at that point with unusual vigor and success. He is quite popular with the people and contemplates the erection of a new church, excellently located, at an early date.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Hattie V. Brown to Rev. Kay W. McMillan, December 23, 1903, at Brenham, Texas. Miss Brown is a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Brown of the Texas Conference, and Mr. McMillan is a promising young member of the same body.

Rev. P. L. Jackson, pastor at Winkler, Texas, has been quite sick for some time. Not only so, but many of his members have moved away and in consequence of which he finds himself greatly in need of the necessities of life. His brethren of the Texas Conference will do well to note this fact and extend him a helping hand at once.

Bishop C. S. Smith, of the A. M. E. Church, will sail Dec. 19th for Hayti, to hold a joint session of the Hatien and San Domingo conferences of that church. Jan. 1st, 1904, the one hundredth anniversary of the independence of Hayti will be observed and Bishop Smith will represent the Council of Bishops in the presentation of an address to the president of Hayti.

We were pleased to greet several days ago, Dr. J. C. Sherrill, secretary of the Stewart Missionary Foundation, who spent one day in the city and spoke in the interest of his work, at the New Orleans University. His address was highly appreciated by the students and faculty. Dr. Sherrill went from here to the Meridian Academy, of Meridian, Miss., where he expected to remain for several days.

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FARM AND FIRESIDE

Gen. O. Marshall Editor

Mr. Adolphus Hughes, of Brookshire, Texas, last season planted a sandy hill in watermelons. He shipped 23,000 melons out of the crop, and fed several thousand of them to his hogs.

The National Sociological Society recently declared that under our form of government, there can be no recognition of a master class and a subject class; nor can the government countenance the idea of a master race and a subject race, but must regard and treat all as equals in the eyes of the law.

United States Senator Hoar has introduced a bill in Congress providing for the government to set aside 140 millions acres of land on which to colonize dependent persons. The Secretary of Agriculture will prepare the lands and houses as national homes. Those who till them will keep all they produce, except a very small charge which they will pay to the government for its expense in providing the improvements.

A few persons several days ago returned from Liberia to this country. They had gone to that country as emigrants, but after a few months of hardship there, were glad to get back to their old homes. They tell distressing tales which, were they believed, would place the black republic in a bad light. It seems they went to raise cotton, and failing in this they give out the idea that the whole affair across the ocean is valueless. Of course, such a conclusion is erroneous. Iowa and California can not grow cotton, yet nobody would say they are worthless. Colonists should adapt themselves to the conditions of the country which they seek to colonize.

The year is very near its close and we are about to call upon our farmer friends for statements which will give us an idea of the results and methods of this year's work. In the beginning of the year, you remember, we asked you to keep written accounts of your operations and to tell us about them later. Early in December we want you to write us your experiences.

THE FARMER.

And he gave it for his opinion that

whoever could make two ears of corn or two blades of grass to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before would deserve better of mankind and do more essential service to his country than the whole race of politicians put together."—Dean Swift.

He who rises with the lark, and finds his daily task awaiting him under the blue skies of a summer day; who, while the light lasts, trudges sturdily after his patient beast, turning up the brown soil with skillfully guided plow, half hearing the murmur of the breeze in the adjoining woodland, unconsciously cheered by the sweet songs of feathered choristers, running each furrow with the voice of nature to applaud him—what happiness is his!

The labor that brings him sustenance also keeps alive the sparks of industry and ambition in the toiler of the city. The products of his well tilled, familiar land take on new forms and greater value under the manipulation of the mill, the factory, and the merchant. He is the supporter of nations, the purveyor of armies and navies, the key note of governments, and above all the quiet, deep thinking, unpretentious worker who by providing food for the body permits the mind also to be fed.

Stop the production of cotton and corn, let the fat cattle perish, allow the uncultured but dependable hog to vanish from the face of the earth, permit the fruit trees to grow rank and untrimmed, the vines barren and wild, and picture the result. The great universities would be untenanted, the colleges empty, the schools useless, the factories idle, the stores deserted, the population of the great trade centers would form into a portion of one great helpless, starving, beast-like, cursing and heaving mob, crying out in impatient rage to a broken government for bread, for work, for help it would be powerless to give.

He who produces that which supports life and nourishes mankind obtains from every effort the consciousness of a useful life. Mother Nature is his task mistress, the conditions of soil and climate his guide, the love of God and man his solace. He gives much and takes nothing away, he builds without tearing down, and in the long battle of life his is the reward of contentment.—*Cotton and Farm Journal.*

All mothers of daughters should write to Mrs. M. Summers, Notre Dame, Ind., for a free copy of her "Advice to Mothers." See ad. in this paper.

Conference Notices

NOTICE.

Luling, Texas.—To the Members of West Texas Conference and Lay Delegates of the Lay Electoral Conference: On account of the report of yellow fever being in San Antonio, Texas, Bishop Walden concurring, we have changed the seat of the West Texas Conference from San Antonio, Texas, to meet in Waco, Texas, Dec. 16th.

Luling, Tex.

H. SWANN, P. E.

NOTICE.

In the notice of rates to Texas Annual Conference to be held in Houston, Tex., Dec. 9, which appeared in the SOUTHWESTERN issue of Nov. 12, a mistake occurs, which we now correct. The convention rate instead of being one and one-third fare for the round trip for distances greater than 100 miles is, one and one-third fare for round trip for distances less than 100

THOUSANDS HAVE KIDNEY TROUBLE AND NEVER SUSPECT IT.



MRS. E. AUSTIN.

An interesting letter to our readers from Mrs. E. Austin, New York City.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 9th, 1902.
A little over a year ago I was taken with severe pains in my kidneys and bladder. They continued to give me trouble for over two months and I suffered untold misery. I became weak, emaciated and very much run down. I had great difficulty in retaining my urine, and was obliged to pass water very often night and day. After I had used a sample bottle of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, which you so kindly sent me on my request, I experienced great relief. I immediately bought of my druggist two large bottles and continued taking it regularly. I am pleased to say that Swamp-Root cured me entirely. I can now stand on my feet all day without having any bad symptoms whatever. You are at liberty to use this testimonial letter if you wish.
Gratefully yours,

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NOTICE.

Lafayette, Ala.—Since Brother N. H. Speight's death, I have been requested to take his place as secretary of the Mobile Annual Conference until the sitting of the conference, and I have secured for all delegates reduced rates on the certificate plan on all roads in Alabama and Florida, to Union Springs. I also send out the statistical blanks in order that you may not be delayed in having your reports ready at the beginning of conference session.
C. L. DUNN,
Secy. pro. tem. Mobile Annual Conf.

NOTICE.

To the Sunday School Superintendents: Dear brothers, I think it is our duty to help raise subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. We ought to send in two or three before Dec. 25th. We must not wait on the pastors and presiding elders to do it all; we ourselves can do a great deal of good by talking up the paper in our schools. Sub-

scribers from us will do as much good as from our pastors. Now, brothers, consider this and do at once what you can.

U. R. BEVERLY, Supt.,
Harriston, Miss.

NOTICE.

Eola, La.—To the Brethren of the Alexandria District, Louisiana Conference: The District Preachers' Meeting will convene at Cottonport, Tuesday, Dec. 1st, 1903. The presiding elder will be present, and each pastor is requested to be present. Business of importance is to be discussed.

C. H. MONROE, Chairman.
S. M. G. TAYLOR, Secy.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

Osborn, Miss.—Revs. S. P. and J. H. Wesley, of the Aberdeen District Conference, have carried on a revival meeting at Blue Gate. We did much good in that part of the country. Bro. S. P. Wesley was licensed March 9th, 1903, under W. M. Bell, on the West Point Circuit. W. M. Bell is a fine man; he is the right man in the right place. In our meeting we gained nine conversions for the Kingdom of God. Pray for us that we may go higher and higher and be men among men. I am an Epworth Leaguer. S. P. Wesley, Osborn, Miss.

Eola, La., R. A. Walsley, Rec. Steward.—At Simpson Chapel M. E. Church members and friends are now rejoicing over a successful revival recently closed which resulted in forty additions, backsliders reclaimed, and many from the Baptist Church; 21 persons were baptized: adults, 16; infants, 5. This is the pastor we long have prayed for. We are glad to know he is not simply a preacher but a pastor. To this membership 73 have been added. Our community is really stirred and people are rapidly coming over. Please pray for our continued success. We are marching on. Two of our members have crossed over—Sisters Maria Jackson and Mary Jackson. They died faithful Christians. The public collection Sunday was \$13.20. Ninety-six partook of the Lord's Supper.

M. McEwen, Pastor, Durant, Miss.—Last Saturday night, September 12th, the good members of my charge gave me a pleasant surprise party. The many who came and the number of good things left by them are too numerous to mention. The whole, I judge, amounted to about 75 pounds.

Livingston, Tex., E. Mischeaux, Pastor.—We have just closed a very successful revival with 24 additions to the church. Our church at Livingston is alive along all lines. Pray for us. The night of the 23rd, a band of Christian friends, both Methodists and Baptists, led by Mrs. J. J. Hardaway, came to the parsonage and left many pounds of fine groceries. Friends, call again.

Robert A. Taylor, Winnsboro, La.—The Preachers' Meeting of Monroe District met at McCabes M. E. Church Sept. 22-24. The meeting was quite interesting. The president, Rev. S. Carroll, was present, but quite ill. The Rev. T. P. Norris presided. Sermons were preached by Revs. S. Carroll, T. P. Norris, and W. H. Long. Surely

Coughs

"My wife had a deep-seated cough for three years. I purchased two bottles of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, large size, and it cured her completely."—J. H. Burge, Macon, Col.

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these men are truly called of God. Their sermons made lasting impressions here. Two joined the church during the meeting. Refreshments were served by several ladies. The next meeting will be held Oct. 21, 1903, at St. James M. E. Church, Monroe, La.

C. A. Taylor, Pastor, Cotton Plant, Ark.—Our third quarterly conference was held by Rev. B. J. Griffin, presiding elder of Forrest City District. The officers were out with good reports. Sunday, Aug. 27, the presiding elder preached at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m. We baptized nine adults. Quarterly collection, \$22.72. We paid Rev. Griffin in full. Our revival meeting closed Aug. 23 with 14 converts. The church, Sunday school and Epworth League are now alive. More family prayers are had and more are taking the SOUTHWESTERN than ever before in the history of this charge, and we are not through yet.

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N. R. Randolph, Pastor, Natchitoches, La.—Sunday, Sept. 27th, 1903, we had a grand rally at Grand Ecure, La. Four girls were competitors for the prize offered and the sums raised are: Miss Mattie Henry, \$14.90; Miss Gertrude Johnson, \$14.65; Miss Anna Adley, \$13.55; Miss Emma Moss, \$6.55; congregational collection, \$27.85; collected during the week, \$3.00; total, \$80.50. Each girl will receive a prize, but Miss Mattie Henry raised the highest amount and will receive the \$10 prize. Rev. P. W. Clark, of Alexandria, who was with us, was a power in the work; Rev. John McKee, also, who as usual woke up everything. This is my fourth years here and everything bids fair for a successful year. We have several local preachers who have rendered excellent service, namely D. K. Mickelberry, James Wright Smith, Gabriel Harris, Walker Champ, John Coleman. Pray for us.

P. P. Jones, Rome, Ga.—The Floyd Circuit has for its pastor this year Rev. W. T. Thedric. He is a fine man in everything. Everybody seems to

like him well. The church is moving along fine with a good pastor and a good presiding elder, Rev. V. D. Jenkins, who is just the man for the place. He has aroused the people throughout this and other sections of his work to subscribe for the SOUTHWESTERN. I have been a subscriber only one year, and think it an excellent paper. Without it my home would be without sunshine. Next year we hope that all in this section will be readers of the SOUTHWESTERN.

J. D. Wilson, Gretna, La.—The trustees here raised, Sept. 27, \$11.25. Four souls have been added to the grand old church. Rev. J. L. Dennis, of the Baptist Church, this city, was with us. Everything is in a spiritual condition just now. We expect to come up to conference with our full apportionment.

A. B. Harris, Pastor, Wilson, La.—We have been received nicely by the people here. The members at our little branch work, headed by Messrs. Packston and Smoke, Misses Annie Sawyer and Katie Nelson, tendered the pastor a grand moonlight reception. Refreshments were served, after which the pastor's wife was presented a fine basket of groceries, amounting to 50 pounds, on behalf of the Wilson friends. The pastor was also presented a small purse. The pastor assured them all of his hearty appreciation. Our third quarter was held Sept. 26, Rev. T. Taylor, presiding elder, presiding. We paid him in full and the actions of the officers otherwise proved how much they appreciated the presiding elder.

Rev. L. J. Terl, Pastor, Byhalia Charge.—We have held our protracted meeting. The spirit of the Lord was with us all during the week. Rev. L. J. Terl preached glorious, stirring sermons each day and night. The Epworth League met on Sunday night. The devotional service was conducted by Brothers A. P. Parker and Hinson Anson. The regular program followed.

W. C. Calhoun, District Steward, J. B. Price, Secretary.—The Brooks Station charge is alive, both spiritually and financially. Under the management of our pastor, Rev. J. W. Swain our protracted meeting was a success; 35 converts, 43 additions; old indebtedness canceled; improvements on each church. One beautiful three-room parsonage all paid for. The first and third Sundays in October we raised for pastor \$78.15. The fourth Sunday our presiding elder of the Griffin district, Rev. M. M. Alston, preached to our soul's delight at 11 o'clock a. m. and delivered a wonderful lecture in the afternoon. Raised for him \$25.

P. H. Rembert, Pastor, Bowerton, Miss.—The Bowerton Circuit is alive spiritually and financially. We have just closed our third quarterly conference. Our presiding elder, Rev. A. Davis, was on time as usual. The elder made a timely and pointed speech in regards to the SOUTHWESTERN. Ten promised to subscribe inside of 30 days. We were successful in our revivals. St. Morris, 10 conversions and accessions; New Hope, 44; St. Morris camp-meeting 19 conversions and accessions; total this year up to date, 86. Paid pastor during the quarter \$135.71; presiding elder in full, \$17.50; Episcopal fund, \$2.50; benevolent money, \$15; other collections, \$29.40; total for this

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quarter, \$200.10. May the Lord continue to bless our good people at this place. We are grateful to our white friends who attended our campmeeting for their generous contributions. Thanks to Revs. I. S. Thomas, D. D. Dukes, L. J. S. Bell, B. S. Williams, C. S. Rollins for services rendered during our meeting.

I. H. Fulton, Aiken, S. C.—On the 30th of August we commenced our revival at this point and the 7th of September were joined by that logical and eloquent preacher, Dr W. R. A. Palmer, of Charleston, S. C., who spent one week with us, and it was truly a week of good things. He delivered his series of sermons on "The Rich man and Lazarus." These sermons were so full of instruction and spiritual power that the entire city, seemingly, was aroused and came out to hear the gospel. Night after night the crowd increased until our spacious church was filled to overflowing, but above all the Lord was

with us and He did a mighty work in the salvation of souls. The meeting had a wonderful effect on the entire city and the results were wonderful. Many who were deeply touched at the altar were converted in their homes. We thank God for the conversion of 17; reclaimed 8; joined on probation 6; received from probation 3; adults baptized 3. Only those who are conversant with conditions at Aiken can fully appreciate the above results. Our church is spiritually alive. Now we are now preparing to put in electric lights. Both people and pastor unite in returning many thanks to Dr. Palmer for his valuable assistance. May God ever bless him. Since the above was written the faithful members of Wesley visited the parsonage, together with representatives from all the other denominations of the town and pounded us until we were satisfied. They have our sincere thanks and invitation to come again, in due time, as is their custom.

Conference Notices

DISTRICT CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS.

Greenwood, N. Carrollton, Missa..... Nov. 25-29
 Brookhaven, Bowerton Ct., Missa..... Nov. 26-29
 Tennessee, Mason, Tenn..... Nov. 27-29
 CONVENTIONS.
 Aberdeen, Macon, Missa..... Dec. 2-6

Field

J. W. Lewis, Pastor, Shreveport, La.—Our church here on the Fournoy Circuit is moving along nicely. We have good loyal Methodists here. The Sunday school is second to none on the Shreveport District. Brother H. Henderson is the able superintendent at Fairview, the attendance of which Sunday school averages from 85 to 105 pupils. We regret very much to have Prof. B. D. Thompson leave us. He has been here four or five years, but is a native of Mississippi. We have just closed one of the best revivals in the history of Fairview, after two weeks of faithful work. The older members here say they have never witnessed such a meeting before. We were blessed with 29 converts and 7 accessions. The second Sunday of September was a happy occasion. Over 1,000 people attended our baptizing. We also had a baptizing at Fournoy the first Sunday. Have received 40 into the church since the annual conference, and we praise the Lord for his wonderful goodness. We desire to return thanks to Rev. D. Shelby of Leesville, and Profs. G. T. Abrams and Jackson for their able assistance in our meeting. Pray for us.

Kansas City, Mo.—Our rally Sunday, Oct. 25, was a great success. We realized \$305.58. We have just closed a deal for the Second United Presbyterian Church and expect to move in as soon as present tenants vacate. Bishop Hamilton was out to see the property during the meeting of the Board of Church Extension in our city and says it is a great credit to our Methodism of Kansas City. Dr. Nelson's lecture on the "School of Common Sense" was one never to be forgotten in Kansas City.

J. M. HARRIS, Pastor.

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J. B. Starkey, Pastor, Shelby, Miss.—My third quarterly conference was held Sept. 19, Rev. J. W. Winbush, our presiding elder, was on time. Most of the officers were present with written reports which showed the work to be prospering. The elder was at his best and on Sunday preached preached two strong sermons to the delight of all present. Paid presiding elder in full, \$10; collected for the quarter \$60. A storm, led by Sisters, E. A. Walker, Wooders, L. A. Hall, F. Davis, M. E. Simons, F. Houston and Lizzie Murrell, which when past left on the parsonage table many good things. Sisters, come again. You are always welcome.

M. C. Harrison, Litcher, La.—We are still moving along nicely in our church work. Presiding Elder J. F. Marshall was with us the 25th ult., and held our third quarter. We paid him in full, as he well deserves it. Raised \$41.50 in our rally. We thank the Rev. John Louis and good people of the Baptist Church, also the Rev. Curtis and his people, for their noble help on that Sunday. Our Sunday school is better than ever before. The school has purchased an organ and is

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S. R. McCorkle, Pastor, Winston Circuit, N. C.—I am delighted to have received a money order of \$9.50 from our beloved Brother Killiam Watt who has moved from this circuit to Mount Kisco, but still holds his membership here. He sent also to the W. H. M. Society of this church a barrel of supplies for the poor and a yearly subscription to the SOUTHWESTERN. He will come next spring to paint our church. Brother Watt is a good man, one who is interested heart and soul in this church and we would rejoice if we had many others like him. I pray God will continue to bless our dear brother and that he may again remember us in the same way.

W. E. Jefferson.—Rev. C. C. Landry, of Bastrop, was here recently and preached at Trinity, and lectured to the Sunday school in the morning. He is one of the preachers that comprehends the need of the Negro from a pulpit standpoint. His lecture and sermon were received as but few have been. He preaches to his people plainly. Such a young man should be particularly cared for by the conference, because he can do much good among his people. He has a method of joining our people, young and old, in unity. Rev. Landry organized a Christian society here and through its teachings much good has been done. We heartily invoke special blessings from above for him and his family.

Bay Spring.—My third quarterly conference convened September 12th and 13th, with Elder J. C. Hibbler at his post and the majority of officers present. It was a surprise to the elder to have the privilege of preaching the first sermon in our new church. At 11 o'clock he attended the funeral of Sister Detsie Gray; at 4 he dedicated the church and at night he seemed to be filled with the Holy Ghost. We are striving to complete soon the church at Mt. Rose. Paid the elder in full. Raised during conference \$18; during the third quarter for all purposes \$50. The work is spiritually and financially alive. The people are trying to make pastor and wife happy. May the Lord bless them in their efforts.

Luna Carroll, Monroe, La.—On the 30th of September we were aroused by voices singing, "My Father Is Rich," led by Miss Tillie Rousch, and the crowd marched in with a great number of pounds, which made the pastor and family extremely glad. Refreshments were served and an address was delivered by Rev. Powell, pastor at Mt. Sinai. Miss Augusta Rousch presided at the organ. Prayer was offered and all left happy. God bless the good people of St. James. Call

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F. D. Thomas, Pastor, Pleasant Hill, La.—We have just closed one among the greatest revivals ever known on this circuit; 55 souls were happily converted, and all have joined our church, which is greatly revived. All indifference has been removed and the spiritual life of the church lifted to a very high plane. We have had also a grand corner-stone laying, Sunday, Sept. 27, at Taylor Chapel, which we have just remodeled at a cost of \$140.00. The stone was laid by Douglas Lodge No. 11, Mansfield and Washington Lodge No. 89, Knights of Pythias. Rev. C. Johnson, of Mansfield, La., and members were present and gave us good service. Souls saved and money in the order of the day.

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Pheasant Ivans, Supt., Baird Circuit.—We had our Children's Day June 28, at Union Grove. It was a high day and we had a glorious time. The Sunday school had a march song, "We Are Christian Soldiers," and went through with the exercises. At 4 p. m. Rev. Gally, of the A. M. E. Church, preached an excellent sermon. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity and the congregation paid special attention to the wonderful sermon and exercises. Collection, \$22. Rev. C. D. Reed, pastor, is the man for the place. Pray for our success.

RESOLUTIONS COMMENDING REV. J. L. GRICE, P. E.

Whereas, The Rev. Julius L. Grice, A. B., B. D., has for six years served the Orangeburg District as presiding elder, and during his term in this office has attended to all of the affairs of the church on this district in a most efficient, careful and faithful manner, and, Whereas, during his administration he has given special attention to the cause of Christian education and has always endeavored to encourage and to give assistance in every effort looking toward the advancement and success of Claflin University, at Orangeburg, and the Mother Home at Camden, always urging our young men and women to attend one of them, and much of the success which has attended these schools in securing a very large patronage within the bounds of this district has been largely due to the faithful efforts of our presiding elder; and Whereas, the Rev. J. L. Grice has in his regular visits to our several charges, greatly endeared himself to our families by his gentlemanly conduct in our homes, thus compelling the people everywhere to recognize and respect the high Christian character so essential always in the office of the Christian ministry, and Whereas, the Rev. J. L. Grice has always, when presiding over our quarterly and district conferences, governed these bodies with most considerate Christian kindness, and with absolute impartiality toward all of the members of said bodies, exercising patience and charity toward all, deciding all points of law intelligently and with perfect fairness; therefore be it Resolved, That we, the ministers and laymen of this, the sixteenth (during his administration the sixth) session of the Orangeburg District Conference, do hereby place on record our high appreciation and es-

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team for the Rev. J. L. Grice, as an educated Christian gentleman, an able and conscientious minister of the Gospel, and an efficient and successful presiding elder. And be it further resolved, that it is with sincere regret that at the end of the present conference year his relations to us as presiding elder of the Orangeburg District will cease, and we hereby extend to him this humble expression of our confidence in him and our sincere love for him as a presiding elder, and we assure him that whenever it may please the Lord to assign him to labor, our best wishes will go with him and we shall not cease to remember him in our prayers. Signed: J. A. Brown, F. E. McDonald, S. S. Butler, J. W. Brown, W. H. Jones, B. G. Frederick, A. G. Townsend.

A. B. Davis, Pastor, Cotton Plant, Ark.—Our third quarterly conference of the Cotton Plant Circuit closed Oct. 4th, with the presiding elder, Rev. B. J. Griffin, in the chair, and all officers present with good written reports, showing the work to be spiritually and financially alive. The sisters were present with full baskets of refreshments, which were gladly received. We had 14 accessions this quarter and paid the pastor \$70.22; presiding elder, \$15.20. Sunday at 11:30 a. m. our presiding elder preached one of his best soul-stirring sermons; 31 communed. At 2:30 p. m. the Rev. Griffin spoke again to a large crowd of young people. The SOUTHWESTERN was not forgotten, five cash subscribers being secured.

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Edward Jackson, Local Preacher, Mansfield, La.—Shady Grove M. E. Church: Our fourth and last quarterly conference was held at this place September 27, 1903, with the Rev. H. Daniel, presiding elder, in the chair. Officers of Shady Grove and St. Matthew were present with good reports. The Rev. A. J. Proctor has brought

these two churches to life once more. May God bless him in his way of doing business. Rev. H. Daniel on the following Sunday preached one of his best sermons. He moved the audience to tears. May the Lord bless the elder. We paid him in full for this year, \$53.75. May he have a long life in the service of the Lord.

V. Trotter, Pastor, Enterprise, Miss.—We had a glorious revival on the Mt. Jordan Circuit during the last three weeks in September at Magnolia. We had good meetings, with converts and accessions; collection, \$17.25. Also at New Hope we had a very good meeting. Here we took into the church converts and accessions, 6; collection, \$13.25. Mr. Jordan, our pastor, was successful. We received into the church converts and accessions, 20; collection, \$43.25. Total number of converts and accessions, 32; total collection during revivals, \$73.85. We had with us at Mt. Jordan Brother Jas. Jordan one night, and Brother J. K. Comfort, who preached for us. We had a glorious time with the children during the revival and baptized 18 of them. May the Lord bless the good people of Mt. Jordan Circuit. At this point we have a fine new church, in which there has been preaching for three months, and we are doing well in the work.

H. E. Morgan, Pastor, Seal, Miss.—Our third quarter was held Sept. 26 and all officers were present with good reports. J. C. Hibbler, presiding elder, preached two strong sermons which were enjoyed by all. A large number communed. We have had 48 conversions and accessions. Paid the pastor \$79.41. Raised during quarter, \$30.00; for benevolence, \$5.00; total for the quarter, \$114.41. We are doing all we can to make the work better.

To the Public.

SCOTTSDORO, ALA., Oct. 1, 1903.

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F. N. B. Ward, Aberdeen, Miss.—We wish our friends to know that we, the members of St. Paul M. E. Church, are well pleased with our pastor, Rev. J. G. Monroe. He is giving general satisfaction. The members seem very anxious to pay his salary in full, and we desire to have him with us another year. He is regaining what we lost in past years, and along all lines is a good worker. We believe in giving credit to whom credit is due.

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A. Reid, Pastor, Edwards, Miss.—The church work at Edwards is alive and moving on. Elder R. P. Threlkeld was with us Sept. 19-20, to hold the quarter. The officers were present with written reports, which showed the work to be in good condition. Rev. Threlkeld preached two able sermons, and administered the Lord's Supper to 65. We raised \$25 during the quarter and paid the elder up to date. We are looking to him who is the giver of every good and perfect gift.

THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY

Dulac, La.—From the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Johnson a sunbeam has gone, their infant daughter, but Heaven has gained a jewel.

N. McNEAL, Pastor.

New Orleans, La.—Mrs. Mary E. Harris, aged 35 years, wife of Rev. E. P. Harris, died Nov. 12th, with full faith in the Lord Jesus. The funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by Dr. Hills of Union Bethel A. M. E. Church. Her remains were interred in the Girod cemetery.

J. H. THOMPSON, Pastor.

Hickory Flat Circuit.—Sister Elizabeth Johnson was born in Glasco, Ky., in the year 1828, and was 74 years, 11 months and 28 days old when she died. She was a close student of the Bible and lived an exemplary Christian life for thirty-four years. Her funeral was preached at St. Mary's M. E. Church, Oct. 25th, by Rev. T. L. Ingraham, of Alesville, Rev. J. W. Holloway of the Baptist Church and the writer. She leaves a host of relatives and friends. W. F. ISAIAH, Pastor.

Cheneyville, La.—Sister Laura Robinson, aged 76 years, died Oct. 14, 1903. We can but say she died as she lived, a good, faithful member. She leaves a husband, two daughters and a number of grandchildren. Her funeral was conducted by C. L. Robert, of the Baptist Church and G. G. Johnson, local preacher of St. Paul M. E. Church.

Brenham, Tex.—Rev. Aaron Neely, one of our old superannuated ministers, died at his son's home after a few days' severe illness, on the 28th of October, 1903. Also Sister Mary Jackson, an old member of the Mt. Zion M. E. Church, at Brenham, Tex.

AARON TAYLOR.

Cheneyville, La.—Sister Anna Charleston, a member of St. Paul M. E. Church, has gone home to her reward. She leaves a husband, children, sisters and a host of friends. Rev. A. H. Banks assisted in the funeral service.

WILLIAM S. HARRIS.

JAS. W. HAIGLER.

Whereas, It has pleased God, our Heavenly Father, in his allwise providence to summons from this world of toil and care our beloved friend, Jas. W. Haigler, and whereas, his association as a classmate and friend has endeared him to us by inseparable ties of friendship, be it therefore

Resolved, 1st. That we mourn the death of our friend, and express our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family, feeling nevertheless that our Heavenly Father doeth all things well, and that our loss is Heaven's gain.

2nd. That the school has lost a most loyal and worthy friend, the family a most loving member, the wife a devoted companion, and the world a promising young man.

3rd. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and that a copy be published in the SOUTHWESTERN and Southern Christian Recorder.

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REV. BROADUS C. CALVERT.

Rev. Broadus C. Calvert, an exemplary Christian man, pastor of Hill City and Tannery Flat in the Chattanooga District, East Tennessee Conference, passed to his reward Monday, Nov. 9th. He was born Aug. 15th, 1866, in Greenville, S. C., moved to Tennessee with his father when about 17 years of age, and located at Ooltewah, where he lived until his death. In youth he attended the public schools and later in life attended and graduated with honor from Atlanta University. Fourteen years he gave to the work of education among his people at Ooltewah and succeeded in building up the Oak Hill High School of which he was principal at the time of his death. In 1886 he married Miss Emma Watkins. This wedded union was blessed with three children, the two sons surviving him, the daughter, wife and mother having long since preceded him to the heavenly rest. In 1900 he married Miss Fannie Napper, who now survives him. Brother Calvert was converted in childhood and later in life connected himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church, received his license in 1893; admitted on trial in the Annual Conference, October, 1901; ordained a deacon and admitted into full membership into the East Tennessee Conference at its late session, held at Morristown, Sept. 30-Oct. 5, Bishop Joyce presiding. He served three years at Hill City and proved himself a most faithful and successful pastor. As a minister he was earnest, instructive and inspiring. His last year's work was characterized by a remarkable revival in his church, the entire community being aroused and many were happily converted. The wife has lost a faithful husband, the children a devoted father, the conference one of its most brilliant and promising young men. The funeral was attended by his presiding elder and Revs. J. W. Tate, P. T. Martin, Israel Johnson, Saml. Johnson and Albert Mitchell. A large delegation of his members from Hill City went to his funeral from Chattanooga. The Sir Knight Templars from Chattanooga performed their impressive rites. Faithful in life, victorious in death, we have laid our Brother Calvert to rest until the resurrection morn.

Leona, Tex.—Why should our tears in sorrow flow when God recalls His own, and bids them leave a world of woe for an immortal crown? Sister America Smith, a faithful member of the M. E. Church, departed this life Tuesday morning, Oct. 13th, aged 57 years. She leaves two sons, two daughters, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. The funeral was conducted by Rev. F. R. Morton, pastor.

New Orleans, La.—Mr. Willie Harding, aged 33 years, died happily Nov. 15th. He was converted Nov. 11th. At the time of his death he was financial

secretary of the Young and True Friend Society, and a member of the Local Union No. 432. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him, always faithful to his family and organizations. Eight hundred people were in attendance at his funeral, which was conducted by the pastor, assisted by Revs. J. S. Jones and P. Johnson. We pray God's blessing on his bereaved family and friends.

J. H. THOMPSON.

Macon, Miss.—Brother Robt. Harris, a member of St. Paul M. E. Church, died Saturday evening, Oct. 31st, in full triumph of faith. He was a trustee of the church for a number of years.

J. H. EVERETT.

Dekalb, Miss.—Oct. 30th, 1903, death came into the home of Brother Richman, and took old Sister Violet Rush, aged 98 years, who had been ill for two years. She was a member of the M. E. Church for many years, and died in great peace, leaving a large family of children and grandchildren. Also on Oct. 29th, I laid Brother Allen to rest to await the general resurrection. He was converted two years ago. A wife survives him.

C. W. IVY.

Harriston, Miss.—Brother William Pops died Oct. 28, in full hope of heaven, after a long illness. Brother Pops had been a class leader and steward of Harriston Chapel for more than twenty years. His funeral was largely attended and the service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. S. H. Cannon, of Fayette.

A. HOWZE, Pastor.

Huntsville, Tex.—Brother George Bush, one of the oldest and best members of our church, was converted in North Carolina, came to Texas and joined the St. James M. E. Church, at Huntsville, Tex., and was a faithful member until his death, which occurred at Warren Camp Ground, Oct. 13, 1903. Servant of God, well done. Sister Susan Jones, after thirteen months of illness, fell asleep in Jesus Oct. 22. She leaves a husband, three brothers, two sisters and two children.

A. C. CULBREATH, Pastor.

Cotton Plant, Ark.—Brother David Johnson was born in Raleigh, N. C., in the year 1840, and died Oct. 15th, 1903. He had been a member of the C. M. E. Church for nineteen years in Mississippi, and fifteen years a member of Taylor's Chapel M. E. Church, where he was a class leader, steward and trustee. He loved his church and family. A wife, two sons and one daughter survive him.

C. A. TAYLOR, Pastor.

Falmouth, Ky.—Sunday evening, October 18, 1903, Sister Elizabeth Foreman, wife of Rev. H. A. Foreman, of the Lexington conference, departed this life in full triumph of faith. She leaves a husband, two little boys (twins), and many relatives and friends to mourn her untimely death. Sister foreman was a devoted wife, an affectionate mother and a faithful Christian. When her health would permit she was quite active in Home Mission work, which doubtless put in operation influences for good, the extent of which eternity alone can tell. Sharing with her husband the adversities peculiar to a minister's life, she would sometimes become discouraged, but when called upon to pass through



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La., were joined by me in holy wedlock, Nov. 16. Two bright and promising looking people. The groom is a son of our brother, R. Y. P. Green, an excellent officer of Hartzell Chapel. On Nov. 3, 1903, Mr. Gibson Williams, of Gross Tete, La., and Miss Louisiana Worthy, of Plaquemine, La., were joined in marriage at the home of the bride's sister. May God bless them. D. J. Price officiated.

Mr. Frank Johnson and Miss Ellen Ora Rhoda Keyes were united in holy matrimony, November 14, 1903. J. A. Tircuit officiated.

Gallatin, Tenn.—Mr. Philip Wiks and Miss Gertrude Jinkins, class leaders of our church here, were married Nov. 15th. May the Lord bless them. H. Primm officiated.

New Orleans, La.—Mr. Samuel Alexander and Miss Stella Johnson, both of this city, in the presence of a host of friends were happily joined in holy wedlock, Nov. 12, 1903, at the residence of the bride's mother. J. A. Tircuit, pastor, officiated.

Sublime, Texas.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 15th, quite a large audience witnessed at the M. E. Church the marriage of Mr. Anthony Herrine to Miss Sophonia Sims. Miss Sims is a member of our church, superintendent of the Sunday school, and one among our brightest girls. The groom is an industrious farmer and is in good circumstances here. The pastor, J. W. McKinzie, officiated.

Mt. Rose, Miss.—Mr. Sam Banks and Miss Zella Tatum were united in holy matrimony, Nov. 10th. Mr. Banks, who is a native of Georgia, is an energetic young man. The bride is the daughter of Rev. A. Tatum. We wish them great success. C. W. Jones.

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Little Rock—H. Martin; L. G. Hodges, *3; J. C. W. Pair, *1.

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Mississippi and Upper—B. F. Woolfolk, *1; B. T. McEwen, *1; W. H. Golden, *1; J. K. Comfort, *2; H. J. Jordan, *2; Mrs. L. Dickson; J. I. Garrett, *1; A. Jackson, *1; O. W. Crump, *2; P. W. Baldwin; D. L. Tubbs, *1; C. A. Jordan, *1; W. C. Hilliard, *1; Wm. Thompson, *1; Mrs. E. L. Smith, 2; C. W. Butler; King Hall; W. F. Isaiah, *1; J. Jordan, *1; L. M. Gardner; M. C. McEwen, *1.

North Carolina—J. H. Garrett.

South Carolina—W. S. Thompson, *1.

Tennessee and East—G. W. Marsh, *1; J. L. Massie, *1; Peter Austin.

Texas and West—J. A. Tillory, *1; P. G. Weston; R. B. Smith; J. O. Williams, *1; Isabella Howells; J. W. McKenzie, 1; M. Allen.

Lost Friends

INQUIRY.

Lewisburg, Tenn.—I want to inquire for my brother-in-law. We have not heard from him in four years. The last time we heard from him he was a presiding elder in the A. M. E. Church, stationed at Magnolia, Ark. His name was W. E. Stone. Anyone knowing his whereabouts please drop me a postal card.
G. W. MARSH.

INQUIRY.

I want to inquire for my brothers and sisters. I was born in Upson county, Georgia. Mother was named Cindy Wombel, and my father was Saul Owens. My brothers and sisters were named Ames, Jim, Nealce, Susie, Sallie and Gus. Write me at Haynes, Ark. Rev. Phillip Owens.

TAMINA OIL FIELD.

A few dollars invested now will bring splendid returns in the near future, in Tamina, Tex., a Negro town and colony, thirty miles from Houston on the I. & G. N. R. R., midway between two junctions, Springs and Conroe, about eight miles each. Tamina has been visited by oil men in increasing numbers for the last few months and has been pronounced by experts from Pennsylvania oil fields to be in the center of an unquestioned oil district.

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Prospectors are invited to visit Tamina and confer with Prof. R. B. Smith or Hon. D. Webster Wilson, Attorney-at-Law, 411½ Travis St., Houston, Tex. References: Judge J. T. Rucka, Conroe, Tex.; J. Llewellyn, First National Bank, Conroe; L. Peel & Co., Director First National Bank, Conroe, Tex.; W. Rogers, P. M., Conroe, Tex.

COTTON.

Little change in price since last week. Monday's price here was the same. We think the tendency is still upward for spot cotton. We understand that considerable cotton sold in the country as "middling" is classed as good middling when it reaches the cities.

CRESCENT CITY NOTES

Mr. Samuel Mitchell and Miss Rosa Hall were married on the 17th inst. at Williams Chapel by the pastor, Rev. C. W. Reeves.

Rev. T. J. Johnson has had a glorious revival, assisted by Mrs. Mary Karnik-Cutey. Had hallelujah meetings and many converts. Sister Cutey is now ready to hold revival services for anyone who wishes her to do so. Her address is 915 Julia street.

At the home of the bride, Thursday, Nov. 18th, Mr. H. B. F. Charles and Miss Bertha E. Daniel were joined in holy matrimony by Rev. H. James. Both are members of Mt. Zion M. E. Church choir. The groom, who is a promising young man, is also a local preacher.

On November 21st the stewaresses, King's Daughters, Woman's Home Missionary Society, and President of the Brotherhood, gave the pastor of Wesley Chapel, Rev. T. J. Johnson, and family, a surprise. Collected during Sunday, Nov. 22, \$17.77. Mozecle Tabernacle No. 2 had their annual sermon preached by the pastor. Their collection was \$4.05.

New Orleans University Temperance Society had a very interesting meeting Sunday evening. Dr. Alonzo Jones, of Flint Medical College, spoke a very strong and sane plea for the cause. Dr. I. B. Scott was introduced by President Knight and in cheering words encouraged those present. Prof. M. S. Davago called for volunteers and 25 signed the temperance pledge.

The services at Williams Chapel Sunday, November 21, were well attended. The Light Bearers turned out in grand style. One was received into full membership. The Thirlian given by the Steward Sisters was a success. These sisters presented to Miss S. A. E. Brazley a token through the pastor, who made the presentation speech. Miss Brazley responded. Collections, \$10.25.

The Rev. J. A. Tircuit, pastor, and the officers and members of First Street M. E. Church, take this method of returning thanks to and showing their appreciation for the following organizations of this city, for having selected the First Street M. E. Church in which to celebrate their anniversaries, viz.:

The Ladies of Louisiana Benevolent Association, May 3rd; The Cotton Yardmen's Benevolent Association, May 17; The Coachmen's Benevolent Association, June 7; Grand Chapter Eastern Star, June 11; St. Luke Lodge of Masons, June 24; The Ladies I. B. and M. A. Association, July 12; The Ladies and Gentlemen's Benevolent Association, Aug. 9; The Hartford Benevolent Association, Aug. 23; The Ladies' Providence Benevolent Association, Oct. 18.

A GRAND FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN.

The Rev. William Bartley, pastor of Wesley Tabernacle M. E. Church, Galveston, Texas, closed, Nov. 8th, a grand financial campaign, from which was realized in cash \$755. Outstanding reports will increase this amount to more than \$800. The pastor has sent us a list of the names of more than eighty persons (which we would gladly publish if space permitted) who donated from \$1.00 to \$15.00. Mr. Wm. Webb headed it with \$50.00, and even the pastor contributed \$10.00 to insure the success of this undertaking. We congratulate the pastor, officers and friends of Wesley.

LITERARY NOTES

Among the fiction in the Christmas Century will be a story, "The Valet of the Pastor," by Maurice Francis Egan, professor of English language and literature at the Catholic University, Washington. James Monroe Buckley, LL. D., whose "Fanaticism in the United States" will be one of the December Century's important features, has been editor of the New York Christian Advocate since 1880.

The November-December issue of our bi-monthly Review presents a varied and attractive table of contents. This number completes the volume of 1,025 pages for 1903, and will be sent free to all new subscribers for 1904. Under the title of "The Ideal American" Dr. F. M. Bristol draws, with fine analysis and glowing eulogy, the portrait of William McKinley, with whom his relation as pastor of the White House gave him intimate friendship. Bishop Warren furnishes a characteristic and uplifting article on "Realms of Power." Dr. Kelley's editorial discussions are on "The Call for Aggressive Evangelism" and "Automatic Evangelism." The recent progress of the Methodist Review may be seen by contrasting two official statements publicly made at different dates by the publishers. Seven years ago the report to the General Conference of 1896 said: "We have ceased to expect any revenue from the Methodist Review. It has always been published at a loss." This year, at the annual meeting of the Book Committee, the official report contained the very different announcement: "The Methodist Review, which hitherto has

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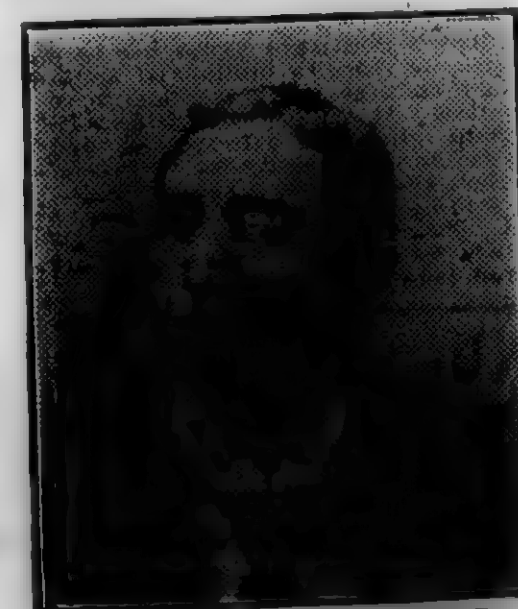
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Editorial Notes

If you do not renew your subscription now, you may not have the money just after the Christmas holidays. Renew!

That may be a pleasant road you are traveling, but did you ever stop to think how rough it may yet be and where it may lead?

Some men, like a cat squatting to catch a mouse, can be quiet and exceedingly harmless when it serves their purpose to be so, but wait till their purpose is accomplished, then you'll see their claws and their teeth, too.

Can it be possible that 485 of every 100,000 Negroes die of consumption, while only 126 of the same number of whites succumb to that disease? At any rate, these are the figures given out and our people will do well to look for the cause for such excessive mortality.

Ten years ago, says the *Enterprise*, of Los Angeles, Cal., the Negroes of this city did not employ ten members of their race; now, if correctly compiled, the number of Negroes who employ themselves and other members of the race will reach several hundred, at wages from nine dollars per week up. This remarkable statement is followed by a list of business enterprises, with the number of persons employed by each, and it makes a splendid showing.

The *Times-Democrat* of this city seems much gratified over a prospective "Jim Crow car law" in the state of Maryland. The only reason we can see for such show of gratification is that it will be an added humiliation to the Negroes of that section. It is a well known fact that very few of the roads, where such laws exist, treat the colored traveler with any degree of fairness and we doubt whether conditions would be different should such a law be enacted there. If those who clamor for such separation would be equally ardent in their demands that justice be done to all, to say the least the humiliation could not be coupled with the positive knowledge that one is not getting the kind of fare he is forced to pay for.

Well, the separate street car law of Houston, Texas, has recently gone into effect in that city and the colored people who had previously determined to provide other means of transportation seem to be sticking to their purpose with a vengeance. One of the daily sheets of that city calls attention to the fact that Negroes are operating a number of hacks, etc., for the transportation of passengers. We desire to say for their encouragement, that two or three visits to Shreveport, La., convinced us that the colored citizens of that little city had almost entirely abandoned the street cars since the law went into effect. And even in this great city the patronage of the race fell off about 50 per cent. The screen is indeed a humiliating affair; even the imaginary line is bad enough.

The Self-Sacrifice of the Christian Ministry

One of the beauties of the Christian ministry during all the years of its existence is the spirit of self-sacrifice that has characterized it. While there may be some who consider this its greatest weakness we are fully convinced that it is rather its greatest strength. A many a man has studied this mark of God's servants and concluded that they were undoubtedly actuated by some spirit unknown to him and to the world. And this is true, for it is unknown to the world. This trait has given them the best bed in many a home, the best food in the larder and the right of way in general. That man who is willing to sacrifice the pleasures of life, the comforts of home and even himself for the good of others is a hero and the world delights to honor a hero. Even the unconverted who may not surrender to his pleading nor follow his teaching, lift their hats and step aside as such an one passes by. Those who believe that all this class of God's servants lived in the past need but to study the present day statistics of the various conference minutes. Nay, not even this, but go into two or three of the humble parsonages by which they frequently pass without a thought, and there without asking a single question, simply scan the surroundings. They will tell the tale of conditions that exist in their very midst, and similar scenes may be witnessed in every part of the land. Scantly supplied cupboards, children without sufficient clothing, shoes and other necessities, and wives who suffer and even die because the medicine or some comfort could not be had at the opportune time. We have before us now a letter from a brother who has just recovered from a spell of sickness brought on by exposure. Among other things he says: "I am anxious to attend the session of the conference, but fear I shall not be able, as I have the rheumatism, caused by being almost barefooted most of the fall." "Well," says some one, "I would not undergo such to preach the gospel to anybody!" No, of course you wouldn't, and a great many who claim to be called to the ministry have said the same; yea, more, they have even abandoned the work for just such reasons. But for every such one two have come forward to take his place. God never leaves himself without a witness. They come from the Sunday school, they come from counting rooms, they come from the other professions and ordinary walks of life, they come from everywhere. There are few, if any, conferences but that turn away applicants every year. There is some one everywhere ready and willing to suffer for the sake of the gospel and the saving of men.

Well, then, why call attention to it; do you expect to have it otherwise? We answer, no; for in one sense we would not have it otherwise if we could, while on the other hand we should be only too glad if it were not so. That is to say, we trust the Christian ministry may never get away from the spirit of self-sacrifice, a willingness to suffer for Christ and His cause. This is, as we have

already said, one of the beauties of the ministry—its greatest strength. It is in exact line with the teaching of the gospel. But at the same time we hope to see the day when the people, no matter how poor, will be constantly on the alert to meet every such servant fully half way, if they cannot go farther, and do their utmost to banish want and suffering from every parsonage home.

Gormanism Bearing Fruit

We are confident that many of the newspapers of this country and, for that matter, many persons who denounce the Negro for political or other reasons never stop to think of the influence it has on the lower grade of whites, who are thus prompted to feel that they are at liberty to follow these curses with kicks. Still that this is true we have seen again and again. One of the latest occurrences is the outburst in Baltimore, Md., which followed Mr. Gorman's campaign against the Negro. The *Afro-American Ledger* of that city tells of the attack of a mob of white boys and men on the Colored Masonic Temple. They wantonly stoned the building, breaking out the windows, shattering the front, leaving scarcely a single pane of glass whole. That paper says: "The persistent fight that has been made on the Negro during the past few weeks have emboldened the white toughs, and the Negro has trouble coming to him. Several of the teachers of the public schools have been compelled to complain to the school board of the trouble they are having with the white boys in the neighborhood of their schools. The school board has taken the matter under consideration." We take occasion now to say, as we have said before, that if Negro newspapers manifested the same incendiary spirit that many of those edited by white men do, there would be riot and bloodshed constantly in this country.

Our Missionary Collections and Field Secretary

While rejoicing over the splendid increase made by the colored conferences in their contributions to the cause of Missions, it is simple justice to acknowledge the influences that have contributed to so desirable an end. No doubt the first acknowledgment is due the pastors and presiding elders who so readily and successfully responded to the call of the church made through the constituted authorities. Many of them took hold of the work as tho they were only waiting for some one to come and impress upon them the importance of the same. Not that they had not been trying to assist before, but they were in need of new plans and encouragement, and inspiration as well. These our Field Secretary, Rev. Dr. Griffin G. Logan, brought, and the workers responded accordingly. Hence in the second place acknowledgment is due Secretary Logan. He has been constant and untiring in his labors. Being, as a teacher, accustomed to looking after the little things, he has given close attention to organization. Then, too, in his addresses the impression made magnifies

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Our Contributors

General Missionary Committee

FRIDAY MORNING, NOV. 13.

Bishop Fitzgerald presided at the Friday morning's session and Dr. T. N. Boyle of Pittsburg, led the devotions. After the reading of the minutes those conferences which had been passed over on account of Dr. Coker's absence were considered. To the Illinois conference, for work at Danville \$500 were appropriated. Eighteen hundred dollars were appropriated to the Kansas conference and \$1,250 to the Northwest Kansas.

For Oklahoma Dr. Coker asked \$17,000 for the regular work and \$2,500 immediately available. Seventeen thousand dollars were appropriated, of which \$2,500 are immediately available.

The South Kansas and the West Kansas conferences received the same as last year, \$1,700 and \$5,000 respectively.

The Missouri and the St. Louis conferences were called and to these, with little discussion, \$3,500 and \$4,200 were appropriated respectively.

Class No. 6.—Colored Work in the South came next. The Atlanta conference received \$1,100, the same as last year. For the General Alabama Dr. Nelson asked an increase, which Bishop Andrews said he was not clear was needed. Dr. Leonard said that we had made increased appropriations to the white work in the South and that we are less needed among the whites than among the colored people. Bishop McCabe said the colored church and school property of our church had increased in value at the rate of a thousand dollars a day ever since the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, and he thought we had a special mission to the colored people of the South. Bishop Goodsell said that to desert or cut down to the point of suffering our colored people in the South would be an act of greatest injustice to them and to the spirit of Christ. There is great regard for our work among the colored people by the leading people of the Church South. Dr. Leonard had said that the Negro was now deserted by both the great political parties, and to this Gen. Rusling took exception, claiming that the party he belonged to is as much devoted to the interests of the colored man as it ever had been. Fifteen hundred dollars were appropriated to this conference, \$300 of which is for new work.

For the Central Missouri Dr. Nelson asked an increase of \$200 for new work. Bishop Hamilton agreed that this is desirable and further said that the colored people in the South give more money for benevolences than the white and that as a whole the colored conferences are more liberal in proportion than the white. Dr. Jackson said that the small accounts given were only wasted as they were not sufficient to establish the work, and Bishop Fowler replied that even the small amounts might be very helpful, illustrating this by the story of how his life and that of a friend had been saved by a very small piece of board. He believed that there are babes now in the cradle who will see one hundred millions of Negroes under the flag before they die. Two thousand dollars were appropriated, of which \$200 is for new work.

For the Delaware conference Dr. Monroe asked an increase of \$300. Thousands of colored people from the South had recently come into the bounds of this conference. "Their condition is most unfortunate as the only use which we seem to have in the North for the Negro is to buy his vote to build a wall of protection around the furnace fires of industries in which he cannot obtain employment." More money is wanted to establish new work in the Bronx region of New York. Bishop Foss also stated that the condition of the colored man is much more disadvantageous in the North than in the South as there is more discrimination against him by the Unions. Only the occupations of boot-blackening and common labor seem open to him in Philadelphia and elsewhere. Dr. North said that a work had been begun in Manhattan which would develop into a strong church. It is now asked that an opportunity be given for doing the same in the Borough of the Bronx \$1,800 were appropriated.

On Dr. Robb's motion \$2,000 were appropriated to East Tennessee. In Florida Dr. Robb says that the claim is made that they ought to have five districts and they want an appropriation of \$2,500. Bishop Foss thought this was not needed and said that the African M. E. Church in that same region is very much more successful than our church and they have no mission-

ary assistance. Nineteen hundred dollars were appropriated.

For Lexington conference Dr. Mayesty asked the same as last year. Dr. Jackson, in speaking of the work among the colored people, said that the statistics show that they give less than six cents per member for missions. There was a slight controversy between him and Bishop Hamilton who, Dr. Jackson claimed, had said that the colored people were more liberal contributors to missions than the whites. Bishop Hamilton claimed he had been misunderstood, and said that he had stated that "proportionately" and counting in all the benevolences. Twenty-three hundred dollars were appropriated, \$200 of which is for Union Church, Cincinnati.

For Lincoln Conference, Dr. Nelson asked an advance of \$500. Dr. Leonard moved to give \$2,500, \$500 of which would be for new work. Dr. Nelson in representing this work said that it was in the flooded district and that four of the churches had stood under water for four weeks. Twenty-five hundred dollars were appropriated, \$500 of which will go for new work. Three thousand dollars were appropriated to the Little Rock Conference, \$300 for new work.

For Louisiana Conference, an advance of \$900 was asked. Dr. Leonard thought that \$3,000, which is an advance of \$300, would be sufficient. Both Bishops Mallalieu and Foss urged the importance of new work in this conference. Thirty-three hundred dollars were appropriated, \$600 of which is for new work.

For the Mississippi Conference, Dr. Nelson asked an increase of \$200, making the appropriation \$2,000. Bishop Mallalieu said that new railroads were being built in that section, and that a new school has been established at Meridian, for the education of young colored people. On this there is a debt of \$2,100. He thought the advance asked for would help them to clear off the debt. Two thousand dollars were appropriated, \$400 of which is for new work.

Twelve hundred dollars were appropriated to the Mobile Conference. The North Carolina Conference received the same as last year, \$2,200, as did also the Savannah Conference, \$1,400, the Tennessee Conference \$2,300, \$200 of which is for new work, the upper Mississippi Conference \$2,200, and the Washington Conference, \$1,800. For the South Carolina Conference \$2,800 were asked by Dr. Robb. Bishop Foss thought that the condition of this conference did not warrant so large an appropriation. Many of the churches, he said, had from 300 to 600 membership, and yet were receiving missionary support. He spoke of three presiding elders who received more than \$900 from their charges, and yet received missionary money. He thought \$2,000 would be sufficient. Bishop Goodsell thought that not more than \$600 should be taken off the last year's appropriation, and moved that \$2,200 be given, and this was finally agreed to.

Dr. Nelson moved to give Texas Conference \$4,000, an increase of \$300. On Bishop Andrews' motion \$3,800 were appropriated and to West Texas Conference \$4,000 were given.

Dr. Leonard reported that the amount appropriated by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is \$459,351, and moved that this report be approved. This motion prevailed and the committee adjourned.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Bishop Goodsell presided at the afternoon session, and Dr. Thomas of Philadelphia conducted the devotional exercises. On Dr. Benton's motion a committee of three was appointed on the attendance of the Board of Managers.

Bishop Foss offered a resolution which was adopted for a re-arrangement of the recapitulation of appropriations which would show that the Contingent fund and the Incidental fund are both used for purely missionary purposes, and are not, as some suppose, to be classed with office expenses. Bishop Walden offered the report of the committee on cities, which was adopted. It is as follows:

For Baltimore, \$1,000, \$500 for the deaf mute mission and \$500 for Italian work; San Francisco, \$1,000; Cincinnati, \$600; Denver, \$500; Detroit, \$350; Cleveland, \$1,000; Buffalo, \$600; Rochester, \$500; St. Paul, \$400; Jersey City, \$700; Newark, \$600; Patterson, \$400; Boston, \$800; Providence, \$650; New York, \$2,200; Brooklyn, \$1,250 and \$750 for Italian work; Minneapolis, \$400; Philadelphia, \$2,000; Pittsburg, \$1,000; Alleghany, \$500; Chicago, \$3,200, of which \$1,500 is for deaf mutes; St. Louis, \$1,500; Kansas City, Mo., \$400; Los Angeles, \$500; Elizabeth City, \$300; New

Haven, \$500; Portland, \$500; Scranton, \$300; Youngstown, \$300.

To the Welsh work the following appropriations were then made: Northern New York, \$284; Philadelphia, \$400; Wisconsin, \$100; Wyoming, \$200.

The committee gave to the Swedish work as follows: To the Austin Conference, \$1,400; to the California Conference, \$2,100, \$100 of which is for new work; to the Central Swedish Conference, \$5,000, \$500 of which is for a city missionary.

The Eastern Swedish Conference asked for an advance of \$300, but the committee gave only the same as last year, \$11,500, of which \$800 was for Battery Park Mission, and \$900 for work among immigrants.

For the Northern Swedish Conference the appropriation made is \$5,826. Puget Sound received \$2,000. For the Western Swedish work Bishop McCabe moved \$6,000. And that appropriation was made.

For the Norwegian and Danish work in the Maine Conference \$500 were appropriated, \$100 of which is to enlarge the work.

The city work at Worcester, Massachusetts, was transferred with its appropriation of \$300 to the New England Conference, and the total appropriation to that conference, including this, is \$1,000. The New York East Conference received \$2,100, \$500 of which is for work in the Borough of the Bronx.

Speaking of the work in the Norwegian and Danish Conference, Dr. Simonson asked for \$9,600, \$500 for Denver and \$400 for new work. To this the committee agreed. The Utah Mission received \$2,400. For the Western Norwegian and Danish work, \$6,850 were appropriated and at Bishop Hamilton's request \$250 were made available at once.

Bishop Goodsell asked to be excused from the sessions of the committee after to-day, and the request was granted.

The German work was then considered, and Dr. Lemcke presented a schedule of appropriations which was adopted without debate. It is as follows:

California German, \$3,790; Central German, \$4,300; Chicago German, \$3,800; East German, \$5,400; North Pacific German Mission Conference, \$4,400; Northern German, \$2,900; Northwest German, \$3,375; St. Louis German, \$3,300; Southern German, \$3,940; West German, \$6,300, \$500 of which is for new work in Oklahoma and Indian Territory and \$250 available at once. The committee then adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The committee met at 9 o'clock with Bishop Mallalieu in the chair. The devotions were led by Dr. Ogier of Maine. Bishop Foss asked that he be excused after the morning session from further attendance and his request was granted. At his request the Italian work in Philadelphia was considered, and after a satisfactory representation of it by Bishop Foss, \$3,000 were appropriated to it. At Bishop Fowler's request the amount given for Italian work in Buffalo was increased from \$533 to \$600.

The Foreign work was then considered and Dr. Carroll read the report of the sub-committee, as follows:

Germany—North Germany, for the work, \$13,620; interest on Berlin debt, \$480; interest on Chemnitz debt, \$500; for debts, grant in aid, \$900. South Germany, for the work, \$18,000; for debts, grant in aid, \$400; for Martin Mission Institute, \$1,000.

Switzerland—For the work, \$6,480; interest on Lausanne debt, \$140; for church debts, grant in aid, \$525.

Norway—For the work, \$11,232; for school at Christiana, at disposal of Resident Bishop, \$368.

Sweden—For the work, \$13,857; school at Upsala, at disposal of Resident Bishop, \$1,143.

Denmark Mission Conference—For the work, \$6,350; debt on Copenhagen church, \$655.

Finland and St. Petersburg Mission—For the work, \$5,500; theological school, \$500.

Bulgaria Mission Conference—For the work, \$7,500.

Italy—For all purposes, interest on debt in Rome and one-half the interest on debt in Lausanne, \$45,000; college in Rome, \$2,000.

South America—South America Conference, \$49,300; Western South America Conference, \$22,000 for Chile; Lima District, \$10,870.

Mexico, for the work, \$53,000.

Africa—Liberia Conference, \$12,800; East Central Africa Mission Conference, \$14,875; West Central Africa Mission Conference, \$13,325; total, \$41,000.

China—Foochow, for the work, \$24,780; Hinghuan Mission, \$10,000; Central China Mission, \$25,500; New

North China, \$44,075; West China, \$15,375; total \$12,742.

Japan—Japan Conference, \$39,975; South Japan Mission Conference, \$16,790; total, \$56,765. Korea Mission, \$25,000.

India—North India, \$58,315; Northwest India, \$27,775; South India, \$21,800; Bombay, \$25,600; Bengal, \$13,615; Burma Mission Conference, \$6,600.

Malaysia, \$14,300, \$2,000 of which is for Borneo.

Philippine Islands, \$16,500. Total Foreign Missions, \$109,432.

At the request of the committee, Dr. Leonard then read the report of the sub-committee on the distribution of the \$16,000 to foreign missions for property:

"Italy, for Lausanne debt, \$1,500; Switzerland, Lausanne debt, \$1,500; total for this debt, \$3,000. Chile, \$3,500; Mexico, for Orizaba, \$3,500; Africa, \$4,000; China Foochow, for building for Anglo-Chinese college, on condition that the college raise \$3,500, \$4,000; West China, \$3,500; Central China, \$3,500; North China, Shan-tung, \$1,000; Japan, new college building, to meet proposition of Dr. Goucher, which shall aggregate \$25,000 for rebuilding college, \$6,000, for press, \$1,500; South Japan, \$5,000; Korea for 5 parsonages, \$5,000; North India, they to raise an equal sum, \$3,000; Northwest India, \$3,500; South India, \$3,000; Bengal, \$3,000; Burman, they to raise an equal sum, \$4,000; Malaysia, \$2,500; repairs on Anglo-Chinese college Singapore, \$2,500; Philippines, to pay for land purchased for sanitarium, \$2,500; South America Conference, \$5,000.

Bishop Merrill moved that when the committee adjourned it be to meet at 9 o'clock Monday morning, and the motion prevailed.

The motion made, to appropriate to the Chile mission \$23,000 without any conditions, was adopted.

The remaining items of the report of the committee on South America were then adopted seriatim, and the report with the amendment of the item noted above, namely making the sum \$23,000 instead of \$30,000, was adopted as a whole.

Bishop Foss offered the following resolution, which was adopted: "That the General Committee highly appreciate the work of the Open Door Emergency Commission and recommend the Board of Managers to continue that work providing for the expenses to an amount they think wise."

The report of the committee on the division of \$75,000 for property in foreign fields was then considered seriatim. It was adopted with the slight change that in South America Chile is to receive \$4,500 and the South America Conference \$4,000. The report was then adopted as a whole, leaving the disposal of the money to the board.

A photographer was present and made a picture of the General Committee for publication. On motion the committee adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Mallalieu.

MONDAY MORNING.

Bishop Fowler presided at the Monday morning session of the committee and Dr. Anderson led the devotions.

On Col. Dobbins' motion speeches were limited to five minutes. On Dr. Benton's motion a committee of two was appointed to prepare memorials of the Bishops who have died during the year, Foster and Hurst, to be entered in the minutes of the committee. Bishops McCabe and Mallalieu were subsequently appointed. An invitation having been received from Boston for the next meeting of the committee that place was unanimously agreed upon.

Consideration of the non-English speaking missions in the United States was resumed, and to the French work of the Gulf mission \$300 were appropriated, in the New England Conference \$1,750, in the New Hampshire Conference \$1,350, and in the Rock River Conference, \$1,200. The Spanish work was then considered and on the representation that an advance in appropriation would enable the society to secure some very valuable property at La Cananea in New Mexico, \$12,725 were appropriated for the work and \$2,000 for the property at La Cananea; \$2,000 were also appropriated for the schools of this mission. The Porto Rico mission asked for \$35,000, an increase of \$10,000 over last year.

Dr. Leonard thought \$20,000 would be sufficient for Porto Rico, and this amount was appropriated. For the work in Southern California \$1,300 were appropriated.

The Chinese and Japanese work on the coast had been referred to a sub-committee, which at this time presented its report, which was adopted, and is as

follows: California Conference, for the work, \$2,500, repairs, furnishing, etc., \$800, for overdraft \$200, the \$800 and the \$200 to be available at once. For Sacramento, \$1,000 and for property in Oakland \$500, altogether \$11,000, an increase of \$1,416. For the Oregon Conference, \$1,200; for Southern California, \$1,000, and for the Chinese work in New Mexico at El Paso, \$500, of which \$250 is for the current year.

An advance of \$300 was given for work in Chinatown, New York, making it \$1,500. For the Japanese work the sub-committee reported an appropriation of \$13,580 for the Japanese Pacific Mission, \$3,235 of which should be available at once. For the English work in Hawaii \$500 and for Korean work in Hawaii, \$1,200, with \$500 available at once. The report of the committee was adopted.

For Bohemian work in Cleveland \$2,400 were appropriated, of which \$400 is for this new work.

Bishop Mallalieu offered the report of the appropriations of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, showing that the amount they have appropriated is \$351,000, and the appropriation was confirmed.

Dr. Jackson said there are eight square miles of Chicago as thoroughly Bohemian as any part of Bohemia itself. He asked for \$4,250, and the committee appropriated \$4,000. In the Upper Iowa Conference for Bohemian work at Cedar Rapids an advance of \$600 was given making the appropriation \$1,200. For the North Ohio Conference \$500 were appropriated. For Bohemian work in Northwest Kansas \$600 were appropriated and the same amount given for this work in the Nebraska Conference.

For the Italian work in the California Conference \$1,000 were given. For Cincinnati, \$400; Gulf Mission, \$300 and \$400 were appropriated for Italian work in the bounds of the Erie Conference. Dr. Ogier represented the work of the Italian Mission in New England and \$2,000 were appropriated. To New York \$4,750 were appropriated of which \$500 is for new work in Yonkers and vicinity.

For the Portuguese work in the New England conference \$400 was granted. For this work in the New England Southern \$1,100 were appropriated, \$300 of which is for new work.

For the Finnish work the Northern Minnesota conference received \$600 and the Detroit \$2,100, and the California \$500. In addition to this \$500 was granted to the New England conference for work among the Finns, this being entirely new work.

There was some discussion over the appropriation for "Foreign Populations" in the Central Pennsylvania conference, but \$2,500 was appropriated.

The report of the sub-committee on appropriations to the North American Indians was then presented and adopted without discussion. It is as follows: California, \$1,150; Central New York, \$690; Columbia River, \$1,300, of which \$300 is available at once for repairs; Detroit, \$450; Genesee, \$500; Michigan, \$500; Nevada Mission, \$1,400, of which \$400 is for the current year; North Montana Mission, \$1,00; Northern Minnesota, \$600, of which \$400 is available at once; Northern New York, \$500; Oregon, \$750; Puget Sound, \$860, \$160 for current year; Wisconsin, \$500.

Bishop McCabe wanted \$300 of the appropriation for the Western Swedish conference made available at once and it was agreed to. Dr. Anderson moved for a reconsideration of the appropriation to the Bohemian work in the East Ohio conference, some remarks of Bishop Merrill having raised a doubt as to whether this is really "Bohemian work" or whether it is not work in English, which includes some Bohemians. The motion to reconsider did not prevail.

After a few corrections and minor changes had been made in the appropriations Col. Dobbins stated that the appropriations exceeded the amount raised during last year by nearly \$27,000.

On Dr. Goucher's motion, though with Dr. Leonard protesting, the appropriation to the contingent fund was reconsidered and made \$22,000 instead of \$50,000, and that to the incidental fund was made \$45,000, thus giving the \$33,000 needed for the appropriations. Then, on Col. Dobbins' motion, the appropriations as a whole were approved.

The minutes were then read and approved and on Col. Dobbins' motion the committee adjourned at quarter to 2 o'clock, with the benediction by Bishop Fowler.

An appropriation of \$15,000 has been granted the Chettenham House of Reformation for colored boys by the city of Baltimore, by which it is supported.

Life of Faith

Life's Little Day

It is a blessed secret, this living day by day. Anyone can carry his burden, however heavy, till nightfall. Anyone can do his work, however hard, for one day. Anyone can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, and purely, till the sun goes down. And this is all that life ever means to us, just one little day. "Do to-day's duty; fight to-day's temptations, and do not weaken and distract yourself by looking forward to things you cannot see, and could not understand if you saw them." God gives us night to shut down the curtain of darkness on our little days. We cannot see beyond. Short horizons make life easier and give us one of the blessed secrets of brave, true, holy living.—*British Weekly*.

The Sunshine of Praise

If you see anything that is worthy of praise, speak of it. Even if you cannot do a worthy deed yourself, commend one who does. Praise is a power for good; both God and man prize it. No prayer is complete without praise. The best worker for his fellows who fails to give praise fails of doing as well as he can. Mrs. Stowe states the truth effectively when she says: "Praise is sunshine; it warms, it inspires, it promotes growth; blame and rebuke are rain and hail; they beat down and bedraggle, even though they may at times be necessary." Do we do our part in giving praise?—*The Sunday School Times*

The Power of Song

Thirty men, red-eyed and disheveled, lined up before a judge of the San Francisco Police Court. It was the regular morning company of "drunks and disorderlies." Some were old and hardened, others hung their heads in shame. Just as the momentary disorder attending the bringing in of the prisoners quieted down, a strange thing happened. A strong clear voice from below began singing:

"Last night I lay a-sleeping,
There came a dream so fair."

Last night! It had been for them all a nightmare of a drunken stupor. The song was such a contrast to the horrible fact that no one could fail of a sudden shock at the thought the song suggested.

"I stood in old Jerusalem,
Beside the Temple there."

the song went on. The judge had paused. He made a quiet inquiry. A former member of a famous opera company, known all over the country, was awaiting trial for forgery. It was he who was singing in his cell.

Meantime the song went on, and every man in the line showed emotion. One or two dropped on their knees; one boy at the end of the line, after a desperate effort at self-control, leaned against the wall, buried his face against his folded arms, and sobbed. "Oh, mother, mother!"

The sobs, cutting to the very heart the men who heard, and the song, still welling its way through the courtroom, blended in the hush.

At length one man protested. "Judge," said he, "have we got to submit to this? We're to take our punishment, but this—" He, too, began to sob.

It was impossible to proceed with the business of the court, yet the judge gave no order to stop the song. The police sergeant, after an effort to keep the men in line, stepped back and waited with the rest. The song moved on to its climax.

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Sing, for the night is o'er!
Hosanna in the highest! hosanna for evermore!"

In an ecstasy of melody the last words rang out, and then there was silence.

The judge looked into the faces of the men before him. There was not one who was not touched by the song; not one in whom some better impulse was not stirred. He did not call the cases singly—a kind word of advice, and he dismissed them all. No man was fined or sentenced to the workhouse that morning. The song had done more good than punishment could possibly have accomplished.—*Youth's Companion*.

Woman's Dominion

A Thought For the Week.

Teach us to work when work seems vain,
This is half victory over fate—
To match ourselves against our pain;
The rest is done when we can wait;
Unseal our eyes to see how rife
With bloom this thorny path may be;
And how it leads to heights of life
Which only thou canst see.

One-Sided

BY MARAVENE KENNEDY.

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A wife? You mean a housekeeper. Unless I learn to cook your dinners and make my own dresses you won't marry me. Very well." She laid his ring on the table. "It isn't so much that I object to the work of cooking and sewing, but that you should make it an issue in our marriage."

Weston's handsome face was troubled.

"I love you," he said simply; "love just to look at you, be near you, hear your voice; but there has to be more than an emotion between folks for a happy wedded life. Humanity is pretty poor stuff; we never rise far above our material wants. When a man has just downed a poorly cooked dinner—burnt steak, undone biscuit, soggy pie—he's not just in the humor to appreciate his wife's kisses."

"It's for your happiness as much as mine, sweetheart. I don't want to make a slave of you. We'll have a girl to help with the work, and I won't howl over the bills for my little wife's dresses. But I want you to know how to do things."

"Papa is satisfied with the way I manage his house," she said stubbornly.

Weston glanced at the untidy rooms, the slovenly servant passing the open window. He thought of the unsavory meals he had eaten in "this house," and inwardly groaned.

"But, Lucie," he urged, "wouldn't you rather laugh with me evenings than cry on my shoulder because the cook's left and you've burned the meat up? Or because Mme. Highflier has ruined your new frock? My sister was raised pretty much as you've been, and I lived with her a year after she was married, so I know whereof I speak. John has dyspepsia and looks as though he wished heaven were his home."

"He had no right to marry unless he could support his wife properly," she retorted, unreasonably.

"He earns \$6000 a year," said Weston, drily; "three times what I do." He shrugged his shoulders and laughed. "You see, darling, it behooves us to know how to manage our house and our frocks."

"Life is too short to drudge," said she, unmoli-

fied. "I want my time for my own—to read, study, travel about."

"That's different," he answered in a constrained voice. "I was thinking of just a little home, with our own pretty yard and garden. I even looked forward joyfully to working that same garden myself; and a nice little horse and runabout, and a few weeks' vacation in summer, and one servant just to help—not to manage. My brother Ned lives that way—he and Alice, and the two children. Ned don't earn as much as I do, either. So you see—I—I thought—" He waited a little. "Good-by, Lucie," he said, softly, and put the discarded ring in his pocket.

"It's my ring," she cried; then jerked her hand away as he tried to put it on her finger.

"Keep it Lucie; it's yours, as is my heart and life. You can send it to me when—you—marry the man who can give you the things I can't

"I hate you," she sobbed, and rushed from the room.

Weston went slowly down the walk, a serious look on his strong, young face. Perhaps he had bungled, he thought miserably. But he was only a man, practical and unimaginative; he could not know that to the girlish, romantic mind it was simply impossible to think of love as other than thrills, kisses and blissful hours of being together.

Lucie cried heart-brokenly. For a week she stayed at home and hugged her grief—not nearly so joyous a proceeding as hugging Tom, and talking and laughing in their jolly way together. But on Thursday she went to see Emma Day. Emma was a music teacher. Then the tide turned. It was a buxom Irish girl with pleasant face and hearty voice. She wanted to take music lessons. She was cook in a foine family, ma'am; she had three hours a day all to herself, so she did, an' could she be afther larnin' to play the pianny at all in a year come last Palm Sunday?

Miss Day looked commiseratingly at the girl's big unshapely fingers.

"It takes a long time to learn to play the piano well," she said kindly, "and it would cost you about all your wages. Frankly, I would advise against it."

The girl's face fell dismally. She turned to Lucie: "Is it so, ma'am?" she asked piteously. "I cooks on your shterate, an' I hears you playin' an' I wants to play that thune about the Sham-rock that you plays, ma'am."

She sat down with a thump, as Lucie's face, too, spoke disapproval. "I must, ma'am," she moaned. "It's for Ignatius. He's comin' over thin. He loves the pianny—he's to be me man—an' he sings foine, ma'am. There's not his equal in the ould country, an' him a-tyin' to me. Shure, an' it's one-sided, it is. If I could only do something to plaze him; somethin' to make him feel I was desarvin' his love."

"He'll have your love—yourself!" cried Lucie, in strange, tense voice.

"An' shure an' he will, ma'am; a great hulk who can cook his victuals an' wash an' iron; any girl can do that. I wants to do somethin' for him, somethin' that'll make him feel histed up over, ma'am. An' shure, an' Katie did this for me, he'll say. It's the swate consate of men to wants their swatehearts to do for thim what they've niver done for no one else. It would be worth all the time an' money, ma'am, jest to see my boy's face whin I sets down an' plays him a thune."

Lucie's fair face was transfigured. To see her Tom's face, to hear him say, "And my Lucie did this or me!"

"You shall play," she cried joyously. "I'll

teach you myself, an hour every day and you can teach me to cook and to keep house properly. I'm to be married, too; it's one-sided now, but—it won't be."

Then they both cried a little, but during the next month life was a roseate to Lucie and Katie, though they both worked harder than they had ever done before. Lucie had intended to be very dignified about her love affair, but somehow Katie learned as much about Tom and his perfections as did Lucie about Ignatius and his "darlint ways."

Lucie was in the kitchen, hands deep in biscuit dough, dimpled arms moving with scientific motion, face flushed and deeply interested—when in walked Tom. And the look he gave her! In a flash went doughy hands and all around his neck.

"I got the dinner all myself yesterday," was what she said. "And I've made two dresses, and Katie says my pies are as good as hers—she can play exercises now—and, oh, Tom! to-morrow I'm to bake a cake!"

And, though two open-mouthed, wide-eyed Irish girls stood not 6 feet away, Tom kissed the sweet upturned face "tin whole times, kismack, for I couted thim meself," wrote Katie to Ignatius.—*The Globe Democrat*.

Young Friends

It Pays

BY ANNIE E. TREAT.

It pays to wear a smiling face
And laugh our troubles down,
For all our little trials wait
Our laughter or our frown,
Beneath the magic of a smile
Our doubts will fade away,
As melts the frost in early spring
Beneath the sunny ray.

It pays to make a worthy cause,
By helping it, our own;
To give the current of our lives
A true and noble tone.
It pays to comfort heavy hearts,
Oppressed with dull despair,
And leave in sorrow-darkened lives
One gleam of brightness there.

It pays to give a helping hand
To eager, earnest youth;
To note, with all their waywardness,
Their courage and their truth;
To strive with sympathy and love
Their confidence to win.
It pays to open wide the heart
And "let the sunshine in."

—Good Cheer.

Forgotten Thanks

Of course, you boys and girls are not the kind who forget to say, "Thank you," when anyone does you a favor. When you were very small, before you could so much as talk plainly, father and mother taught you these two little words, and ever since you have been careful about using them at the right time.

There are a good many people who are careful to say, "Thank you," when some one passes them the bread at dinner, or lends them a book to read, but who receive other and greater kindnesses without saying a word.

"Where are my gloves?" cries Jack, as he is about to start for school some cold morning. "O, dear! I wish folks would let my gloves alone!"

"Here they are, Jack," mamma says, quickly, as the sound of the impatient voice comes to her ears.

"I put them away for you when you left them lying about."

And perhaps Jack says, "O!" and perhaps he says nothing at all. It is not likely that he says, "Thank you." We fear his mother is used to it, however. Most mothers are.

How many young boys and girls think of saying "Thank you" for the hours mother spends mending their torn clothes, or for her care of them when they are sick, or for any of the little sacrifices she is making all the time? If they want any help on their lessons, mother gives it as a matter of course, and they usually forget that it is anything for which to thank her. They take it for granted that whatever they want mother will give them, if she possibly can; and so she will, but her willingness and her love and her unselfishness are no excuse for their being ungrateful and discourteous.

Start this very day to say, "Thank you" whenever mother does you a kindness. Perhaps you will be surprised to learn how many chances there are in a day to use those little words. And you will be even more surprised to see how much it means to mother that you do not forget them.—*Selected.*

Hold on, Boys!

Hold on to virtue; it is above all price to you in all times and places.

Hold on to your good character, for it is and ever will be your best wealth.

Hold on to your hand when you are about to strike, steal, or do any improper act.

Hold on to the truth, for it will serve you well and do you good throughout eternity.

Hold on to your good name at all times, for it is much more valuable to you than gold.

Hold on to your temper when you are angry, excited or imposed upon.

Hold on to God. He is the best treasure of earth and heaven.—*The Busy Bee.*

Quite a young girl one day exclaimed: "I love to make myself do what I don't want to do." In that seeming paradox there is a world of wisdom. There are a great many duties that we have to perform that are distasteful. We can sulk when we do them, and groan because they are so unpleasant; or we can do as that young girl did, loving to make ourselves go through with them, and so get some real good and enjoyment out of them. It would be vastly better if we all loved to make ourselves take up the tasks that we are inclined to shirk. Of that girl, now a young woman, people frequently say: "Isn't she a splendid young lady?" Her fine character is due largely to resolutely going at the things needing to be done, from which she naturally shrank, and doing them with a song instead of a sigh.—*Well Spring.*

Do the little things well that come to you, and greater things will be sure to follow. People do not trust things of importance to those who have not demonstrated their fitness by their fidelity and judgment in smaller matters.

Educational

Meridian Academy

Rev. P. R. Crump and the good people of Scooba, Miss., deserve great credit for their generous contributions toward the furnishing of Meridian Academy. I was there for four days, and spoke wherever I went of the need of the school, and on Saturday we sent a box of quilts and other things to the building. Wednesday the pastor and I drove seven miles in the country, stopped at

every house there, and presented to all the need of the school, and we were successful in getting some things with which to furnish the girls' dormitory. I also organized at Blue's Chapel, with seventeen members, an auxiliary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, with Mrs. Lusy Andrews as president.

Your sister in the work,

MRS. E. L. SMITH,

Miss. Conf. Treas.

Meridian, Miss.

The Canadian Educational Department has introduced a new plan regarding rural communities in the establishment of a course in scientific agriculture. The plan is to provide two or three acres of land adjacent to the most important school in several districts in each county, and with the addition of about six other schools there will be formed one garden center in each district. Upon the day appointed for the visit of the instructor, the boys from the seven schools in the district will meet at the central school, where special practical instruction will be given in elementary forestry, elementary horticulture, and physics and chemistry of the soil. The value of this instruction lies in its practical characteristics, each pupil being brought in contact with the actual work in the particular branches of the study. In addition to this special course for boys, a domestic science course will be introduced for the benefit of the girls, upon a similar plan.—*School Journal.*

Dr. Fred W. Atkinson, ex-superintendent of education in the Philippines, made an interesting speech before the Massachusetts Schoolmaster Club recently, in which he gave a graphic description of the conditions in the islands at the time the first consignment of American teachers went out there, and of the characteristics of the people. As the English language is to be the official language after 1906, the natives who desire to hold office are very anxious to acquire it before that time. He described the children as being very quick to learn, but not fond of continuous effort, as the American children.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

The hospital property at Colorado Springs, Col., which has been under the care of a local board for the past two or three years, has now been turned over to the W. H. M. S. It is a fine building, with two or three acres of land, and it is hoped and believed that it will hereafter be operated as a first-class hospital.

The National Training School in Washington, D. C., has been greatly helped previous years by receiving donations of canned and dried fruits from auxiliary societies. It is hoped that friends will not fail to send these on. They add greatly to the comfort of the Rust Hill family, and are a decided factor in keeping down expenses.

A large number of delegates who were in attendance upon the meeting in Chattanooga, Tenn., visited Rust Hall on the way home. A delightful entertainment, planned by the students, especially as a welcome home to Dr. and Mrs. Gallagher, was much enjoyed by these visitors.

During the past two years *Woman's Home Missions* has added 6,500 subscribers to its lists. At the late annual meeting in Chattanooga the response to Miss Evans' call for increased pledges was most gratifying. Nearly three thousand additional were pledged for *Woman's Home Mis-*

sions, and over five thousand for *Children's Home Missions*.

Price of W. H. M., thirty-five cents per annum, and of C. H. M., twenty cents a year, for single subscriptions; fifteen cents in clubs of ten or more. Address Miss Mary Belle Evans, 150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Miss Harriet C. Lamb has entered upon work in connection with the W. H. M. S., as an evangelistic missionary and organizer. Miss Lamb has had much experience in this kind of work, and comes to the Society with the highest recommendations. She has been laboring for some time past within the bounds of Baltimore conference, where her work is highly commended.

Miss Lamb desires to give a portion of her time to churches that can pay for her services, in order that she may be able to serve other congregations needing such service, and yet unable to offer remuneration. Pastors desiring the services of an excellent evangelist should address Miss Harriet C. Lamb, care Mrs. Clara L. Roach, 1356 Kenyon St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Unanimous action on the part of the Board of Trustees of the W. H. M. S. favors the co-operation of all auxiliaries of the Society with other Christian bodies in pushing vigorously the campaign against the seating of Mr. Reed Smoot, of Utah, in the United States Senate. Blank forms of petition can be obtained of Mrs. B. S. Potter, Bloomington, Ill., or by sending directly to the headquarters of the Interdenominational Council of Women, 156 Fifth Ave., N. Y., seventh floor. Not only petitions, but personal letters and interviews are desirable. Echoes from the daily press reveal the fact that petitions are pouring in upon senators in great numbers. Let the W. H. M. S. do its part in upholding the moral sentiment which demands Mr. Smoot's expulsion from this highest legislative body of our land.

Home Missionary Notes

Every year some new conference society is represented at the annual convention. This year, for the first time, North Dakota sent its delegates. Some day not far distant these new conference societies will be towers of strength to the general work.

A deaconess working in Clean Home, Cincinnati, O., was compelled to spend a month in the hospital not long since. Although confined to her bed the greater part of the time, she was yet able to exert an influence in the ward, which resulted in the conversion of two of the patients near her.

The income of the Woman's Home Missionary Society during the past year has made a gain of over seventy per cent above that of five years ago. Cincinnati Conference shows a gain of 120 per cent, and Rock River of 235 per cent.

The enterprising superintendent of Thayer Home, South Atlanta, Ga., secured the approval of the Board of Managers of the W. H. M. S. for a new building. She expects to secure the greater part of the money for this building herself. In addition to Miss Mitchell's active duties in the Home, she is the corresponding secretary of the Atlanta conference, W. H. M. S.

The appropriations made by the Board of Managers of the W. H. M. S. at its late annual meeting in Chattanooga, Tenn., amount to \$315,251 for the coming year. Of this sum, \$143,616 is un-

conditional, and \$171.635 conditional on its being raised.

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The absence of Mrs. Levi Gilbert, the Secretary of Reading Circles in the W. H. M. S., from the convention in Chattanooga, was greatly deplored. Mrs. Gilbert, although unable to be present, owing to a physical mishap received during the year, has faithfully attended to her work, and reports fine increases in her lists.

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Eighty delegates and visitors went on an excursion to Ritter Home, Athens, Tenn., the day following the close of the convention in Chattanooga. They were delighted with what they saw and heard, and went away with new inspiration to labor in this interest.

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A party of four missionaries, including the Rev. E. H. Richards, D. D., Mrs. Richards, Miss Agnes McAllister, and Miss Virginia R. Swormstedt, all bound for Inhambane, East Africa, sailed from New York, by steamship St. Louis, Saturday, November 14. Dr. Richards and Miss McAllister have both worked in Africa before, the former in East Africa, the latter in Liberia. Mrs. Richards and Miss Swormstedt are going to the field for the first time. Miss Swormstedt is to establish a Girls' Boarding School in Inhambane, under the auspices of the Cincinnati branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

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The Misses Elsie and Bertha Wood, daughters of the Rev. T. B. Wood, D. D., of Lima, Peru, sailed for Peru by steamship Yucutan, from New York, Tuesday, November 17. Miss Elsie Wood was principal of the High School at Callao, Peru, from 1895 until July 4, 1900, when she left Callao to come to the United States on furlough. During the last college year, 1902, 1903, she was preceptress and assistant-director of physical culture at De Pauw University. Miss Bertha Wood graduated from De Pauw University at its last commencement. She goes out under the Philadelphia branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary to teach in Callao.

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A telegram received at the Mission Rooms, New York City, signed by Dr. John W. Butler, announced the death of Mrs. Harry A. Bassett, in Mexico City, Nov. 20. Jennie Sumner was born Feb. 5, 1866, was graduated with the degree of A. B. from Cornell College, Iowa, in 1892, and was married to the Rev. Harry A. Bassett Dec. 27, 1894. In April of 1897 Mr. and Mrs. Bassett were appointed as missionaries to Mexico, and on June 26 they left Blairtown, Iowa, reaching Mexico City July 3. On Sept. 20, 1903, Mrs. Bassett arrived in New York, and immediately entered the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in Brooklyn for treatment. Here she remained until Nov. 9, when, with the consent of the hospital authorities, she returned to Mexico in company with her husband. Mrs. Bassett leaves two daughters, Bertha and Dorothy, aged six and a half and two years.

Notes From Liberia

It may be a little late now to write something about the voyage, but having Prof. and Mrs. McWilliams with us made the voyage much more pleasant than it otherwise would have been. We have crossed the Atlantic three times, and not once have we had the pleasure of seeing another Negro aboard our ship.

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When we reached Liverpool and had found a suitable stopping place, Prof. McWilliams and I took a stroll one afternoon around the city. The

twilight seems unusually long. When we returned, the sun was down, of course, but we were surprised to know that it was nearly nine o'clock. That was June 25. At that time during the year it is not black dark at any time during the night. We were both amused on going into a sporting store and asking for a baseball bat, when the proprietor very politely handed us a wide, thick paddle.

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We sailed from Liverpool June 27, and in thirteen days were in port at Monrovia. The roughest weather we encountered was on the Liberian coast. So far as the weather and sea were concerned, the voyage was a pleasant one.

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Our rainy season is from May to December. During July and August, generally, we have our heaviest rains, and, as a result, rivers and low places are full. There are frequently days when the sun shines. We also have our coolest weather during August or September, which is seldom as low as 75 degrees.

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During the last two months we have had some rather trying experiences with rats and mice. We had an old professor to candidly say that the rats had considerably reduced his avoirdupois by taking bits of "flesh" from his heel, but only experience proved to me that they were so hungry here as to eat soap. It does not stop them. Our composition rollers must be coated with oil to protect them from these tremendously large roaches, and extra precaution taken to save them from the rats. They ate the tongue out of one of my shoes and the toe off the other. We have just put in a kerosene engine for running our press. I greatly fear that we shall have to buy leather belting by the ton, in order to allow for "loss."

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The scientific department of the College of West Africa was formally opened on September 24. President G. W. Gibson and other prominent men of the government were present. The enrollment in the College is not as large this year as two years ago, due, partly, to the better management of Liberia College, the state school.

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The *New Africa* has been succeeded by *Liberia and West Africa*, sixteen pages of the *ADVOCATE* size. The change has been made at the suggestion of Bishop Hartzell. He thinks the present name more definitely locates us. It is to be borne in mind that most of the mechanical work is done by our boys, who began training two or three years ago.

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A party of emigrants, numbering some fifty-six, came out last February from Georgia. They went out to a "settlement" called Cheesmanburg. Thus far twenty-one have died, four or five have returned to America, and the others are in a miserable condition. The government cared for them for some time, but now they are on the charity of the people. An emigrant starting this way had better have his pockets stuffed, or he may soon be "a brother to the insensible rock."

F. M. ALLEN.

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

Topic December 13.

Jesus Christ—His Saving Power.

Scripture References: Acts 4. 12; Matt. 1. 21; I Tim. 2. 25.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday, Dec. 7. The Saviour promised. Isa. 42. 6, 7.

Tuesday, Dec. 8. The sentence Gospel. John 3. 16.

Wednesday, Dec. 10. The bread of life. John 6. 32, 33.

Thursday, Dec. 10. The light of the world. John 8. 12.

Friday, Dec. 11. Unto the uttermost. Heb. 7. 25.

Saturday, Dec. 12. A confident persuasion. 2 Tim. 1. 12.

The Word—Jesus Christ was Teacher, Healer, Sympathizer, Preacher, but first of all and in all he was Saviour. So he was called Jesus; he came into the world to save sinners. And he is the only Saviour. There is no other. His person and work are not approached by any of the good and great. He stands alone. You cannot classify Him with men, but if you admit Him to be God, the admission carries with it the obligation to obey Him.

Christianity is not merely one of the world's religions, competing with the others for acceptance. It has in it all the good of every religion, and in addition has all that is needed for a world of sinners. It is the one eternal and absolute faith. It is not a race religion, nor a climate religion. It prospers in every zone, among people of every race. He is never thought of as a Jew, but as the universal Man, blood-brother to us all.

The work of salvation is more than a rescue from sin. It provides a new life for the sinner, with new motives and new purposes. This life is to abide—it is "eternal life"—and its source is in Jesus Christ. He is forever the Leader and Lord of those who have received Him. They constitute the New Brotherhood, the securing of which is the purpose of the whole plan of salvation, and Jesus Christ is the Elder Brother.

It is not strange that the sufficiency of Christ's work should be emphasized in the New Testament, nor that it should be declared the only way of salvation. "There is no other name"—there needs none. For Jesus Christ is able to save unto the uttermost all that come to God by Him.

The Theme—The fact that Christians believe in the power of Jesus Christ to save is the only excuse for the existence of Christian organizations. We have other and better organizations which group around other facts. A bank is a better place than a church for the management of matters of finance. The church cannot compete with the restaurant or the library or the public school or the Garment Makers' Union. These things need specialists, and the only thing which the Church of Jesus Christ knows more about than any other agency is the organized proclamation of the glad tidings of salvation from sin. With Jesus Christ supreme in the heart and thought of the Church, there will be plenty of work to do; otherwise there may be much machinery, but little output of any product that will justify the machine.

And this great business of the Church is centered on the one word, "Saviour." He is the Light of the World, given of God that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish, but shall have life eternal. He is the Redeemer of men, redeeming them out of the hand of the enemy. Through Him a strayed and lost humanity finds its way back to God. He does not provide merely for our temporary relief; He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. He has borne our grief and carried our sorrow; He has gone down unto death for us, that death might no longer threaten.

Be not faithless, but believing. When Jesus went to a Galilean village it became peopled with sick folk. The news of his coming brought misery out of its hiding places. He did not cause all that distress. On the contrary, He cured it. But first He disturbed it! He is the disturber of to-day's life. There is no labor problem where He has not come, no science of sociology, no impatience at pain and sorrow and sin. Suffering and wrong are matters of course. But when Christ comes! Then there is commotion, and unrest, and the coming to light of hideous, malformed and death-smitten wretchedness. He is the great disturber of civilization. And He is Saviour, Saviour of all, Saviour unto the uttermost.

And this reveals the business of the Christian. Because Christ has come into our hearts, and given us a life that shall not die, we have a message to others. We are to say to them, "Here are certain folk who are blind, halt, maimed, hungry, sick, hopeless. We found Jesus Christ, and we have no longer our old distresses, for we have a new life, a new hope, a new outlook, a new home!" But that is never the end of the sermon. Another word must be said: "He who is our Saviour may be your Saviour, too."

What culture and civilization and progress could not do, Christ Jesus has done. He will do this same service for everyone who comes to Him. This is the cause for which He came, and He might be the Saviour of all men, especially for them that believe. And when He is accepted as Saviour, culture and civilization and progress will be worth seeking. "But seek ye first—"

"It is Like"—"The distinction between Christianity and all other religions consists largely in this, that in these others men are found seeking after God, while Christianity is God seeking after man." (Arnold.)

Hotchkiss, of Africa, tells this story: "I was forced to learn the language from the lips of the natives. But one word I listened for and never heard, while two years and more passed by. I felt I must find that word before I could have results. One night I heard one man telling how his master had rescued him from a lion. I listened eagerly, hoping to catch the long-sought word. But it was not spoken. Afterward I called the man and asked him, 'What did you call your master when he saved you from the lion?' At once he gave me the longed-for word—the word which means Saviour; and I was able to make clear to him what Jesus Christ would be to him. With joy on his face he caught the message, as he exclaimed, 'Is that what you have been trying to tell us all this time?'"

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson XI—December 13th, 1903. Title—The Dedication of the Temple (1 Kings 8:1-11). Golden Text—"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Ps. 122:1). Time—Probably about B. C. 1000. Place—Mt. Moriah, in Jerusalem.

The work of building the temple went gradually forward. Solomon had seventy thousand burden bearers, eighty thousand hewers in the mountains, and three thousand, three hundred overseers employed. Hiram, the widow's son, was a skilled workman in brass. The material was swiftly prepared in the mountains, and conveyed to the place where the temple was to be erected. As the building went up there was not heard the sound of an iron tool upon it. Silently were the stories and timbers located in the places designated for them, and every one fit perfectly.

Majestically did the building arise, and when completed it was the glory of the whole earth. The church of God, of which this temple was a type, rests on a solid foundation; is composed of a great variety of materials; is gradual and silent in its growth; is the scene of hallowed worship; and is the dwelling place of Jehovah.

The dedication of the temple was very impressive. Solomon assembled the elders, the heads of the tribes, the chiefs of the fathers, and all the men of Israel. The Ark of the Covenant was brought by the priests from the tabernacle to the temple, arranged in the most holy place, and covered with the Mercyseat. The holy vessels were conveyed to the temple and put in their places. Sacrifices were offered. Many were the musical instruments used in their devotions, and loudly did the people sing of the goodness and mercy of God. Solomon delivered a short address to the people, and asked the blessings of heaven upon them. The house was soon filled with a cloud which prevented the priests from ministering at the altar. This cloud was a token of divine presence, favor, and acceptance.

The king then ascended the brazen scaffold, kneeled down upon his knees, spread his hands toward heaven, and invoked the divine blessing. His dedicatory prayer is the longest invocation in the Bible, and is one of the most profound productions of the Old Testament. It is the book of Deuteronomy in a nut-shell. It is a model usually followed in the dedication of houses for Christian worship. The king adored God for fulfilling His promise made to David; prayed for blessings upon the concentrated worship of the temple; and offered supplications for specific blessings. The petitions for the peculiar blessings are seven, thus corresponding with the seven petitions of the Lord's prayer. This prayer teaches faith, love, hope, reverence, humility, and zeal.

At the close of the prayer, Solomon arose from his knees, and with a loud voice blessed the people. Fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice that lay on the great brazen altar by his side. Standing, sitting, kneeling, and prostration, are all taught as positions of the body in prayer. The weight of evidence greatly favors kneeling. The king had prayed until his soul was filled with the power of God. He blessed the Lord for fulfilling His promise made to Israel through Moses; that obligation referred to the gift of Canaan; the subjection of foes; the giving of rest or peace; and the erection of the temple where the Lord would cause His name to dwell. This contract, made four hundred years before, was now being fulfilled. Not one jot or tittle of God's word will fail. The rest given to Israel, during the reign of Solomon, was a type of the heavenly rest that awaits the finally faithful.

The Lord is in the midst of His people. He was present with them in the pillar of cloud. Jesus told the apostles He would be with them always. John saw in the midst of the churches, or candlesticks, one "like unto the Son of Man." He is with His people today, in the person of the Holy Spirit. No man can come to the Father except Jesus draw him, neither can he unaided abide in His presence, or keep His statutes and judgments.

Solomon asked the people to let the words of his prayer remain near the Lord, then Jehovah would maintain their cause, and the whole earth would know that He alone was God. The bad by their conduct may destroy the prayers of the good for them. The wicked need not expect the blessings of God while they continue in sin. The

Lord's people are witnesses to His existence and work of salvation. The world should know God through His children.

The king exhorted Israel to "let their hearts be perfect with the Lord." The people of God are not forced by powers they cannot resist to commit sin. If they fail to walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, it is because they will to fail. No one is compelled to murder, steal, lie, swear, or harbor malice unless he desires to do so. The grace of God is sufficient to prevent all evil. "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

The king and all Israel, through the priests, offered many sacrifices unto the Lord. The number of victims was great, yet the number of families present was no doubt much greater. The blood and the fat were offered in sacrifices, while the body was eaten by the people in their dedicatory feast. We are exhorted to lay all we have upon God's altar, and offer it as one living holy sacrifice unto Him.

Spring Conferences.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation for 1904.

N. B.—The eleven conferences first named below belong to the Plan for 1903, but are to be held subsequent to the bishops' conference in November, 1903.)

Conference, Place and Time	Bishop.
Texas, Houston—Dec. 9.....	Walden
Central Alabama, Birmingham—Dec. 10.....	Foss
Atlanta, Covington, Ga.—Dec. 10.....	Cranston
West Texas, San Antonio—Dec. 16.....	Walden
Mobile, Union Sp'gs, Ala.—Dec. 17.....	Foss
Georgia, Ellijay—Dec. 17.....	Cranston

Upper Mississippi, Okolona—Jan. 6.....	Mallalieu
Arkansas, Siloam Springs—Jan. 13.....	McCabe
Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss.—Jan. 13.....	Mallalieu
Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Ark.—Jan. 21.....	McCabe
Louisiana, Baton Rouge—Jan. 27.....	Mallalieu
St. John's River, Tarpon Sp'gs, Fla.—Jan. 28.....	Goodsell
Gulf Mission Con, Hughes Sp's, Tex.—Feb. 4.....	Mallalieu
Florida, Gainesville—Feb. 4.....	Goodsell
Porto Rico, Guayama—Feb. 25.....	Cranston
Central Missouri, Kansas City, Mo.—Mar. 9.....	Walden
Virginia, Alexandria—Mar. 10.....	Foss
Lexington, Lexington, Ky.—Mar. 10.....	Fowler
Lincoln, Topeka, Kan.—Mar. 10.....	Hamilton
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 16.....	Merrill
Delaware, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 16.....	Andrews
Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.—Mar. 16.....	Walden
Washington, Baltimore, Md.—Mar. 16.....	Fowler
Wilmington, Dover, Del.—Mar. 16.....	FitzGerald
Gen. Pennsylvania, Harrisburg—Mar. 16.....	McCabe
South Kansas, Baldwin, Kan.—Mar. 16.....	Hamilton
New Jersey, Trenton—Mar. 23.....	Merrill
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.—Mar. 23.....	Foss
N. Eng. South'n, N. Bedford, Mass.—Mar. 23.....	Goodsell
Newark—Mar. 23.....	Cranston
East German, New York—Mar. 24.....	FitzGerald
Southwest Kansas, Wichita—Mar. 24.....	Hamilton
Wyoming, Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Mar. 30.....	Andrews
Missouri—Mar. 30.....	Walden
Vermont, Montpelier—Mar. 30.....	Fowler
Maine, Rumford Falls—Mar. 30.....	Vincent
Eastern Swedish, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Mar. 31.....	Foss
Northwest Kansas, Salina, Kan.—Mar. 31.....	Hamilton
Northern New York, Ilion, N. Y.—April 6.....	Merrill
New York—April 6.....	Andrews
New York East, Brooklyn, N. Y.—April 6.....	Foss
St. Louis, Carthage, Mo.—April 6.....	Walden
New Hampshire—April 6.....	Fowler
East Maine, Pittsfield, Me.—April 6.....	Vincent
New England, Springfield, Mass.—April 6.....	Goodsell
North Indiana, Muncie, Ind.—April 6.....	McCabe
Troy, Gloversville, N. Y.—April 6.....	Cranston
E. C. Af. Mis. Con.—Nov.....	Hartsell
Foochow, Foochow—Nov.....	Moore
Hinghua, Hinghua—Nov.....	Moore
W. C. Af. Mis. Con.—Dec.....	Hartsell
Bombay, Baroda—Dec. 10.....	Warren
West China Mis.—Dec. 23.....	Moore
Bengal, Calcutta—Dec. 30.....	Warren
Liberia, Monrovia—Jan.....	Hartsell
North India, Bareilly—Jan. 7.....	Warren
Burmah M. Con., Rangoon—Jan. 7.....	Warne
Northwest India, Cawnpore—Jan. 15.....	Warren
Central China Mis., Kiukiang—Jan. 20.....	Moore
Mexico, Mexico City—Jan. 21.....	FitzGerald
South India, Bangalore—Jan. 27.....	Thoburn
South America, Buenos Ayres—Jan. 27.....	Joyce
Corea Mission, Seoul—Feb. 17.....	Moore
Malaysia, Singapore—Feb. 18.....	Thoburn
Western S. America, Santiago, Chili—Feb. 25.....	Joyce
S. Japan Mis. Con., Fukuoka—Mar. 16.....	Moore
Japan, Tokio—Mar. 21.....	Moore
North China, Peking.....	Moore

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.
J. N. FITZGERALD, Secretary.
Rock Island, Ill., Nov. 3, 1903.

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Our Missionary Collections and Field Secretary

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the cause far more than the man and remains with the people even after his departure. The result is that tho not in the work a full year yet, all the conferences show an increase save four, giving a net gain over the previous year of about \$3,500, and bringing the total amount contributed by our twenty conferences for the year up to \$23,587.61. And this, if the information given out by one of the Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is correct, is more than the total amount contributed by the 650,000 members of that church for the cause of missions. But what is more, we are sure the end is not yet. This advance thus shown gratifies us all the more because it verifies the correctness of our contention of a number of years. We have held that what our people need on the subject are information and proper direction, or, in other words just what is needed for our white brethren of the North. We are thankful that this start has been made, and sincerely trust that every year may show a healthy and constantly growing increase.

The Colored Soldier at Fort Riley

Knowing the interest our readers feel in the Negro as a soldier, we are pleased to reproduce what a correspondent of the *New York Tribune* wrote relative to the colored soldier in the maneuvers at Ft. Riley. For the benefit of readers who may not know we will state that the 25th Infantry and 10th Cavalry mentioned are both colored regiments. The *Tribune's* correspondent says:

"In brigading the troops no attention whatever was paid to the great outside question of 'race or color.' The 25th was put in the 2d Brigade, under the command of Gen. J. Franklin Bell, perhaps the most distinguished brigadier general in the encampment. Along with the 25th was put the 6th Infantry and the 55th Iowa, this latter being the only militia regiment in the encampment brigaded with Regulars, and this regiment behaved so well throughout as to receive the highest commendation from the gallant commander of the brigade. No brigade was more popular than General Bell's brigade, and no regiment in the brigade received any more attention than did the 25th.

"Although some men of the Texas regiment attempted to arouse some feeling on the race subject, the sentiment of the camp was so overwhelmingly set the other way that their efforts reacted upon themselves and caused the whole regiment to fall into manifest disfavor. The sentiment of the Army in general is not against the Negro soldier. On the contrary, he is regarded as in every way a capable and worthy man in arms. In the Army alone, of all the larger institutions of the country, the American colored man has had a fair trial, and the result is favorable.

"In the maneuvers here the horsemanship of

the cavalryman and the skill and ability of the foot soldier are put to severe test. The militiamen soon learn that it is no play or pleasure outing that they are engaged in, and in some of these regiments it is no uncommon thing to see the untried soldiers fall to the ground, completely exhausted. Such things rarely happen with Regulars, black or white. In the trying marches, or, rather, foot-races, made during these maneuvers by the 25th, every man who was in at the start was there at the finish. The endurance of the men of this regiment and their agility and ability to change positions quickly were commented upon eulogistically by General Bell. Physically and intellectually they were up to the standard. As to the morals of the American colored soldier, one has but to consult the reports of the judge advocate general and the surgeon general from year to year to see that he stands as well in these respects as others.

"Perhaps the most notable series of events in the light of the popular notion of Negro inferiority were the athletic sports. The first of these was the baseball game for the championship of the Department of the Missouri and a silk banner. This contest had gone through the several organizations, and was finally narrowed down to the 10th Cavalry and the 25th Infantry. On Oct. 27, which was set apart as field day for athletic sports, the officers of the encampment, many women and civilians, as well as the soldiers of the Regular Army present, assembled on the athletic grounds at 10:30 a. m. to witness the game. A most interesting and thoroughly scientific game was played, the 25th winning in the eleventh inning by a score of 4 to 3. The banner would have gone to colored soldiers in either case. In the afternoon, in various contests, the 25th won eleven medals, carrying off all that were offered to the infantry, and, in addition, won the cup for wall scaling and the department cup for having the best athletic battalion on the ground. These sports, be it remembered, were participated in only by soldiers in the Regular Army, and required strength, agility and intelligence of a high order. A squad of the 10th Cavalry also won the cup in the dangerous feat of wrestling on horseback.

"Now, finally, a word as to the blood of the men of these regiments. The majority of the men are of decidedly dark complexion, the African predominating in a marked degree. They are of the class who are ashamed of neither their color nor their hair, and among the infantry many are large and tall. Generally they are well proportioned and possessed of the full complement of muscular strength. As to conduct, they are not surpassed in the Army."

A queer thing indeed for Alabama is the recent decision of the Supreme Court of that state. The decision in question was simply this: The registrar of Limestone county had declined to register one Peter Crenshaw, colored, as a voter, and he appealed to the courts of the state and was sustained. Having failed of registration under one head he produced documents to show he had been a United States soldier, but even this did not influence the registrar, tho the new constitution provides that this class are entitled to the same. A jury in the circuit court decided in Crenshaw's favor, but the state solicitor appealed the case, only to have it dismissed by the Supreme court. When it is remembered that college graduates and well educated professional men of the race are denied registration in Alabama, the surprising thing is that the courts would sustain the law when in favor of a Negro.

Notice

By request of Bishop McCabe, we announce that the date of the Central Pennsylvania Conference has been changed from March 16, to March 23rd.

Notes of Central Missionary Committee

Next year the General Committee will meet in Boston, Mass.

Dr. J. M. Buckley was unavoidably absent and greatly missed.

Bishop McCabe has an immense correspondence and grinds away at it whenever he can snatch a spare moment.

Mr. Charles Scott, a much esteemed Philadelphia layman, was too sick to attend the meeting. His pleasant and friendly face was missed by many.

Bishop Hamilton has been very successful in raising money to cover church and college debts on the Pacific coast. He is one of the hardest worked men of the board.

Rev. Dr. G. G. Logan, the Field Secretary for the South, was announced to speak on the first night of the meeting, but being absent, the Rev. Dr. Nelson took his place.

First Church, Omaha, which is a beautiful and commodious structure, has its large debt fully provided for, but as one brother remarked to us, "it has killed two pastors to accomplish this end."

While the population of Kansas increased less than 4 per cent. in 13 years, during the same period our Methodism increased in that state from 14 to 65 per cent. in the different conferences.

Bishop Mallalieu seemed much pleased that he has again been assigned to hold the Mississippi and Louisiana Conferences. He made a strong plea to have the appropriations to the conferences in both these states increased.

Gen. J. F. Rusling, a lay representative from Trenton, N. J., who was one of Gen. Grant's staff officers, is a staunch republican and says his party has not thrown the Negro overboard, but is simply biding its time. May it be even so.

Dr. H. A. Monroe, who is one of the district representatives, never makes a great deal of noise but usually gets what he goes after. He is one of the most attentive members of the committee and is perfectly familiar with every detail.

It is simply delightful to see Dr. Leonard champion a cause in which he believes or oppose one when he feels it his duty to do so. He always has the courage of his convictions and never sounds an uncertain or false note. He is indeed a great secretary. We were glad to see him looking so well.

Bishop Fowler thinks our church should cultivate friendly relations with the church South so as to get that body to unite with the M. E. Church in protecting the colored people. He thinks also that even a small appropriation helps a struggling preacher more than some people are able to appreciate.

Bishop Goodsell, who is the resident bishop of the South, is thoroughly loyal to every part of the work. He believes that some conferences can be helped by increased appropriations and others by reducing them. The Bishop never fails to make a strong case of what he undertakes and usually carries his point.

A Chance to Go to Gammon

We desire to call the attention of every young man who wishes to prepare for the ministry, to the notice in our issue of Nov. 26th, Educational column, by Dr. Adkinson, the president. He is giving the opportunity to enter Dec. 15th, and offers to put one through who can raise \$30. It's a golden opportunity; seize it!

Personal and General

While the General Committees were in session the father of Rev. Dr. H. J. Coker died, and Dr. Coker was excused to attend his funeral. The Doctor is one of the district representatives and highly esteemed by his brethren.

At the recent session of the General Committee of Church Extension, Rev. Drs. W. D. Parr and T. C. Iliff were re-elected assistant secretaries for another year. All seemed much gratified with the work they had done.

We dropped in on Rev. Dr. R. E. Gillum, pastor Union Memorial Church, St. Louis, Mo., and spent an hour or more pleasantly with him and Mrs. Gillum. The Doctor was in the midst of a protracted meeting and was having some success.

Bishop H. C. Morrison, of the M. E. Church, South, has decided to make New Orleans his home and he and his family have already made their arrival. The prominent Methodists of the city united to extend him a most cordial reception.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland has announced his "unalterable and conclusive" determination not to become a candidate for the nomination to the presidency. We dare say his announcement greatly simplifies matters for our democratic friends.

Rev. T. T. Carpenter, of Watson, Ind., gave four weeks of excellent service to the M. E. Church of Princeton, Ind., during the recent serious illness of the pastor in charge, Rev. J. T. Leggett. His kindness was highly appreciated by pastor and members.

It is announced that President Roosevelt has decided to reappoint Dr. Joshua E. Wilson postmaster at Florence, S. C. There is some opposition, of course, but the postoffice authorities declare he has made an excellent officer. We hope he may be appointed and confirmed.

The Rev. Dr. J. B. Middleton, the veteran secretary of the South Carolina Conference, has made a most enviable record in this capacity. Including four years he served as assistant, he has been connected with the secretary's office for 26 years, and takes very great pleasure in doing the work.

Rev. Judson S. Hill, D. D., president of Morristown Normal and Industrial College, was not present at the recent meeting of the General Committee of Freedman's Aid, but his influence was. The committee showed very great interest in the development of his work and tried to provide what he asked to carry it forward.

Rev. G. A. Maston, pastor at Lincoln, Neb., and an honored member of the Lincoln Conference, made things quite pleasant for a number of the members of the General Committee during the meeting there. Refreshments were served by some of the elect ladies and an opportunity afforded the visitors to meet some of the best people of the city.

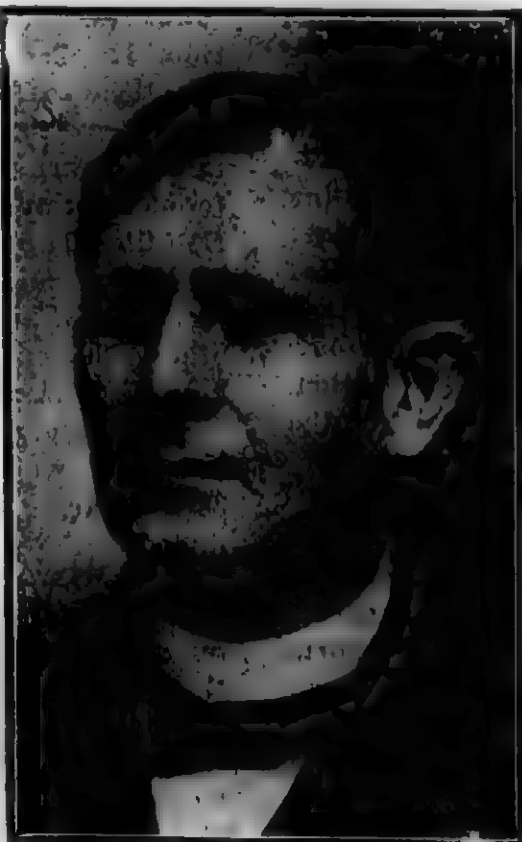
Bishop McCabe thinks if the Apostle Paul were on the earth to-day he would be publishing the largest church paper in the world and turn out of the church every official member who did not take it. This sentiment will at least serve the purpose of showing the pastors and brethren how important the Bishop thinks it is that they subscribe for their church paper.

Mr. W. H. Smith, who died recently in Washington, D. C., at the age of 70 years, was much of an authority on public questions. He served as assistant librarian of the House of Representatives and afterward as librarian, having been appointed by Mr. Edward McPherson, clerk of the House.

He was also a member of the board of police, being appointed by President Grant.

One of the most striking figures of the South Carolina Conference is the Rev. Waters McIntosh, one of the veterans of that body. He has been preaching for 38 years, 32 of which have been spent in the itinerancy. His hair, which is soft and thin, is as white as cotton and he is short and stout, and as erect as a young man of 21, having the appearance of a successful business man. Bro. Waters is highly esteemed by his brethren.

Dr. W. W. Foster, Jr., president of Rust University, Holly Springs, Miss., was present at the



REV. DR. F. L. WHARTON.
Pastor St. Paul M. E. Church, Lincoln, Neb.,
where the General Freedmen's
Aid Committee was held.



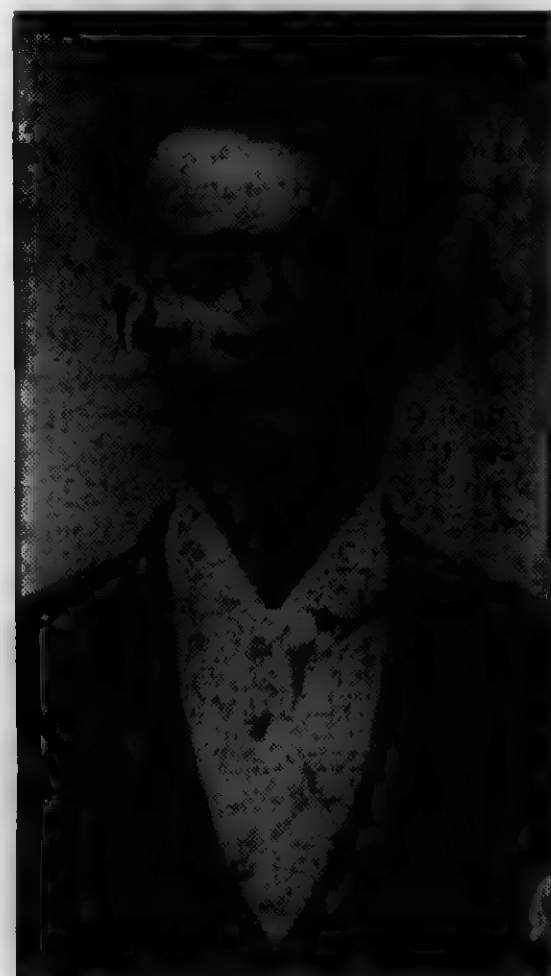
REV. E. COMBIE SMITH, D. D.,
Pastor of First M. E. Church, Omaha, Neb.,
where the General Missionary
Committee was held.

General Committee of Freedman's Aid and delivered an excellent address on the night of the anniversary. As indicative of the kind of work being done at Rust, he invited Miss Lillian Elliot, of Holly Springs, who sings with the Beck family, to come forward at the close of his address, that he might present her to the audience. The Doctor is proud of his school and also of the work being accomplished there.

Prof. J. Beverly F. Shaw, A. M., of the department of Latin and Greek of Rust University, is a young man of excellent Christian character and much promise. He was converted when a mere child and has given his entire service to the church. He was employed as professor in Rust University the next year after his graduation from that institution, and he has since done post gradu-

ate work in the University of Chicago. While in the North he was several times invited to address audiences of white people as well as colored. The professor is a son of Rev. D. P. Shaw, of the Upper Mississippi Conference.

While in session in Lincoln, Neb., the General Committee of the Freedman's Aid Society was invited to visit the Wesleyan University, the Methodist institution of the state, which is two or three miles from the city. The invitation was accepted and the committee boarded a special car provided for the occasion and went in a body. The entire chapel save the rostrum was literally packed with students and their friends. Brief addresses were delivered by Bishops Walden, Fowler, Hamilton, and by Dr. M. C. B. Mason. Dr. D. W. C. Huntingdon presided. The young people manifested very great interest in the occasion and received the speakers and their words with most hearty applause.



A. L. SAMUEL, PH. D., M. D., ROME, GA.

We are pleased to present a picture of Dr. A. L. Samuel, a successful and scholarly physician of Rome, Ga. He took his literary course at Clark University, Atlanta, and his professional courses in the medical and pharmaceutical departments of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn. He is a man of high moral character, a faithful church worker, and enjoys a large practice in Rome, where he has scores of friends. Mrs. Samuel is also a devoted Christian and a graduate of Clark.

News Notes

Twenty thousand people are homeless in St. Petersburg as a result of the Neva floods.

Sentiment in Panama is said to be overwhelmingly in favor of Dr. Amador for president.

Miss Edna Gray, colored, of Minneapolis, Minn., has been appointed a stenographer in the United States patent office.

The confirmation of Gen. Leonard Wood as a major general in the United States army is being vigorously protested against in the United States Senate.

According to an exchange, seventeen persons have been killed and over sixty-three others more or less seriously injured on the football fields during the past season of '03.

The city of San Domingo has surrendered to the revolutionists. The act of capitulation was signed November 24th by President Wosy Gil and the ministers of the United States, Belgium, Hayti and Spain. Elections are to be held in three months and the new president will be installed Feb. 27th.

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FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. O. Marshall Editor

The value of exports for last October was \$160,000,000. Of this sum \$60,000,000 was for cotton.

We want our farmer friends to begin in this month to write us letters in which you tell us your experience on the farm during the past twelve months. Your letters will help us and yourselves, too. Do not delay. Write at once.

The stable of thoroughbred horses founded by Henry Clay, the Kentucky statesman, seventy years ago, was sold a few days ago, and the stud discontinued. Some animals sold as low as fifty dollars.

Your subscriptions to the papers are expiring. You are about to subscribe for 1904. In selecting your journals, be sure to include a farm paper. A good one will help you equally as much as a useful tool or a faithful horse. And a Southern journal will be worth more to you than a Northern, because the latter is not suitable to Southern soil.

BUY LANDS.

Many encouraging reports continue to come from the Oklahoma country. They tell of the prosperity of the colored people who have settled in that fertile section. It is said that they own valuable farms and town lots, and that they are thriving as merchants, real estate agents, professional men and as mechanics. We sincerely hope that these people will hold their own and accumulate more lands, and also remain aggressive in commerce and the industries. Experience, however, has demonstrated that in competition with a growing white population, the colored settlers gradually yield their holdings, are driven out of commerce and contracts, and finally become hirelings to those who supplant them. The cause is found in the greater capacity of the whites, individually and collectively. Teachers, preachers, editors and other leaders of the colored race should tell their people to part with their lands at no price. Keep them and get more. Rent or lease them to persons who need them, but do not sell them. Those who own the soil will rule it.

An exchange says that in one year a hen eats food equal to sixteen times her weight, and lays eggs equal to about six times her weight. Her food costs

about one cent a pound, while her eggs sell for about 16 cents. An average hen will produce 240 eggs a year. Her food costs 80 cents, and her eggs will sell for two cents each, or \$4.80. Farm hens which are allowed to run at large cost the farmer from 47 to 83 cents a year for food. The first year is the most profitable age for hens.

We would like our readers to tell us how does the above agree with their own experience in poultry raising.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

William Campbell, Pastor, Kosciusko, Miss.—My quarterly conference convened Sept. 28-29, with T. W. Davis, presiding elder, in the chair. Reports showed a live work for the up-building of the Master's kingdom. The elder preached two good sermons that filled our hearts with joy. Rev. Davis is a worker in the church. Collection during Conference \$24; total collection, \$96. We paid the elder in full for the year.

B. Carr, Pastor, Fouche, La.—Our fourth quarterly Conference was held Oct. 2-4, with Rev. O. D. Shallowhorne, presiding elder, in the chair. Reports showed good work accomplished. The revival fire is burning; 13 joined No. 4 class on probation. We secured two yearly subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN. Raised \$22.80 this quarter and for all purposes \$37. This work is on the up-grade.

W. H. Golden, Pastor, Brooksville, Miss.—Our third quarterly conference was held Sept. 6 at Centerville Church, Rev. C. W. Walton presiding. This, the first conference held at this church for two years, was largely attended, the officers were present with good reports showing the work to be alive spiritually and financially. The SOUTHWESTERN was not forgotten; the elder gave a grand lecture to the conference in its interest. He preached on Sunday and administered sacrament to a large number. On the night of Oct. 1 the members and friends of the Baldwin church, led by Sister Eliza Ike, met at the church in our absence and left 83 pounds of choice groceries, which made us very glad. These dear people always have the interest of the church at heart. We have no objections to another pounding of this kind.

W. W. Waters, Pastor, Bagwell, Tex.—The Paris District had a grand church rally Sept. 17-18. On 19-20 our Presiding Elder Parker held the fourth quarterly conference. Sunday the doctor preached and every soul was made happy. He also administered the Lord's Supper to about 45. We raised \$100. Paid off the presiding elder and \$31 on indebtedness of the church. If the Lord be with us we are going to the conference with a round report. We are going to do our part to push the Paris District to the front.

Houston, Tex.—The Industrial Fair which was held from Sept. 24 to Sept. 26 at St. James M. E. Church, fourth ward, was a brilliant success. Rev. H. R. Smith, pastor, is pleased with the interest manifested by his members and appreciates the assistance given by his many friends who attended. The result was \$63 net. General Manager S. L. Hudson deserves credit for his painstaking and faithful work. Space will not allow us to mention the names

of the active committees who worked equally as hard for the success achieved. St. James is coming to the front under the leadership of Rev. Smith, and the members are rallying enthusiastically to his standard.

C. W. Ivy, Pastor, DeKalb, Miss.—Our third quarterly conference convened Oct. 3 and 4 in St. Mark's M. E. Church, with J. C. Hibbler, presiding elder, in the chair. V. L. Hull was elected secretary. The majority of the class leaders were out with reports which proved success achieved along all lines. The stewards reported \$95.65 paid to pastor for this quarter; Freedmen's Aid, \$5, and General Conference funds \$2. District steward paid the elder \$20.80. Total this quarter raised for all causes, \$123.95. Also a subscription of a \$20 free will offering, to be raised before the fourth quarterly conference. Sunday was a high day at DeKalb. The elder was at his best at 11 a. m., and administered the sacrament to 78, and at night preached another eloquent sermon to a crowded house. This was the second best quarter during my stay on this work. The Lord has wonderfully blessed my labors so far.

S. S. Myers, District Steward, Byhalia, Miss.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held Oct. 3-4, with Rev. N. H. Williams in the chair. We are always glad to have him with us. Rev. Williams preached one of his best sermons Sunday at 11 o'clock to a crowded house. Rev. L. J. Ferrell and the good people of Strickling M. E. Church had everything well arranged, and we held our quarterly conference in the new church. Service on Sunday was held at Shady Grove Church, and after the sermon a vote of thanks was given to the members of Shady Grove for their kindness. Paid presiding elder in full. Raised during quarter for all causes, \$22.25; paid pastor \$27.60; for benevolence, \$5; total \$54.85. Fifty-seven communed. Our Sunday school is yet alive. Pray for us.

Robt. C. Worsham, Pastor, Crawford, La.—Mt. Zion is alive spiritually and financially. The night of Oct. 1 we were disturbed by the sweet voices of a host of members and friends singing, and the door was opened to them. After a short while spent in social chat, the presentation speech was made by Brother E. Davis. One hundred and seventy-five pounds of choice groceries were presented the pastor, who responded in a few words and offered prayer. The pounding was severe, yet the crowd was invited to call again. Two yearly subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN.

G. W. Williams, Reporter, Enjora, Miss.—The second district conference of the Starkville district met at Weir, Miss., Oct. 20, 1903, with the presiding elder, Rev. Thos. W. Davis, in the chair. Rev. G. W. Baker, secretary of the last session, called the roll, after which J. W. Byrd was elected secretary, with G. W. Baker and A. D. Green assistants. D. Green was elected statistical secretary, with W. T. Wright and E. A. Boyd assistants. The reports showed the largest number of conversions and benevolent monies raised in the history of the district. Dr. Davis is a natural born leader. He is at home when presiding. Visitors present: Rev. B. F. Woolfolk, Greenwood district; Dr. N. H. Williams, Holly Springs district; Dr. G. G. Logan, Field secretary of the Missionary Society; Revs. M. C. McEwen and W. H. Gil-

TIRED OUT.

There's many a farmer's wife sits on the porch in the growing shadows of a summer evening, knowing to the full what it is to feel tired out; as if there was not another ounce of effort left in her. But she knows how sound her slumber will be and how refreshed the morning will find her. That's the tiredness of a healthy woman. But it's another thing for the sick woman to feel tired out. Rest only seems to increase her suffering. Just as in profound silence a discord jars the ear more forcibly, so now that she has stopped moving about, this tired woman feels more acutely the aching back and throbbing nerves.

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Ham, and Profs. E. H. McKissack and J. B. F. Shaw, teachers in Rust University. Each made addresses upon various subjects. After Dr. Logan's speech, subject, "Missions," a collection of \$25 was raised. At the close of Prof.

To the Public.

SCOTTSBORO, ALA., Oct. 1, 1903.

Mr. Editor:—Please allow me a little space in the columns of your valuable paper to announce to all who read the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, that I am agent for the Cataract Gold Mining and Power Company, of Minneapolis, Minn., and for the present will sell to all who may desire to invest their money in an absolutely safe money making business, 10,000 shares of this wonderful stock for cash, at the low price of 33 cents (thirty-three cents) per share, or \$33.00 per 100 shares. (Par value of stock is \$1.00 per share.) Stock certificates will be issued to all paid-up investors. The Capital Stock of the Company is \$2,000,000, fully paid. The Company is at present oreing gold in large quantities in Plumas County, California. Ore is selling at nearly \$19 an ounce direct to the United States Mint. Can supply circulars and reports to any one on application. I know of no better way to help my people than to ask you to please allow this notice to appear in your columns. Ministers, this is a rare opportunity for you, as well as for others. Can furnish all who may desire to invest in the Cataract Gold Mines, with ready-made Application Blanks on application direct to me.

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McKissack's speech \$41 were given for Rust University. Between 1,000 and 1,500 persons were in attendance. Rev. W. T. Wright, the pastor of Weir circuit, has the largest circuit in the district. He had raised \$100 for benevolent money and more than \$1,000 for all purposes. Too much cannot be said in praise of the way the conference was entertained. Total collection during the conference was \$244.55. Where he leads his people will follow. They are loyal Methodists. Dr. Davis will go up to the next Annual Conference with largest collections ever raised in the history of the district. May God long spare him to work for His kingdom. A purse of \$25 was presented him by the pastors of the district.

P. H. Jenkins, Pastor, Calvert, Tex.—We have just closed a successful revival in which fifteen were happily converted, thirteen of whom joined our church. We are getting along nicely and hope to make round reports at the coming Conference. Brother Jimmie Gray left Friday, Oct. 9, with his daughter, Annie E. Gray, for Wiley University. We wish Miss Annie much success.

Rev. J. H. Ross, Cincinnati, Ohio.—The Cincinnati Subdistrict Epworth League of the Ohio District held a two days' convention at Mt. Zion M. E. Church, Walnut Hills, Nov. 19-20, 1903. The morning sessions each day, after devotionals, were devoted in part to the business of the convention, interspersed with addresses and papers presented by the ministers and delegates. Thursday evening, Nov. 19, a platform meeting was conducted by our most excellent president, Rev. D. E. Skelton, which was enjoyed by all present. Friday morning, after devotionals and the adoption of resolutions, Rev. W. H. Vaughn, of Covington, Ky., preached an excellent and instructive sermon. Papers were read by Mr. Thornton of Walnut Hills, Mrs. Susie P. Lamay of Madisonville, Miss Lena Sherman of Walnut Hills and the writer. Our most excellent and worthy presiding elder, Rev. H. W. Simmons, D. D., was with us. His addresses and work were a source of joy to everyone. Friday evening we were honored with the presence of our own distinguished friend and leader of the race, Dr. M. C. B. Mason, who addressed the convention in his usual delightful and in-

structive way, after which a collection was taken for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. Four subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN were secured. This, the headquarters of the Ohio district, was greatly benefited by the convention. The ministers and delegates present proved that they were personally interested in every movement that was for the advancement of our Methodism. Officers were elected to serve six months: Miss Ella B. Brown, president; Mesdames Annie Brooks, Jennie Murphy, Lou Page and Miss Letitia Price, vice-presidents; Mrs. Susie P. Lamay, treasurer; Rev. J. H. Ross, secretary; Mrs. J. P. Monroe, junior superintendent. The convention closed to meet at Covington, Ky., February, 1904.

E. T. Barkdall, Secretary, Art Street M. E. Church, Atlanta, Ga.—This has been one of the most successful years in the history of our church. The Young People's Christian Club has just remodeled the church choir stand and renovated the pulpit, the total cost being met by them. Our annual trustees' rally was called yesterday, and it was all that we expected. The clubs reported: B. Lazenby, \$2.50; E. T. Barkdall, \$3.52; D. B. Brown, \$3.25; S. Howard, \$9.40; H. C. Henderson, \$30; B. A. Johnson, \$12.40; S. W. Luckie, \$37.80; George Warren, \$40. Total, \$137.52. Our church was never in better shape; peace and harmony prevails. Our pastor is winding up his second year's work here, with bright hopes of staying on with us indefinitely, as we have no time limits now. Pray for us.

Edward L. Gilliam, Pastor, Eleventh Street Church, Columbus, Ohio.—Sunday last marked the end of seven and one-half months of this Conference year's labor. The Lord has abundantly blessed and prospered His work in my hands. I found a membership, enrolled, of 107, and of this number I have not been able to locate more than 75. There was an indebtedness of \$4,523.05. We have gone to work with this little handful of heroic workers and have paid on the indebtedness \$1,157.45; for current and incidental expenses, \$316.70; on pastor's salary, \$447.45, and for other purposes, benevolences, etc., \$67.90, making a total for all purposes to date \$1,990.50. We have had 14 additions and one conversion. Our Sunday school is in fair condition, and our Epworth League bids fair to be one of the best on the district. Our congregation is growing. I have also organized a new church on the other side of the city, and have called it the East End M. E. Church. We have a membership of 64, with a Sunday school that will average 70, scholars and teachers. We have purchased a lot at a cost of \$300 and have paid all except \$26. It is our plan to erect a house before the next session of Conference, if possible. We are planning to raise \$400 before New Years, and then to have a revival in January, and are praying for a hundred conversions.

A. J. McNair, Meridian, Miss.—Dr. J. C. Sherrill, Secretary of Steward Missionary Foundation for Africa, was with us Oct. 13-15. He lectured to the students of the Meridian Academy on the 13th, and on Sunday preached for us, and also delivered a lecture on Africa. His lectures and sermon inspired our people with greater hope for the redemption of the Fatherland.

W. H. Lang, Pastor, Bastrop, La.

Washington Chapel.—This year has been a successful one with the people at this place. We had for two weeks one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church, which closed with 32 converts, 9 reclaimed and 4 from other churches, making a total of 45 added to the church in two weeks. The 20th of September, 8 were baptized by immersion and 10 by sprinkling, and Sept. 27th we gave a grand financial rally, led by the various leaders and preachers. No. 1, M. Odon, leader; pastor, Rev. G. P. Norria, of Mt. Nebo, collected \$14.80; No. 2, D. Brown, leader; pastor, W. H. Lang, \$21.25; No. 3, A. B. Smith, leader; pastor, Rev. E. D. Powell, of Mt. Sinai, \$19.90; No. 4, D. Averitt, leader; pastor, Rev. J. H. Smith, of Evergreen Baptist Church, \$26.90; No. 5, S. Ward, leader; pastor, Rev. P. Ribb, of Bonita, \$11.65; Sinner Class No. 6, R. Smith, leader; pastor, Rev. S. Steward, \$7.65; total raised on that day, \$103.10. The church is in a prosperous condition, both spiritually and financially. We are planning to come up to conference with our banner hoisted and on it written, "Victory!"

Carrie C. Brook, Sec., Wesley Chapel.—Our church here in Napoleonville is alive under the leadership of Rev. F. H. Harvey, our efficient pastor. The third Sunday in September was our rally day, the collection being \$117. We have now taken up all but one note on the church debt. Wesley will soon be able to sing "Free at last," should we be so fortunate as to retain our present leader. Sunday, Oct. 4, was election day in our Sunday school. Mr. Andrew Welsh was elected superintendent, with a good set of officers and teachers. Our pastor has been ill but is now better.

THIS TESTIMONY

Will Surely Interest Many Readers of Southwestern Christian Advocate.

James G. Gray, Gibson, Mo., writes about Drake's Palmetto Wine as follows: I live in the Missouri swamps in Dunklin County and have been sick with Malarial fever and for fifteen months a walking skeleton. One bottle of Drake's Palmetto Wine has done me more good than all the medicine I have taken in that fifteen months. I am buying two more bottles to stay cured. Drake's Palmetto Wine is the best medicine and tonic for Malarial, Kidney and Liver ailments I ever used or heard of. I feel well now after using one bottle.

A. A. Felding, Knoxville, Tenn., writes: I had a bad case of sour stomach and indigestion. I could eat so little that I was "falling to bones" and could not sleep nor attend to my business. I used the trial bottle and two large seventy-five cent bottles and can truthfully say I am entirely cured. I have advised many to write for a free trial bottle.

J. W. Moore, Monticello, Mo., makes the following statement about himself and a neighbor. He says: Four bottles of Drake's Palmetto Wine has cured me of catarrh of Bladder and Kidney trouble. I suffered ten years and spent hundreds of dollars with best doctors and specialists without benefit. Drake's Palmetto Wine has made me a well man. A young woman here was given up to die by a Minneapolis specialist and he and our local doctors said they could do no more for her. She has been taking Drake's Palmetto Wine one week and is rapidly recovering.

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R. F. Broadus, Litchfield, Ky.—Our quarterly meeting was held Oct. 10th, with Rev. Joseph Courtney presiding. On the whole it was the best quarter we have had. Quite a number took sacrament, and the spirit of God was with us. Our collection for the day was \$22.52. We hope to be able to make a round report at our next conference.

A. E. Gibbs, Pastor, Waller Circuit, Patterson, Texas.—Our fourth quarterly conference convened in St. Thomas M. E. Church, Sept. 26-27, 1903. Rev. J. E. Bryant, presiding elder, was in the chair. Reports showed an advance over last year in every way. Sunday was a glorious day. The elder preached a soul-stirring sermon. Sixty-six partook of the Lord's Supper. Baptized 21. Paid the elder \$25.10, pastor \$33. The sisters raised \$27 for benevolence, etc., during the quarter. Total raised for all purposes this quarter, \$85.10.

N. N. Sidney, Brandon, Miss.—We have added to St. James and Evergreen M. E. Churches in the month of September, 71 members. Oct. 4th we began our revival at Wesley Chapel M. E. Church. The first night two were converted and joined our church and one came from the Baptist church, in the person of Miss Mattie Black, a charming young lady and a faithful Christian. In many respects she is a model girl. Our church is proud of her.

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Aberdeen, Macon, Miss. Dec. 2-6

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LOUISVILLE DISTRICT.
FOURTH ROUND.
Smithland, Dec. 12-13; Eddyville, 14-15; Princeton, 16; Dulaney, 17; Hartford, 19-20; Beaver Dam, Jan. 2-3; Morgantown, 4-5; Vine Grove, 7; Ielichfield, 8-10; Bowling Green, 16-18; Auburn, 19-20; Sonora, 21; New Haven, 22-24; Coke Chapel, 30-31; Hardinsburg, 6-9; Harned, 10; Lloyd Street, 13-14; Owensboro, 20-22; Fordsville, 23; Hawesville, 24-28; Cloverport, 25-28; West Point, March 1-2; Thirty-Fifth Street, 3; Jackson Street, 4-6.
Dear Brother—Conference meets Thursday, March 10, 1904. Bishop Fowler will preside. You must make a full report—have no blanks. You must have your minute money ready when I come. You have had a lovely year. Make no excuses. Your work will commend you. Yours for success,
JOSEPH COURTNEY, P. E.
No. 522 Jackson St., Louisville, Ky.

NOTICE.
The railroad companies have kindly granted round-trip tickets to the meeting of West Texas Conference, to be held at Waco, Texas, Dec. 16, at one and one-third fare. Tickets on sale Dec. 14 and 15, good for return Dec. 21. Call for round-trip tickets.
ANDREW FOSTER,
Oakland, Tex. Secty. W. T. Conf.

NOTICE.
The Conference Board of Examiners for the Mobile Conference will meet in the M. E. Church, Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 9 o'clock a. m., Union Springs, Ala. All persons belonging, to come before the board, must appear at the above-named place at the stated time. Yours truly,
H. N. BROWN, Chairman.

NOTICE.
Presiding elders, pastors and friends of the Upper Mississippi Annual Conference: For many years I have been watching the conference claimant money raised by our pastors for that fund. Year by year the claimants have increased and the fund has decreased. I have secured this proposition from a friend to the cause, that he will give three per cent for every dollar raised by the entire conference for the years 1903 and 1904.
Durant, Miss. Rev. T. W. DAVIS, P. E.

A. J. Smith, Recording Secretary, Jeanerette, La.—At St. Paul M. E. Church our fourth quarterly conference was a success and the year is ending nicely. One thing that impresses me is that we have not one soul converted to Christ this year. We have paid nearly all of our debts. Paid the presiding elder for this quarter and are now raising our conference money. We can but praise our beloved pastor since he has labored so hard this year in paying off the debts and beautifying our church. The presiding elder, after a beautiful sermon, was presented a purse of \$2.50 and a nice lot of handkerchiefs by the Willing Workers, with Mrs. M. Gair as leader.

Wm. McHenry, Clifton, Tenn.—Rev. Wm. McHenry, Clifton, Pa.—Rev. Sister L. P. Frierson, evangelist of the M. E. Church, Nashville, Tenn., is a wonderful preacher. She has just

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closed a protracted meeting at Manna, Tenn., which resulted in 10 conversions, after which she held a 10 days' meeting at Sparta Chapel, which closed with 15 conversions. From Sparta she came to Clifton and held a two weeks' meeting and had, at time of writing, 25 converts. Many more are seeking God's love. Sister Frierson is known as one of the greatest evangelists now in the field. God's people here have been greatly edified and strengthened, and we look for a great harvest from this faithful sowing. Sister Frierson is a very small woman in stature, but has a wonderful constitution, preaching every night. She has a round, strong, clear, sweet voice, preaches with great power, and is a faithful worker. Pray that God may continue to strengthen and crown her work with success.

Wm. Ector, Pastor, Kingston, La., Shreveport District.—We have closed our protracted meeting with great success; six converts and probationers. Received in the church five probationers. Sept. 17, Mr. G. Ludds and Miss Minnie Lee Jackson were joined together in holy wedlock. They are members of our church. The church is in good condition spiritually and financially. We are still striving to build our church at Frieson.

J. O. Richards, Pastor, Central, La.—On the night of Sept. 17 at a late hour we heard voices singing one of the sweet songs of Zion. The inmates of the parsonage were aroused by a continued knocking. On opening the door the visitors, led by Brother Albert Polite, entered. Brother Allen Johnson, in a brief speech, told of the object of the visitors. The writer responded. After prayer by the Rev. Samuel Davage the visitors bade us good-night, leaving many pounds for the inmates. Come again.

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The Sunday School Convention and Second Tupelo District, Upper Mississippi Conference, convened at Amory, Miss., Nov. 4-8, 1903. The mornings of the first and second day were devoted to the Sunday school work. Rev. T. T. Cannon is the president. He proved well his efficiency. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. Nevils, a student in Gammon Seminary, Atlanta, Ga. Rev. Blackman also preached during the session. An eloquent address of welcome was delivered Wednesday night by Miss Willie Sykes, a little girl about 13 years of age, a convert of the last revival. It was cheerfully responded to by Rev. D. A. Bragg, of Okolona. Many important subjects were discussed. Judging by the spirit manifested, the Sunday schools of the district are on the upward march and, too, as a proof each Sunday school subscribed and paid on the Twentieth Century offering \$1.50, raising a total of \$82, which was turned over for Rust University to Prof. E. H. McKissack, who was introduced and spoke in the interest of Rust. Revs. D. W. Calvert, F. H. Bunton and A. J. Trice of the Starkville district addressed the convention. After the election of officers for the ensuing year the convention adjourned.

TUPELO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The District Conference was called to order at 2 p. m. by Rev. W. C. Clay, presiding elder. Most of the pastors and delegates were present at the opening. Rev. W. C. Weatherall was chosen secretary; Rev. P. S. Bowie, statistical secretary. Topics discussed: "What Causes a Spiritual Strength in our Churches?" "How Can Converts Be Retained in the Churches?" "What is Sanctification?" "Our Church Schools and What They are Accomplishing in the Uplifting of the Negro." By the request of the presiding elder the Rev. B. H. S. Ferguson addressed the conference upon this great question, to the delight of all present. "The Mission and the Merits of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE." This subject was enthusiastically discussed by both ministers and laymen, and a splendid paper was read by Miss Jennette McGaughey of Nettleton. All local preachers present were found to be subscribers except two; the conference refused to renew their licenses. All the pastors proved that they had been hard at work for the paper and had sent in many subscribers from their various charges. Drs. G. G. Logan, Field Secretary of the Missionary Society, and R. E. Jones of the Sunday School Union were introduced and presented their claims, to which the brethren responded very liberally. Drs. N. H. Williams, P. E. Holly Springs District; T. W. Davis, P. E. Starkville District; Revs. B. F. Woolfolk, P. E. Greenwood district; D. W. Colbert, A. J. Price, C. L. Walls, F. H. Bunton and B. H. S. Ferguson were introduced and addressed the conference. Rev. Monroe, pastor of Aberdeen, was also present. Revs. D. W. Calvert, R. B. Buchanan and W. C. Hilliard preached during the week. A purse of \$27.50 was presented the Rev. W. C. Clay by Revs. D. A. Bragg and P. S. Bowie on behalf of the pastors and others of the district, as a token of the very high esteem in which he is held by his brethren. Sunday was a great day in Zion. Dr. R. E. Jones conducted the Sunday school services in an able manner. The school contributed very liberally to the Sun-

day School Union. At 11 a. m. the spacious church was crowded. Rev. R. E. Jones preached and made a deep and lasting impression upon his hearers. At night the house was again and lasting impression upon his hearers. At night the house was again crowded to listen to Rev. D. A. Bragg, and the hearts of the people burned within them as he held on the Tupelo district. All pastors were present except two, and more distinguished visitors and a larger delegation attended than ever before in the history of the district. Rev. W. H. Whitlock and his kind-hearted people deserve more credit than words or space in these columns will permit, for the hospitable entertainment of this great host. Brother Whitlock has won a place in the hearts of his people, as was proven on Sunday, when they contributed \$101 on his salary. Total collection during the conference for all purposes was \$316.92.

Yours most respectfully,

J. H. BYNUM, Reporter.

A. R. Rutledge, Pastor, New River, Fla.—We are still advancing in the strength of our Master. Since the second Sunday in March we have had 21 converts and 8 accessions. If God be for us who can be against us?

J. D. Evans, Pastor, Mexico, Mo.—The third quarterly conference for Mexico was held Oct. 4-6. Rev. J. Will Jackson was present and preached a powerful sermon at 11 o'clock, which greatly encouraged those who heard him. At 3 p. m. Rev. H. B. Green preached a splendid sermon. Seventy-five persons communed. At 7:30 Dr. Jackson preached another good sermon and one joined the church. Three persons have joined during the quarter. The presiding elder was paid in full. We raised this quarter \$175 for all purposes. This was the best quarter that we have had in three years. On Wednesday night at the church the largest congregation to gather for a lecture in years heard Dr. Jackson's now noted lecture, "My Trip to the Southland and Observations." After the lecture a good sum was raised and donated to Dr. Jackson in consideration of the expense he had recently incurred in the treatment of his afflicted eyes.

S. P. Harding, District Steward, Friendship Church, Lucy, Tenn.—Our presiding elder, J. A. W. Moore, held his first quarterly conference Nov. 14-15 for this year. We had an inspiring covenant meeting. The reports were good. Sunday, spiritual and able sermons by the presiding elder. Collections: For the elder, \$10.80; for the pastor, Rev. H. Dunlap, \$5.05. Following this Miss Allie E. Phillip, one of our leading Sunday school scholars, who is also our choir leader, was married to Mr. Chix Jones. The ceremony was performed by the presiding elder and pastor and was witnessed by a large audience.

B. L. Crump, Pastor, Bolton, Miss.—The class leaders and members of our charge are on the upward march along all lines of church work. Sunday, Oct. 4, at St. Paul, the members placed on the table \$70 for pastor's salary. Altho the pastor could not be present, the Rev. W. H. Cain, a local preacher, of Crystal Springs, filled the pulpit to the delight of all. Mrs. B. L. Crump was the conductor of the day, representing the pastor. She organized, also, an Auxiliary of Woman's Home Mission-

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Mrs. H. N. Wheeler, of 117 High Rock St., Lynn, Mass., writes on Nov. 2, 1901: "About 18 months ago I had a very severe spell of sickness. I was extremely sick for three weeks, and when I finally was able to leave my bed I was left with excruciating pains in my back. My water at times looked very like coffee. I could pass but little at a time, and then only after suffering great pain. My physical condition was such that I had no strength and was all run down. The doctors said my kidneys were not affected, but I felt certain that they were the cause of my trouble. My sister, Mrs. C. E. Littlefield, of Lynn, advised me to give Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root a trial. I procured a bottle and inside of three days commenced to get relief. I followed up that bottle with another, and at the completion of this one found I was completely cured. My strength returned, and to-day I am as well as ever. Swamp-Root is so pleasant to take.

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ary Society, which we think will be of much help to the church and race. Mrs. Crump organized an Auxiliary at Bolton last spring. It has proved to be a great power in building up the church work. They have 21 strong members. SOUTHWESTERN day, Sept. 27, we secured eight subscribers. Brother W. M. Leferidge, one of my leaders, has been of great help to me in my efforts for the paper. With his help I think we will get in 10 or 15 more by December.

R. B. Anderson, Pastor, Fort Stephen, Miss.—Thanksgiving Day was observed with appropriate services at Ebenezer M. E. Church, and \$1.15 was raised for benevolence. We have up to date \$18 of benevolent money, and we are going to try to bring the full amount to the Annual Conference. Thanksgiving Day was also observed at Hopewell M. E. Church at 7:30 p. m. One subscriber for the SOUTHWESTERN. Rev. J. C. Hibbler, P. E., will hold my fourth quarterly conference at Ebe-

nezer M. E. Church Dec. 4. We are planning for a successful meeting. We have the promise of two more subscribers by the end of the quarter.

L. H. Hunley, Pastor, Attalla, Ala.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held Friday night and Sunday, Oct. 2-4, with Presiding Elder E. M. Jones in the chair. We had a good meeting and paid our presiding elder every cent we owed him. We are moving along nicely with all departments of the church and feel that the Lord is wonderfully blessing us. Monday night, Oct. 5, we were aroused by sweet singing, and on opening the door we beheld a wonderful crowd, who came rushing in as a mighty wind, blowing in glassware, socks, handkerchiefs and groceries for the pastor and family. The storm was led by Sister Dolly Woodards and many members. God bless the good people of Attalla. Come again. We wish Brother J. C. Roberts, of Knoxville, Tenn., much success in his work.

THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY

"His journey ends in welcome to the weary,
And heaven, the heart's true home, is
reached at last."

REV. W. S. CURTIS.

Rev. Wright S. Curtis, was born in Cohaba, Ala., and died at Palestine, Tex., Nov. 2, 1903, aged 41 years, 8 months and 21 days. He moved with his parents to Millican, Texas, in 1869. Was converted in 1875, during the pastorate of Rev. Lewis Lane and united with Brooks Chapel at Millican December 2, 1891. He joined the Texas Conference and served faithfully the following charges: Richmond Circuit, Harrisburg, Jefferson, Willis, Marshall, Clarksville and Palestine. He is survived by a dear wife, who was to him a constant companion and a devoted helpmeet the past seven years. The prayers of the church and conference go out for this bereaved one and grief-stricken brother and sisters. He arose Sunday morning, October 25, and altho' very weak, dressed to go into church, saying: "I must go; there is no one to attend to my work;" but he was compelled to go back to bed, where for a week he wrestled with death, and in spite of the efforts of a loving wife and skillful physician, finally succumbed to a higher power. He had planned a financial rally and on that last Sunday morning when his officials came to see him, he told them to go on with the effort. Sometime before the end came he said to his wife that she had stood by him like a heroine. His remains were shipped to Houston, where his wife intended to bury him, but his brother who is a class-leader in Trinity church, preferred that his ashes should rest beside his father and mother in the old Millican graveyard. The remains were received at Houston by Revs. G. S. Helm, J. F. Barnes, L. J. Sanders, of the A. M. E. Church, a cousin, and the writer. Finding no minister in charge, I went up to Millican and attended the funeral services. The last sad rites over, I was shown the grave of the late Peter Morgan, and from a window of the little church, I could see the tomb of Rev. Geo. Edward Brooks. What a rich place is the Millican burying ground—Brooks, Morgan and Curtis. Our brother died at his post and has gone on before us to reap his reward. Many were the kind words said of him by the members of Trinity Church, where he was once a class leader and a Sunday school teacher. May his ashes rest in peace.

Fraternally,

W. H. LOGAN.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.—Mrs. Lucretia Ransom, who died Nov. 15, 1903, just 7 months and 12 days after the death of her husband, Rev. D. C. Ransom, was born May 8, 1863, in Rutherford county, and was 40 years 6 months and 7 days of age at the time of her death. She was married to Rev. Ransom in August of the year 1881. This union was blessed with four children, three of whom survive them. Sister Ransom leaves a father, mother, two sisters, four brothers and a host of relatives and friends. Sister Ransom was converted more than 18 years ago, and has been a living witness ever since. Her only regret of death was that she must leave her children to the charity of a friendless world. Brother Ransom

said to his wife when dying, "Don't weep, it won't be long before you will follow," and these same words should be a consolation to their bereaved children. Keep close to Christ, for it may not be long before you will be called to join them.

The death of Rev. H. C. Crump occurred October 21. He was a former resident of Mississippi. He joined the Little Rock Conference and was ordained an elder at our last Annual Conference, and was assigned to our city charge in Texarkana, Tex.; while there he became a member of the K. of P. lodge, which gave him a \$50 burial and an endowment for his wife and children of \$300. Rev. Crump was greatly loved by all who knew him in the city, and more than 20 preachers, of all denominations, attended his funeral. As my train was three and a half hours late, and Rev. J. C. W. Parr had gone to his family, Rev. D. A. Hall attended the service and his remains were laid to rest in the Texarkana cemetery.

H. BRIGHT.

White Hall, La.—Mr. Richard Gilword, after suffering for five years, died Oct. 24. He was 65 years of age. Just before he died he said that the door was shut, and he was too late. He leaves a wife, son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. The funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. Robert Young.

After six months of illness, Brother Glenn Lewis, a faithful member of St. James M. E. Church, died as he had lived, a consistent Christian. His wife and step-daughter are both faithful steward sisters of our church. A few days before his death, he said to his class-leader, Daniel Baptiste, and the writer that all was well with his soul.

J. O. RICHARDS, Pastor.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Brother Calvin Smith departed this life Oct. 30, 1903, aged 59 years. He leaves a wife, nine children, two brothers, two sisters, several grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives. Brother Smith was a Christian for 39 years and served as class-leader, steward, and trustee of Senney Chapel M. E. Church, until he received the first paralytic stroke four years ago. He left a good home for his family. May God bless, comfort and guide them until they meet him again.

JOHN T. WILSON, Pastor.

New Orleans, La.—Sister Adeline Moore, one of the old land-marks of Methodism, a pillar in the church and an ornament to Christianity, fell asleep in Jesus Oct. 29, aged ninety-one years. She had no living relatives and for a number of years was an inmate of the Lafon Old Folks Home. She died as she lived, trusting in Jesus. The funeral was conducted at First St. M. E. Church by the pastor.

Sister Jane Carter, aged seventy-one years, a faithful member of First St. M. E. Church, and a consistent Christian for a number of years, fell peacefully asleep in the arms of Jesus, Oct. 21, after an illness of a few days. She was buried from the church of her choice. The deceased was the mother of Dr. Carter, a successful dentist of this city, with whom she lived until her death. Several daughters survive her. The pastor, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Morgan, of the Episcopal Church (colored), conducted the service.

J. A. TIMOURT, Pastor.

"Blessed are they who die in the Lord."

Hattiesburg, Miss.—Prof. W. C. Oliver passed from labor to reward Oct. 12, 1903. A wife, seven children and a host of friends mourn his departure, yet we know if we live as Christ teaches us to, we shall meet him again. He was a faithful worker for Christ in his church and Sunday school, and strove earnestly to promote Christian living among his people. He was also serviceable along the lines of literary work and served several years as editor of the Hattiesburg Herald, the pages of which we were always pleased to read. He is now asleep in Jesus.

REV. D. F. DUDLEY, Pastor.

Bayou Goula, La.—Mr. Lewis Richardson died Oct. 23. He was formerly a member of Company B, 99th Regiment U. S. colored troops, and also a member of Fairchilds Post No. 39, G. A. R. Post Adjutant for the last three years. He was 71 years of age. His funeral was conducted by E. H. Hall, pastor.

Victoria, Miss.—Sister Mollie White, a faithful member of Taylor Chapel M. E. Church, died in perfect peace Oct. 8, aged 36 years, after an illness of about six months. She was a member of the church for 20 years. She leaves a father, sister, husband and four children. The funeral was largely attended. The pastor, P. A. Lemon, officiated.

Houma, La.—Sister Rebecca Christian, a member of the Baptist Church, the wife of Brother Christian, who is a member of Wesley M. E. Church, died Oct. 18. Her funeral was preached by Rev. Welch, her pastor, assisted by M. S. Goins.

REV. W. M. ROBERTS.

Tuesday night, November 10, God removed from our midst our beloved pastor, Brother W. M. Roberts. His character bore the impress of many excellent qualities. The hearts of a loving and faithful wife and five little children are saddened. He has gone to receive the reward of the true and good, for he had a faith that was with him and glorified his life until the end came. His work in the church was always well done until the dreaded disease, consumption, from which he suffered one year and nine months, rendered him too weak. He bore his sufferings patiently. He lived right and he died as only a child of God can die. For the sake of his work, his wife and children, he would have rejoiced to live, yet he was resigned to the Lord's will. In his death the M. E. Church South has lost a consistent and useful preacher and our town and church a most earnest and consecrated supporter and worker. But we bow in submission to the God who doeth all things well. His bereaved wife and children have our most sincere sympathy. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Clay and the remains of the deceased were laid to rest by the Masons with Masonic honors, in the Corinth Cemetery.

Mrs. E. J. NIEW.

UNITED FOR LIFE

At 1112 Jackson St., Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, Mr. Arthur Thomas and Miss Vinie Jackson were married. The bride and groom are regular attendants at St. Paul M. E. Church. We wish for them a happy and successful voyage. R. F. Long officiated, assisted by Rev. F. F. Turner, of the A. M. E. Church.

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Centerville, La.—On the 18th day of November, 1903, Mr. Joshua Hatch and Miss Clara Zedeaux, both of Centerville, were united in holy wedlock, in Butler Chapel M. E. Church. May God's blessings follow them. G. J. Rogers officiated.

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Pelahatchie, Miss.—A very serious accident occurred to Sister Dora Ormon, a faithful member of the M. E. Church, Mt. Pleasant; while gathering corn a tree fell across the wagon which caught her and her arm was broken. She was unconscious for a great while, but is now doing very well. She has the sympathy of the church and community. S. Joessel, Pastor.

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LITERARY NOTES

McClure's Magazine for December, in
company with the gentleness of the
season, moderates a little its strenu-
ous, battering-ram tone of the last few
months. It is, in fact, decidedly Christ-
ian, with its beautiful illustrations—
many in tint—and amiable fiction; and
all aglow with the spirit of truce-
ness. For the strenuous reader, now-
ever, there are articles by Ida M. Tar-
bell, Ray Stannard Baker and others.

A short illustrated article in the De-
cember *Cosmopolitan* shows what the
best farmers can accomplish when
brought to the last ditch. Home-made
fertilizers, constructed of box boards,
barrel staves, scrap-iron and odds and
ends of discarded threshing-machines
and farm implements, costing in cash
about thirty cents, have been made in
prairie states to irrigate farms,
pump water for thousands of cattle and
deep, shell corn, and relieve the farm-
er of what used to be the hardest man-
ual. Another article which is semi-
apocryphal in character is "Zion, the
capital of a Jewish Nation," by Prof.
Richard J. H. Gotthell. It will be
readily read by those who feel an in-
terest in the evolution of the Jewish
race.

Readers of the *New England Maga-*
zine for November will find a veritable
hoard of good things. The leading
feature is a literary treat of no small
importance. It is a hitherto unpub-
lished poem by John G. Whittier, com-
memorating the fifty-fifth anniversary
of the marriage of his two dear
friends. Fletcher Osgood's article,
"The English Sparrow in New Eng-
land," with its surprising disclosures,
will interest even those who care little
about bird-lore. The fiction of the
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11:10 a. m. N. Y. Fast Mail Daily.....	
8:50 a. m. Mobile and Coast, Lim. D. ex. Su.	7:50 p. m.
10:50 a. m. Coast Accom. Daily, Ex.	8:40 p. m.
Sun. and Mon. Coast Accom. Daily, Except Sunday	
7:40 a. m. Coast Accom. Mon. only.....	
8:25 p. m. Su. and Wed. Excursion.....	7:40 a. m.
Queen and Crescent.	
No. 1, Limited.....8:10 p. m.	No. 2, Limited.....9:10 a. m.
No. 3, Pan Amer. Special.....8:45 p. m.	No. 4, Pan Amer. Special.....7:30 p. m.
No. 5, Local.....4:45 p. m.	No. 6, Local.....6:00 a. m.
East Louisiana.	
Daily, Except Monday.	
No. 7.....8:45 a. m.	No. 8.....4:20 p. m.
Sunday and Wednesday Excursion.	
No. 9.....8:45 p. m.	No. 10.....7:45 a. m.
Illinois Central.	
8:00 p. m. Chicago Limited.....	9:15 a. m.
10:35 p. m. Limited.....	6:50 a. m.
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10:00 a. m. Fast Mail.....	7:05 p. m.
10:00 a. m. St. Louis and Chicago.....	7:05 p. m.
7:55 a. m. Northern Express.....	8:30 p. m.
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Yazoo and Mississippi Valley.	
Memphis exp.....10:40 a. m.	Memphis exp.....3:30 p. m.
Vicksburg exp.....6:50 p. m.	Vicksburg exp.....7:10 a. m.
Valley Express.....8:00 a. m.	Valley Ex. press.....10:15 p. m.
Bayou Sara Ac. 9:30 a. m.	Bayou Sara Ac. 4:40 p. m.
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11:30 a. m. Local.....	4:55 p. m.
8:00 p. m. New Orleans and Houston.....	7:05 a. m.
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6:45 p. m. Sunset Limited.....	11:55 a. m.
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7:45 p. m. Texas and Ft. Worth Ex.....	8:30 a. m.
12:05 a. m. Port Allen Local.....	8:15 p. m.
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7:35 p. m. Sunday Only.....	8:05 a. m.
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Miscellaneous—M. Volkman, Adv. Agcy.

Lost Friends INQUIRY.

I want to find my mother Sallie, who was the property of one Crowder, before the war. Crowder had two boys, Reuben and Luther. Old man Crowder died; then my mother and the boys went to James Scott about 13 miles northeast of Sedalia, Mo. It is said she went away in 1864 or 1865. I cannot remember her. She left two children, Johnnie and Tillie. I hope every preacher will read this in his pulpit and oblige Johnnie H. Jones, Swetsprings, Mo.

NOTICE.

New Orleans South District Preachers Meeting will convene Thursday, Dec. 17, at Shriver, La. All pastors on the District are requested to be present without fail, as business of vast importance is to be transacted. The presiding elder, W. R. Butler, will be present.

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References: Judge J. T. Rucka, Conroe, Tex.; J. Llewellyn, First National Bank, Conroe; L. Peel & Co., Director First National Bank, Conroe, Tex.; W. Rogers, P. M., Conroe, Tex.

CRESCENT CITY NOTES

Orders for Sunday school literature for 1904 should now be sent.

COTTON.

The price gradually creeps up. Middling was 11 3-16c here on Monday.

In the Annual Thanksgiving football game between Leland and New Orleans University, the score was 11 to 5 in favor of New Orleans University.

Rev. Bowers, of Gray, preached at Wesley Chapel at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday, Nov. 29. A collection of \$4.15 was given him. Collection Sunday evening, \$10.15; for the entire day, \$15.33.

NOTICE.

To the Third Year Men of the Louisiana Conference: Please prepare yourselves to take an examination January 26, 1904, during the session of the Annual Conference at Baton Rouge, on "Outlines of Descriptive Psychology," by Ladd. C. W. REEVES, Examiner.

Rev. Dr. R. E. Jones, the Field Agent of the Sunday School Union, wife and children, of Bay St. Louis, are spending a few days in the city at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robinson, of 2427 Iberville street. Rev. Jones, whose services are always in demand when in the city, addressed, Sunday morning, the Mt. Zion M. E. Sunday school and preached at the New Orleans University. Sunday evening he was at Mt. Zion again and addressed a large audience.

Rev. O. A. Payne, pastor of Pleasant Plains, informs us that Mrs. Christena Brown, a faithful member of the church, has been seriously ill for more than two months. She is about sixty years of age, yet she is active in church work. She is a District Stewardess, Sunday school teacher and a member of the choir; hence her long absence is greatly felt in every department of the church work. The revival meeting of this church held recently in connection with Wesley Chapel bore good results.

A SOCIAL EVENT.

A delightful, informal reception was given Friday evening, Nov. 27, by Miss Ora J. Wilson, a charming hostess, at her pleasant home, No. 1729 Bienville St., in honor of Mrs. Elvira Smith of New York, and a number of congenial guests attended. Music, a social time and dainty refreshments were heartily enjoyed by all. Mrs. Smith, who has been for some time the guest of relatives, during this visit to her home of former years, left the city for New York, Monday, Nov. 30.

WILLIAMS CHAPEL.

Mrs. Julia Davis, who was for 30 years a faithful member of Williams Chapel, died happily Nov. 23, aged 67 years.

The steward sisters presented last week to their pastor, Rev. C. W. Reeves, a purse, the contents of which he greatly appreciates and extends thanks for the same.

Thanksgiving services were held Nov. 26. The Epworth League rendered an excellent program Friday night, Nov. 27, and a good time was had.

The lecture delivered by the African girl Nov. 28 was good.

The special service for Young Folks was interesting. An excellent sermon was preached by Rev. S. Davage. One subscriber was secured for the SOUTHWESTERN.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, We the officers and members of the Wesley M. E. Church and friends, having witnessed the justice, wisdom and fairness of President Theodore Roosevelt to all of his constituents over these United States; and

Whereas, We have, with eagerness, watched his every act toward us and have become beneficiaries of his wise administration; therefore be it

Resolved, That we in Thanksgiving Meeting assembled, endorse his administration and pray God's blessings upon him, that he (President Theodore Roosevelt) may live long and be successful in being re-elected to continue to preside over the great government.

Committee—Rev. W. M. Davis; Rev. T. J. Johnson, pastor Wesley M. E. Church; Rev. J. A. Lindsay, Berthoud, La.; Rev. J. L. Burrell, Progressive Baptist Church; Mr. Leonard Howard, Secretary; Rev. G. A. Payne, Pleasant Plains Church.

The Popular Science Monthly.

The contents of the December Number include the following articles:

Recent Theories in Regard to the Determination of Sex, Professor T. H. Morgan; The Academy of Science of St. Louis, Professor William Trelease; The Tetrahedral Kites of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, Gilbert H. Grosvenor; Hertzian Wave Wireless Telegraphy, Dr. J. A. Fleming; The Storm Center in the Balkans, Dr. Allan McLaughlin; The Growth of Rural Population, Frank T. Carlton.

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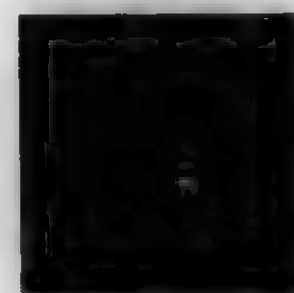
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NEW ORLEANS, DECEMBER 10, 1903.

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Editorial Notes

Do you never really hunger for the pleasure and strength one gets from meeting in the house of God with those who are His followers?

The late Pope Leo was evidently not much of a business man. He is said to have loaned out millions without even a record of the names, in some cases, of those who secured the money. The money thus disposed of was from the Peter's pence fund.

The International Socialist Bureau at its recent meeting in Brussels issued a manifesto protesting against the lynching of Negroes in the United States. That body seems to think it an attempt of the "governing classes" to divert attention from the social question. Well, whether they are right or not, we appreciate their interest.

It becomes more and more evident that Mr. Roosevelt need not expect a renomination if it is to come through some of his Democratic friends. If the representation of certain Southern newspapers is to be relied upon, both the President and his party are in a deplorable condition. However, there have been cases in which the wish has been known to give birth to a thought.

Agents are at work in portions of Texas trying to induce Negro laborers to come to Louisiana. They are making special offers for families who will move permanently. Our advice to men who may contemplate moving their families, is that they come and try it awhile themselves, then if they like the conditions they can send for their families. Some parts of this state are a long way from heaven.

Cuba seems disposed to do the fair thing by the veterans of the Cuban army, but by the increase of their claims from \$10,000,000 to \$52,000,000, it seems that some one is not disposed to do the fair thing by Cuba. At first they seemed willing to settle for the smaller sum, but since the government is trying to negotiate a loan to pay them, the amount of their claims has increased. Now even the civilians who were employed are making demands.

At the recent session of the Colored Men's State Convention, which convened in Houston, Tex., President M. H. Broyles made this very important utterance in addressing the body. Said he: "The enfranchisement of the freedman was the only just and honorable course the nation could have pursued. When anyone of us permits himself, for any reason whatsoever, to express a contrary opinion, he is striking a fatal blow at his personal and civil liberty. If the national government at that time or since has made any error, I believe it lay in the fact that it failed to make provision for the immediate and necessary training of the freedman for the new responsibilities under its own supervision."

One of the Negro's Worst Enemies

The spirit of murder is in the land. That this is true is evident not only from what we see almost daily of the mob's terrible work, but also from the homicides that are constantly occurring throughout the land. Human life is far below par; it is at a discount. Individuals do not hesitate to take the life of their fellows for the most trivial offenses. They are deterred neither by the fear of God nor the prohibitions of their fellow-men. It is literally "a word and a blow." Some of the causes given are jealousy, disputing, drinking, prejudice and some simply "for fun." For a man to take the life of his fellow-man has grown to be such a light thing that nothing on this line needs surprise one, and even the most unoffending are in danger. Since such conditions are so strikingly evident, especially throughout the South, it is not surprising that the Negro among the rest should be influenced by them. That he is so influenced is only too manifest. He complains most bitterly, and we think justly, against the white man because he seems to consider the Negro's life so cheap, but as it seems to us he is himself, in some respects, among his very worst enemies. The Negro evidently agrees with the white man in placing a very low estimate on his own life. A certain element of the race have come to the point, as it seems, where they take nothing, absolutely nothing, off of each other. One will murder another as quickly for charging him with telling a falsehood, even when he has done so, as for insulting his sister, his mother or his wife. And in some cases more quickly. Frequently we learn of a dispute over the ownership of five cents resulting in murder. What is called the game of "craps" furnishes scores of victims in twelve months' time, and that, too, when there is seldom ever more than "one nickel" at stake. True it is that men have been murdering each other about women since the early days and it is too much to expect them to stop just yet, but there is no doubt that many of the causes and not a few of the "objects" responsible for this crime in these latter days are too trivial and unworthy to be thus magnified. The world has some respect for the man who defends the females of his family, even tho it require the taking of human life to do so, but neither respect nor pity for him who throws away his own life or takes that of another when prompted so to do by no higher motive than to stand forth as the champion of some base creature who would herself be better off dead. It would seem that no one can see any good reason for striking down his fellow-man for such causes as we have indicated, and yet it is simply shocking to note the number of persons who are for these very things done to death daily. Truly the Negro is hard on the Negro, and he could well afford to change his course.

But what is the remedy? Indeed, we only wish we knew just what to suggest. Such deeds have their birth in the dens and dives where those responsible for them spend most of their time, and it

is extremely difficult to reach them by any elevating influence. They take particular pains to avoid the church and all its auxiliaries; they live, and not a few die, in an atmosphere of criminality and sin. It is hard to say it, but many are beyond the pale of salvation. Our only hope is to have the home, the church and the school do their work before they are swallowed by these schools of degradation and death. All who wish what is best for the race must assist in some way to reach the children in their homes and bring them under proper influences.

Don't Hurry the Matter

The Wesleyan Advocate, one of the papers of the M. E. Church South, in referring to the work of the General Missionary Committee of our church, says:

"The M. E. Church has appropriated \$44,500 to the colored work of that church in the South. It is not our business, but it seems to us that if some of the colored Methodists in this country would unite it would save a great waste of men and of money. The M. E. Church can never do much in the South, but if the colored people in that church in the South would unite with some other colored Methodist Church something worth while could be done towards making a great Methodist Church among the colored people."

Somehow we can't understand just how the Advocate figures this thing out. How would uniting with some colored Methodist Church save a great waste? Such a union might simply add to our members without increasing our strength. But our point is that whether we are with our white brethren or colored ones we will still have needs, just as the white brethren have. But if the Advocate means that, separated from the Methodist Episcopal Church, we would have no claim on its missionary treasury, it is quite right. Nevertheless, we are glad to state that the Negro membership contributed to the treasury during the year just closed \$23,587.61, so that our white brethren are not *wasting* more than about twenty thousand after all. And yet when our brother stops to consider what these annual contributions have done for the Negro and for the South in uplifting a race and making of them good citizens and worthy neighbors, we dare say he will conclude that the money had been well spent rather than wasted.

As to the matter of union with some other church, there is no denying the fact that many think that will come at some time in the future, if God so directs; but the Negro in the Methodist Episcopal Church is in no condition to even discuss it at present. He is not disposed to hurry matters, for the same God who has led him in the past promises to do so in the years to come.

A Wise and Brave Man Speaks

Undeterred by the fate that befell Prof. Sledd, of Georgia, who tore away from the thralldom of unreasoning race prejudice and spoke words of

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Our Contributors

Eulogy of Bishop John F. Hurst.

BY REV. CHAUNCEY I. WITHROW, A. M., D. D.

One of the finest and tenderest chords of memory in the religious world is touched when the name of JOHN FLETCHER HURST is mentioned. Quitting his earthly home among the monumental temples and public libraries of the Capital of the United States, he pursued his journey to the unending summer of the better land, and took up his abode in that mansion of Elysium.

Taking a retrospective view of a life well spent would bring him back to the world of Methodism, in whose institutions he was a benefactor, and in whose religious and Biblical literature he was a beacon light, shining amidst the storms of higher critics and the champions of rationalism. It would matter not that in the History of Rationalism he acknowledged the honesty and common sense of Lessing; to the God of his faith and to whom he proved himself one of the best advocates of his religion, there is a deep joy and an expression of everlasting gratitude. And although he had achieved eminence, wealth and honor here, no money could buy the reward he finds and the heaven that owns him, for he is awake in the morning of another world, the visions of whose eternal Sabbath shall never dissolve. There family circles gather, and love and piety can never die. That which he may in his new life witness, are things not only that never before came to the knowledge of any man, but are astonishing, and such as did not enter into his imagination. He is advised respecting the most happy state of the soul of the faithful, its inward sense of exquisite pleasure, and the wholesome ventilations of pure, refreshing breezes of the Heavenly world. "O beautiful God! uncircumscribed treasure of an eternal pleasure!"

There is a moral respect for benefactors that *elevate* the character and improve the heart. Consciousness of alliance with departed excellence bears with a strong obligation of duty on intelligence and Christian training. The actions of great men, even though dead, *speak* to the mind of the admirers with an overwhelming effect. It is natural to the sense of the living to *revere* the memory of those whose visible connection with their past interest *exercised* a sympathy that forwarded prosperity and showed continued results of good and happiness.

It is becoming, therefore, that this solemn memorial by anthem and by eulogy, should commemorate the service of Bishop Hurst, extol his virtue and render thanks to God for religious literature, given and continued through his scholarly ability, to our favored and aggressive Methodism. And you have assembled from all departments of industry, to bear responsibility in these manifestations of *respect* and *gratitude* which pervade the world of Methodism. When the Bi-Centenary Anniversary of Wesleyan Methodism was wont to be *celebrated* from coast to coast in our land, when the *echoing* and *re-echoing* voices of thanksgiving were *CHANTED* around the entire universe, and when our *denominational*

achievements of twenty million dollars and quite a number of souls for a twentieth century thank-offering were on all *tongues*, Bishop Hurst took his flight to the land of Paradise. Happy consummation of a magnificent career. The illustrious epic of his life *concluded* in *glory* and *felicity*. Considering the drama closed in the termination of his earthly existence, we could not wish this dispensation of Divine Providence reversed. Though only sixty-nine, he fell amidst such *achievements* that we cannot lament his death, that could not have *tarried* much longer, but *look up* to HIM and to them as we would think of numbering him among the octogenarians. Because he could not have died at any time without *leaving* an *IMMENSE* void in Methodism. He was closely *connected* and *blended* with its history and educational interests, in the *THOUGHTS* and *lives* of its constituency, and in so much of its literature that his death could not *TOUCH* the heart of public sympathy. THAT one GREAT SCHOLAR WHOSE WORKS WERE HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM by the student, and a *CONNECTING LINK* with the Reformation and revival of learning, and whose *CAREFUL RESEARCH*, *DIRECT* expression, and

eulogize, has *directed* our education toward a University standard, infused the sentiments of Halle and Heidelberg of Germany into the American institutions, and *GIVEN* us a more lasting prestige abroad. His *labor* did not die with him. The American University which he assisted to plant will flourish, even though he cannot toil for it longer. The *DAY WILL COME* when it shall appear, one of the finest educational plants in the history of human affairs. The *PERIOD* will arrive when it shall be *recognized*, on *EITHER* continent, that a *MIGHTY* advance was made when Bishop Hurst *FOUNDED* the American University in the Nation's Capital, at Washington. His attachment to the cause of the University, as well as his ability to maintain it, by *speeches*, *extensive* correspondence and splendid influence with men of wealth, animated the Church and brought friends to its support. While some *doubted*, he was *resolved*; they may have *hesitated*, but he *pressed* to the front; and to-day his work is *rising* to *security* and to *high* and *palmy* prosperity.

The CENTRAL MISSION of METHODISM in the world has very largely been the *co-operation* of individuals with the *ETERNAL* purpose of God, according to the counsel of His will, whereby for His own glory He hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass. Men of *UNEQUAL GENIUS* have *DOMINATED* her history, and the growth of Methodism has challenged the admiration of the world. The principles which *CONTROLLED* the policy of the Church owed their force and acceptance mainly to *Sanctification*, *Freedom*, and *EDUCATION*; and the instruments, *Wesley*, *Simpson*, and *HURST*. They neither struggled for unholy ambition, nor selfish aggrandizement.

If *WESLEY* is the *COMMANDING*, *originating* genius of *Sanctification* in British Methodism, and *BISHOP SIMPSON* the *champion* of *freedom* in American Methodism, *BISHOP HURST* became the *SAVIOUR* of Methodist Scholarship. Born in 1834, and at twenty he graduated from Dickinson's College, succeeding at once as professor of languages in Heding Institute, New York. Before he was twenty-five he had entered the ministry. He revived the work of education in Germany as an instructor of theology in Bremen Institute. Having studied in the Universities of Halle and Heidelberg, his elastic and comprehensive skill raised him from Professor of Historical Theology in Drew Theological Seminary to its president in 1872. Without a precedent to guide him, he *created* a financial system for the Seminary which has been *STYLED* the greatest achievement of its kind in our history, and to HIM Drew Theological Seminary owes her freedom from financial embarrassment. His *intelligence* was not only *superb*, but philosophical and practical. With *UNRIVALED* clearness he instructed the Church on the bearing of an *educated* ministry on the *future destiny* of its membership, and impressed upon his contemporaries the *necessity* of great institutions of learning; the General Conference *adopted* resolutions, now the *RULE* of the Church, and Methodism began the life of a scholarly denomination. In the latter part of the *century*, *everywhere* in the world, the *doctrine* of Christian Education as the *source* of *power*, and that the members have such intelligence as Christian *educators* give



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EXHAUSTIVE handling of subjects gave Methodism an *independence* in Biblical and Theological thought with Augustinism, is *no more*—but in the *recorded* proofs of his *great actions* his *MEMORY* is perpetuated on *EARTH*, and he has given us distinction among *representatives* of the Universities and *learned* societies with which to meet posterity as the *stream* of time shall bear us onward till their generation *arise* to *hail* us and fill the places that we now fill. In the History of Rationalism and the Outlines of Bible History, he lives—in public gratitude and in the respect and homage of mankind. In our Theological Culture, the Histories of the Reformation, of the Christian Church, of the Church in the United States, the *Indika*; the Country and People of India and Ceylon, Short History of the Christian Church, Hagenbach's History of the Church in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries, Van Oosterzee's Lecture in Defense of John's Gospel, and Lange's Romans and the Literature of Theology in Seneca's Moral Essays—the offspring of his intellect will exercise an influence in the opinions of men, not only in this country, but throughout the civilized world. Perhaps no man has ever lived in Methodism who, more than him we now

ceased to be questioned, and we **BEGAN** with the new and *dynamic* principle that an *educated* ministry is the *most potent* factor in every reform.

Education and money are compound safety valves of the Christian religion, and Bishop Hurst represented both. He did not fear the loss of popularity that would result from his identity with the preaching of the gospel, but believed a *united effort* with the human race and Almighty God are the only guarantees of the final salvation of the world. He stands supreme in our history as a leader in the Universal Church, and left no superior. He sounded the death knell of denominational prejudice, and built up a Catholic spirit in the church which dominates the world of Methodism to-day—one Lord, one faith, one baptism. The one question thus raised up by him, and overshadowing all others for the last quarter of a century, compromised the fight between Roman Catholics and Protestants, suppressed the rebellion between Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and other Protestant denominations, checked the rising tide of sectional hate, paralyzed race prejudice, and produced peace between the North and South, and held as a solution of the race problem, the *industrious* progress and *expansion* of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. In 1880, the General Conference elected as Bishops, Warren, Foss, and the subject of our eulogy, John Fletcher Hurst. And the latter, Bishop Hurst, has been the prevailing force of liberty and union, one and inseparable, in church and in all the States, and when a federal compact between the denominations founded the American University at Washington, his *unique* character and majestic individuality were crowned as Chancellor of this plant of national education. His spirit found its highest expression in this great University. He illustrated the possibilities of an educated minister. The church is not ashamed of his life. The world is proud of his greatness. He visited Russia, Scandinavia, France, Switzerland, Italy, Great Britain, Greece, Syria and Egypt, and throughout the United States. His love for travel was only equaled by his delight in reading and investigation. His natural gifts as a speaker and writer of historical subjects were only excelled by his wonderful mastery of the languages. He could transact business in seven languages. Judging Bishop Hurst by his surroundings, and measuring his greatness by the difficulties which he surmounted, he is the hero of his scholastic age. He came into power in the Methodist Church when it was not in full sympathy with a sound and comprehensive theological training. In nothing is his sagacity more apparent than his determination to preserve the church and her institutions to the confidence of men of business, and in influential circles. This was the objective point of his ministry. He denied the sovereignty of an illiterate leadership. Leaders have their rights and obligations; and their chief obligation is to lift up and save the masses, as well as the classes. Some men clamored for the separation of the Church on the race question, and advocated autonomy rather than live in a Church over whose Conferences a Negro Bishop should preside. BUT HURST was a wiser and better man than they. He preferred an *educated* ministry, a *UNITED* Church, and with the possibility of *ELECTING* a Negro Bishop his preference prevailed. How much better off is the Church to-day with all colors on board the old ship bound for the land of promise! Time has vindicated the wisdom of Bishop Hurst, that to develop an intelligent and a united church, was to save this

great nation for God and human liberty, and to lift up the emancipated slave and advance him and his posterity to education, THRIFT, WEALTH, and political manhood, and the blessings of the Christian religion.

Referring once more to Roman Catholicism, Bishop Hurst, with all of his fraternity, never forgot that he was a Protestant. The diplomatic and friendly spirit of his dealings with Roman Catholic priests did not affect us. But on the real question which Romanists affirm and Protestants deny, namely: supplementary and explanatory revelation, handed down outside of the Scriptures—in this battle, not only Methodism, but Protestantism found its oracle and representative in Bishop Hurst.

Now, my friends, if we regard our Church as personated in Bishop Hurst, her *present prosperity* and *future career*, and as in his characteristics demanding of us all to account for our conduct, as ministers and members, how shall we answer those who talk of separation from the mother Church? This is no time to dwell on local interests, and fan every kindling flame of local prejudice. This is no time and no place to array race against race, and denomination against denomination, and people against pastor, but the SPIRIT of justice and equity demands prayer and care for the continuance of that unity of Church and labor that constitute one people.

The GENERAL prosperity which the Church has attained, and which it now enjoys, has been acquired through the instrumentality of the policy of the present. While it continues, the capacity and possibility of attaining to higher degrees of success and prosperity await not only the Negro, but the white man also. The CHURCH has, while the *present policy* lasts, a denominational life capable of great and beneficial exertion, with resources to overcome misfortunes, to sustain us against financial panics, and to promote every church enterprise. But separation strikes at the very being of this preserving quality. It would leave the Church, not only bereft of its GLORY and PRIDE of the "world for its parish", but without the full mission of Jesus, who said, "Preach the Gospel to every creature"—"baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

WITH our *present policy*, whatever misfortune may come, we can all bear it, and whatever losses we may sustain, in money or membership, another generation can renew them, and the old mother Church shout in her onward march: "The kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and Christ."

Then pastors, trustees, stewards, and all members, let us trust in that God who has held our church in the hollow of His hand. Believe in the Christian intelligence of our people and the efficacy of our religious obligation, and that "Right is right, since God is God, and right the day must win." Let us trust to the influence of Bishop Hurst's example—who stood like a watch tower upon the shore. The waves thundered against it, and vanished in spray—its clear and steady lamp burning in the storm, a consolation and a guide to all over the dark sea to the haven of rest. Bishop Hurst was no temporary flame, burning for a while and then giving place to returning darkness, but a glowing lamp with a brilliant light, and power to influence the world of Methodism, and his death has not left the Church in the dark; but there are other leaders, from the potent contact of whose kindred spirit the denomination is in a world of light, to cheer us and to guide us, and we all will follow and be led to certain victory.

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BISHOP H. W. WARREN.

The prayer for divine guidance is based on need and promise. Human vision is limited; light is only partial, part of the time, and eyes not adapted to see its various kinds. All this is complemented by "I will guide thee with mine eye that seeth all things." Hence the prayer of the hymn. So Christ prayed.

He knew them all, the doubt, the strife,
The faint, perplexing dread;
The mists that hang o'er parting life
All darkened round his head.

The author of this hymn was an honest, pure-hearted man. He joined the Roman Catholic Church in 1845 and was made cardinal in 1879.

"LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT."

Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home;
Lead thou me on!
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou
Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now
Lead thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years!

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!
—John Henry Newman (b. 1801, d. 1890).

Every kindness done to others in our daily walk, every attempt to make others happy, every prejudice overcome, is a step nearer to the life of Christ.

Prayer

Keeps the road clear between God and us.
Brings us help when we need it.
Gives companionship every day.
Lifts up our perishing neighbor.
Leads workers into the harvest.
Inspires a church with zeal.
Overcomes temptation.
Looks up and lifts.

Rest In Jesus

A poor English girl in a home in Paris, ill in body and hopeless in spirit, was greatly affected by hearing some children singing, "I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest.'" When they came to the words, "Weary and worn and sad," she said, "That's me, that's me! What did He do? Fill it up, fill it up!"

She never rested until she had heard the whole of the hymn, which tells how Jesus gives rest to such. By and by she asked, "Is that true?" On being told, "Yes," she asked, "Have you come to Jesus? Has he given you rest?" "He has." Raising herself, she asked, "Do you mind my coming close to you? Maybe it would be easier to go to Jesus with one who has been before than to go alone."

So saying, she nestled her head on the shoulder of her who watched, and, clutching her as one in the agony of death, she murmured, "Now try and take me with you to Jesus." Their voices joined me in prayer. The presence of Jesus filled her heart, and she had rest and peace.—*Baltimore Methodist*.

Passion for Work

It is not by the name we may have, the rank we hold or the position we are in that we will be judged, but according to the amount and character of the work we do. Then who can estimate the importance there is in us doing the work God has planned for us? Just as it is important to us, so it is needed by the poor, lost world.

If you want to know how to work, let me tell you. God's work, or all work that is right, is what the world needs. To do this work right we must be good. That will make our work tell for God. It must have heart in it. To be heartless is to be lifeless. Do not work too hard; that will hurt your body; or too little; that will hurt your soul. When you work, work, and when you rest, rest. Put some enthusiasm and system into your work. We cannot explain these here, but you can hunt up their meaning. Concentrate your mind on your work, and then get behind and push, not yourself, but your work.—*The War Cry*.

God's Choice

When the choice lies between happiness and usefulness, God always chooses the latter for his children. This is the key to many a mystery. We seek joy; God sends fruit. We pray for comfort; God sends trial. Not because He is unfeeling, but because He loves us too much to please us by injuring us.

The care-free life is not the cared-for life. The crown shines brightest upon the forehead where pain has plowed her deepest furrow. That life is the loveliest which has been chiseled into beauty by the sharpest tool of sorrow. God is aiming at usefulness, not limited to earth, but reaching past all stars and compassing eternity. God has chosen us, and into his path is woven both to-day and to-morrow and the eternal years, and He will not give us the happiness of to-day if that can only be purchased by the diminished happiness of to-morrow. The most useful men to-day are not our happiest men. Our sorrow may be our best helper as we set ourselves resolutely to our life's work.—*Zion's Herald*.

Woman's Dominion

"They talk about a woman's sphere
As though it had a limit:
There's not a place in earth or heaven,
There's not a task to mankind given,
There's not a blessing or a woe,
There's not a whisper, yea, or no,
There's not a life, or death or birth,
That has a feather's weight of worth,
Without a woman in it."

Miss Rowena Howard, a colored deaconess who

received her training in the Riley Training School, late of Cincinnati, O., now of Indianapolis, Ind., will take up work in Baltimore, Md., where she will serve as a deaconess.

Mr. Thomas H. Lyles, president of the State Federation of Afro-American Women's Clubs, of Minnesota, left St. Paul recently for Chicago, where she will join Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, national organizer for the Afro-American Women's Clubs of America. Mrs. Lyles and Mrs. Davis will make a tour of the East for the purpose of awakening interest in the Clubwomen's National meeting at St. Louis next July.

A pretty way to make a needle box, which is a useful present for Christmas, is to get a round corset lace so long that when rolled into a circle it will be large enough to form the cover of the needle book. Crochet over this tightly with colored knitting silk. Sew each one carefully into a circle, and about the edge make a row of shells for border. Cut three circles of white flannel a little smaller than the covers. Crochet the edge of these with colored silk, and place between the covers, fastening them at the back with small ribbon bows, and putting two short pieces of the same ribbon on the front to hold the needle-book shut.

An Invaluable Recipe

It is a wise and safe habit to cut out every good recipe that we may need, so as to secure it for future reference. A reader of the SOUTHWESTERN wishes a sure recipe for mending china—a good cement. I am able to give you one, tried and used for years. It will save you many dollars, as it mends as good as new and stands the test of using and washing. The proportions are equal quantities of gum-arabic and plaster-paris. Make a thick solution or paste of the two and then join your broken edges of china carefully and apply the paste with a small camel's-hair brush, and set away to dry. Don't use soap upon fine china or hand-painted pieces. Make a warm, soft suds of rainwater and pearline and dry with a soft linen towel and polish with tissue paper, and your china will last you for years. I have used several pieces for years mended thus, but I always care for them myself. S. J. H.

Almond Cream

For making almond cream take one-fourth ounce each of white wax and spermaceti and one and one-half ounces of almond oil. Heat all together slowly, then add an ounce of rose water and beat until it forms a cream.

Tomato Jelly

Soak one box of gelatine for an hour in two cupfuls of water. Put over the fire the liquor from two cans of tomatoes, with half an onion, sliced, a bayleaf, two cloves and a sprig of parsley. Let them cook together thirty minutes, put in the gelatine, stir until dissolved, strain the jelly, add to it a couple of tablespoonfuls of Worcester's sauce, salt and pepper to taste and pour into the mould, which is wet with cold water. This makes a rather large quantity and half of it would be enough for an ordinary family.—*Woman's Home Companion*.

A Mother's Remarkable Testimony

For several years we lived the "life beautiful"—the life of perfect trust in God. We contracted no debts, we tithed the little money which came into our hands. Our greatest desire was to serve God with such service as should be well pleasing in his sight. We counted it a joy to sacrifice for the One who had made the great sacrifice for us. We praised him continually for permitting us to

labor in his vineyard, and in these days he gave us many souls for our hire. But dark days came, and darker still, and my cry went up to God, but the heavens seemed as brass. Satan saw his opportunity, and tempted me. Stealthily come the suggestion, "God does not care for you!" Finally bitterness and rebellion crept in, and we were drifting away from that which we had once loved. The Bible was wilfully neglected, and prayer was unuttered. The once quiet, happy home became one of unrest.

I saw with anxiety the change in my children's characters. I was daily grieved and surprised at the outbreaks of temper and the lawlessness of their behavior. I had ceased to read the Word of God to them, and carry them with me to the throne of grace.

But the Spirit of God was striving mightily with me, and sometimes I would say, "I will go back to Jesus." Then, with greater intensity, I would say, "No, I will not go! He has cast me off! He has not delivered me from my troubles! He does not care!"

And so the battle raged, until, from battlings within and without, I was almost undone. One day, when my patience was exhausted, and my boy had been repeatedly reprimanded and punished, I dropped everything and talked with him. That was another thing I had ceased doing. I talked with him, but not in anger, as usual, for my heart yearned over him, he was so naughty, and seemed to be actuated, and asked him to look into mother's eyes, and tell her why he was so naughty. The tears came, and, as he looked through them into my face, he answered: "O mother! I don't know why I am so naughty. I try not to be, but at night it always seems to have been a bad day." Then, breaking into sobs, and drawing closer to me, he continued: "If you would only read the Bible and pray with us every day, as we used to, I believe I should be a better boy. But it's so hard to keep trying and trying to do right all by myself!" The arrow flew straight home, piercing my mother-heart to its very center. I saw uncovered before me my responsibility for the evil triumphing over the good day by day in my boy's life. I was deeply touched by the sublime faith of my precious child.

While I was terrified and compelled to acknowledge the effect of my own spiritual condition as reflected by my children, it was hard to go back to Jesus. I still felt rebellious regarding circumstances which He could change, and then, besides, I had robbed Him of my service, and that of my children. I had robbed Him of daily praise and thanksgiving and the incense of sweet living. I was humiliated as I recalled all these things, and felt myself unworthy.

At this time the deaconess happened in—no, nothing ever "happens" to God's children, estranged and rebellious though they be. She discovered my wretched condition, and freely laid bare her own quivering heart, that I might further know how God sometimes deals with His own and yet loves them. Over and over she whispered, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him," and "Whom the Lord loveth He chastiseth." She urged me to go back to church and to the Sunday school, but I explained that this was impossible, owing to family duties.

The Home Department work, ever borne upon the hearts of the deaconesses, came to her mind as filling my need, and so she begged me to take it up for my children's sake as well as my own. I finally promised her that I would, and, after I began reading the Word and talking with Him

as I used to do, I stooped again to lift my cross, for I was ready to carry it if He willed it so, but He had put His own broken body underneath it, and He has been carrying it for me ever since.

It has become the custom of our house to bring the Bible to the table at lunch time, when the freshness of the morning has worn away, and there is need of new strength, that the afternoon's work may be well done. The children look forward to this time, and we never get closer together, or have a richer blessing, than when reading God's Word and speaking to Him, and His Holy Spirit brooding over us all.—*By a Mother, in Sunday School Times.*

Young Friends

CHRISTMAS IS NEAR.

Two little curly heads, yellow and brown,
Over their work bending busily down.
Twenty wee fingers all stitching away,
Nimble and deftly as ever they may.
Four little lips whispering softly and low,
Sweet little secrets that no one must know.
These are the signs by which it is clear
That Yuletide is coming and Christmas is near!

O for the mysteries no one can guess!
Something for baby and something for Bess
Presents for Jackey, and gifts for papa,
Such a delightful surprise for mamma,
All stowed away in the little workbox
Of wee Rosy Posy and sweet Goldilocks;
No one shall open it, no one shall peer
Into its treasures till Christmas is here.

Work away, dear little hands, work away,
Swiftly and nimbly as ever you may;
Only a little while longer, you know,
You will have leisure to stitch and to sew;
Every new morning and every new night
Brings the day nearer, the day of delight,
Brightest and merriest day of the year;
Yuletide is coming, and Christmas is near.
—Persis Gardner, in *Youth's Companion*.

Roosevelt Turns on Christmas Tree Lights

President Roosevelt touched a key in the telegraph room attached to the executive offices at Washington at 7 o'clock on the evening of Nov. 23, and started the electric lights on the Christmas tree in convention hall, thus opening the celebration of the 220th anniversary of the landing of the first German colonists in North America.

Her Best Days Yet to Come

A young girl of fifteen, a bright, laughter-loving girl, was suddenly cast upon a bed of suffering. Completely paralyzed on one side, and nearly blind, she heard the family doctor say to her friends who surrounded her, "She has seen her best days, poor child!" "Oh, no, doctor!" she exclaimed, "my best days are yet to come, when I shall see the King in his beauty!"—*Ram's Horn*.

What the Spider Told

"I was spinning a web on a rose vine," said the spider, "and the little girl was sewing patchwork on the doorstep. Her thread knotted and her needle broke and her eyes were full of tears. 'I can't do it,' she cried. 'I can't! I can't!'"

"Then the mother came and told her to look at me. Every time I spun a nice thread, and tried to fasten it to a branch, the wind blew and tore it away. This happened several times. But at last I made one that did not break, and fastened it, and spun other threads to join it. Then the mother smiled. 'What a patient spider!' she said.

"The little girl smiled, too, and took up her work. And when the sun went down there was

a beautiful web in the rose vine and a square of beautiful patchwork on the doorstep."—*Epworth Era*.

Kindness for Rudeness

A little girl, we are told, went to her mother one day to show some fruit that had been given her.

"Your friend," said the mother, "has been very kind."

"Yes," said the child, "she gave me more than those, but I have given some away."

The mother inquired to whom she had given them, when she answered: "I gave them to a girl who pushes me off the path and makes faces at me."

On being asked why she gave them to her, she replied: "Because I thought it would make her know that I wished to be kind to her, and she will not, perhaps, be rude and unkind to me again."—*Central Methodist*.

The White Dove

There was once upon a time a white dove that lived next door to a growly grizzly bear.

The dove had a voice as sweet as music, but the bear had a terrible growl. He was always snarling, growling and quarreling, till the white dove said: "I cannot stand it any longer. I must find a new home."

So early the next morning she started out to find the new home. First she went to the creek and dipped her wings in the shining water till they were as white as snow, and then away she flew, over the hills and the valley.

"Coo, coo! I should like to live with a good child!" she said as she flew.

By and by she came to a small white house by the roadside, and there on the doorstep sat a little girl who looked so much like a good child that the white dove lighted on a tree by the gate and called with her voice as sweet as music: "Coo! coo! may I come in? Coo, coo, may I come in?"

But the little girl did not hear, for just then her mother called from the kitchen: "Little daughter, come in! I want you to rock the baby to sleep." And before the dove had time to call again, the little girl began to cry as loudly as she could, "Boo-hoo, boo-hoo! I don't want—to—come—in! Boo-hoo, boo-hoo!"

"Coo, coo!" called the white dove: but it did no good. So she spread her wings and flew away.

"I should rather live next door to a growly grizzly bear," she said to herself, "than in the house with a child who cries like that."

On and on she flew, over the tree-tops and roofs, till she reached a big house that had a great many doors and windows. The windows were open, and, looking in, the white dove saw a half dozen boys and girls playing together.

Oh, what a noise there was! The baby had waked up long before he was through with his nap, and he was crying about it, and the nurse was singing to him; and all the rest were running and screaming and jumping, till altogether there was such a din that the white dove could not make herself heard, although she called many times. At last somebody spied her, and then what a terrible time she had!

Every child in the room began to push and scramble to get her. "She's mine!" "She's mine!" "I saw her first!" "You didn't!" "I did!" they cried, all talking at once, till the white dove spread her wings and flew away.

"It would be almost as bad as living next door to a growly grizzly bear to live in the house with all that noise," she said as she flew away.

Her white wings were weary and she began to

think that she would have to turn back; when she heard a sound as sweet as her own voice. It came from a brown house near by, and the white dove made haste to the door to find out what the sound was. When she put her head in at the door she saw a little girl rocking her baby brother to sleep in his cradle; and it was this little girl who had the voice like music. As she rocked the cradle she sang:

"All the pretty little horses,
White and gray and black and bay;
All the pretty little horses,
You shall see some day, some day

"Coo, coo! may I come in?" called the white dove softly at the door; and the little girl looked up.

Now the child had often thought that she would rather have a white dove than anything else in the world, and she whispered back: "Dear dove, come in." Then the white dove went in and lived there all the days of her life and never had to go back to live by the growly grizzly bear any more; for she had found a home with a good

Maud Lindsay, in the Kindergarten Review.

Educational

Mrs. H. M. Nasmvth, superintendent of Adeline M. Smith Industrial Home, Little Rock, Ark., writes that applicants for admission into the Home are coming daily, and that Philander Smith College is very prosperous.

The largest public school building in the country is to be erected in New York City. One hundred classrooms are provided for in the plans, and 4,500 pupils will be accommodated. The building will cost \$518,000.

Mason Academy

Because of the fact that the pastor, who is principal, had to move to the work, the formal opening of Mason Academy was deferred until Dec. 22, at 7 o'clock p. m. The monthly program will be rendered on the 23d at 7 p. m. The monthly programs are had for the benefit of the school, and we are laboring to make them redound greatly to the interest of the same. The board of trustees met in Hartzell Memorial Temple Nov. 2, and authorized me to travel the Western district and raise funds to pay for the purchase of a lot, on which to erect a building for the school. We hope the brethren will be responsive to our calls for help. The board also elected other trustees, viz.: Profs. R. B. McReary, A. M., of Lexington, N. C., and W. H. Thomas, A. M., of Hamlet, N. C. The school opened Nov. 2 under very hopeful conditions. We invite the patronage, both in cash and scholars, from the generous public. We have secured Miss LeSueur, of Reidsville, as one of the teachers; and Mrs. Frances Person, daughter of Presiding Elder Smith, will be added to our teachers' roll and will manage the musical and domestic training departments. G. B. McLEAN, Principal.

Hickory, N. C.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S. C. Conference

Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The fourth annual business session of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Lexington Conference will be held Wednesday,

March 9, 1904, at the seat of the Conference, Lexington, Ky., in Gunn's Chapel. We have been able to make this arrangement through the kindness of the pastors there, Revs. G. W. Ziegler and H. C. Buckner, that the ladies who are members of the society and are also members of the lay association may have the opportunity of attending both meetings. All conference officers are requested to be present with full reports. All auxiliaries who have not elected their delegates to the annual meeting will please do so at once, and immediately forward the names to me, that I may be able to inform the local committee of the number that will attend. May I ask that the pastors who have not an auxiliary of the W. H. M. S. on their charges will please take a collection for this great and worthy cause and send it to our treasurer, Mrs. Mattie A. Sissle, No. 1708 Columbia avenue, Indianapolis, Ind., as we are anxious that every charge in the Lexington Conference be represented in our Society. Please do this and trust God for the results. The district presidents will see that all dues and contingent funds are collected and sent in to our conference treasurer, that she may be able to give you credit for your year's work. Sisters, are you praying that God's blessings may continue to rest on the great Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which is doing so much to help our boys and girls and to save the world for Christ? I hope you are and will come to the meeting next spring with your minds fully made up to do more for this great cause than ever before. Your in His name,

MRS. J. T. LEGGETT.

President of the Lexington Conf. W. H. M. S.
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Miss Jessie I. Peters, of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Lydia S. Pool, of Mt. Pleasant, Ia., sailed from New York by steamship Teutonic, Wednesday, Nov. 25. Miss Peters was graduated from Northwestern University in June, 1903. Miss Pool from Iowa Wesleyan University in 1898. These young women go to India for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Miss Peters appointed by the Northwestern Branch to teach at Muzaffarpur and Miss Pool appointed by the Des Moines branch to teach in the Girls' High School at Cawnpore. In England they will be joined by Miss Alice M. Northrup, who sailed Sept. 1, and who goes to teach in Lucknow.

Epworth League

By REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

Topic December 20.

A CHOICE FOR ETERNITY.

Scriptural Reference Luke 16: 19-31.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday—Searching for Jesus. Matt. 2: 1, 2.

Tuesday—Choosing the True God. Josh. 24: 14-18.

Wednesday—Choosing the Way of Truth. Ps. 119: 28-32.

Thursday—A Bad Choice. Prov. 1: 28-33.

Friday—Evil versus Good. Isa. 7: 15, 16.

Saturday—Choosing a Fellow-worker. Acts 15: 40, 41.

If God had done nothing more for man than endow him with the right to choose his way, to shape his own character and determine his own destiny, the world would have come enough to place

man under lasting obligation to Him. This freedom which God has given man, makes him the architect of his own fortune and the shaper of his own destiny. The ability to choose and the will to determine his own course put the responsibility on man and not on God. If man lives to the lower level of life, drops down from the higher standards and ideals, he cannot charge his condition to any but himself, for he is a free agent and can choose his own way. Men are choosing each day the kind of life they will live, and their final choice will settle their destiny for eternity. Whatever a man chooses to-day he is most likely to choose to-morrow, for character tends to fix itself, and habit is not easily broken up. I am reminded here of the lines of the late Joseph Cook, whose name and fame have gone the world around.

Choose I must and soon must choose,
Holiness, or heaven lose;
While what heaven loves I hate,
Shut for me is heaven's gate.

As the stream its channel grooves,
And within that channel moves,
So doth habit's deepest tide
Choose its bed and there abide.

How important, then, that you form the habit of choosing the best life. Over against a life of luxury and pleasure here, stands a life of misery and woe in the hereafter. Over against a life of pain and suffering and sacrifice for the sake of Jesus stands a life of rest and comfort and joy in the hereafter. Young man, young woman, you are choosing now! Which do you choose? In this parable we may note,

1. *Two Conditions.* (a) *The Rich.* In a place of beauty and grandeur, where the most beautiful rugs covered the floors and the finest tapestries decorated the walls, with chairs for his comfort and sofas for his ease, with the best food from tropical climes, with men and maidens to serve him, in the midst of the perfume of flowers and lights with dazzling brightness, with decorations of silver and chalices of gold lived the rich man. The earth was a heaven to him.

(b) *The Poor.* From the home of beauty and grandeur described above let us turn away to another condition.

It is a hovel, shorn of all the comforts of life, with dingy walls and earthen floor, with a bed of straw for a bed and rags for his covering, shivering with cold and pinched with hunger, with no one to serve his needs, with only death for his companions, in the midst of squalor, wretchedness and disease lived the poor man. That he might have a morsel to eat he was at the gate of the man who was rich.

2. *The two lives.* The two men lived on, in elegance, the other in poverty; one well fed, the other pinched and hungry; one attended by servants, the other attended by dogs; the one smiling with pride, buoyant in life's hopes, the other dejected and forlorn; the one surrounded by life's blessings, the other begging for sustenance.

3. *The end came to each.* (a) *To the Riches.* Neither wealth nor opulence can stay the march of the old reaper. No palace can be so short-lived as the "Grim Ferryman." No palace can be so brilliant as to exclude his black shadow. Death stalked everywhere: The high and lowly alike fall by his scythe. Though the rich hang out flowers at the door-knob, still it is

They may surround it with all that wealth can buy and elegance can suggest, still it is death. The rich man goes to his six feet of earth, where all the races are leveled.

(b) *The Poor.* In his humble cottage or vile tenement the poor man dies. His death is unheralded. There are but few mourners. The casket is very simple. There are no flowers. Upon the commonest bier, the undertaker lays his body to rest, often in the midst of squalor and drunken wakes. But it is death. He is dead just like the rich man. Out of this event Jesus brings us some truth about the other state.

4. *Truth about the other world.* (a) *About the Godless rich.* It is only another statement of "How hardly shall a rich man enter into the kingdom of heaven?" This particular rich man who awoke in torment is a type of the Godless rich of every age and clime. Is a man lost because he is rich? No! He is lost because he loves his riches more than he loves his God.

(b) *The exalted station of God's poor.* Did you see that poor fellow full of sores in company with the dogs at the rich man's gate? Look at him, now in joy and felicity, veal in Abraham's bosom the symbol of the highest joy. Is he in joy and felicity.

(c) *The separation.* The separation in the future world is final and everlasting. There is no communication between them for there is a gulf fixed. The lost cannot go to the saved nor can the saved go to the lost. Those whose hearts are centered upon the world and its pleasure go into torments; those whose hearts are centered upon God and who have crucified the flesh will go into felicity, and are saved simply because his heart was fixed on God, rather than on the world.

Dear learner, what are you choosing to-day? Have you made your choice for eternity?

Pittsburg, Pa.

Sunday School Helps

BY REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson VII.—December 20th 1903. Title: The Queen of Sheba visits Solomon (2 Kings 1:9-10). Golden Text: "When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice" (Prov. 29:2). Time: A. C. 1000. Place: Jerusalem.

The king of Israel continued for thirteen years, after he dedicated the temple, to erect houses, haughty cities, and build ships. His white sails were seen in almost every seaport. His fame was world-wide. The queen of Sheba heard of him, and made a journey of more than a thousand miles to see him. (Sheba was in Southern Arabia, on shore of Red Sea, and was noted for spices, gold, and precious stones.) The object of her visit was to prove Solomon with hard questions or riddles. There were many difficulties in her way, but she overcame them. Jesus, our Lord, is greater than Solomon. Heaven has more splendors than Jerusalem had. The sinner is far away, dwelling in a land that produces many things, but not that which satisfies the desire of the soul. The "one thing needful" could not be found in Yeman. The unsaved may learn of Jesus through His gospel, and through His church. And when He is known to them they should set out along the way of faith, repentance and prayer to find Him.

The queen of Sheba no doubt journeyed in royal style. There were probably persons going before her to clear the way, with her to attend to every want, and after her to protect her from danger. She carried many valuable presents for King Solomon. It is not well for any one to make a display in seeking Jesus, joining the

church, or receiving the sacraments. We should realize our unworthiness. All the present He asks is a "broken heart and a contrite spirit." All He requires is that we feel our need of Him.

She communed with Solomon of all that was in her heart. She had decided beforehand on the hard questions, or riddles, she would ask, and when they had been propounded, and correctly answered, she had nothing more to say. Her little stock of information was exhausted. The sinner need not approach Jesus with his thought out and committed plan. Let him come loving and trusting and he will be received. Solomon answered all her questions. She soon learned that he was her superior. Her efforts at first were not to know but to be smart; not to teach but to make points; not to learn, but to engage in an intellectual duel. The Scribes and Pharisees, in their efforts to entangle Jesus, were of this class. Many to-day have the same disposition. It is worse than useless for the sinner to approach Jesus in this way.

When she realized the wisdom of Solomon, and saw the palatial home in which he dwelt, the sumptuous provisions of his table, the splendid attire and orderly conduct of his servants, and the ascent or stairway by which he went up to the house of the Lord, there was no more spirit in her. She was breathless with amazement. Surprise always betrays ignorance, yet no doubt the saint will be astonished beyond measure when he beholds the dazzling splendor of heaven. Her walls are of jasper, her gates of pearl, and her streets of gold. Her people are orderly, and are clad in robes that outshine the sun in all his splendor. They feast on the hidden manna of God's love in a style more royal than did the guests at Solomon's table. Amen.

In the queen's address to Solomon there is much frankness and some flattery. The reports she had heard, in her own land, of his acts and wisdom were true. Yet she did not believe them until she came and saw for herself. She was then convinced and said: "The half had not been told." Not all the reports heard in this age are true, but all the Bible says about Jesus and heaven are correct. The unsaved should show enough faith in the word of God to investigate it. An experimental test will convince them beyond a doubt. Jesus said: "If any man will do His will he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."—When we do this we will realize that the half has not been told. The most sublime things baffle description. This was true of the works of Solomon, of many buildings of art since, of the World's Fair at Chicago, and of the glories of heaven.

She felt that all should be happy who had the privilege of being continually with Solomon. They could receive of his wisdom and goodness. We make those about us like ourselves or we become like them. Wisdom and folly, goodness and badness, riches and poverty, dwell not together. They drift to a common level, and rise or fall together. Those who dwell in a religious community should consider themselves fortunate. Children who have wise godly parents are doubly blessed. Young people should be proud of the privilege to associate with ministers of the gospel, whom God has raised up. The queen of Sheba blessed the Lord who delighted in Solomon, and who had set him on the throne of Israel. This Jehovah did, because He loved His people, and because there was judgment and justice in the son of David. Gifts in the East are very common. To refuse an offering was considered an insult. Her gifts to Solomon amounted to over three million dollars

in our money. We should bring the very best we have to the King of Kings. The spices indicate that she came from Arabia.

Lincoln Birthday Sunday

In the calendar of special Church days, it is appropriate that one Sunday in the year be given to Patriotism and Christian Education. Every fourth active pastor in our Church planned for this last year, by sending to the office of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society for Lincoln Sunday literature.

February 14 is the day set apart for this year. Every pastor will soon receive a letter of information. This note is to urge that the day now be set apart for observance by Church, Epworth League and Sunday School. Remember February 14, the Sunday nearest Lincoln's birthday, in the interest of Patriotism and Christian Education, in the South. With our map, "Stars in our Southern Firmament," and our Song Service the day should be made notable.

Spring Conferences.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation for 1904.

N. B.—The eleven conferences first named below belong to the Plan for 1903, but are to be held subsequent to the bishops' conference in November, 1903.)

Conference.	Place and Time	Bishop.
Central Alabama,	Birmingham—Dec. 10.	Foss
Atlanta,	Covington, Ga.—Dec. 10.	Cranston
West Texas,	San Antonio—Dec. 16.	Walden
Mobile, Union Spr'gs., Ala.—	Dec. 17.	Foss
Georgia,	Ellijay—Dec. 17.	Cranston

Upper Mississippi,	Okolona—Jan. 6.	Mallalieu
Arkansas,	Siloam Springs—Jan. 13.	McCabe
Mississippi,	Hattiesburg, Miss.—Jan. 13.	Mallalieu
Little Rock,	Pine Bluff, Ark.—Jan. 21.	McCabe
Louisiana,	Baton Rouge—Jan. 27.	Mallalieu
St. John's River,	Tarpon Sp'gs., Fla.—Jan. 28.	Goodsell
Gulf Mission Con.,	Hughes Sp's., Tex.—Feb. 4.	Mallalieu
Florida,	Gainesville—Feb. 4.	Goodsell
Porto Rico,	Guayama—Feb. 25.	Cranston
Central Missouri,	Kansas City, Mo.—Mar. 9.	Walden
Virginia,	Alexandria—Mar. 10.	Foss
Lexington,	Lexington, Ky.—Mar. 10.	Fowler
Lincoln,	Topeka, Kan.—Mar. 10.	Hamilton
Philadelphia,	Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 16.	Merrill
Delaware,	Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 16.	Andrews
Kansas,	Lawrence, Kan.—Mar. 16.	Walden
Washington,	Baltimore, Md.—Mar. 16.	Fowler
Wilmington,	Dover, Del.—Mar. 16.	FitzGerald
Gen. Pennsylvania,	Harrisburg—Mar. 23.	McCabe
South Kansas,	Baldwin, Kan.—Mar. 16.	Hamilton
New Jersey,	Trenton—Mar. 23.	Merrill
Baltimore,	Baltimore, Md.—Mar. 23.	Foss
N. Eng. South'n,	N. Bedford, Mass.—Mar. 23.	Goodsell
Newark—Mar. 23.		Cranston
East German,	New York—Mar. 24.	FitzGerald
Southwest Kansas,	Wichita—Mar. 24.	Hamilton
Wyoming,	Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Mar. 30.	Andrews
Missouri—Mar. 30.		Walden
Vermont,	Montpelier—Mar. 30.	Fowler
Maine,	Rumford Falls—Mar. 30.	Vincent
Eastern Swedish,	Brooklyn, N. Y.—Mar. 31.	Foss
Northwest Kansas,	Salina, Kan.—Mar. 31.	Hamilton
Northern New York,	Ilion, N. Y.—April 6.	Merrill
New York—April 6.		Andrews
New York East,	Brooklyn, N. Y.—April 6.	Foss
St. Louis,	Carthage, Mo.—April 6.	Walden
New Hampshire—April 6.		Fowler
East Maine,	Pittsfield, Me.—April 6.	Vincent
New England,	Springfield, Mass.—April 6.	Goodsell
North Indiana,	Muncie, Ind.—April 6.	McCabe
Troy,	Gloversville, N. Y.—April 6.	Cranston
E. C. Af. Mis. Con.—Nov.		Hartsell
Foochow,	Foochow—Nov.	Moore
Hinghua,	Hinghua—Nov.	Moore
W. C. Af. Mis. Con.—Dec.		Hartsell
Bombay,	Baroda—Dec. 10.	Warren, Warne
West China Mis.—Dec. 23.		Moore
Bengal,	Calcutta—Dec. 30.	Warren, Warne
Liberia,	Monrovia—Jan.	Hartsell
North India,	Bareilly—Jan. 7.	Warren, Warne
Burmah M. Con.,	Rangoon—Jan. 7.	Warne
Northwest India,	Cawnpore—Jan. 15.	Warren, Warne
Central China Mis.,	Klukiang—Jan. 30.	Moore
Mexico,	Mexico City—Jan. 31.	FitzGerald
South India,	Bangalore—Jan. 27.	Warren, Thoburn
South America,	Buenos Ayres—Jan. 27.	Joyce
Corea Mission,	Seoul—Feb. 17.	Moore
Malaysia,	Singapore—Feb. 18.	Thoburn
Western S. America,	Santiago, Chili—Feb. 25.	Joyce
S. Japan Mis. Con.,	Fukuoka—Mar. 16.	Moore
Japan,	Tokio—Mar. 31.	Moore
North China,	Peking.	Moore

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.
J. N. FITZGERALD, Secretary.
Rock Island, Ill., Nov. 3, 1903.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

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A Wise and Brave Man Speaks (Continued from Page One.)

wisdom to the South, Prof. John Spencer Bassett, professor of history in Trinity College, Durham, N. C., has recently been guilty of a similar offense. He has written an article to the *South Atlantic Quarterly* touching the relation of the races in this country that marks him one of the wisest and bravest men of his time. He thinks it useless to attempt to fix a "place" for the American Negro, since "The 'place' of every man in our American life," he says, "is such a one as his virtues and his capacities will enable him to take." What can be truer and more aptly stated? When he attributes the recent outburst of race prejudice at the South to politics, we think he is absolutely correct, and we have taken occasion to say as much more than once. The professor wrote his article and then tendered his resignation, which we are pleased to note the trustees of the college have declined to accept. This to our mind is a healthy indication. The South tolerates "free speech" when the speaker delivers himself in opposition to the Negro, and we are pleased that this brave man is not to lose his place for speaking a word for justice and fair play. One of the most striking paragraphs in his production is the following:

"The only solution reserved for us is the adoption of these children of Africa into our American life. In spite of our race-feeling, of which the writer has his share, they will win equality at some time. We cannot remove them, we cannot kill them, we cannot prevent them from advancing in civilization. They are now very weak; some day they will be stronger. They are now ignorant and passion-wrought; some day they will be wiser and more self-restrained. I do not know just what form the conflict will take. It may be merely a political conflict; it may be more than that. I am persuaded that it is, in many respects, the old conflict between Roman plebs and Roman patricians over again. It ought to be shorter than that struggle and the issue ought to be more fortunate than the issue of the Roman conflict: for American life is richer and better than Roman life.

"Some day the white man will beat the Negro out of his cowardice, and then 'red shirts' will exist no more. Some day the Negro will be a great industrial factor in the community; some day he will be united under strong leaders of his own. In that time his struggle will not be so unequal as now. In that time, let us hope, he will have brave and Christian leaders.

"We are now just entering the stage of conflict; and this is because the Negro is now beginning to be strong enough to make opposition. The conflict will be fiercer in the future than in the present. Lynchings and 'outrages' will perhaps become more frequent than they now are. As long as one race contends for the absolute inferiority of the other the struggle will go on with increasing intensity. But if some day the spirit of conciliation shall come into the hearts of the superior race the struggle will become less strenuous. The duty of brave and wise men is to seek to infuse the spirit of conciliation into these white leaders of white men. Shall they also be beasts

like the dull-faced black men who stand over against them? Is the white man not superior to the black man—superior in mind, superior in opportunity, superior in obligation to do acts of charity?"

While standing in the union depot at St. Louis, Mo., a short while since, we were much interested in hearing a citizen of Danville, Ill., declare that notwithstanding the labor difficulties that have occurred in that vicinity, there is still a large number of Negro laborers at work in the coal mines thereabout. "And what is more," declared he, "the best citizens of that region do not want them to leave." Such testimony does not accord with what some of the Southern dailies tell us. But then, politics often cause the truth to be greatly strained.

The Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute is a Negro school and there is not a white man on the entire premises. Still some of our white friends are complaining most bitterly because the postoffice department is about to create a postoffice there and appoint a Negro postmaster. The principal objection urged against its establishment is that it will cause a reduction of the salary of the postmaster in the town of Tuskegee, where the school's mail is now handled. Doubtless this is true, but its establishment will not violate a single one of the objections usually urged against the appointment of Negro postmasters. No white person's mail will have to be handled and no white person will be compelled to come in contact with the black postmaster.

The Colombian government refused to confirm the treaty with this country providing for the construction of the canal across the Isthmus of Panama, for which it was to receive \$10,000,000, and \$250,000 annually for ninety-nine years. The result is it lost the opportunity to secure more by losing Panama, and hence has lost all. A new and more liberal treaty has just been signed between this government and the republic of Panama. The width of the canal strip has been increased from six miles to ten, and the United States is granted the use in perpetuity of the canal zone from ocean to ocean. The republic of Panama will receive the \$10,000,000, but the annual payments of \$250,000 are not to begin till nine years after ratification of the treaty.

A few weeks since we reported the case of a white man of this state who was accused of criminal assault on two little girls in an orphanage, where the little ones were staying. He was arrested but we do not know what became of the case. A similar case has just been reported against a man named Homer D. Ward, of Clarksville, Tenn., superintendent of the Odd Fellows' Home, and he has been tried in one case and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. A second case against him for another little girl is yet to be tried. It seems that both children are under 12 years of age. We are glad they were not lynched as Negroes would have been.

Delegates of South Carolina Conference

William M. Hanna, presiding elder, Orangeburg, S. C.; Lewis M. Dunton, president Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C.; Joshua E. Wilson, presiding elder, Florence, S. C. Reserves: C. R. Brown, Florence, S. C.; W. R. A. Palmer, Charleston, S. C.; C. C. Jacobs, Sumter, S. C. Lay: Amos J. Andrews, postal clerk, Sumter, S. C.; John W. Allman, teacher, Bennettsville, S. C.; John H. Fordham, internal revenue service, Orangeburg, S. C. Reserves: R. J. Palmer, merchant tailor, Columbia, S. C.; J. F. Green, teacher, Charleston, S. C.; M. H. Gassaway, teacher, Anderson, S. C.

The South Carolina Conference

By REV. JAS. McEADDY.

The annual session of the South Carolina Conference was held in Sumter, S. C., beginning Nov. 26, 1903. Bishop Earle Cranston, D. D., of Portland, Oregon, presided. The roll was called by J. B. Middleton, former secretary, and 110 members responded. He was re-elected secretary by acclamation, and chose for his assistants W. R. A. Palmer, I. H. Fulton, W. S. Thompson and James McEaddy. J. S. Thomas was chosen statistical secretary, with W. J. Valentine, I. L. Hardy, J. F. Page, G. W. Cooper and C. H. Harleston assistants. W. R. Jervay was elected treasurer, and named as his assistants G. J. Davis, F. S. Baxter and J. W. Dare.

The presiding elders' reports were brief and interesting. They indicated advancement both in the number of conversions on their districts and in the benevolent collections. They were called upon to report in the following order: C. R. Brown, M. M. Mouzon, W. M. Hanna, J. L. Grice, J. E. Wilson and R. L. Hickerson.

The character of each member of the Conference was passed with the exception of two, between whom a misunderstanding had arisen as to the administration of the law. After an investigation these two were also passed.

There were received on trial Jno. C. Gibbes and Wm. F. Black; received into full connection, Boyd C. Jackson, Jno. A. Gary, Jas. A. Glenn, Isaac Myers, Wm. J. Smith and Ivery S. Elps; received on credentials from A. M. E., Z. Church, J. J. Johnson; received by transfer from North Carolina Conference, R. A. Cottingham.

The following were ordained deacons: Benj. J. Edney, Robt. McFadden, Molester Wilson, G. W. Shackelford, J. H. Wilson, Larry Baker, Elijah Morrison, Foster Newton and Wm. Griffin.

Those ordained elders are: W. M. Baker, Daniel Brown, P. R. Camlin, I. L. Hardy, J. J. July, W. B. Roman, J. S. Tyler, L. W. Williams, A. M. Wright and Glover McMillan.

The election of General Conference delegates was interesting and unusually exciting. For ministerial delegates six ballots were taken, during which Rev. Drs. W. M. Hanna, L. M. Dunton and J. E. Wilson were elected. The reserves are C. R. Brown, W. R. A. Palmer and C. C. Jacobs.

Among the visitors were Rev. Drs. W. D. Parr of the Church Extension Society, I. B. Scott of the SOUTHWESTERN, W. P. Thirkield of the Freedmen's Aid Society, I. G. Penn of the Epworth League, G. G. Logan, of the Missionary Society and L. G. Adkinson of Gammon Seminary. Their presence and addresses were a benediction to the conference and will never be forgotten.

The report of the statistical secretary showed 9,745 probationers and 41,363 full members. The total of collections reported by the brethren are as follows: For missions, \$4,183; Church Extension, \$172; Freedmen's Aid, \$3,585; Sunday School Union, \$244; Tract Society, \$69; Education, \$560; Bible Society, \$18; Woman's Foreign Missions, \$10; Woman's Home Missions, \$26; General Conference expenses, \$250; Conference Claimants, \$231, and Episcopal funds, \$173. Total, \$9,585. (See appointments on another page.)

Messrs. H. T. Eubanks, of Cleveland, and G. W. Hayes, of Cincinnati, Ohio, two colored members, were elected to the Lower House of the Ohio legislature in the late election.

Personal and General

The postoffice address of the Rev. S. M. Strayhorn is Tullahoma, Tenn., box 146.

The postoffice address of Rev. C. L. Field, pastor of Pleasant Grove Circuit, is Mason, Tenn.

The presiding elder of the Ohio District, Dr. W. H. Simmons, and wife are the happy possessors of a fine ten-pound baby girl.

Rev. E. C. F. Troupe, pastor of M. E. Church, Grenada, Miss., spent a few days in the city last week, and gave the office a pleasant call.

Rev. S. A. Cowan, presiding elder, Vicksburg, Miss., who was in the city on business last week, called at the SOUTHWESTERN before leaving.

A prominent Baptist divine of this city, Rev. H. C. Green, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, died last week after a short illness.

Rev. Stephen Duncan was in the city recently for a few hours to take a glance at his family. Few presiding elders work a district as closely and faithfully as he.

The Souvenir program and directory of the Texas Conference, prepared by the Rev. Dr. W. H. Logan, pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, where the Conference is held, is a gem.

The Secretaries of the Freedman's Aid Society are already making preparation for the Lincoln Birthday Sunday in February, when they hope to realize largely for their cause.

Mr. M. S. Alexander, of Maillard, La., came to the city recently on business. He seems as proud of having helped to save a church a few weeks since as if it had been his own property.

Dr. Thomas H. Wilkins, son of Dr. J. H. Wilkins, of Houston, Tex., is now practicing medicine in Gadsden, Ala. We ran upon him in Atlanta last week and were much pleased to meet him.

Rev. Henry Taylor, of the Baton Rouge district, has been sawing wood silently but faithfully for some months, but he stopped long enough a few days ago to drop in and leave us ten subscribers.

Rev. Dr. C. C. Jacobs, Sunday School Agent for our Eastern Conferences, has been invited to deliver the Founders' Day address at Gammon Theological Seminary Dec. 23. His subject will be "The Genius for Service."

Mr. Wm. Anderson, of Easley, S. C., is a successful merchant of excellent standing. He began business about three years ago and during the busy season carries a stock of \$1,500. He does a business of about \$3,000 per annum.

We have on our desk a neat printed program of the one hundred and fifteenth anniversary of the Smithfield M. E. Church, Pittsburg, Pa., which was celebrated from Nov. 29th to Dec. 2nd. Rev. M. H. M. Rees, D. D., is the pastor.

Rev. Dr. J. F. Marshall, presiding elder of the North New Orleans district, came in from a round on his district and reports his work as moving on successfully. A number of his brethren will make reports in advance of last year.

Mr. Robt. J. Palmer, the successful merchant tailor of Columbia, S. C., was president of the lay electoral conference of the South Carolina Conference, which met recently in Sumter, S. C., and was chosen the first reserve delegate.

Mrs. A. P. Camphor, wife of Dr. Camphor, president of the College of West Africa, has returned to Monrovia, Liberia, from Funchal, Madeira Islands, where she went some time ago for the benefit of her health, which she has fully recovered.

Mr. Arthur L. Macbeth is a successful photographer in Charleston, S. C. He was awarded a state medal in 1890, and a diploma and an international medal in Atlanta, Ga., in 1895. Mr.

Macbeth also exhibits animated pictures of a very fine order.

Dr. Wilbur P. Thirkield delivered one of his popular lectures at Centenary M. E. Church, Charleston, S. C., on Monday evening, Nov. 30, to a large and appreciative audience. The Doctor is highly esteemed among our people in the South and always draws a crowd.

Mrs. John P. Newman, widow of Bishop Newman, who is a delegate to the World's Sunday School Convention, which meets in Jerusalem in April, sailed for Naples Nov. 24th and will go from there to Jerusalem. Mrs. Newman expects to return to this country in May.

Mrs. Minnie Gilmer, who had been in the city several days from Bay St. Louis, Miss., left Nov. 25th for San Francisco. She goes to join her husband, Lieutenant J. Gilmer, now stationed in the Philippine Islands, and sailed from San Francisco December 1st. We wish her a pleasant voyage.



REV. EDWARD D. PETTY, CARROLLTON, GA.

A number of the friends of Rev. E. D. Petty have called our attention to his work and worth. They assure us that if work is the measure of a man, he may easily take first place among the young men of the Atlanta Conference. Less than a year ago he was appointed to the work at Carrollton, Ga., and, with less than a hundred members, has built and paid for the largest and most beautiful church on the Rome district, at a cost of \$2,300. He is a born leader of men, and a



THE CARROLLTON, GA., M. E. CHURCH. model pastor. But the pastorate is not his forte necessarily. That he is a preacher of power is evidenced by the revival just closed with 48 conversions. Along with his ministerial labors he is successfully carrying the course at Gammon Theological Seminary, being a member of the present senior class. Whether in school or in active Conference work, he is held in high regard by his associates, who expect much of him in the years to come. We are pleased to give a cut of Rev. Petty and his magnificent church.

Rev. Henry Taylor, presiding elder of the Baton Rouge district, called in to see us last week and gave us as a Thanksgiving present 10 yearly subscribers. He came in again this week and gave us 9 more. We appreciate such calls very much. Brother Taylor reports his work in good shape.

Miss C. A. Wallace, of San Antonio, Texas, is the guest of Mrs. I. B. Scott, No. 1114 Adams street. Miss Wallace is one of the city teachers of San Antonio and has been in the North on a several months' leave of absence for the benefit of her health, which seems much improved. She will resume her work the first of January, 1904.

Ex-Congressman Geo. W. Murray, who lives near Sumter, S. C., where he owns about 10,000 acres of land, is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his name was prominently mentioned for General Conference honors at the recently held lay electoral conference. We are pleased to note that his difficulties with white planters in his community have been satisfactorily adjusted.

Rev. Stephen Duncan, the "old war horse" of the Louisiana Conference, dropped in upon us last week to tell of the success of his district. There have been four new churches built, two parsonages remodeled and about 500 conversions. As indicative of the esteem in which he is held the people of Newman Memorial Chapel presented him a fine pair of shoes, which he appreciates very highly indeed.

News Notes

Germany has formally recognized the new Republic of Panama.

The United States has come into possession of the coaling station at Guantanamo, Cuba.

At Pine Bluff, Ark., the colored Masons of the state are erecting a \$50,000 Masonic Grand Lodge.

An exchange says: Colored men own in the United States 230 rated drugstores with an investment of something over a half million dollars.

The colored messenger boys who have replaced the whites in the employ of the Western Union telegraph service at Columbia, S. C., are said to be giving satisfaction.

Sir Mortimer Durand, the new British Ambassador to the United States, who arrived in this country recently, was formally presented to President Roosevelt Dec. 2.

John Fogle, colored, charged with an attempted assault on a young white woman, was lynched by a mob at Charleston, S. C., Nov. 28th, and his body riddled with bullets.

The Southern Confederation of Afro-American Women's Clubs will meet in Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 20th, presided over by Mrs. Booker T. Washington. Many women of distinction will be in attendance.

The Panama Junta decided to ratify the canal treaty immediately upon its arrival and so notified Minister Varilla, who communicated the news to Mr. Loomis, who is acting secretary in the absence of Mr. Hay.

An exchange says, the recent General Conference of the Evangelical Association increased the salary of its editors and bishops by three hundred dollars, making that of the latter officers \$1,800 and traveling expenses.

Congress met in regular session Dec. 7, and the extra session terminated at noon of the same day. In the Senate the Cuban reciprocity bill will be taken up at once and debated in every tariff phase until the 18th, when a vote is to be had as agreed upon at the extra session.

The President's message, which was read before Congress Dec. 7, was devoted chiefly to the Panama secession and its relations to the proposed isthmian canal. It declares that honest corporations have nothing to fear from investigation; that commerce between nations is steadily growing in volume, and suggests that Congress take action against the boll weevil.

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FARM AND FIRESIDE

Chas. O. Marshall Editor

The United States government has 40,000,000 packages of seed to give away to the farmers. Write or see your congressman so you will get a portion.

Southern Kansas is proving to be a rich oil field. It would have been well had the colored emigrants to that state thirty years ago settled in this portion.

There are many places in the south where the Negroes are treated in the most unjust way. Our teachers and preachers see it, but dare not protest. Really, where they are treated the most inhumanly, they are the most dangerous to handle, because they often misunderstand you, and consequently misrepresent you. But it is your duty to help them and you must do so with discretion.

There is no reason why we should lose one pig or lamb this winter. If we took the precaution to provide shelter and provender for our beasts, they ought to winter safely, unless we neglect to watch them now. Every life on our farm represents dollars. Care for it.

Plows should be at work preparing

the soil for the next cotton and corn crops. The lands that are turned for the winter rains to soak into them and the frosts to pulverize, will be the better for it. And prepare early for our gardens and forage crops. While we are spending these long nights before our cheerful fires, let us think out our plans for 1904.

WRITE IT NOW.

To-day we want to make a foremost and earnest appeal to our *Farm and Fireside* readers to write us a short account of your success on the farm this year. You remember that at the beginning of the year we asked you to make notes of all your transactions so that you would be able to give us some of your experiences when the year's work was completed. There are a thousand things a thoughtful farmer can tell, but we will be gratified if you write us a few. Write to-day. Do not put it off. You know you will be much busier after Christmas. Everywhere in the Southland are brainy, busy farmers who can interest us. Is there any who will refuse to help us? Pen your letter to-day.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

A. R. Rutledge, Pastor, New River, Fla.—I have just closed a revival at Stewich Chapel, the west end of my work, which resulted in 11 conversions; total collections for the day, \$11.35.

Rock Springs Ct., S. C., J. R. Townsend P. C.—Our August meeting resulted in a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the entire charge. At St. Paul's church 39 young men and women were happily converted during the meeting, which lasted twelve days. The holy fire burned so intensely that it was impossible to preach a sermon after the third night. The fire is still aglow; the rejoicing of the people is such as has not been experienced for several years. At the Rock Spring church 5 young girls found the "pearl of great price;" one young man was converted at his home. Rev. J. L. Grice, presiding elder, preached with telling effect during the meeting at Rock Spring, where the third quarterly conference was held. The doctor is now closing his sixth and last year on the district; he has greatly endeared himself to the preachers and people throughout the Orangeburg district by his able manner in presenting the truth of the Gospel, and his dignified Christian bearing, together with his wise and fatherly counsels during his administration. At the fourth quarterly conference we paid the elder in full, \$50, and the officers presented him a fine hat for conference. The benevolences are fair notwithstanding the short crops in this section. The claims of the grand old SOUTHWESTERN have been presented and local preachers and officers urged to subscribe. Our work in this part of the state is moving on grandly. God be praised.

Boyce, La.—Some of the best young ladies of this town recently presented the pastor, Rev. J. L. Augustus, with a purse of \$5.35. Misses S. Abbot, Ida Augustus, Ada Rose and S. Johnson. I appreciate this very highly and in return may God bless them.

J. H. Davis, Yorke, Fla.—Dear Editor and Brethren: I take this method of informing you that on October 15th everything I had was destroyed by fire; I was at the church trying to do the work of the Master; I am left without a book of any kind; pray for us in our great trouble.

W. C. Weatherall, Pastor, New Hope Ct., Okolona, Miss.—We had a grand rally at New Hope for our benevolence and pastor's salary the first Sunday in October. We had three committees out. Sister Mary Spragins, a member of the Baptist church, lead the committees, and raised \$7.50; Bettie Gillian, \$5.08; Mary Wallace, 2.40; congregation, \$7; total, 21.98. This membership, which is small, never succeeded so well before in the history of the church. God bless this church and good people. Sister Spragins receives the prize.

J. D. Gilbert, Pastor, Cary, Miss.—Our third quarterly conference was held September 26. The official brethren were on hand with written reports, which showed the work to be spiritually alive. Elder Threlkeld presided with dignity. Paid elder in full, and on Sunday he preached to the

delight of the people of Cary and Sunday night at Smedes, where we were running our revival. The next week we closed our revival at Smedes with 5 souls happily converted and 18 added to the church. On the 19th of August Sister Margaret Kahel, aged 18 years, died. She was the youngest daughter of Bro. Dan Kahel, a local preacher of this work. She was converted in 1898, was a loyal member of Solomon Temple M. E. church. She died after an illness of two months. Our loss is Heaven's gain. She was perfectly sensible of her approaching death and longed to go.

N. D. Hopkins, Couprie, Miss.—Our third quarterly conference convened at Wesley Chapel, with Rev. J. M. Shum-pert in the chair. Nearly all the officers were present with good reports. Raised during the quarter \$33, and for the quarter, \$1.20; for presiding elder, \$21; pastor, \$91. Our revivals closed with 69 conversions and accessions and 2 subscribers for the S. W.

Wiley Memorial, Chattanooga, Tenn.—The members and friends of Wiley Memorial M. E. church, cordially welcomed their pastor, Rev. J. W. Tate, on his return to them for the third year, by giving him a tremendous but most pleasing storm. The storm began about 9:30 p.m. Wednesday night, of the 7th inst., but did not conclude until the 12th inst. When it was all over we found ourselves the possessors of flour, chinaware, aprons, groceries and a purse of money. The pastor thanked the members and friends in a few choice words and bade them good night with a cordial invitation to continue such business.

O. A. Johnson, Des Moines, Iowa. Burns M. E. Church.—At this writing, October 26th, our new church building, 32x56, is being erected. Mr. J. S. Beverly, a colored man, has the contract. He put the brick layers to work Monday, October 19th. Mr. Beverly is considered one among the best carpenters in the city. He promises the building ready for use in four weeks more, all work completed. It is a two-story brick building on the corner of Eleventh and Crocker streets. The basement will be finished this week then we will lay our corner stone. October 18th we had a rally for the trustees and raised \$88.25. Of course we sang "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. Our members and friends as well are delighted to note our progress here. We hope to carry on a protracted meeting this winter in our new church. Rev. J. O. R. Winbush, pastor of the Maple street Baptist church, east side, came over at 3 o'clock Sunday and preached for us. His most excellent choir, eleven in number, furnished beautiful anthems. We will surprise our presiding elder, Dr. J. Will Jackson, when he comes December 30th to hold our third quarter.

W. H. Gilliam, Sallis, Miss.—I take this opportunity to thank the members of Barlow church for their splendid effort in their rally for pastor. Barlow church does not do things by halves. Amount raised, \$64. The stewards are strong leaders and always in harmony with the spirit of right, they with these good, faithful members know no defeat. These people are worthy of any good preacher.

C. W. Kershaw, Schriever, La.—Mr. Henry Kennedy, son of the Rev. Austin

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The man who puts on stilts does not increase his actual stature by the breadth of a hair. He feels taller while he's on the stilts, and when he's off them he feels shorter than he ever felt. Stimulants are the stilts of the stomach. They make a man feel better for the time being, but he feels a great deal worse for them afterward.



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Kennedy, departed this life October 14th 1903, after an illness of 1 month and 3 days, the result of a shot wound. He was a backslider of a few years but was reclaimed on his sick bed. He died

To the Public.

SCOTTSBORO, ALA., Oct. 1, 1903.

Mr. Editor:—Please allow me a little space in the columns of your valuable paper to announce to all who read the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, that I am agent for the Cataract Gold Mining and Power Company, of Minneapolis, Minn., and for the present will sell to all who may desire to invest their money in an absolutely safe money making business, 10,000 shares of this wonderful stock for cash, at the low price of 33 cents (thirty-three cents) per share, or \$33.00 per 100 shares. (Par value of stock is \$1.00 per share.) Stock certificates will be issued to all paid-up investors. The Capital Stock of the Company is \$2,000,000, fully paid. The Company is at present oreing gold in large quantities in Plumas County, California. Ore is selling at nearly \$19 an ounce direct to the United States Mint. Can supply circulars and reports to any one on application. I know of no better way to help my people than to ask you to please allow this notice to appear in your columns. Ministers, this is a rare opportunity for you, as well as for others. Can furnish all who may desire to invest in the Cataract Gold Mines, with ready-made Application Blanks on application direct to me.

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in peace and he leaves a mother, sisters and brother. His funeral was conducted by the pastor.

Minter City, Miss.—Our charge is alive, our work has been for good. Added during revivals at both churches, 60. Forty-two were happily converted, and our quarter was a success. Our worthy presiding elder, Rev. B. F. Woolfolk, was on time, and held our conference with credit. He preached an able sermon, and administered the sacrament to 195 persons. Collection during quarter, \$55.40; paid presiding elder in full for quarter, \$25. Dr. Griffin G. Logan was with us on the 15th in the interest of the mission cause. He made a very impressive speech to a crowded house, and all seemed to enjoy it.

Wilson, La.—WHEREAS, The Rev. H. J. Robinson was appointed pastor of Wesley Chapel M. E. church, Wilson, La., by Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, at the last annual conference, and he and his faithful wife have served us faithfully and successfully—each department of the church was looked after, the SOUTHWESTERN and New Orleans University not forgotten—and, whereas, he has proved himself a preacher and leader of the people wherever he is sent to serve, and during his stay has gained a great many friends among the best white people of the community. Whereas, he went up to the Baton Rouge District Conference, which convened August 19, 1903, in Donaldsonville, La., and to the great surprise, and against the wishes of, his members and friends, by his own wish made an exchange with Rev. A. B. Harris, therefore, be it Resolved, We pledge ourselves to pray God's blessing upon him, his wife and children, that they may be successful in their new field of labor. Our doors are opened to them, and kindly invite them to come at any time. Committee—B. Haushery, Hamp. Lonnon, Dan Allen, Cato Brown, H. S. Weatherspoon.

S. McDonald, pastor, Fort Smith Ark.—Sunday, October 11, was set apart as Educational Day. We had with us Rev. J. M. Cox, D. D., President of Philander Smith College. The meeting was a success in every way. The Doctor preached at 11 a. m. with great power; at 3 p. m. we had a union meeting, and at night met again and

the Rev. Cox delivered an excellent lecture. The people of Fort Smith are always glad to have Dr. Cox with them. We have sent nine students to college. I want to tell the young people soon about the school. The growth of our Methodism in Fort Smith has been 50 per cent in two years. We are talking and working for the good of the church in this place.

J. C. Holomon, Lasata, Tex.—Our pastor, Rev. D. C. Hally, is doing a great work at this place. He has bought 200 acres of fine land here, and was able to pay about one-half the cost. The farm is in good condition. Rev. Halley is highly respected by both the white and colored people.

Rev. A. W. Bird, Cleveland, Ky.—I closed my three weeks' meeting September 20, 1903, with eight conversions. All joined our church on the Cleveland circuit. Rev. Dr. J. H. Stanley, presiding elder of the Lexington circuit, was with us; also his wife. The Doctor was feeling all right, and he preached a wonderful sermon, which was beautifully illustrated. We had his money ready for him before he came. Our collection on that day was good. Cleveland circuit is advancing spiritually, financially and morally.

W. H. Smith, Pastor Haven Chapel M. E. church, Meridian, Miss.—This charge is in a splendid condition, both spiritually and financially. The work is up on all lines. Our third quarterly conference, which was held October 19 and 20, was a success. Paid presiding elder in full, \$13; \$5 benevolent money. Paid pastor \$3.13; total collection, \$22. One subscriber for the SOUTHWESTERN. On the 19th inst., just before the conference, the leaders and stewards had a Leaders' and Stewards' Rally and social entertainment; proceeds for pastor's salary. From this rally was realized \$30.50, which made glad the members, and pastor, as well. At the close of the meeting an excellent program was rendered, to the delight of all. Rev. C. W. Ivy was chosen president. Dr. W. W. Lucas gave an interesting address.

G. A. Taylor, pastor, Cotton Plant, Ark.—Rev. J. C. Sherrill, D. D., was with us September 28. Several met him at the depot, and went with him to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stewards, who entertained him while in our town. At 5 p. m. he was invited to the home of Prof. B. S. Humphries, where he met many of his old friends, who had prepared a feast for the Doctor and guests. By request of Mr. W. Dorby, Pres., Prof. Berry Jones made the welcome address. Dr. Sherrill responded. At 8 p. m. the church was crowded to hear Dr. Sherrill. He spoke one hour and ten minutes, and not one person went out while he was speaking.

A. K. Crosby, Supt., Ellisville, Miss.—We have here an excellent Sunday school. Our church, too, is up-to-date, second to none. Our Sunday school membership numbers 120, and is all right. For four years I have had charge of the school. We had no literature on hand, and only fifty members. Our pastor, Rev. J. K. Comfort, worked encouragingly with us, and also the officers and teachers. Although I have served as superintendent here for four years, and am now

in my fifth, yet I am a candidate for the sixth year.

Ellisville, Miss.—We have succeeded nicely during these two years Rev. J. K. Comfort has been with us, better than at any time in past years. His congregations are very good, and his days here, the first and third Sundays and in Laurel the second and fourth Sundays. The intention is at each place to pay him up for his year's work. We want him to stay with us. We are also well pleased with our elder, S. A. Cowan, who has an interest with us in all work for Christ. Our Sunday school is good. The pastor, superintendent and officers work together.

Julia C. Knox, reporter, Weir, Miss.—Thanksgiving service was held in Penderville M. E. church, and Thanksgiving Day was a high day with us. The service was opened with devotion-ordered by the school children, arranged by Prof. G. P. Childress, the public school teacher of this place. The professor deserves much credit for the same. The children spoke delightfully. We thank God for our prosperity this year. He has wonderfully blessed us. The work of the church is alive along all lines. Too much praise cannot be given our pastor for the work accomplished this year. I pray God's blessing upon him and his family.

S. H. Nevels, pastor, Shell Mound, Miss.—The rally at St. Paul M. E. church the second Sunday in November was a success and a bright day in the history of this church. The amount raised was 185.15, without taking a public collection. R. M. J. Murrell, \$57.65; P. R. Robinson, \$36; Wm. Baldwin, \$23; George Washington, \$15; Wm. Cummings, \$23; Jerry Murrell, \$5; and others whose correct amount we failed to get. When the total was read, the members joined in singing "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah," because no more pastor's salary for 1903. On the third Sunday following was the chance for Mt. Nebo to show her colors. Many of St. Paul's members were present. The amount collected was \$130.25: J. H. Holman, \$50.25; Harry Holman, \$36; Richard Holman, \$18; J. Q. White, \$13; John Barber, \$3; Cooper, \$15. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Mrs. Mattie Robinson, reporter.

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L. G. Hodges, Solgohachia, Ark.—This circuit is spiritually and financially alive; 22 conversions during quarter, and 15 accessions. A rally on October 18 netted \$31.95. Our third quarterly conference the 24th and 25th was a spiritual benediction to the community. Our presiding elder, Rev. M. N. Langston, who was with us, preached on Saturday night to a full house; on Sunday at eleven to a crowded house, and so able was his sermon on baptism that three persons, two from the Baptist church, joined us, and one white gentleman, a Campbellite, who was in the congregation, went that night and joined the white Methodist. All claimed the sermon to be an eye opener. Raised since last quarter, \$163; during quarter, \$34, and secured nine new subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN.

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Dear brethren: We will soon be called upon to report our year's work to the annual conference. Will you be true to the trust given you? And that lies in doing your whole duty for the cause of Christ, of which you are a representative.

W. H. SMITH, P. E.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

SECOND ROUND.

Russellville, Jan. 23; New Port, 30; Jefferson City, Feb. 6; Friendsville, 13; La Follette, 20; Olivier Springs, 27; Harriman, Mar. 5; Greenville, 12; Warrensburg, 19; Knoxville, 26; Clinton, April 2; Knoxville, Vine St., 9; Tazewell, 16; Morristown, 23.

Brethren: Push the revivals. We have had a hundred since October; push for five hundred more. Please send in your money to the Board of Church Extension by January 30, 1904. The brethren are making a fine start. They are expecting great results. Let us watch, work and pray for each other and the district.

W. T. MILEY, P. E.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Atoka, Jan. 7; Eufaula, 8; Muskogee, 9-10; Grant Cir., 11-12; Okmulgee, 11; Wetumka, 12; Panther Creek, 13; Island Ford, 14; Elliott and Snow Creek and Coffeyville, 16-17; Guthrie-St. Paul, 23-24; Ardmore-Warren Chap, 30-31; Ardmore Circuit, Feb. 1-2; Purcell, 3; Luther at Ames Chapel, 6-7; Chickotah at Alderson, 11-12; Shawnee, 13-14; Oklahoma City, 15; Hennessey, 20-21; Mt. Zion, 22; Chandler, 27-28; Independence, 29; Ripley, March 4; Langston, 5-6.

Dear Brethren: This puts us on the home run. You have done well. God has blessed our labor, and much good has been accomplished. But now I ask you in the closing weeks of this conference year to make a determined effort to bring every righteous cause to the front. Let every charge report an increase of membership; let the missionary offering be full, and, if possible, have a surplus. Have plans well arranged for good quarterly meetings. Do not forget your pledge to SOUTHWESTERN. Come to conference with lighted souls, glad hearts and cheerful minds. In His name,

D. G. FRANKLIN, P. E.

Guthrie, O. T.

NOTICE.

To the members and delegates of the Upper Mississippi Conference: If you will please take notice, that reduced rates have been secured over all railways in the State leading to Okolona, Miss., the seat of the conference Jan. 5, 1904. On the certificate plan, plus 25 cents. You will secure a certificate at each point where you purchase a ticket. After these have been signed

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NOTICE.

Dear Secretaries and Presidents of the Woman's Home Missionary Auxiliary Societies of the Little Rock, Ark., Conference: The second quarter of the W. H. M. society closes January 15. Collect membership dues, mite box money, the \$5 assessed each auxiliary as early as possible, and forward it to Conference Treasurer, Mrs. H. M. Nasmyth, at the last annual meeting. Each presiding elder's wife was elected president of his district W. H. M. work. Dear sisters, let us not sit idly, saying, "there is nothing I can do," while the souls of men are dying. Let us up and at it, and show ourselves loyal to Methodism, and to all we can to forward every interest. Invite others to join the ranks; organize new auxiliaries in your reach; collect dimes and dollars from all members and friends.

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FIELD

M. Cooper, pastor, Florence, Miss.—My third quarterly conference was held October 10, 11 with Rev. A. Davis, presiding elder, in the chair. All officers except a few were present at roll call. Reports showed the church to be in a prosperous condition, and that the whole work is being crowned with success along all lines. Paid presiding elder his full quarterage, \$15; paid pastor \$135.25 this quarter; raised for all purposes, \$174.25. We have had 41 conversions and accessions this quarter, and 35 children baptized. We can say truly that the churches here are on the upward march; that they are alive in every respect. We have a congregation that is loyal to the presiding elder and pastor, and to every effort put forth for the advancement of the church. We are aiming to carry to the annual conference a round report. We ask every one for their prayers, that we may continue to succeed in the cause of Christ.

R. M. Phillips, pastor, Carthage, Miss.—Our third quarterly conference was held October 3 on the Carthage circuit. Rev. J. M. Shumpert presided. Many of the officers were present with good reports. We paid the presiding elder up to date, and had something left for the pastor. On Sunday Rev. Shumpert preached well. Several communed. One of our strongest men on the Carthage circuit, A. H. Bates, made a proposal to pay as much as the whole circuit, and did so. The people paid \$17.75, and Brother Bates the same. How many such men have we in the Mississippi conference?

G. W. Gill, Conroe Circuit, Tex.—I found the Metropolitan M. E. church here at Conroe under two mortgages. First by the trustees to church extension, for \$250, some time in 1900; the second by pastor and trustees, Aug. 1, 1901, to C. W. Nugen and First National Bank to November 1, 1901—90 days, for the sum of \$167.97, 15 per cent interest per annum. So, seeing the financial condition of the church, I set to work as best I could to raise the money. I found a few working bees, in spite of the drones. Slowly but surely we moved on from January, 1902, to December, 1902 the debt was brought to \$79.97. Some disasters came in the church, which we could not avoid; neither were we responsible for. December 24 our church was about to be sold. I got a white friend to take up the mortgage for trustees. We organized a fair, with Miss Susie Pitts conductor, and the proceeds have enabled us, October 6, to pay the last cent of the second mortgage. Dr. King has put notes for collection in the hands of a lawyer of this town, but we will on or about October 20 send \$50 or more to the Church Extension Board, and if we are allowed to remain here, we shall not stop until clear of debt.

F. D. Bowers, pastor, Gray, La.—Sunday, October 11, was a grand day at Beattleville. Mt. Vernon M. E. church was the center of attraction. The G. C. U. O. B. S. of L. C., Tabernacle No. 90, "Pride of Beattleville," had their Thanksgiving sermon preached by Rev. C. S. Collins, a Baptist preacher of Houma. The Young Men Rising Sun, B. A., had a special sermon preached by the writer, and their banner christened. The house was crowded to its utmost capacity. Both

societies were assembled at the church during the services. Collection, \$15. Love and unity prevails in Beattleville. The fourth quarterly conference, Mt. Vernon M. E. church, Beattleville, was held October 3, 4. Presiding Elder W. R. Butler was on hand, as usual. The officers and auxiliaries were present with their reports, and everything bid fair for a good winding up of this conference year. Raised this quarter, \$63. The elder preached a powerful sermon, which will leave a lasting impression upon the people of Beattleville.

M. Cooper, pastor, Florence, Miss.—Class Leaders' Rally, on the first Sunday in October, was quite a success at Pine Grove church. We have about 50 members—adults and children—belonging to this church; they are very loyal. The rally resulted as follows: Brother Sam Smith, Class No. 1, \$6.75; Hamp. Wilson, No. 2, \$6.25; Alex. McGehee, No. 3, \$3.35; Henderson White, No. 4, \$3.10; Sister Henrietta Sandifer, No. 5, of the infant class No. 1, \$4.10. Brother Lawrence Dixon, a new leader elected for the infant class No. 2, \$8.40. Public collection, \$2.15; total collected for the day, \$34. This small band of people have paid the entire salary, with the exception of about \$17. We are moving along nicely.

O. J. Prince, Macon, Miss.—We had a rally for our pastor, Rev. J. H. Everett, on the first Sunday in October, and raised \$90.50. We are planning to have another in November, and want to raise that much more. We are trying to pay our pastor all we promised him. We all love him, and hope the conference will send him back to us next year.

W. H. Golden, Brooksville, Miss.—Sunday, October 11, we had a class rally at Baldwin, in which we raised \$100. (The list of names and the amount paid by each leader the pastor has sent us, only a few of which have we space to publish.) E. Tate, \$6.10; C. Rice, \$5.55; E. Baldwin, \$5.35; Evalene Ike, \$11.15; H. Patton, \$6.15; H. Ike, \$5.40. Paid to pastor, \$71; to the trustees, \$28, and \$1 for missions. Also two subscriptions for the Southwestern. These good people always look after every interest of the church.

Everette City, Ga.—October 10 the pastor, Rev. W. J. Hamilton, was aroused by voices singing. To them the door was opened. The room was lighted and crowded with many friends and members, who brought many presents and money. Sister Elizabeth Wesley and Brother F. Kenty were the two prime movers. A few encouraging words of thanks were spoken by the pastor, and the crowd departed.

W. J. Hamilton, pastor, Brunswick Ct., Ga.—Sheffield Chapel M. E. church held its fourth quarterly conference October 10, with our beloved Rev. Wm. Daniels, presiding elder, in the chair. The pastor, officers and members were present and full of the work. Spiritually and financially Sunday was a high day with the old time Methodist love feast at 10 a. m., and at 11 a. m. the presiding elder preached a soul-stirring sermon; also Lord's Supper to 47. We paid him \$50.

C. L. Angram, pastor, Sicily Island, La.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held at Doniphan Chapel M. E.

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church, October 8-11. Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne presided. The roll was called, and all officers were present, with written reports, which showed improvement along all lines. The presiding elder preached one of his stirring sermons. The house was crowded. Five persons came forward for prayers. Five cash subscribers for the Southwestern. We expect to come to the conference with a round report. Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne is leading the host. Too much praise cannot be given him.

Franklinton.—We had a great storm at Windon M. E. church, which blew up about 150 pounds and two purses, one by Esther Woods, who handed in a purse with \$315; the other purse by Sister Juda Magee. She gave the pastor a purse with \$220 in it. The church was filled with many people, young and old. Many beautiful songs were sung by the young people. Two young men, Brother T. C. Dryson and Andrew Otis, made a few remarks, followed by the pastor. These two sisters represented: Esther Woods, the great Esther, who saved the Children of Israel; and Sister Judd, the land of Juda, with its delicious fruits. May God's blessings ever remain with those good people who were at the head of

this party, and all others. Mr. William Babington & Co. gave a \$3 hat.

Jesup, La.—The members and friends of Emory Chapel M. E. church stormed the parsonage, and heartily pounded the pastor, Rev. D. G. Greer, the night of October 1. The party was led by Mr. R. Hopps, one of the church stewards. Many members and friends were with him. Among the many things presented were groceries of all kinds, handkerchiefs, hosiery in abundance, and numerous articles of comfort, both to the individual and to the home. Congratulations and good wishes were extended, after which the merry party retired in triumph to their homes.

G. T. Saxton, Pastor, Van Buren, Ark.—I take this means of expressing our thanks to the members of the "Sisters' Tea." On the night of October 3, these good people came to the parsonage and left many good things, to the delight of the pastor and his wife. The company consisted of: Sisters E. Brown, V. Parker, A. Johnson, M. Banks, J. Tatum, M. Beans, W. Johnson and Brother F. A. Parker. Other members sent their gifts. I want to say for this little band that they are workers, and now they have a good little bank account.

THEY LIVE IN OUR MEMORY

We miss thee, dear, we miss thee every-
where,
And yet, e'en if we might, we would
not dare
To call thee back; for while we wake
and weep,
To thee, beloved, God hath given sleep,
And thou hast perfect joy, and peace
and rest;
We would not call thee back, God know-
eth best.

Mrs. Mary Gilmore was born in Jones county, Ga. She died Sunday, November 18, 1903, at Clarksville, Texas. She was happily converted at the age of nineteen years and joined the Missionary Baptist Church. She was united in marriage with Chas. Isaac Gilmore in 1843, who preceded her to the better land January, 1867. During their happy union the now Rev. Jas. S. Gilmore was born to them. They moved to Galveston, Texas, in October, 1872. Shortly after coming to that city Mrs. Gilmore became impressed with the M. E. Church and found it expedient to join the St. Paul M. E. Church, and proved a faithful and consistent member of the same for a number of years. Her son James was converted in the meantime. The following ministers of the Texas Conference served her church during her much enjoyed connection: Jesse Shackelford, Spencer Hardwell, Paul Douglass, C. C. Minegan, R. R. Roberts, Jas. A. Featherston, Wm. Bartley, Freeman Parker and Dr. I. B. Scott. As Sister Gilmore died conscious and in great peace with God and man, we believe she has met several of her old pastors in heaven. Later on, her son was licensed by the M. E. Church, and for eight years she traveled with him in the ministry and proved herself very useful to him on material and spiritual lines. He will greatly miss her ripe words of Christian counsel, which only a good mother can give. Her remains were nicely laid away in the Fairground Cemetery at Clarksville, Texas. The members and friends of St. Paul Church rendered good assistance during her illness and contributed liberally to her burial expenses. Rev. Gilmore is thankful to them.

FREEMAN PARKER.

Duplex, Tenn.—Sister Mary Flemings, mother of Rev. Jas. Flemings, after a long illness passed in to her reward Nov. 26, 1903, saying all was well with her soul. She was a faithful member of Rural Hill M. E. Church and had spent 39 years of her life in the service of the Lord. She leaves two sons, three sisters, three brothers, and many friends. Rev. J. F. R. W. Summerhill officiated.

Fouche, La.—Emma, the daughter of Rev. Bedford Carr, has gone to rest. She was born at Silver Spring parsonage Aug. 28, 1892; died Oct. 23, 1903, aged 11 years, 1 month and 25 days. She joined Casper Church in 1901. The funeral was conducted by Revs. Carroll and Long, of Monroe, La. Rest from thy labor; we will see you again, tho hard it is from thee to part.

VIRTIE WASHINGTON.

New Caney, Tex.—Mr. Bennie Simbe was born in 1884 and died Nov. 2, 1903.

B. T. WILLIAMS.

Patterson, Tex.—Brother Perry H. Madison, a faithful member of St. Thomas M. E. Church, departed this life Thursday, Nov. 19. He was, at the time of his death, recording steward of the Waller circuit, delegate to the Texas Annual Conference, and president of the Epworth League Chapter of St. Thomas Church. He leaves a wife, father, several brothers and a host of friends to mourn his departure.

A. E. GIBBS, Pastor.

Bolton, Miss.—Brother James Page, aged 70 years, died September 1, 1903. He has been a loyal member of Mt. Zion M. E. Church for thirty years. He leaves an adopted son, a sister, and other relatives to mourn their loss, which is heaven's gain. He has joined the wife who preceded him. He was seventy years old. Also Brother Nelson Collins, who is another type of the dying thief on the cross. He was saved, through the efforts of the pastor of Mt. Zion, with the assistance of God's spirit. He also joined his wife's company.

A TRIBUTE.

To the memory of Miss Ella M. B. Smith, of Darrant, La., who died in New York, November 1—All seasons belong to death, at whose command we, one by one, life's majestic river must cross. It is the way of life, the universal law of nature. But still we break down, are awe-stricken, in the presence of our silent friend, sister and daughter, who gladly would speak to us words of comfort, were not her voice hushed, her earthly career ended. We cry aloud with the Psalmist, "Why standest thou afar off, O Lord? Why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?" Call it not death of those who die in the Lord. Ella's is but a calm and sweet repose. Her's was a life of unselfish usefulness. She was the embodiment of those child-like qualities that make a model Christian. A faithful member of our Sabbath School, an ardent member of our League, a devout member of our church—her memory will ever be cherished, her example as a Christian ever emulated; till at last we, too, shall enter the "gate that stands ajar," and join with thee, dear Ella, in that sweet refrain that thou so often sang:

"I will sing you a song of that beautiful land,
The far away home of the soul,
Where no storms ever beat, on that glittering strand,
While the years of eternity roll.
Oh, how sweet it will be in that beautiful land,
So free from all sorrow and pain,
With songs on our lips, and with harps in our hands,
To meet one another again."

JOSEPH REDDIN.

Manhac, La.—After a long illness and much suffering, Sister Nancy Wright, a member of the M. E. church for thirty-seven years, passed from her labors to her reward, October 30. She was 59 years of age, was a loyal member, devoted wife and mother, a good citizen, and a charitable Christian. She leaves a husband, one daughter and four sons, and a host of friends. May God comfort the bereaved ones.

WM. HARBELL.

Linton, Okla.—Sister Chaney Morris fell asleep in Jesus November 3, 1903.

A faithful member of the M. E. church, she leaves a husband and seven children, with whom we deeply sympathize. The funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by the Rev. J. T. White, D. D., pastor of the A. M. E. church, Oklahoma City.

A. J. McALLISTER.

Vanceville, La.—Sister Milly Wells died November 8, 1903. She had been a backslider from 1894 until ten days before she died. Taken down with consumption, she saw no hope but in God, to whom she fled for refuge. She leaves many relatives. Her funeral was conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. A. Harris, of the Baptist church.

THOS. WILLIAMS.

Sildell, La.—Sister Maria Williams, the mother of Mrs. Anna Cloud, died at Sildell November 10. She died as she lived, a faithful Christian. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Z. T. GAYDEN, Pastor.

Alexandria, La.—Brother H. G. Eckly, aged 42 years, died March 11, after long months of suffering. His funeral was attended at the Newman Memorial M. E. church, of which he was a member for twelve years, Friday, November 13. He leaves a bereaved wife, five children, one sister and others of the family. Revs. J. W. Reese, I. Thomas, and G. D. Davis assisted in the funeral.

P. W. CLARK, Pastor.

Fort Smith, Ark.—Brother John Hill, a faithful member of the M. E. church for more than thirty years, departed this life November 6, 1903.

Also Sister Susan Lucius, another member, died November 7. She leaves a husband, four children, one sister, a brother and grandchildren to mourn their loss.

S. M. MACDONALD, Pastor.

Winona, Miss.—Loda Weir was born March 10, 1888, and died November 5, 1903. He was converted in April, 1902, and lived a faithful Christian until his death, which occurred after an illness of about ten weeks. He leaves a father, mother, one sister and many friends.

H. B. HART, Pastor.

Hickory, Miss.—Sister V. Thomas, a member of Sylvester church, at Newton, died August 9. Also Sister S. Clayton, a member of Wesley Chapel Hickory M. E. church. Both sisters died in perfect faith.

N. COLLIER, Pastor.

Monroe, La.—Emma Carr, the daughter of Rev. Bedford Carr, was born in Livingston Parish at Silver Springs Parsonage, on August 28, 1892, died October 24, 1903, aged 11 years, 1 month and 26 days. She asked that when she died this song, "Jesus loves me all the days of my life," be sung. She joined Casper church in 1901. Also Sister Mattie Myles died October 11 in full triumph of faith, and Sister Mary Turner died November 21, 1903, aged 53 years and 7 months, a faithful member of St. James church. She died in the faith.

REV. S. CARROLL.

Dallas, Tex.—Sister Fannie Higingbottom, a faithful member of St. Paul M. E. church, died in peace November 2, 1903. She leaves one child, mother,

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husband, and other relatives. She was a faithful member of the church, Sunday school and choir.

M. C. CAVINES, Pastor.

Prairie Plains, Tex.—Jefferson U. Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Edwards, aged 14 years, departed this life September 29, 1903. His last words to the family around the bed were: "Be good and meet me in heaven." He was always a good and obedient child.

W. A. PARKS, Pastor.

Gloster, Miss.—Sister Larna Brantlett, aged 103 years, died triumphantly Sunday, November 1, 1903, a faithful and loyal member of the M. E. church. Her funeral was preached by Brother P. F. Robinson, as the pastor, Rev. L. Speed, was absent.

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Ocean Springs, Miss.—Mr. Johnnie Lewis, of Gulfport, Miss., and Miss Emma Williams, of West Pascagoula, Miss., were united in marriage Oct. 27th, 1903. Miss Williams is one among our best young ladies. The young people will go from West Pascagoula to Gulfport, where they will make their home.

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D. DeWitt Turpeau, Pastor St. John's M. E. Church, Hudson, N. Y.—Nov. 18, in this city, Mrs. Anna Brown was married to Mr. Marshall Dixon, at 63 Mill street. The 24th ult., Miss Lena L. Jimpson to Mr. Charles Hauyek, Jr., at 613 State street. Also on the 24th ult. at 8 p. m., Miss Ada Lipscomb to Mr. Edward Bost, at the church, where a large number of their friends gathered to congratulate the young couple. Many of the foremost white people in the city were present and gave them many valuable presents. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, after a quiet home reception, left for Buffalo, where they spent a few days. Among the many presents received by Mr. and Mrs. Hauyek were \$50 in gold from Mr. Brawmel, for whom Mr. Hauyek is coachman. These young people are all members of my congregation and are among the best people in this section. The ceremony and he was presented for each one \$5. May the blessings of God rest upon them all.

Grenada, Miss.—Mr. B. C. White and Miss Emma Halliday were married Nov. 26, 1903, at the residence of the bride's mother. May the Lord bless and prosper them. E. C. F. Troupe, pastor, officiated.

Baton Rouge, La.—Miss Priscilla Thomas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Thomas, was married to Mr. Henry Galla Nov. 26, 1903, in the city of New Orleans, La. They were members at this place of St. Mark M. E. Church, B. J. Reddix, pastor.
Mrs. I. THOMAS.

Scooba, Miss.—Nov. 1, 1903, Mr. Arnold Andrews and Miss Lucy Wiggins were joined in holy wedlock. Quite an audience witnessed the ceremony. May they prosper through life and at the end have everlasting life.
P. R. CAUMPT, Pastor.

Clarksville, Texas.—Mr. Wm. Thompson and Miss Lelia Brown were married, at the home of the bride, Nov. 25. Also Mr. Ivory Wilson and Miss Asie Cato, at the home of the bride's foster mother. The same evening, at Thompsonstown M. E. Church, Mr. Willie Carter and Miss Mamie Love. The marriage ceremonies were read by Rev. J. I. Gilmore, pastor of St. Paul M. E. Church, Clarksville, Tex.

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Little Rock—A. M. Brooks; G. S. W. Thompson; Wm. McIntosh, *2.

Louisiana—C. W. Reeves, *1; P. S. Grant; P. C. Brown; L. Bibolet; J. H. Pierre, *1; Frank Walker; Virginia Ferguson, *1; P. D. Kennedy; E. D. Whittenberg; Ferdinand Thomas; F. A. Rylander; A. B. Harris; E. P. Harris, *1; H. Taylor, *9; W. J. Hampton, *1.

Mississippi and Upper—H. D. Hardy; Joseph McGee, *2; Matt Nickolson; J. M. Walton, *2; J. B. Brooks; A. M. Trotter, *1; Jacob Miller; H. B. Hart, *8; J. M. Nevills, *1; A. Davis, *2; Thos. L. Inghram, *1; L. F. White, *1; A. J. McNair, 1; P. H. Rembert, *2.

North Carolina—G. W. Moorehead, *1.

South Carolina—D. M. Charley.

Texas and West—Miss B. V. Cummings, *1; L. H. Richardson, *2; M. C. Cavines, *1; A. Foster, *1.

Miscellaneous—R. V. Pierce; P. D. McDonald, *1; S. W. Edwards; John Paul.

Lost Friends INQUIRY.

I wish to inquire for my father and sister. Father's name is Jesse Brown; sister's, Virginia Brown. They left for Texas right after surrender from Gold Point plantation, 12 miles above Shreveport, La. Anyone knowing of them please write me. Wm. Brown, Centerville, La.

A FINE KIDNEY REMEDY.

Mr. A. S. Hitchcock, East Hampton, Conn. (The Clothier), says, if any suffer from Kidney and Bladder Disease will write him he will direct them to the perfect home cure he used. He makes no charge whatever for the favor.

New Orleans, La.—Mr. Benjamin Perkins, son of Mrs. Martha Perkins, died Nov. 23, 1903, at his home, 2415 Amelia street. He said to his dear wife, Mrs. Florence Perkins, and his mother: "No one knows how great is my suffering but Jesus," and so he was willing and ready to go to Him who alone could relieve him of all pain. His favorite hymn was "Hark, From the Tomb." He sang also, "We Are Passing Away," and he has passed from earth to his reward. C. HODGE.

TAMINA OIL FIELD.

A few dollars invested now will bring splendid returns in the near future. In Tamina, Tex., a Negro town and colony, thirty miles from Houston on the I. & G. N. R. R., midway between two junctions, Springs and Conroe, about eight miles each. Tamina has been visited by oil men in increasing numbers for the last few months and has been pronounced by experts from Pennsylvania oil fields to be in the center of an unquestioned oil district.

The oil boom at Conroe, nine miles north, has suddenly brought the Tamina Oil District before the public. Now oil experts are crowding Tamina in rapid succession. The district is sure to be developed. County Judge, after hearing experts' testimony, says:

"R. B. Smith, one of the leaders and promoters of the town and colony, has property in the heart of this most valued oil field, and owns the west half addition to the town of Tamina. Prof. Smith is now selling some of this property in lots and small tracts to persons who desire to avail themselves of a rare opportunity. Property is rapidly advancing."

Prospectors are invited to visit Tamina and confer with Prof. R. B. SMITH or Hon. D. WILSON, Attorney-at-Law, 411 1/2 Travis St., Houston Tex.

References: Judge J. T. Hucks, Conroe, Tex.; J. Llewellyn, First National Bank, Conroe; L. Peel & Co., Director First National Bank, Conroe, Tex.; W. Rogers, P. M., Conroe, Tex.

CRESCENT CITY NOTES

COTTON.

Cotton sold for 12 1/4 here on Monday, a fall of 1/4c.

At Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, Sunday evening, Dec. 6th, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to 162 persons by the pastor, Rev. T. J. Johnson, assisted by Reva. Porter and W. Davis. Collection Sunday evening, \$12.15; for the day, \$27.75.

Rev. C. W. Reeves, of Williams' Chapel, says that notwithstanding the bad weather, the Sacrament was administered to a large number of communicants by Revs. A. E. P. Albert and J. C. Eusan. One subscriber for the SOUTHWESTERN; collected \$23.

NOTICE.

The members of Conference Board of Examiners and all the candidates for examination are urged to be present at the seat of the conference, Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 26, 1904, at 2 p. m.

L. G. ADKINSON, Chairman.

B. M. HUBBARD, Registrar.

LOUISIANA WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The conference officers, district managers, officers and members of the several auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference are urgently requested to attend the annual meeting of the Society, which will be held during the coming session of the Louisiana Annual Conference, Jan. 27, 1904, at Baton Rouge, La. Let every one come prepared to take such action as will insure the future growth and success of the work throughout the bounds of our conference. Presiding elders and pastors are requested to assist us in this effort.

Mrs. ALICE R. ALBERT, President.

Mrs. D. M. WALKER, Cor. Secy.

THANKSGIVING ECHOES FROM SIMPSON CHAPEL M. E. CHURCH.

Preaching at 11 a. m., by the pastor, Rev. F. T. Chinn. A large basket which contained many pounds was sent to the Thomy Lafon Old Folks' Home by the different auxiliaries, viz.: Stewarresses, King's Daughters; Daughters and Sons of Conference, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Deaconess' Board, and friends. Committee: Sisters L. F. Murray, D. West, C. F. Dixon. A turkey and every other requisite for an excellent Thanksgiving dinner were sent to the parsonage by Sisters L. F. Murray, R. Bufford, M. Campbell, E. Marshall. An excellent dinner of several courses was given by Brother Daniel Jordan, Thanksgiving Day, at the residence of Miss C. F. Dixon, and the following guests attended: Rev. and Mrs. Chinn, Rev. H.

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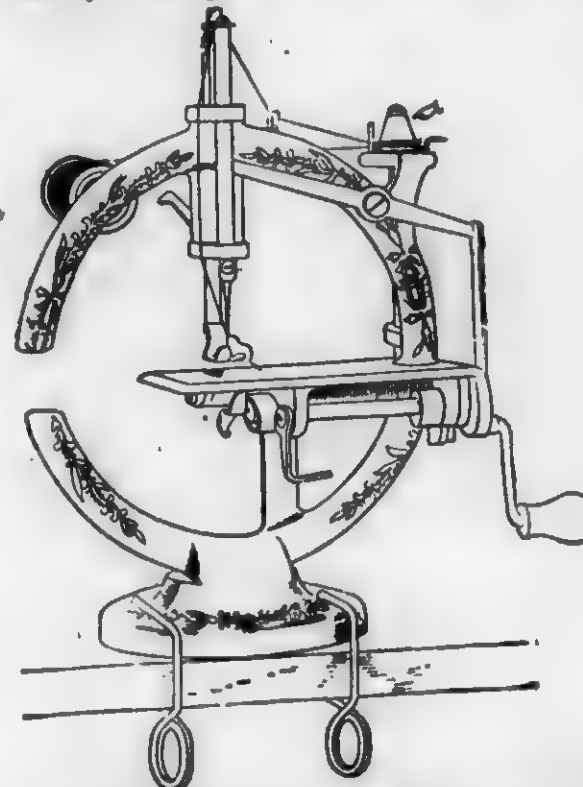
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Editorial Notes

Be sober!

Christmas is at your door.

Push the canvass for subscribers.

How do you propose to celebrate the holidays?

Think of the inappropriateness of any one's getting drunk to celebrate the birth of Christ!

Perhaps somebody else has, but we have never yet seen a man who has seen a flying machine fly—except in the newspapers or some inventor's head.

Do not dishonor yourself and bring a reproach upon the Church of Christ by taking even a drop of strong drink in any form during the Christmas holidays.

To cling to your troubles is about as bad as to borrow trouble. In fact, those who do so, even when the cause is passed, are borrowers of trouble, only they borrow from the past, instead of the future.

Those who oppose the President's proposed promotion of General Leonard Wood are doing their utmost to prevent his confirmation. There are many who think Gen. Wood is being pushed to the front with undue haste.

The Republican National Convention will meet in Chicago, June 21, 1904. It is thought to be a foregone conclusion that President Roosevelt will be the nominee. And yet the effort is still being made to bring forward another candidate.

According to the reports of the newspapers, a large number of colored citizens of the state of Texas are going to the Indian Territory. We trust that they have already looked the ground over, and thoroughly understand the situation.

Peonage, the crime against law and human rights, has been brought to light in Georgia. Complaints were made by citizens to the President, and a special agent was placed on the case. Seven or eight prominent citizens have been arrested, including a member of the state legislature, and we daresay some one will be punished; at any rate, we hope so.

Christ was born in the place God had appointed. Through his prophets, centuries before, it had been said that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. But all prophecy and fulfilment, the song of the angels and the message of peace, are meaningless unless Christ be born in the soul. He must be born in the heart else the joy of the advent message will have no joy for thee!

"Unto Us a Child Is Born"

All hail! Prophecy is fulfilled! Peace on earth declared! Unto us a child is born! A glorious, all pervading, tremendous, heaven-and-earth shaking fact! Never was there so much potentiality wrapped in infant flesh. Earth had long awaited the event. All heaven, from the foundation of the earth, had been in preparation. Jesus, the Saviour, is born. Glory in the highest!

Christ born—not the beginning of His existence, for He always was. The birth announced has no reference to His divinity, for as God He was eternal. Here is an instance where the Son is equal with the Father, and the Father is not one moment older than the Son.

Born—wrapped in bleeding clay, our flesh assumed, in order to become a brother to our souls. The incarnation stands forth as one of the most beautiful and holy events in all history. The holy virgin, the holy child, the holy Joseph. Such a sweet chariot for the child's coming! Virginity, the fairest flower of womanhood, the crowning virtue of civilization. Hail, blessed Mary! The child—His name shall be called the Wonderful, the Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. Joseph—such a confidence in and realization of the fulfilment of the promised Messiah! Hence the royal welcome the baby King received in His earthly home.

Incarnation—some mystery of course—but that fact stands in bold relief as the one event of its kind. God enters human form by the only natural way of infant birth. A sudden dropping of the Christ (a full grown man) into earth's affairs could have been so shocking as to have been disastrous. He comes the easiest way, and at the same time, the most natural way, for the entering into human affairs, that of babyhood.

Born—entering into the affairs of a sin-ridden and sorrowful world. Born—life cometh into a world dead in sins and corruptions. Born—a resurrection of a holy religion and a rekindling of Israel's fires, and the carrying of the altars unto the Gentile world. Born—a reincarnation of the life of holiness lost through the sin of Adam; the pattern once again given. Born—a coming into active leadership, the assumption of the reins of the spiritual Kingdom, and the angels cry aloud, "Peace on earth."

The manger, the swaddling clothes, the lowly birth, poverty's rule—what an inspiration this humble beginning has been to many a struggling soul! A star of hope to the world's masses, as they struggle against environment and against poverty. What a halo of dignity has the Divine Son cast about the humble beginning! Born as a carpenter's child is born. Born as a laborer's child is born. What condescension of God, what an exaltation of the lowly!

No other event before or since means so much to the world, and the lapse of the centuries has failed to dim the brilliancy of the star that rose over Bethlehem's plains. We do well to divide

Christ" and "After Christ." He is the central personality of this earth history, and He easily towers above all, so that those who lived before looked forward to his coming, and those afterward look back and view Him as the world's greatest benefactor.

For these reasons, and more, the great natal day of Christendom never grows old. Old and young look forward to it. Christians and those who are not, recognize it, and to an extent observe it. Welcome this day, that celebrates the birth of our Christ. Let the Christians rejoice. Let every heart be glad.

The Street Car Boycott in Houston

We are sure our readers can have no idea whatever of the completeness of the boycott against the street railway of Houston, Tex., since the screens were placed in the cars. We have been in the city about a week, and have not seen or heard of but one colored person riding on the car during this time. No one seems angry or unhappy; the inevitable has simply been met with a determination not to bear the humiliation, and there's an end of it. The city council was pleaded with not to inaugurate such a system, and the car company was urged to resist it, but to no purpose. Now, what is the result? The Negroes have organized a transfer system by means of large passenger vans, carriages, etc., that makes them independent of the street cars, and they patronize them when necessary, as though there had never been an electric car invented. Hence the boycott is on, and there is no telling when it will end. But the strange thing is that the number of whites of the better class who are either walking or riding in the vans is so large as to attract public attention. This is so noticeable that a leading Democratic statesman who delivered an address in the city recently made reference to it. This tends to demonstrate the fact that it is true here, as elsewhere in the South, that the better class of white citizens are not afraid of contact with the Negro. They understand the outcries of the politicians, and are not the least bit frightened.

Another result of the boycott is not only the loss thus sustained by the street car company, but the effect it is having upon the other cities of the state. The company has found it necessary to discharge 52 men since the number of cars have been reduced on every line in the city. On some lines the car passes every half hour, instead of every five or ten minutes, as heretofore. San Antonio, Tex., has taken the hint, and, although the city fathers of that burg had passed the law, the announcement is made that it is suspended till next March. The Austin city council has voted against it, as we learn, and one or two other cities of the state have ceased to discuss it.

Meanwhile those who run the transfers here say they are making money. Draymen and even hackmen find it more profitable than their former jobs, and new conveyances are being placed on the street every week. It will be interesting to watch the outcome of this unusual complication.

Our Contributors

THE WORLD-REFORMER.

BY W. FELIX WATERS.

Ages ago appeared upon the earth
The man for whom the world had waited long;
The seers of every age foretold his birth,
The bards of every land had sung his song.

He came when love and mercy both had fled,
Justice and truth were fallen in the street;
When might was right and countless millions bled,
When tyrants reigned and trampled neath their feet

The sacred rights of man; and brotherhood
And equity were utterly ignored;
When kings flung insults in the face of God,
And blazed out highways with the torch and sword.

He saw the human family enslaved,
This champion of the rights of man and great;
His heart was smote with grief, his bosom heaved
With sympathy and love compassionate.
He felt the passions of all time and place;
He heard the wail of thousands in his heart;
And going forth to fill the world with peace,
He sought the helpless out and took their part.

He spoke as never heard the world before,
His words were victories, his deeds were fate;
His life rebuked the selfish rich, the poor
Inspired to acts of heroism great.

He wrought, this world-reformer, righteously.
Hurling down tyrants fearing man nor God;
Dethroning despots, setting captives free,
Dealing death-strokes to kingdoms built on blood.

He was the morning star that brought the dawn,
The centre-sun round which all lights had whirled;
And when he whose reign of right began—
Eternal daybreak burst upon the world.
New Orleans.

Right Kind of Trusting

BY C. H. WETHERBE.

A large number of Christian people need to learn the lesson that the right kind of trusting in God includes the best possible efforts that one can make in the direction of his trusting. To merely trust that God will come to one's rescue in the time of physical need, without one's lifting his hand to supply his need, is a shiftless sort of trusting which God never honors. If one be seriously sick and say that he is not going to use any kind of appropriate medicine, but will trust in God with all of his heart for recovery, he will wait in vain for God to cure him. He may recover, but not because God has especially helped him. It is a trusting which is accompanied by one's using all of his powers to meet his necessities, that God blesses and works with. The late C. H. Spurgeon, in a sermon on trusting God, said: "I do not believe that God would have his servants act like fools. The best judgment a man has should be employed in the service of God. Common sense is, perhaps, as rare a thing among Christian people as salmon in the Thames. The devil's servants have more wisdom in their generation than the children of light have, but it ought not so to be. If you want to succeed use every faculty you have and put forth all your strength; and if it is a right cause you may then fall back on the promise, 'I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.'" What sense is there in a farmer's saying, "We have the promise of seed time and harvest," and then, without his properly preparing his land, sowing the right seed and protecting the field, expect that he will have a fruitful harvest? It is clear nonsense. It is the farmer who does his very best to secure a good crop that has a right to trust in God for a blessing upon the growing crop. And the Christian who is very sick, and employs the best means for his recovery

that he is capable of securing, has a right to expect that, in answer to his prayers, God will restore him, if consistent with His honor. If we make our trusting the most effective and God honoring we must do our full duty in the line of our trusting.

The Mecca for Afro-American Women

BY ROSCOE CONKLING SIMMONS.

In a very few weeks Jacksonville, the beautiful Florida metropolis, will open its gates, and its homes, and its hearts to the annual sitting of the Southern Federation of Colored Women. And it is confidently expected that this meeting of the women of the race, who are laboring, in their several fields, for the uplift of the children of black men and women, will surpass all previous gatherings of the body. The Federation began life some years ago very modestly, and has steadily grown to become the largest wing of the General Federation, which will resurrect itself next summer at St. Louis.

For inspiration, for environment suitable for gathering encouragement for work, for hospitality, for practical lessons on the ability of the race to prove its strength, the city of palms, the home of the most thrifty and intelligent colored men and women in the country—Jacksonville—is pre-eminently fitted to welcome such a body of workers, such an array of intellect, such a force in the amelioration of the condition of the whole people, as the Southern Federation. We only hope that the women who gather there next month to deliberate, to tell experiences, and to offer ways and means for the betterment of the home life of the boys and girls of the race, and those who have, unfortunately, fallen on the mountain side, because, perhaps, the peak looked entirely too high, or because, most probably, the level path was pictured to them, by men sweet of tongue and handsome of presence, as the most beautiful, certainly the most pleasureable—we repeat, that the race hopes that those splendid characters who are soon to gather in Jacksonville to deal with these problems will not be enticed by the golden summer which is in full sway in the land of fruit and flowers, to hie themselves away and play beside the graveled beach, or steal away in search of the fountain of youth. It can never be found there, and can only be found in laboring, as these women are doing, for the happiness of others, for the uplift of the fallen, and for the spreading of the love of the Master, who has promised everlasting youth to those who are willing to labor a little while here.

Work is expected of the women who are to be in Jacksonville, not play, and the eyes of the whole people are going to be centered on them during the session. Publicity is going to be given to every experience told, every resolution offered, to every paper read, and let us hope that it will be given to every tale told of the rescue of some one who had looked backward, or to some one who had been made to see the path beautiful, before the road disreputable had laid out before them.

The members of the Southern Federation have no need to discuss foreign questions, or to introduce meaningless resolutions. Unlike their sisters in the North and West, they confront a condition. They live where the ignorance of the race in the largest bulk lives. They have to know that something must be done to check the prostitution of not a few of our fairest young women, and our too often brilliant ones, by men who claim

themselves descendants from the Normans, the noble, and the Saxon. It is absolutely necessary that as large a number as possible meet this gathering. There is no time for half-hearted work, or for sulking in the camp, because of personal differences. These organizations are going to have differences. Organizations where men rule have differences, and it is quite deducible that organizations where women have the ruling in their hands are going to have some differences. That the Federation has them is not known to the world, but the General Federation is one unbroken difference of opinion. The Southern women have a duty before them, and they are in a very large measure responsible for the future of the life of the young people, and it is time that they come together by the thousands, if possible; by the hundred, at any rate, to exchange methods, and renew inspiration. No city in the South, no town, no community, should be satisfied unless it sends some one to this meeting in Jacksonville to tell of the condition around them, if they cannot point to some duty well done. The women of the organization have made an appeal; it is expected that it can be truthfully sung:

"An hundred hands flung up in reply—
An hundred voices answered 'I.'"

The personnel of the coming convention is reassuring. Mrs. Booker T. Washington, the President of the Federation, who is also first vice president of the National body, editor of the official organ of the general organization, and who is in direct line of promotion at St. Louis, will be at Jacksonville. Mrs. Washington, without question, is doing more real work in behalf of those who are unable to help themselves, than any other woman in the land. Of commanding presence, a woman of much learning, refined and cultured, but courteous in all her dealings, she will grace this coming meeting, and preside over the deliberations in much the same manner that she presides at the Tuskegee Woman's Club—direct, simply, but firmly. The women of the meeting will hardly entertain a candidate to displace their favorite daughter. Mrs. L. W. Coleman, of Mississippi, that State's foremost daughter, will be there, with her flow of beautiful language, and her theme, "Work." Mrs. Coleman, while Miss Williams, was a great power among the young people in her State, and she is to-day the moving spirit in the Mississippi Federation. It is likely that Mrs. Coleman will be advanced to the chairmanship of the executive committee at Jacksonville.

Miss Lynch, from North Carolina, is expected there, and she is resourceful at all times. Mrs. Joseph, New Orleans' famed and famous daughter, is expected. It is going to be for the good of the race, this meeting, and Mrs. Joseph can always be relied upon to help any cause for the race. Texas will send over a dozen, perhaps, of her brilliant children, to tell of the work in the Lone Star State. Tennessee will send Mrs. Jack Napier and a half dozen more from the classic city on the Cumberland, and from the mountains. Alabama—yes, the Federation will miss one of its most brilliant lights, who paid the penalty of life since the Vicksburg meeting—a daughter of Alabama. Miss Anna Duncan will not meet this gathering, nor any more of them, down here in this vale of tears. But the women will miss her presence; Alabama and Montgomery have long ago missed her powerful influence, which was always for good, and her beautiful personality.

Georgia always responds, and South Carolina, as well. It is expected that no gathering of

Christian women has ever been held to equal this Jacksonville meeting, in numbers, in influence, in the personalities of the representatives.

The South is eager for the meeting; the women ought to feel that they have a great task before them. They ought to perform it well indeed!

Lexington Conference Notes

Dear Editor—By these notes we are desirous of giving new life and inspiration to many in this conference who have not, as yet, awaked to the forward movements of the Church, in its great missionary spirit and zeal, to reach the last member that will aid in the salvation of the human family.

If each pastor will do his duty, we will report \$1,000 for missions at the next session of this conference.

The presiding elders held their annual meeting in Covington, Ky. Rev. W. H. Vaughn and his good members gave us a long-to-be-remembered reception; also Professor Williams, principal of the Covington High School, made it very pleasant for us, introducing each to the school and exacting an address. After a few remarks by each presiding elder, Dr. Joseph Courtney made a very timely and interesting address, which was highly appreciated.

H. A. Foreman, pastor of Falmouth, has the sympathy of his friends in the death of his wife.

Dr. N. H. Talbott, pastor of Maysville, has just recovered from a three weeks' attack of asthma and pneumonia.

G. W. Bailey, pastor Cadiz, Ohio, has had an excellent and prosperous year.

H. W. Tate, pastor of Mt. Zion, Cincinnati, has had a most phenomenal administration. The membership has increased, and the benevolences will exceed any year in the history of the church.

Jessie Henry, pastor, North Middletown, Ky., has had a very successful year, and the church is prosperous.

Revs. H. A. Southgate, of Augusta, and Wm. J. White, of Portsmouth, have each had about forty conversions and accessions, and a most glorious revival.

Paris Fisher, pastor, Mayslick Circuit, is doing very acceptable work at North Fork and Pleasantville.

F. P. Fielding and wife, of Cloverport, Ky., have just celebrated their twenty-fifth marriage anniversary.

Revs. B. J. Ward and James Bowren have each had an increase in their family this conference year.

R. T. W. James and Charles Rice have each just closed a most excellent and well attended revival, with twenty-two additions.

J. W. Robinson, pastor of St. Mark, Chicago, is having an extraordinary year. He and his membership closed a very successful revival with thirty-six conversions.

W. C. Statesman is having a very prosperous and pleasant pastorate in Terre Haute, Ind.

James Allen, pastor of Sherburne Circuit, is having a most eventful and wonderful experience, especially in Moorefield. However, the people have about concluded that he is pastor.

It is the aim of each district to raise eighty dollars for the Conference Claimants' Fund, to be reported at the Conference. Will each pastor and his wife make a special effort to collect this \$400? Let us do for others as some others will have to do for us some day.

Rev. R. L. Dickerson, of Cleveland, Ohio, has had a phenomenal revival, and the membership is rapidly increasing.

Should the Bishop send about twenty pastors out of Kentucky this session, it would greatly increase the opportunities of both pastors and churches.

Let each pastor send two new subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN, as a Christmas present.

ELAM A. WHITE.

The Savannah Conference

BY REV. W. A. HOLME.

The twenty-eighth session of the Savannah Annual Conference convened in Grace M. E. church, Brunswick, Ga., Thursday morning, Dec. 3, 1903. Bishop Earl Cranston presided. After devotional exercises, conducted by the bishop, the secretary of the last conference called the roll, to which nearly every member responded.

Rev. W. A. Holmes was elected secretary; James Jackson, J. H. Grant and J. O. Murphy, assistants; Rev. D. Spencer was chosen statistical secretary, with J. C. Williams, J. S. Stripling and M. J. Hamilton, assistants; Rev. R. R. O'Neal was elected conference treasurer, with E. D. Giddens and I. T. Griner, assistants.

The Bishop announced the transfer of Rev. F. R. Bridges from the Atlanta conference.

The following brothers were admitted into full membership: Samuel Mabrey, William Williams, and J. O. Murphy. Ordained deacons: John H. Canady, J. J. Campbell, and J. O. Murphy. Henry Pearson was ordained a local deacon. J. J. Campbell, S. L. Deas, J. H. Canaday, G. H. Lennon were ordained elders.

Bishop Cranston exhibited, until the close of conference Monday evening, great patience and fatherly kindness in his administration.

Monday at eleven o'clock election of delegates for General Conference was held. After balloting five different times, Rev. John Watts was elected; reserve, Rev. R. R. O'Neal.

Among the visitors were: Rev. Drs. T. C. Iliff, of the Church Extension society; I. B. Scott, of the SOUTHWESTERN; W. P. Thirkield, of the Freeman's Aid Society; L. G. Adkinson, of Gammon Seminary; C. C. Jacobs, of the Sunday School Union; G. G. Logan, of the Missionary society; I. G. Penn, of the Epworth League; J. P. Wragg, of the American Bible Society; W. D. Parr, of the Church Extension Society; also Mr. H. C. Jennings, of the New York Book Concern.

Each of the General Secretaries made splendid addresses touching the causes they represented. To our regret, Bishop Cranston became somewhat indisposed, and was unable to preach the usual 11 o'clock sermon, so Dr. Iliff not only very ably represented the Church Extension society, but also preached a grand, noble and inspiring sermon Sunday morning. Dr. I. B. Scott, of the SOUTHWESTERN, also addressed the conference.

The lay conference was very largely represented. Prof. S. A. Hull, who was elected lay delegate, holds an important office in the postoffice in Brunswick, Ga., and is a very active member in the work of the church; also Brother L. S. Reid, of Savannah, Ga., who was elected reserve.

The good pastor, Rev. John Watts, and his members, very ably entertained the double conference. They deserve great credit.

The presence of the two pastors of the M. E. Church, South, who seemed to enjoy the speeches that were made, was very noticeable.

Number of full members, 8,000; probationers, 900. Full amount of benevolence, \$1,062. This shows an increase in benevolences of about \$300, and an increase of membership, also, of some seven or eight hundred.

On the whole, this was the most helpful conference session the brethren have enjoyed for quite a while. We all hope Bishop Cranston will be returned to hold our next session.

LAGRANGE DISTRICT.

R. R. O'Neal, presiding elder, Lagrange, Ga. Barnesville and Thomaston, E. W. Moore; Chipley, W. A. Hill; Columbus, J. H. Smith; Culloden, F. R. Bridges; Greenville, J. O. Murphy; Harris City, A. D. McLendon; Lagrange, J. D. Jenkins; Lagrange Circuit, G. H. Lennon; Liberty Hill, M. P. Moore; Mutual, to be supplied; Troup Factory, T. A. South; Waverly Hall, D. W. Anderson; West Point, C. P. Cannon; Whitesville, P. B. Gibson; Woodbury, A. B. Hines; Zebulon, E. D. Giddens.

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SAVANNAH DISTRICT.

William Daniels, presiding elder, Brunswick, Ga.

Baxley and Brentwood, J. W. Green; Brunswick, J. W. Fisher; Brunswick Circuit, M. J. Hamilton; English Eddy, E. J. Kimball; Jesup, D. G. Greer; Mt. Vernon, J. H. Cole; Reidsville and Roberts' Chapel, to be supplied; St. Mary's, J. H. Kennedy; Satilla Bluff, to be supplied; Savannah-Asbury, James Jackson; Savannah Circuit, J. H. Grant; Tarbaro, to be supplied; Waynesville and Magnolia, W. W. Clemmons.

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WAYCROSS DISTRICT.

A. B. Allen, presiding elder, Macon, Ga. Americus, R. S. Stacy; Brainbridge and Thomsville, J. A. Peak; Blackshear, McD. Spencer; Cordele, S. C. Crandall; Eastman, J. J. Campbell; Folkston and Traders' Hill, Matthew Holman; Forsythe, John Crolley; Flovilla, to be supplied; Macon, to be supplied from Atlanta; Patterson Circuit, G. T. Holman; Sparks, I. T. Griner; Valdosta, O. N. Samples; Waresboro and Pearson, to be supplied; Waycross, W. A. Holmes. Flemister transferred to Atlanta conference.

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WAYNESBORO DISTRICT.

W. H. Brown, presiding elder, Millen, Ga. Asbury, S. P. Bryant; Augusta Mission, to be supplied; Augusta, St. Mark's, John Watts; Bascom, S. E. Mabrey; Bellville and Hogan, D. H. Martin; Charleston, J. H. Pinkney; Excelsior, W. V. Daughtry; Girard, M. S. Cook; Millen, A. M. H. Evans; Rocky Ford, W. M. Bellinger; Statesboro, J. C. Williams; Summit, W. H. Williams; Sylvania, S. L. Deas; Wadley and Louisville, to be supplied; Waynesboro, J. S. Stripling; Waynesboro Circuit, J. W. Brown.

Life of Faith

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

BY AARON HOWELL, M. D.

Out on an Eastern plain afar
The wise men traced their way,
With eyes upon a guiding star
To where an infant lay;
In swaddling clothes of poorest kind,
And in a manger cold,
The Savior of the world reclined,
Just as it was foretold.

With frankincense, with gold and myrrh,
They met the coming King,
And worshiped, and rejoiced with her
Who did much gladness bring.
"The glory of the Lord shone round;"
"Fear not," the angel said;
"Good tidings of great joy" was found
"Complete in Him the Head."

The heav'nly host and angels praised
The Virgin's gift to man;
The shepherds from the valley gazed
Then to the manger ran.
"Good will on earth" to ev'ryone,
Glad voices loud proclaimed;
Upon this day came forth a Son,
And Jesus He was named.

Camden, N. J.

—Christian Advocate.

"Barren is the Christmas which contains no thoughts of Christ."

A Prayer for Christmas Morn

O God, who yearly makest us glad with friends and joy in our homes, and hast also brought to our remembrance the birth of the Holy Child Jesus, who living and dying in the weakness of the flesh, was owned thy Son by the power of the Spirit; we bless thee for his great humility, and pray to become partakers of his glorious life, holding fast the freedom which he wrought for men from all defilement of sin, and from all bondage of the soul; and we beseech thee so to consecrate us to thy service, that through thy gift we may be thy children, and be one with Christ in mind, as he is one with thee our Father forever. Amen.—Rowland Williams, in *Religious Telescope*.

THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTMASTIDE.

O Child of holy, dreaming ways!
O Child of hope, and faith's supernal cheer!
Thy birth has hushed the voice of pain;
The day breaks glad across the plain!
Our Christ is born, the King of kings is here,
This morn of morns, this day of days.
—William Moore.

Christmas is a day of joy but joy should not be allowed to die out of our lives next morning. It should stay with us ever after. We should sing the Christmas songs all the new year. We should carry the peace of God in our hearts continually hereafter. We should learn from this time to find the beauty and the good in all things, and to show the world that we believe what we say we believe—that since God loves us, and Jesus Christ is our friend, "all's well with the world." This is a good time to get Dr. Babcock's bright resolve into our own hearts and lives:

"The inner side of every cloud
Is bright and shining;
I, therefore, turn my clouds about,
And always wear them inside out,
To show the lining." —Wellspring.

The Real Joy of the Christmas Season

Is not the real joy of the Christmas season found in its spirit of unselfishness? Even the child who looks forward to it with joy for what he expects to receive, will stand in thrills of delight, with clasped hands, trembling with pleasure, as he watches other children or parents take up the presents which he had given, and the giving of which has filled his little soul with gladness. It is giving to others that makes the beauty of all days. It is the glory of God's own character. He so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son. And we are most lifted up into His likeness when we display His character of generosity and free-handedness.

And ought not this spirit to go out at Christmas, not to our own family and friends alone, but especially to Him from whom we learned the beauty of real giving? Christmas is the only holiday of the year that bears his name. All the other joys of the day have never sufficed to destroy our remembrance of His connection with it. From the carols of the morning to the last prayers of the evening, His spirit is in the day. Surely we ought to make some such real definite recognition of Him as we make of our interest in our other loved ones.

This year it is proposed by many different denominations to suggest to all Christians that on Christmas day a gift be made to Christ as well as to our other friends. We give and we receive among ourselves, and we receive more bountifully still from him. It seems the most natural and the most Christian thing in the world that we should give to Him.

But besides those near, there are those far. The very thought of Christmas is a reminder of the infinite distance from which the Saviour came on His errand of missionary service and missionary love. And no day could be more appropriate for some evidence of our love and appreciation of His coming, expressed in a gift to Him for the extension to distant people of the blessings which He and His truth have brought to us.

The whole unreach world is as though it were before Christ. It is with China to-day as it was with Galatia before the Saviour came. And yet it is now 1903 A. D. The Christmas season,

which reminds us of our obligation to Christ, reminds us also of the long delayed payment of our debt to the world, which is still as though Christ had never come.

It would seem almost just to say that the sincerity of our appreciation of Christianity and its meanings to us might fairly be tested by our readiness on Christmas day to think of the people to whom it is unknown, and to whose need and lovelessness our love should most eagerly turn as we think of the birth of the Saviour of the whole world, whose hope was to bring peace and good will to all mankind.—Robert E. Speer, in *The Christian Advocate*.

Woman's Dominion

MADONNA.

Behold her stand! a woman—yet apart—
A stately virgin, proud, divinely mild;
And closely nestled to her mother-heart
A little child.

Amid earth's sorrows, in maternal joy
Victorious she rises, unafraid;
Keeping her gracious guard about her boy,
Calm, undismayed.

Kings have waged warfare, armies lost and won,
Tyrants their battle-bolts long years have hurled;
But lo! the Virgin and her little Son
Still rule the world.
—Katrinka Trask, in the *Cosmopolitan Magazine*.

When Christmas comes, it brings beatitudes. It mines the soul for its greatest good. It brings out love, and love's tokens. It makes all admit, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Then all hearts become more like Him who gave Himself to die for men. In every gift of Christmas is mirrored forth that greatest fact, "That God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son."

Some Christmas Hints

With the approach of Christmas we hear again the usual talk about "the obligations of the season, the burden of shopping, the farce of exchanging presents." We haven't a particle of sympathy with people who take this attitude. Christmas and obligation are words which in their true meaning contradict each other, and if we regard gift-giving as an obligation and a bore, this is a good year for them to emancipate themselves. Christmas is the festival of childhood and it is a pity that we cannot accept its opportunity of showing thoughtful kindness in a more childlike spirit. If our giving could only be made spontaneous, freed from routine, from the fear of "setting an unwise precedent," from all suggestions of barter, it would cease to be a burden and become a delight. Once in the year we have an opportunity of expressing friendship in tangible form—why not rejoice in it?

Never allow a gift to depart on its way, no matter what trouble, self-denial or chagrin it has caused you, without sending with it some thought of special good will.

When perplexed in a choice of gifts for those whose particular needs are not known to you, choose something which you wish that some one else had given you. It will be sure to be just the thing which that other person wants.

Never make a poor present to a poor person because he is poor, nor a rich present to a rich person because he is rich. The injury done your own character will never be outbalanced by the pain of any labor it has cost you to pay so poor a compliment.

If you feel under obligations to certain people, never take Christmas for paying them off, unless you can infuse into the gift you send some other spirit than the one expressing a *quid pro quo*.

Never make a present simply that you may return the one made to you the year before. Otherwise you are only discharging a debt, and that operation is better performed on a different day. Christmas was meant for paying dues of another kind.—Selected.

Christmas gifts are not necessarily material

things. They who have nothing, often, like Peter at the Gate Beautiful, bestow the greatest gift of all.

A word of sympathy is often more than a silver bauble. There are those who have no need of our flannel and our flour; they tread tapestried halls; yet, amid the sheen of the holly and the mistletoe, amid the chime of bells and the ripple of music, while they smile and strive to make others glad, perchance a loved one from the spirit-world walks beside them for a moment; or while we jingle our bells in their ears and flash our colored lights before their eyes, perchance their hearts cry out for some long past Christmas-tide—for something lost out of life. What have we for these? Have we been near enough to God that our hands be made tender enough to touch theirs in loving sympathy? No dainty gift of gold or silver can be as sweet as the time we give to sympathize with others.

Above all, when we are remembering those we love on Christmas morn, let us ask ourselves what can we bring as an offering to our Redeemer? He gave himself for us—himself. Would any smaller offering on our part be worthy of him? Is there anything else he would value so much as the offering of ourselves in full consecration to his service to-day and for ever, at home or in a distant land?

"I gave, I gave my life for thee,
What hast thou given for me?"

—Onward.

Useful Presents

Every child should have one present which is not merely useful. Coats and frocks, hats and shoes, you will give your children if you can, irrespective of Christmas pegs to hang them on. Let them have also the jackknife, the box of dissected pictures, the games, the skates, and the toys which are just for fun and not for utility.—Eleanor Dean, in *Union Herald*.

Christmas

A chandelier—
A mistletoe—
A lover near
A maid below—
A scuffle dear—
A kiss or so—

And that is Christmas, don't you know?

—Eliot Kays Stone, in *Xmas Lippincott's*.

Young Friends

THE CHRISTMAS DAY.

Of all the days in all the year
The Christmas Day to you belongs,
The Christmas Day, my children, dear,
When far and near sound happy songs;
For on that day, at early morn,
While loud rejoicing filled the skies,
The loveliest of babes was born,
The light of heaven in his eyes.
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
Upon his mother's breast he lay,
While bright afar
Shone Bethlehem's star
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.

To grow in wisdom, and to preach
Truth, faith, and charity, and love,
To wander through the world, and teach
The lesson taught to him above;
All little ones he met to greet
And welcome, in his Father's name,
With kindly words and blessings sweet—
It was for this that Jesus came
On Christmas Day, On Christmas Day,
Made sacred by his birth for aye.

Of all the year,
My children, dear,
To you belongs this Christmas Day.
—Harper's Young People.

The Fairies' Christmas Tree

BY HILDA RICHMOND.

"Shall I be able to practice to-morrow, doctor?" asked Margaret as the medicine and bandages were applied to the swollen ankle. "I am to be the fairy queen in the cantata, and it is only four weeks till Christmas."

"Why, Peggy Gordon, what do you think a sprain is?" asked the doctor, in surprise, using the name he had given her when a little baby. "I am sorry to tell you, dear, that you will do well to walk without a cane by Christmas. Some other girl will have to take your place in the cantata. There, don't cry, child. You will be all right in a few weeks."

But her tears flowed the faster. "I won't be able to do any Christmas shopping, and will just have to sit here while everybody else is having a good time," she sobbed.

"Not everybody else," corrected the doctor. "I am on my way to the children's ward at the hospital, where there are lots of suffering people. Most of the little ones are perfectly happy, though, in anticipation of Santa Claus' coming, when the most they ever get is a sack of candy and the cast-off toys of other children. I'll tell you what to do: try to make some one else happy and don't pity yourself. If more people would do that I could very soon take a vacation. Good-bye, Peggy. We'll have you down to eat Christmas turkey without fail."

All day Margaret fretted and cried and thought of the beautiful spangled dress with shining wings that the fairy queen was to wear, till her mother was discouraged and wondered how she could possibly amuse her invalid daughter. The next day Dr. Hood found his patient feverish and fretful. Her tear-stained and dejected face told the story of a sleepless night.

"I see you did not take my prescription," he said. "You know, Margaret, that it only delays your recovery to give up in this way. Don't you think a girl of sixteen should be braver than this? See, I have brought a doll for you to dress. We have a little girl at the hospital who must have an operation performed on her throat, and she has promised to allow us to do it if she can have a doll for her very own. She has never had one, and as I could not find a dressed one pretty enough for such a brave child I ventured to bring this one to you to fit out. I know how skillful you are with your needle, and shall be greatly obliged if you will undertake it. Do you think you can finish it by next week? The sooner the throat is attended to the better it will be for the little girl."

"Of course I can dress it in a week," said Margaret, unrolling the bundle. "This goods will never do for a doll's dress. The idea of buying brocaded satin, and purple at that! You must take it back and exchange for something pretty."

"Don't laugh," said the doctor, humbly. "I'll change it for anything you want. I pass the store three times a day, and will have it sent to you right away."

The first thing that Dr. Hood saw as he made his next call at the Gordon home was an exquisitely dressed doll seated in the big armchair by Margaret's couch. Her pale blue silk dress was trimmed with white lace; a dainty jacket, hat, and muff lay beside her; her curls were tied with blue ribbon, and her blue kid shoes had shiny buckles. Margaret's face glowed with delight as the doctor gave a long whistle of astonishment. "Mamma helped me," she said. "She sewed the seams on the machine, while I did the hand work."

"She is a perfect little beauty, and we can perform the operation to-day. The poor little thing will be so charmed with this dainty doll that she will allow us to do anything for her. You are doing much better yourself, Peggy. Better try my prescription once more."

"I intend to," said Margaret, brightly. "I have a perfectly splendid plan that nobody is to know but mamma. I hope your operation on the little girl will be successful."

"I am sure it will be if I get this young lady to my patient all right. Please wrap her up carefully so I cannot hurt her."

"You must carry her just so, and let the little girl open the parcel herself," commanded Margaret, folding tissue paper around the lady in blue.

Day after day Margaret's nimble fingers worked at tiny ornaments and pretty little gifts. She covered little nuts with gilt paper, strung yards of popcorn and cranberries, cut out gold and sil-

ver stars, and made little needlebooks, handkerchiefs, and doll clothes by the dozen. They were all so small and simple that her store of treasures grew as if by magic. She would answer no questions, though the doctor and her two brothers teased every day to know the great secret.

On the twenty-second of December, Margaret called the family into her room, which had been closed all day, to reveal the wonderful secret that had made the days pass so swiftly and pleasantly. She could walk with a cane now, and opened the door in triumph to allow her guests a look at her work. In a tub covered with holly and evergreen stood a beautiful orange tree from the greenhouse, with glossy leaves and bearing a half a dozen small golden oranges. It was decked with all the pretty ornaments Margaret's patient fingers had wrought, and under it were heaped stacks of little packages, each tied with gay ribbons. It shone and sparkled in the mellow light, while over it hung a fairy in blue, with gauzy, sparkling wings.

"Why, Margaret, you are a regular artist. Who is it for? Everything is so dainty and lovely! How did you happen to have such a beautiful idea?" came the surprised and delighted chorus.

"Sure, an' it's fine enough for the angels," said Bridget, who had been summoned from the kitchen to see the wonderful tree.

"It is for the children at the hospital—the charity patients. I am glad you all think it is pretty," said Margaret, flushing with pleasure.

"Wait till I get my camera," said Fred. "I want a snapshot at it."

"Well, as it is three days till Christmas, you need not be in such a hurry, Fred," laughed his sister.

"How would you like to exhibit it in a store window till Christmas Eve?" asked Mr. Gordon.

"We will carry it down carefully, and a great many children will take pleasure in looking at it."

"That will be fine, papa, and I am sure the hospital children will never find it out."

"I'll tell you what, sis, your head would be completely turned if you could stand in the crowd in front of Stewart's store and hear the compliments your tree gets. Really, I am afraid we could not live in the same house with you. The clerks were bothered to death with people asking the price of it and who trimmed it, till Mr. Stewart had a big sign printed and hung in the window. Your name looks stunning in gilt letters six inches high. The card says: 'This tree is not for sale. It is for the children's ward in St. John's Hospital, and is the work of Miss Margaret Gordon.' What are you putting in those pill boxes? They don't hold more than a thimbleful," and Harry Gordon paused for breath.

"O yes, and one shabby woman in the crowd with three children read the card and said: 'That's the very young lady who dressed Katy's doll when she had her throat operated on at the hospital. The doctor said she hugged her doll close to her and bravely stood the pain. Take a good look, children, for this is the tree Katy will see on Christmas morning. It must be lovely to be able to do things like that.'"

"It is lovely," said Margaret, smiling through her tears. "Lend a few hands, won't you, boys? I have so many last things to do. Fred, you may fill the stockings, while Harry helps with these boxes."

"Such stockings!" said Fred, trying to put a top in one. "I'll lend you some big ones, Margaret."

"No, everything about the tree is so fairylike that the stockings must be small to match," said Harry. "Even these candies are so tiny you can hardly see them. Do you know, Peggy, that you will make Christmas the very best day tho' fants ever had in all their short lives?"

"I hope so," said happy Margaret. "In spite of the fact that I have been a prisoner this will be my best Christmas, I am sure."

No rumor of the much-talked-of tree reached the small ears of the little ones for whom it was intended. They slept through the long winter night and dreamed of a kind Santa Claus who would fill the stocking hung by each bed. The curtains were tightly closed to shut out all daylight from the ward, and as the children groped

for their precious stockings next morning the electric lights were suddenly turned on, revealing to blinking blue, black and hazel eyes the prettiest scene they had ever beheld. For there on a table in the middle of the room stood the sparkling, rustling tree, and over it hung the exquisite fairy.

As with one voice the children cried, "The fairies brought it! The fairies brought it!"

Little Katy Morgan loyally clasped her blue-robed treasure closer, and said, "The baby on the tree is not as pretty as mine. She has no jacket and muff, and Victoria has."

From behind a screen the Gordon family heard the cries of delight as the stockings were emptied and the gifts examined and compared. They listened to the rapturous exclamations as Dr. Hood carried each child to the tree for a closer inspection. The pretty fairy received the most attention, till a small boy with bright eyes discovered a bird's nest with wee speckled candies for eggs on one of the branches, and nearly leaped out of the strong arms that held him. A yellow canary that had been Margaret's pet before it died kept watch over the nest in a very lifelike manner. Of course all the children who had not seen the nest had to be carried back as soon as possible, and Dr. Hood's arms ached before his task was finished. The group behind the screen watched the gay scene with delight, and breakfast was forgotten till the clock struck ten, when the doctor declared that the small patients must rest quietly for an hour.

"We will keep it always," said the children when the nurse told them to take a last look on Christmas night and then go to sleep to dream of the eventful day. "Do you think Santa Claus or the fairies brought it?"

"You know, little folks, that trees like this cannot grow in the cold, frosty country where Santa Claus lives," said the smiling nurse, "so I think the fairy queen must have brought it. Now, good night."—*Christian Advocate*.

Educational

Okolona Industrial College

The first wagon made by Okolona, Ind., College has just been completed. Tutor J. B. Westbrook, who has charge of this department, has shown great skill in this first production of his shop. The wagon, besides being very strong and durable, is a marvel of beauty. Exquisite taste is shown in its combination of paints. Not only has the wagon been completed in the shop, but most of the tools with which it was made were also fashioned by students in the shop.

Liberia and West Africa says: Dr. M. C. B. Mason, whose name is almost as familiar in Methodist circles here in Liberia as it is in the United States, recently donated a fine organ to the College of West Africa. We are glad to say that the organ arrived in splendid shape and was used for the first time on the occasion of the formal opening of the Scientific Department of the College of West Africa. In announcing the donor, the students applauded most heartily. Dr. Mason two years ago donated our college bell in memory of his sainted mother.

The Braden Monument

Dear members of the Alumni Association, old students and friends of Walden University—I hereby call your attention once more to the Braden Monument, to be unveiled next May, 1904, at the literary commencement. In order that his colored friends may have a better opportunity to visit his grave, his family had his body removed from the white cemetery and placed in a colored cemetery. There is nothing to mark this great man's grave but a little mound of earth and a few shrubberies. We want not less

than \$300 for a monument, and we want the money by the 1st of January, 1904, if we can get it. If not, as soon thereafter as possible. Send your money to Dr. G. W. Hubbard, Dean of Mehany Medical Department of Walden University, and he will send you a receipt for the same. Every pastor in the Tennessee conference is to give at least one dollar, and urge his congregation to do as much as it will toward this worthy cause by the first of January, 1904. Many letters have been written to the members of the Alumni, and also to old students that could be found. Let all who see this notice please respond.

Yours truly,

M. WILLIAMS,

Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

Miss Jennie S. Vail, who spent twenty-four years in Japan, is shortly to return to the United States.

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The Rev. F. D. Wolf and Mrs. Wolf, of Inhambane, East Central Africa, are shortly to return to the United States, because of the serious impairment of Mrs. Wolf's health.

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The Rev. A. H. Baker and Mrs. Baker, of Fairfax, Vt., formerly missionaries to India, have been reappointed to that field, and sailed from New York on the steamer "Cedric" Dec. 2.

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Miss Ethel Weller, of Shortsville, N. Y., a graduate of the Brockport, N. Y., Normal School, class of 1888, has been appointed by the Missionary Society for educational work in Santiago, Chile.

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Mr. Raymond C. Ricker, of Rock Island, Ill., a graduate of the University of Illinois, class of 1900, has been appointed by the Missionary Society for educational work in Tsicheo, West China, to sail in 1904.

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The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society have approved the outgoing of the Rev. George Milton Fowles, formerly assistant pastor of Calvary Methodist Episcopal church, New York City, and of the Rev. Alexander H. Leo, pastor of the Hancock Street Methodist Episcopal church, Philadelphia, to Porto Rico.

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Dr. H. K. Carroll, First Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, who has secretarial supervision of the work in China, has been directed by the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society to express its hearty appreciation of the liberality of the donors of the Hopkins Memorial Hospital, recently dedicated at Peking, and to convey to them its cordial thanks. This hospital building was erected through the liberality of Dr. N. S. Hopkins, Mr. E. H. Hopkins, and their brother-in-law, Mr. L. D. Baker, and is a memorial to Mr. John L. Hopkins.

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The Christmas Star

Have you seen the Christmas star, provided by the Missionary Society, and have you secured it for your own family circle? Christmas is in the air. The shops and stores are gay with Christmas decorations, and full of eager customers. Purchase a gift for your friend? Of course you will; but do not forget to make a gift to Him who gave His precious life for you. The wise men brought gifts to the infant Christ child. We can bring gifts that will hasten the

day when all the world shall join in the glad chorus, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace; good will toward men." When you have purchased gifts for your human friends, then put at least one-fifth as much into the star as a gift to the One who is the great Giver of all your Christmas joys. Would not the Lord and Master of us all be pleased with a gift which means the wider proclamation of His Gospel?

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Dr. N. S. Hopkins, treasurer of the North China Mission, in a report to the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society, with reference to rebuilding operations in North China, shows that seven parsonages have been built in Peking at a total cost of \$31,650. The cost of rebuilding compound walls, filling sewer, grading court, etc., was \$14,350. Asbury Church, including seating and heating apparatus, has cost \$26,195. The buildings in the southern city of Peking, including residence, chapel, land for dispensary, native parsonage, stable walls and sheds, cost \$8,755. The total outlay, so far, has been \$83,372, leaving \$33,393 available for buildings yet to be erected, and to pay for land bought for the new hospital and land added to the compound. The estimates for work yet to be done and payments yet to be made are as follows: For High School and Training School Building, \$13,000; for Street Chapel in the northern city, \$2,500; for walls around hospital, \$2,000; for furniture for houses, \$2,400; for organs, mules, carts and trees, \$1,200; for sanitarium at Western Hills, \$6,500; for land for compound, \$2,280, etc. There have been expended of the award for property destroyed at Tsunhua, amounts as follows: For Boys' School building, on the foundations of the old hospital and residence, \$7,177; for purchase of the land at Changli, the proposed new center of the northeast district, \$2,240; for money advanced on walls and building, \$2,150; for lumber stored at Changli and Tientsin, \$7,450; for lumber in Peking, \$1,850; leaving a balance, to complete building operations, which will be resumed in the spring, \$23,708.

According to Dr. Lowry, the aim has been to plan for the liberal, and most practical and useful equipment for the Mission while not involving the Society for anything beyond the award made for the destroyed property.

The Board of Managers has directed Dr. Carroll, the secretary having supervision of the work in China, to convey to Drs. H. H. Lowry and N. S. Hopkins and their co-laborers its sincere thanks for the wisdom, faithfulness and unflagging devotion they have shown in the Herculean task of rebuilding and restoring the property in North China; to express the Board's appreciation of their economical management, which has not only secured buildings as well suited to our work as those destroyed, but has accomplished other desirable objects and left no debt behind; and also to congratulate the members of the Mission in the Board's name and behalf that it is again so fully and admirably equipped for its work.

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

Topic December 27.

Missionary Meeting—A World-Wide View—My Responsibility.

Scriptural reference, Mark 16: 15.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday—Our opportunity. *The Open Door*, pp. 71-94.

Tuesday—Why should missions be a personal

obligation? *World-Wide Evangelization*, pp. 29-36.

Wednesday—Why we must go forward. *The Open Door*, pp. 268-278.

Thursday—A young people's movement. *World-Wide Evangelization*, pp. 593-596.

Friday—Our responsibility. *The Open Door*, pp. 316-321.

Saturday—Our resources. *World-Wide Evangelization*, pp. 209-220.

More eloquent than all speech is the condition of the world to-day. It is waiting for the Good News. It is ready. There are more heathen anxious for the Gospel to-day than all the missionaries of all the churches can instruct.

Why We Must Go Forward—"The Church simply must move forward, because the time has come to enter into the heritage which God has prepared as the result of the working of his unchanging laws. Among these is the law of sowing and reaping, of which there has been an immense amount in the non-Christian nations. It is the law of God that where the seed is properly sown, properly watered and matured there shall come a time to reap. Just returning from a second journey through the great mission fields, I bring the impression, which is far more vivid than it was on the occasion of my first journey six years ago, that the time has come to reap. I do not know a field of which it is not literally true that if we to-day put in the sickle we can gather sheaves unto life eternal."—John R. Mott.

Ethiopia Stretching Out Her Hands—"The Christian Church as a whole has not yet taken Africa seriously to heart. No land has had more heroic men and women. Six hundred have laid down their lives for the exploration of the continent, and the price already paid for Africa, in the lives of missionaries, has been great; but still, the deaths of missionaries in Africa are only a small per cent. of the number of deaths among the tens of thousands who flock to that continent to make money, to study science, or to win fame or wealth in government or commerce.

"Stand with me for a moment on the summit of a mountain five thousand feet above the sea, in the midst of our large industrial mission estate, and contemplate the open doors north, south, east, and west where there are great centers of black populations as yet untouched with the Gospel of Christ. Concessions of land are offered, the native chiefs are calling for 'book religion,' and the governments are friendly. It is the opportune time.

"All Africa is now open to the forces of Christianity. Very soon there will be a continental system of railways, with commercial enterprises and intercommunication everywhere; there will be a vast agricultural and mineral wealth; growth of centers of power wherever Anglo-Saxon civilization will be possible, and the development of permanent government among the natives throughout the whole continent. Never before in the history of the world was that possible, but God's fullness of time has come for Africa."—Bishop Hartzell.

Marvelous Openings—Bishop Thoburn says: "We have one hundred thousand people in India asking for baptism. I have said publicly that I trusted that God would spare my life until I should see one million converts in India alone within the bounds of my own work. I believe I shall see it."

Needs of the Philippines—We need first the living messenger. We want a total of twenty-five of the best young and middle-aged men that can be found in the Methodist ministry. Then we

want women missionaries to train the women. We want two representative churches in the city of Manila to get at the Filipinos on one side of the river and the Americans on the other side of the river. The Filipino church will cost twenty thousand dollars at the lowest figure. We could fill it every day in the week. What a power it would be in that great city of three hundred thousand people, soon to be a million! We need it.

"We need lastly the upholding power of prayers of the home Church.—Rev. H. C. Stuntz, D. D.

Christ and Youth—"In his human birth Jesus Christ attracts the mothers to his cause; in his early years in Nazareth he interests the children; in his lowly surroundings makes himself the friend of the poor; in his grief and woes finds followers among the sorrowing multitudes; in his crucifixion he draws all men unto himself; and as the Young Man Redeemer charms the young people of the world with his enchanting personality. Christianity needs the youth with their boundless faith and hope, and their fiery enthusiasm.

"It was a little girl who inspired the organization of the British Bible Society; it was a Methodist young woman who gave to Robert Raikes the idea of the Sunday school; it was another young woman whose writings resulted in the establishment of the Fresh Air Funds of all the large cities; and one of our bishops declines the honor of originating the call for 'Twenty Millions Twentieth Century Thank Offering,' and says that it was the product of the faith of a devoted Methodist girl."—Rev. C. E. Locke, D. D.

—From Notes on the Epworth League Devotional Topics.

Sunday School Helps

Lesson XIII—December 27th, 1903. Title—The Birth of Christ (Matt. 1:23). Golden Text—"Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). Time—The very end of B. C. or early in B. C. 4. Place—Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

Jesus was born. He became man. He was in His nature both human and divine. He was born in Bethlehem, a village six miles south of Jerusalem. The home of Ruth and David. The place of His birth was a matter of prophecy. He was born in the days of Herod the king. It was in the year of the world four thousand, in the year of Rome 749, and four years before the date of our Christian era. The month, and day of the month, are not certainly known. The same may be said of Moses, David, Paul, and many others. All nations do not in this age record their ages.

On the night of our Lord's birth, shepherds were in the field near Bethlehem, keeping watch over their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them bringing "good tidings of great joy." This messenger was soon joined by a heavenly host, who sang to them the "gloria patri." When that holy choir returned to heaven, the shepherds went to Bethlehem and found all as the angel had told them. They published abroad what they had learned, and the people wondered at their story. Mary pondered these things in her heart.

Soon after the birth of Jesus the family removed to a dwelling house. Joseph likely began work at the carpenter trade. On the eighth day Jesus was circumcised, not because He was a sinner, or had a depraved nature, but He was in the room of the transgressor, and it behooved Him to fulfill all righteousness. When forty days old He was taken to Jerusalem and presented to the Lord. The offering made for Him was a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons. They likely

returned the same day to Bethlehem, and Joseph resumed work at his trade.

While they were in Jerusalem, Simon, a just and devout man, and full of the Holy Spirit, came into the temple. When he saw Jesus, he took Him up in his arms, and praised the Lord for this wonderful salvation: this light for the Gentiles and glory for Israel. He then blessed Joseph and Mary and asked the Lord to let him depart this life in peace. Then came Anna, the daughter of Phanniel, and of the tribe of Asher. She was very old and had been a prophetess for many years. She abode constantly in the temple, and served God day and night, with fasting and prayer. When she saw Jesus, she gave thanks unto the Lord, and spoke of Him to all who looked for redemption in Israel.

Soon after the return of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, wise men from the East came in search of Jesus. It is not certainly known who these Magi were. They may have been kings or priests. They likely came from Arabia or Persia. The venerable Bede says they were three in number; that their names were Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar; that one was old, another middle-aged, and the other young; and that one represented Shem, another Ham, and the other Japheth. This is good fiction. In them the Gentiles brought their first offering to the Messiah.

We know not what this star was which guided them. Some suppose it to have been a comet that made its appearance at this time. Others believe it to have been a meteor, or miracle of light, and seen only by the wise men. A third class is of opinion it was a conjunction of the planets—Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. It was a guide to conduct these wise men to Jesus. The Bible is our Star in the East to lead us to the Savior.

When Herod heard of the visit of these wise men, he and all Jerusalem were troubled. He was at this time old, afflicted and ready to die. He had, like Alexander the Great, Nero, Tiberius, and Henry VIII, grown in sin as he had increased in years. There was no deed too wicked for him to do. He was jealous of every apparent danger to his throne. All Jerusalem may only mean executors of the law, who held office under Herod. Touch a man's office, or way of making money, and you touch the man.

Herod called together the chief priests and scribes to inquire where the Christ should be born. Hillel, a famous Jewish Rabbi, the founder of a theological school, and a man noted for gentleness, likely presided at this council. The object of this meeting was not to learn the manner or time, but the place of Jesus birth. The answer was Bethlehem of Judea. This city was little, yet out of it should come a ruler whose going forth should be of old, even from everlasting. This prophecy shows the fore-knowledge and providence of God. The sacred Scriptures were studied and understood by the Jews. This council represents that class of church members who rest in the letter of the truth.

After the Sanhedrin had adjourned, Herod probably called the wise men, and inquired diligently about the star. It would seem that others had not seen it, or if they had, they had not attached any divine significance to it. All persons do not see the same things in the same objects. He then sent them to Bethlehem, with the request, to search diligently for the young child. A wicked man may give good advice. God may bless His word independent of the speaker. Herod desired them to bring him word again that he might also come and worship this new king of the Jews. He would have them think he was a true seeker

of the Christ, but a baser hypocrite never drew breath. He sought Jesus not to worship, but to slay Him. He is a type of false worshipers who have been in the church from the beginning.

The wise men continued their search. They proved their faith by their works. Those who believe and persevere succeed. When they again saw the star "they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." This shows their intense earnestness. Did ever a lost soul seek Jesus with more determination than did these wise men? The star continued to guide them. The word, the Spirit, the gospel, the church, and the providence of God, are given to conduct us to the Savior. If we, in searching for Jesus, miss our way, then our light is lost, but when we return to it, the star will again appear.

When these wise men found the young child they worshiped Him. Worship is worth-ship. They also presented to Him gifts. Gold for Him as king, frank incense as priest, and myrrh as prophet. He is our King to govern us, our Priest to intercede for us, and our Prophet to teach us. We should present our best gifts to Him. These wise men were warned of God in a dream not to return to Herod, but to go by another way into their own country. This they did. We cannot always dwell in a place of worship while on earth, yet we need never depart from Jesus.

Spring Conferences.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation for 1904.

Conference, Place and Time—	Bishop.
Upper Mississippi, Okolona—Jan. 6.....	Mallalieu
Arkansas, Siloam Springs—Jan. 13.....	McCabe
Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss.—Jan. 13.....	Mallalieu
Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Ark.—Jan. 21.....	McCabe
Louisiana, Baton Rouge—Jan. 27.....	Mallalieu
St. John's River, Tarpon Sp'gs, Fla.—Jan. 28.....	Goodsell
Gulf Mission Con, Hughes Sp's, Tex.—Feb. 4.....	Mallalieu
Florida, Gainesville—Feb. 4.....	Goodsell
Porto Rico, Guayama—Feb. 25.....	Cranston
Central Missouri, Kansas City, Mo.—Mar. 9.....	Walden
Virginia, Alexandria—Mar. 10.....	Foss
Lexington, Lexington, Ky.—Mar. 10.....	Fowler
Lincoln, Topeka, Kan.—Mar. 10.....	Hamilton
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 16.....	Merrill
Delaware, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 16.....	Andrews
Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.—Mar. 16.....	Walden
Washington, Baltimore, Md.—Mar. 16.....	Fowler
Wilmington, Dover, Del.—Mar. 16.....	FitzGerald
Gen. Pennsylvania, Harrisburg—Mar. 23.....	McCabe
South Kansas, Baldwin, Kan.—Mar. 16.....	Hamilton
New Jersey, Trenton—Mar. 23.....	Merrill
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.—Mar. 23.....	Foss
N. Eng. South'n, N. Bedford, Mass.—Mar. 23.....	Goodsell
Newark—Mar. 23.....	Cranston
East German, New York—Mar. 24.....	FitzGerald
Southwest Kansas, Wichita—Mar. 24.....	Hamilton
Wyoming, Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Mar. 30.....	Andrews
Missouri—Mar. 30.....	Walden
Vermont, Montpelier—Mar. 30.....	Fowler
Maine, Rumford Falls—Mar. 30.....	Vincent
Eastern Swedish, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Mar. 31.....	Foss
Northwest Kansas, Salina, Kan.—Mar. 31.....	Hamilton
Northern New York, Ilion, N. Y.—April 6.....	Merrill
New York—April 6.....	Andrews
New York East, Brooklyn, N. Y.—April 6.....	Foss
St. Louis, Carthage, Mo.—April 6.....	Walden
New Hampshire—April 6.....	Fowler
East Maine, Pittsfield, Me.—April 6.....	Vincent
New England, Springfield, Mass.—April 6.....	Goodsell
North Indiana, Muncie, Ind.—April 6.....	McCabe
Troy, Gloversville, N. Y.—April 6.....	Cranston
E. C. Af. Mis. Con.—Nov.....	Hartsell
Foochow, Foochow—Nov.....	Moore
Hinghua, Hinghua—Nov.....	Moore
W. C. Af. Mis. Con.—Dec.....	Hartsell
Bombay, Baroda—Dec. 10.....	Warren, Warne
West China Mis.—Dec. 23.....	Moore
Bengal, Calcutta—Dec. 30.....	Warren, Warne
Liberia, Monrovia—Jan.....	Hartsell
North India, Bareilly—Jan. 7.....	Warren, Warne
Burmah M. Con., Rangoon—Jan. 7.....	Warne
Northwest India, Cawnpore—Jan. 15.....	Warren, Warne
Central China Mis., Kiukiang—Jan. 20.....	Moore
Mexico, Mexico City—Jan. 21.....	FitzGerald
South India, Bangalore—Jan. 27.....	Warren, Thoburn
South America, Buenos Ayres—Jan. 27.....	Joyce
Corea Mission, Seoul—Feb. 17.....	Moore
Malaysia, Singapore—Feb. 18.....	Thoburn
Western S. America, Santiago, Chili—Feb. 25.....	Joyce
S. Japan Mis. Con., Fukuoka—Mar. 16.....	Moore
Japan, Tokio—Mar. 31.....	Moore
North China, Peking.....	Moore

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.
J. N. FITZGERALD, Secretary.
Rock Island, Ill., Nov. 3, 1903.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

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A Serious View of a Dark Subject

In our judgment one of the most serious questions connected with the Negro's going North is that of his religious training. We do not know of a single Northern city where he is properly looked after in this particular. There are some few churches, of course, but not by any means a proper proportion of them. This view of the case prompted us some years ago, while a member of the General Missionary Committee, to favor the encouragement by financial assistance of struggling church societies in Chicago, and one or two other cities. That some assistance be rendered is absolutely necessary. As a rule, land and building material are both expensive, and the people must either make and carry a burdensome debt, or be left without any church home. Many are inclined to and do accept the latter. It is perfectly natural that they should. And, besides, there are so many places of a different character open to attract them. Nevertheless, the question is an exceedingly serious one. It is a serious one for the Negro himself, and for the community in which he lives. If something is not done, what is going to become of him, and what of the community in which he lives? Then, too, the question is somewhat complicated by the fact that what is done must be done by the Negro himself, and almost single handed. The social conditions of the country force this upon him. He must save himself or be lost. Many good white people stand ready to assist, but when they do so they do it in the face of ostracism, and in some communities, persecution. This is unfortunate, as it seems to us, for at present the Negro is not prepared to assume the entire responsibility. How far this will apply at the North we cannot say, but we are sure it does to some extent. At any rate, it is evident that something must be done. Our readers will understand the situation more fully when they read the following, taken from the *New York World*. That paper says:

"There are fully 60,000 Negroes on Manhattan island, and while only a few relatively interblend with the populations I have portrayed, they have slum districts of their own, which, if they are not as large as where the white element preponderates, are no less foul and dangerous. Twenty thousand of these people have come to the city within the last ten years, and in one ward, where 10,000 of them dwell, there are ninety saloons, eighteen liquor stores, eight Raines' hotels, and only one colored church; and in another, equally crowded, the Thirteenth, there are 103 saloons, seven liquor stores, fourteen Raines' hotels and no colored church. And it has been estimated that if every Negro, man, woman and child, in New York desired to attend religious services, only one in five could be accommodated in their available meeting houses. What other result can proceed from this lack of ethical and spiritual training than demoralization and the increase of vice and crime? There is a Negro question in the South, but, unless all signs fail, there will soon be a Negro question in the North. Unless something is done, we shall have a section of 'darkest Africa' in the heart of this most imperial

city, and one that may cast a blighting shadow on what is most highly to be prized."

Following the Governor's Advice

The Christian Recorder calls attention to an occurrence in Nashville, Tenn., which indicates that some one there is trying to live up to Gov. Frazier's advice with reference to Negroes riding in sleeping cars. The case is as follows:

"The race is to be congratulated that the list of its brainy and plucky men is by no means exhausted. An instance in proof of this was furnished last week at Nashville, Tenn., in the teeth of Governor Frazier's edict that no colored passenger be allowed to ride in Pullman cars in that state. A colored invalid friend of Dr. Boyd, of the Baptist Publishing House, was secured a ticket through the ingenuity of the former, and seated in a rolling chair and placed on the platform. Despite the kicking which followed, Dr. Boyd stood his ground, and gave the officials and employees to understand that it was up to them to put the passenger of color off or harm him in the least. It is needless to say that the young man's ticket was honored, and that he rode to his destination in Texas without disturbance. With brain and means, the caste and Jim-Crow demon can be cast out, even in Dixie."

"There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
And a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King."
—Holland.

General Conference Delegates

Austin Conference—Ministerial: R. L. Selle, presiding elder, Denton Tex.; reserve, A. P. Morrison, El Paso, Tex. Lay: Geo. Nies, Fort Worth, Tex.; reserve, R. M. Moore, San Antonio, Tex.

Savannah Conference—Ministerial: John Watts, Brunswick, Ga.; reserve, R. R. O'Neal, presiding elder, Lagrange, Ga. Lay: Prof. S. A. Hull, Brunswick, Ga.; reserve, L. S. Reid, Savannah, Ga.

Central Alabama Conference—Ministerial: E. M. Jones, presiding elder, Anniston, Ala.; reserve, B. G. Smith, presiding elder, Birmingham, Ala. Lay: H. S. R. Dykes, contractor and builder, Gadsden, Ala.; reserve, H. E. Murphy, grocer, Decatur, Ala.

Atlanta Conference—Ministerial: M. C. B. Mason, Secretary Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, Cincinnati, O.; G. W. Arnold, presiding elder, Atlanta, Ga.; reserves, M. M. Alston, presiding elder, South Atlanta, Ga.; E. H. Oliver, presiding elder, South Atlanta, Ga. Lay: L. J. Price, merchant, South Atlanta, Ga.; A. M. Wilkins, M. D.; reserves, W. H. Crogman, president Clark University, South Atlanta, Ga.; W. H. Harper, teacher.

The kindness of Christmas is the kindness of Christ. To know that God so loved us as to give us His Son for our dearest Brother has brought human affection to its highest tide on the day of that Brother's birth.—Maltbie D. Babcock, D. D.

And now comes our congressional friend, "Buck" Kitchen of the Fifth North Carolina District, who has disfranchised the Negroes of his state, and now seeks by the resolution he offered last week in Congress to reduce the Negroes of the North to serfdom—by innocently repealing the 15th Amendment.

Now, it may be that some where in the "sugared subsequent"—commonly called the sweet by and by, this will be done, but we wager dollars to doughnuts that "Buck" Kitchen will not know it when it is done. He will be sleeping too soundly, or working too busily for His Satanic Majesty to pay attention to such a small happening as the repeal of the 15th Amendment.—*St. Luke's Herald*.

The Sociological Conference

The conference on the race problem in the United States, under the auspices of the National Sociological Society, recently held in this city, marks the beginning of a new era in the treatment of the race question. It is to be inferred from the procedure of this conference, and rightly so, that the race problem is to be treated on a scientific basis, and the same methods are to be applied to it that are applied to the solution of other great questions.

The objects for which the conference was convened were plainly shown in the opening remarks of Prof. Jesse Lawson, president of the National Sociological Society, namely: "To deliberate on the most serious phases of the race problem and to formulate plans for the relief of a strained situation made possible by the presence of said problem; to discover some common ground upon which all of the friends of the cause may stand, and to adjust the different and divergent views respecting the solution of the problem, into a definite and harmonious proposition."

"All of the elements that enter as factors into the solution of the problem should be carefully considered, and the deductions made upon a logical basis, always mindful of the fact that patriotism should be the controlling force in all deliberations on public questions in the United States."

The scope of the conference is to be inferred by the calibre of the brains and the general standing of the men who composed it. When it is remembered that the District Commissioners; Rt. Rev. Henry Y. Satterlee, Bishop of Washington; Bishops Arnett, Holsey and Grant; Rev. Dean Richmond Babbitt, Rev. Algernon S. Crapsey, Hon. George H. White, Hon. Judson W. Lyons, Register of the Treasury; Prof. Kelly Miller, Prof. Jesse Lawson, Rev. O. M. Waller, Prof. E. A. Johnson, Prof. T. S. Inborden, Rev. Walter H. Brooks, Dr. A. D. Mayo, Mr. Thomas Nelson Page, Rev. I. L. Thomas, Prof. J. Hugo Johnston, Rev. S. L. Corrothers, Gen. William Birney, Hon. George C. Gorham, Mr. Ernest Hamlin Abbott, co-editor of the *Outlook*; Dr. John Gordon, president of Howard University; Prof. J. McHenry Jones, Prof. W. W. Fairfield, Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback, Prof. A. F. Craven, of Columbia University; Rev. George W. Lee, Justice Robert H. Terrell, Rev. Oscar J. W. Scott, Rev. Sterling N. Brown, Hon. J. C. Dancy, Dr. James T. Walker, Rev. J. Albert Johnson, and Prof. Booker T. Washington, who is a whole factor in himself; Dr. Robert Reyburn, Dr. John R. Francis, Dr. F. J. Shadd, Mr. W. P. Burrell, Secretary of the True Reformers; Dr. O. M. Atwood, and many others participated in the conference, it is not difficult to form an idea of what might be expected of such a gathering.

At the evening meetings held at the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church and at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, standing room was at a premium.

In making the address of welcome, Hon. Henry B. McFarland, president of the Board of Commissioners, District of Columbia, sounded the keynote when he said: "It is an encouraging sign, like a ray of light through clouds, that white men and colored men are meeting together to consider, in the scientific method, and I trust, in a philanthropic spirit, what from its magnitude and difficulties we have come to call the race problem."

Rev. I. L. Thomas, of Baltimore, rung clear on the keynote when, in his response to Commissioner Macfarland, he said: "If we had a thousand men like President Roosevelt and Mr. Macfarland, in twenty years there would be no race problem in the United States."

The three principal addresses delivered by Dr. A. D. Mayo of Boston, Rev. Dean Richmond Babbitt of Brooklyn, and Rev. Algernon S. Crapsey of Rochester, were masterpieces in thought and composition, and will be handed down to posterity among the great orations on American questions.

The crowning glory of the conference was the appointment of a commission of three white men and three colored men to co-operate with a commission to be authorized by the Federal Government to whom all phases of the race question is to be referred for consideration and report, thus taking the race issue out of politics and placing it beyond partisan cavil.

The platform of principles, embodied in the resolutions, is a carefully drawn instrument which shows the conclusions of the conference. It is a statesmanlike paper, for the reason that it discovers common ground upon which men of both races, North and South, may stand, and said ground is vital to the solution of the problem.—*Colored American.*

"O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie,
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee to-night."

—Brooks.

Delegates Texas Annual Conference

Isaiah B. Scott, New Orleans, La., editor of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE; Matthew W. Dogan, Marshall, Tex., president Wiley University; Wade H. Logan, Houston, Tex., pastor. Reserves: Frank Gary, Galveston, Tex., pastor; Wm. A. Fortson, Conroe, Tex., presiding elder. Laymen: Henry B. Pemberton, Marshall, Tex., teacher; Hilliard Taylor, Houston, Tex., drummer; John W. Jamison, Clarksville, Tex., teacher. Reserves: T. W. Sparks, Terrell, Tex., physician; N. J. Atkinson, Greenville, Tex., physician.

The *Central Christian Advocate* in its Convention notes of the seventy-sixth anniversary of the Sunday School Union of the M. E. Church, which was held in Kansas City, Mo., from Nov. 19th to 23rd, says: "One of the features of the convention was the reading of his report by Rev. Dr. Robert E. Jones, field-worker among the colored people of the South. During the reading of the report the audience frequently applauded him. It was interesting, eloquent and instructive.

"Sunday-school Work Among the Colored People of the South" was the topic discussed by Dr. Jones. In the South Central States, among the Negro population, according to his report, there are 1,735 pastors (colored), representing churches above that figure, having a total membership of 280,000. In the same territory there are 3,660 Sunday schools with an aggregate membership of 200,304. The speaker touched on the phenomenal industrial growth of the South, and stated that the Methodist Episcopal Church had grown in direct ratio to the advance of civilization.

If we part with another Christmastide with a sigh, we may part with it also with a new inspiration of resolve to use remaining years to better advantage. Far better than vain regrets over "time unhallowed, unimproved," is the hopeful, holy optimism of the true believer, resolved to see a fringe in every cloud and climb one step higher in faith and works for every mortal day remaining.—*N. Y. Observer.*

Personal and General

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Lewis, of Natchitoches, La., are the happy recipients of a fine fourteen-pound baby boy, who came to their home Dec. 9th.

Mr. Herman E. Perry, formerly of Houston, Tex., is now located in Victoria, where he is meeting with most excellent success as an insurance agent.

Hon. Judson W. Lyons, who has been elected a member of the American Academy of Politics and Social Science, is the first colored man to receive this honor.

Mrs. Helen Douglass, widow of the late Hon. Frederick Douglass, died Dec. 1st at her home, "Cedar Hill," Anacotia, D. C. Mrs. Douglass was 65 years of age.

Mr. C. C. Lunn, a prominent member of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, Baton Rouge, La., who was in the city on business last week, was a pleasant caller at the office.

We learn with sincere regret of the death of Rev. C. H. Harvey, a prominent minister of the Louisiana Conference, pastor at Napoleonville, La., where his death occurred Dec. 1st.

Our old friend, D. Webster Wilson, Esq., of Texas, well known in Washington, D. C., where he spent considerable time, is practicing law in Houston, Tex., and building up a good practice.

Mr. Ernest Craigwell, a colored man of Brooklyn, who has been in the employ of the government in different capacities for some time, has been appointed immigration inspector at Ellis Island, N. Y.

Mr. Squires, United States Minister to Cuba, said at Washington that no less than \$175,000,000 was needed by the Cuban government to adjust the claims of the veterans of the Cuban army, owing to the enormous increase.

Dr. E. B. Ramsey, of Houston, Tex., who has been a practicing physician in that city for twenty years, still holds his own. In all these years he has not only maintained his standing, but held a practice that has enabled him to accumulate considerable real estate and other property.

Prof. Wm. Rosborough, musical director of the National Baptist Publishing Board, Nashville, Tenn., died Dec. 3rd, in Fort Worth, Tex., where he had gone for the benefit of his health. Prof. Rosborough's home was in Marshall, Tex., and his remains were shipped there for burial.

By the will of the late Rev. Stephen C. Frampton, of Pickering, O., of Ohio Conference, the Missionary Society of the church, the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education societies and the Board of Church Extension receive \$1,500 respectively, and the American Bible Society \$500.

From the Boston *Guardian* we learn that Mr. Milton Walker, a colored business man of Boston, Mass., is the inventor of a device, the patent for which he received Oct. 27, 1903, which is said to be a sure and the only remedy for the flying off of the trolley (a great defect and annoyance in the trolley system). Mr. Walker is receiving communications from large concerns all over the country, but his present intention is to hold the patent rights himself.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Lelia Aldworth, of Rivermont, Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 30th, to Rev. R. W. Winchester, B. D., of the North Carolina Conference. Miss Aldworth is a graduate of Virginia Seminary, also of the Smith Business College, in which institution she has been teaching dressmaking ever since her graduation. Rev. Winchester is a graduate from the classical course of Bennett College; also of

Gammon Theological Seminary. They will be at their home after January 1st, 1904, at Reidsville, N. C. The SOUTHWESTERN extends congratulations.

A pleasant incident connected with our visit to the Conference at Brunswick, Ga., was the meeting of Mrs. C. A. Shaw, formerly Miss Anna White, the talented and attractive daughter of the Rev. Dr. W. J. White, of Augusta, Ga. We had known her during the days of our school life in the '70's. Mr. Shaw, her husband, is a successful business man—a man of ability and standing in the community, well informed and fully alive on the questions of the day. Though not Methodists, Dr. C. C. Jacobs, our Sunday school agent was entertained in their home, and the SOUTHWESTERN will visit them regularly for the next 12 months.

"Sound out from all waters, reach out from all lands,
The chorus of voices, the clasping of hands,
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn,
Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born.
With glad jubilation,
Bring hope to the nations,
The dark night is ending and dawn has begun.
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun;
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one.
—Whittier.

News Notes

The Supreme Court of Alabama has decided that colored men have a right to register and vote in that state.

Great Britain is the only power of consequence that has not yet extended recognition to the Republic of Panama.

Herbert Spencer, the noted English author and philosopher, died recently at his home in Brighton, London.

County officials at Berkley, Va., were attacked and roughly handled by Democrats, Dec. 8th, because they had registered Negro voters.

The address of Bishop C. H. Fowler at the recent Missionary Convention in Philadelphia is being issued in pamphlet form by our Book Concern.

The dedication services, Dec. 16th, of St. Paul M. E. Church, Union Springs, Miss., Rev. W. L. Darius, pastor, was conducted by Bishop C. D. Foss.

The report comes from Pekin that China has reached an agreement with Russia in regard to Manchuria, which concedes practically everything Russia wants.

In the District Court of Cherokee county, Texas, Dec. 8th, Allen Brown, a Negro, charged with attempted criminal assault, was sentenced to one thousand years in the penitentiary.

A bill to prevent discrimination against Negroes riding on common carriers was introduced by Representative Morrell of Pennsylvania, in the House of Representatives, Nov. 19th.

Cuba began her independent career only a year ago with half a million dollars in her treasury. The first year of her independent history closes with all debts paid and \$3,000,000 on hand.—*Ex.*

The case of Alfred Dreyfus is again arousing public interest in France, and the French Prime Minister Combes has announced that, as a result of General Andre's investigation, the case will probably be reopened.

John W. Burley (colored), was convicted Dec. 8th in Washington, D. C., and sentenced to death for criminal assault on a five-year-old colored child. This is said to be the first instance of the death penalty being fixed for such crimes in the District of Columbia.

The coldest weather for this season of the year since 1876 struck Chicago, Dec. 13, the thermometer going to 13 degrees below zero; in the northern portion of Wisconsin to 28 degrees below zero. The same conditions prevail throughout the northwest region.

The Tuskegee Institute football team on Thanksgiving day, by a score of 5 to 0, defeated the Fisk University eleven on the Tuskegee Institute grounds. The Fisk representatives have been regarded for many years as the unbeaten colored team of the country. Not less than 2,000 people were in attendance.

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Geo. C. Marshall, Editor

A THOUGHT FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK.

I hear the sob of the parted,
The wail of the broken-hearted,
The sigh for the love departed
In the surging roar of the town.
And its O for the joy of the Morning!
The light and song of the Morning
When the King comes to his own!
Now let our hearts be true, brothers,
To suffer and to do, brothers;
There'll be a song for you, brothers,
When the battle's fought and won.
It won't seem long in the Morning,
In the light and song of the Morning;
There'll be joy in the Christmas Morning
When the King comes to his own!
Arise, and be of good cheer, brothers;
The day will soon be here, brothers;
The victory is near, brothers,
And the sound of the glad "Well done!"
There'll be no sad heart in the Morning,
No tear will start in the Morning;
There'll be joy in the Christmas Morning
When the King comes to his own!
We are in for the winning side, brothers;
Bound to the Lord who died, brothers;
We shall see Him glorified, brothers,
And the Lamb shall wear the crown.
What of the cold world's scorning?
There'll be joy enough in the Morning—
There'll be joy in the Christmas Morning,
When the King comes to his own.
—Ex.

A Chicago little girl celebrated her twelfth birthday recently and received as a present from her father 100 pigs. These porkers are to be raised on the farm at Barrington and will be the capital from which she is to derive her income through life. Properly cared for, says the *Chicago Sun*, these pigs will make their owner a fortune. Barring such misfortunes as a cholera epidemic, the natural increase of these animals, say, in ten years, will be a bank account which can be drawn on liberally, and, practically speaking, there is no other investment of a similar amount that will pay better. No father who owns a farm can start his children out in life on a better basis than to give them some well-bred live stock.

Secretary of Agriculture Jas. Wilson is spending \$6,000,000 a year to show the farmer how to get more money

from his farm, his live-stock and his dairy; and at the same time improve his soil. Four thousand persons are engaged in this work of education. The department of agriculture is a great educational institution and it is seeking for bright men who can be taught how to tell the farmer what to do to improve his condition. Some men of this department are in different parts of the world investigating for the purpose of introducing new grasses and other plants into this country. Others travel from state to state lecturing to farmers at their state fairs and institute.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

C. L. Anglum, pastor, Doniphan Chapel M. E. church, Sicily Island, La.—I take this method of returning thanks to Sister Molly Wilson, who lead the host, and our many brothers, sisters and friends for the presentation of a \$7.90 pulpit Bible the first of November, 1903. May the blessings of the Lord rest upon these good people at Doniphan Chapel, for they are pushing to the front. Pray for us.

D. Dewitt Turpean, pastor, Hudson, N. Y.—Sunday night, November 22, the membership rallied in a special collection for the pastor, and \$28 was raised; a concert and turkey supper Thanksgiving night, and \$33 were realized. Our people are doing good work. We have just painted the church on the outside, and now we have commenced to paint it on the inside.

The second district conference of the Holly Springs district, Upper Mississippi Conference, convened in Providence M. E. church, on the Abbeville circuit, November 18-22, 1903. After devotional exercise, N. H. Williams, D. D., presiding elder, took the chair, and the former secretary called the roll. All pastors were present save two, L. W. Mosely and C. E. Moody. A goodly number of local preachers, exhorters and other officers of the church were present. J. A. Slate was elected secretary, F. H. Henry assistant, J. W. Terrell statistical secretary, and W. F. Isaiah assistant. The presiding elder read his report, which showed that pastors all had been at work in their various fields of labor, except M. H. Wilkin, who had gone from labor to reward. He was an earnest pastor and a sweet singer. The revival fires have been aglow all over the district, and the benevolences are in advance of any year in the history of the district. The pastor's reports were full. Prof. J. B. F. Shaw, A. B., of Latin and Greek, from Rust University, represented that great school, which is the Athens of the South, and looked after the F. A. S. S. Society. Also Rev. G. G. Logan, D. D., Field Secretary of the Missionary Society. He, with his map of the new and old worlds, gave to his hearers information concerning the Christian nation on both sides of the sea. Truly the Missionary Society will do a mighty work in the midst of these 18 or 20 colored conferences, with Dr. Logan as its representative. The local preachers, exhorters, district stewards, class leaders, superintendents and presidents of Epworth League chapters, all made encouraging reports. The weather was dreary, yet the pastor, J. C. McGee, and his good people, cared for the conference nicely. Rev. F. H.

Bunton, A. M., from the Starkville district, arrived Saturday, and made himself one of us. Recommended for reception on time in the annual conference—W. F. Bunton, Beverly Foster, A. P. Parker, J. H. Abston, B. T. Lewis, C. R. Cannow; recommended for ordination—B. F. Lewis, Ed Pegues, Simon Dargan, Paul Taylor. Those who preached during the conference are P. A. Lemon, T. L. Inghram, and J. W. Terrell. Duck Hill was selected as seat of the next conference. Sunday was a day of spiritual feasting: 11 a. m., sermon, N. R. Clay; 8 p. m., sermon, F. H. Bunton; 8 p. m., sermon, B. T. McEwen. Thus closed a pleasant session.

J. W. TERRELL, Reporter.

J. T. Leggett, pastor, M. E. church, Princeton, Ind.—Our third quarterly conference was held November 19-22. Our presiding elder, Rev. G. A. Sisale, was present, and preached two able sermons, which were enjoyed by all. Rev. L. W. Ratcliff, of the A. M. E. church, preached the sacramental sermon at 3 p. m., and 87 persons partook of the Lord's Supper. We paid the elder in full, \$13, and \$3 on his second quarter, which he was not able to hold, on account of the illness of the pastor, Rev. J. T. Leggett, and family, who have been ill since July 14, and are not yet well. But the members have worked heroically to keep the work going, and to make it pleasant for him, and they have succeeded well. Beside the many donations, they have paid him \$116.70 for the two quarters. Paid to Rev. T. T. Carpenter, of Watson, Ind., who spent a few weeks with us during our pastor's illness, \$22. Elder G. A. Sisale was at his best on Monday night, and gave us a splendid lecture on the "benevolences of our church," which seemed to inspire the hearts of all his hearers to do more in the future than they have in the past. Mrs. Nettie Williams, the president of our W. H. M. S., was present, and promised, with the assistance of the members, to raise the remainder of the benevolence. Our Sunday school and League are doing nicely. On Thanksgiving Day the old members of our church were not forgotten. Everything necessary for a full Thanksgiving dinner was spread in the church, and twenty-five of them partook, after which Miss Clara J. Modest, Mrs. Annie Adams and others entertained the audience with an excellent concert. We enjoy reading the *SOUTHWESTERN*, and wait eagerly each week for its coming.

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J. F. Barnes, pastor, Boynton Chapel, Houston, Tex.—We are winding up with a good year's report. Rev. W. H. Logan, D. D., preached for us Sunday, at 8:30 p. m., and Mrs. W. H. Logan organized a Woman's Home Missionary Society, with twenty-one members. Mr. John Covington is one of the new subscribers to the *SOUTHWESTERN*. He says its the best paper he has ever read. Mr. Covington is one of our leading business men; owns a first class grocery store and twelve rented houses.

The West Nashville District Tennessee Annual Conference met for its first



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session for this conference year in Lumsden Chapel M. E. church, Nashville, Tenn., November 12 to 15, 1903. The session was quite an interesting one. Many of the pastors and other members were present. Rev. W. Ellison was re-elected secretary, and J. R. Reasonover assistant. Rev. J. M. Lyte, pastor of the church, was elected reporter. Quite a number of addresses were made by visitors, among whom were Dr. E. W. S. Hammond, Miss Holcum, Miss Moore, and the president, Dr. J. B. Hamilton, of Walden, Prof. J. A. McMillan, Revs. H. H. Hinton, J. B. Bradford, S. M. Strayhorn, and many others. The literary program was carried out to the satisfaction of all present. The presiding elder, Rev. A. Phillips, conducted business in a skillful manner, and everything was smooth and pleasant. The welcome address was delivered by Mrs. Nannie F. Lyte, wife of pastor, responded to by Rev. B. J. Merideth and the presiding elder. Seay's Chapel and Clark's Memorial choirs assisted in the music. From the reports of the pastors, they have started out for a great and grand work, expecting nothing but victory. Quite a little sum of missionary money has been raised already. The sessions were spirited. Able sermons were preached by Revs. J. R. Reasonover, W. Ellison, B. J. Merideth and T. W. Pratt. The conference adjourned Saturday at 1 p. m. The next session will meet at Farmington, Tenn.

Dewitt Turpeau, Hudson, N. Y.—St. John's M. E. Church, Hudson, N. Y., is pushing the battle to the gate on all lines this year. Within the past month we have had our church fixed up on the outside and painted and all is paid for. We have had five conversions and four accessions. We have not begun our extra meetings. Men and women

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are yielding to the power of the gospel. I am praying and working for you to succeed.

J. W. Isalah, Reporter, Alesville Circuit.—Our fourth quarterly conference convened at Ingraham's Chapel Oct. 17-18. Dr. N. H. Williams, presiding elder, was in the chair. The majority of officers were present with reports, which showed the work to be progressing on all lines. Though this is our pastor's, Rev. Thos. L. Ingraham's, seventh year, the work in general has this year been advanced more than in any previous year. To know him means to love him. Paid presiding elder in full. Amount raised during quarter, Saturday and Sunday \$56. The presiding elder made a strong plea for the SOUTHWESTERN.

Joel Perkins, Pastor, Martin's Ferry.—We are doing nicely here. Have just painted our church inside and out, all paid for at a cost of \$31. Our quarterly meeting the 25th of October was a success. Rev. H. W. Simmons, presiding elder, preached a noble and instructive sermon to a large congregation and administered the sacrament. A collection of \$22 was raised and paid our elder \$15.

A. W. Talbert, Pastor, Muskogee, I. T., Spencer Chapel M. E. Church.—Our third quarterly conference held Oct. 17-18, was a success. The presiding elder, D. G. Franklin, was present, and preached two splendid sermons, which rejoiced the hearts of all present. Seven persons were received into the church during the quarter. The presiding elder's claim was paid in full. Collection \$29.50 for the day; \$100 raised during the quarter. The trustees are managing their indebtedness nicely and will soon be ready to begin the erection of a new church. Among the accessions to our church here we are glad to mention the names of Brothers W. A. Allen of Houston, Tex., and W. N. Johnson, formerly of Fayetteville, Ark., now principal of Dunbar public school, this city. A new church has been organized at Wybark, I. T., by Rev. H. Bly, with a membership of 13 and a bright future. Mrs. Birtie Collins suggested the name "Nasmyth Chapel" for the new organization, in honor of Mrs. Nasmyth, her former teacher. The name was unanimously adopted. Rev. S. M. Deckard has that work in charge at present. The presiding elder, D. G.

Franklin, is still a busy man. He is doing real effective work. Muskogee is rapidly becoming quite a centre in our work in the Indian Territory.

J. H. C. Mean, Pastor, Balltown and Lee's Creek.—This work is moving along nicely; our fourth quarterly conference was a success. Our presiding elder preached an uplifting sermon and left us all rejoicing. Sunday, the 11th, we raised in our rally at Wesley Bay, \$23 and the following Sunday at Lee's Creek we had a spiritual feast.

L. J. S. Bell, Pastor, Summit, Miss.—Yesterday, (Oct. 18), was a happy day in our Zion. Our faithful steward brothers, T. G. Gatlin and John Taylor, assisted by the following sisters, raised on pastor's salary, \$35: Sisters A. Gatlin, \$4.45; Lucy Lamson, \$3.35; A. B. Bowers, \$3.50; Hattie Dillon, \$3.40; F. Weatherby, \$6; R. Cain, \$3.15; E. Lumpkin, \$2.05; total, \$25.90; stewards, \$9.10; making a total of \$35.

L. S. Thomas, Pastor, Hazlehurst, Miss.—We have just closed (Oct. 9) one of the best revivals held at this place for eight years, with 21 additions. Several of these were from the Baptist Church, the others were happily converted. All are grown people. The Hazlehurst Church is alive once again and all are rejoicing over the grand results. We are coming. Pray for us.

Chas. C. Landry, Pastor, Bastrop, La.—The 20th century financial rally was quite a success held at Mt. Olive M. E. Church, Oct. 11. We are indebted to the good people of Bastrop, Baptist, C. M. E. and our own church for their liberal contribution. Revs. T. P. Norris, R. L. Shepherd, Sam Brownfield, Jacob Jacob, Armstead Smith, Jr., have my best wishes for services rendered. These good sisters are to be commended for their hospitality: Mesdames Vine Ellis, Bettie Scott, Esby Williams, B. Westmoreland, Ida M. Evans, Eve Smith and V. J. Landry. Amount collected \$15.10.

Chas. H. Monroe, Pastor, Bunkie, La.—Sunday, Oct. 11, the day set apart for the rally of the different clubs composed of young people, was a day of great financial success for us. The money raised was for payment on the windows of our new church which is being erected. The Daughters of Zion under its managers, Mrs. E. White and C. Maze, reported \$36.50. The Hannah club, under Mrs. Balm and Mr. Willie Burr, \$22.50; Wilson, Cheney and Burton club, \$13.61; Sons and Daughters of Boonville, Mr. T. C. Jackson, president, \$69.70; Thompson and Henry club, Miss Carrie Monroe, secretary, \$5.50; Independent club, Mrs. J. Beco manager, \$6.75. Total collected during the day \$155.11. We extend thanks to said clubs for their noble efforts.

A. B. Venable, Clinton, La.—Our fourth quarterly conference convened Oct. 11-12, with the elder in the chair. After a grand lecture by him the roll was called and many officers answered. The elder conducted the conference with perfect smoothness. Several pastors were with us. Rev. C. Spears gave an excellent lecture to the officers and members of the church on their "Duties to the various departments of the church," after which Rev. A. Luster closed the business of the conference. Rev. A. Luster preached a good sermon, which impressed greatly his hearers. Rev. W. M. Harrison was also with us. Paid the elder \$18; yet due him \$5. We intend to pay him all and

have planned to raise all of our benevolent money by the 26th of November. Sunday night a large number partook of the Lord's Supper. The trustees and stewards gave a rally the 18th of October and realized \$52.75 for the indebtedness of the church. They also paid \$50. I ask the brethren and friends all to pray for me in my sorrows over the loss of my only child. Sister Peggy Jones departed this life Oct. 13 in perfect peace. She was converted Sept. 26 and was baptized Sept. 28. Age, about 84 years. She leaves 3 brothers, three sisters, 3 sons, 4 daughters and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren, also friends. Her funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. D. J. Banks and John Banks.

R. L. Carpenter, Pastor, State Line, Miss.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held Oct. 15-16, with Rev. S. A. Cowan, presiding elder, in the chair. Reports from the leaders showed that they had been faithful. Rev. Cowan preached one of his best sermons on Friday night. Total collection for the quarter, \$68. The pastor is thankful to the young ladies of State Line for \$10 toward the purchase of a suit of clothes, and to the Good Samaritans for a contribution of \$5. The good people of State Line know how to care for their pastor.

Phillip Hawkins, Belle Rose, La.—I am a new subscriber to the SOUTHWESTERN and only regret that I did not subscribe sooner. It is a race-builder, and should be a welcome visitor into every Negro's home. Since our pastor, Rev. D. Harrison, and his estimable wife, arrived at St. James M. E. Church a new light has come. He has beautified the church and with his wife's help has gained a number of souls (I myself being one of the Sunday school scholars.) They are doing well; everyone likes them and are hoping for their return to this place next year. Our presiding elder, Rev. W. R. Butler, held his fourth quarter, also preached to a crowded house Sunday, Oct. 18, also Sunday night. We have had a grand time here.

Jos. M. Deas, Pastor, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Gainesville, Fla.—This church has closed one of the most successful revival meetings in her history. Rev. Jos. M. Deas, pastor, is serving his fifth year, his members have all reasons for rejoicing. The meeting began Aug. 30, and lasted five weeks, closing Oct. 4; 102 souls were saved, and many reclaimed. The pastor received 90 persons in the church on probation and several by letter. The Mt. Pleasant membership is now divided into 14 classes, with an average of 25 persons in each class, and 100 probationers. The Sunday school has 21 classes, and 390 scholars of all ages. In this revival at least 50 of our scholars were happily converted. Paid \$100 on the pastor's salary during the month. The members are planning to complete the lecture room, as the 32nd session of the Florida Conference will convene here. Arrangements for the annual bazaar are being perfected by the ladies; the pastor has organized a SOUTHWESTERN committee to increase the subscription to the paper. Every indication points to a successful closing of this conference year with the pastor. The benevolences are being carefully looked after by pastor and committees.

J. L. Augustus, Pastor, Boyce, La.—Our church is increasing along all lines. Rev. S. Duncan, presiding elder,

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held his fourth quarterly conference Oct. 10 and found everything in very good shape. He preached Oct. 11 at Village. In our rally, which was a success, the Rev. W. H. Jones of Rapides, La., gave us good service. Collection \$1,019.30; by the Sunday School \$7.60; total, \$1,026.90. We are expecting to build a good church at Village. The SOUTHWESTERN is not forgotten. Paid the presiding elder in full.

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M. E. Ott, Toombsville, Miss.—Our missionary meeting was held Oct. 28-29. Rev. C. H. Brown was chairman, Rev. A. J. McNair, secretary. We had several of our strong men in the meeting. Papers were read by several of our best young ladies. The welcome address was delivered by Miss Hattie A. Anderson and all were made happy. Rev. J. C. Hibbler was with us and preached a good sermon. Rev. R. L. Brooks, our pastor, is loved by all. Secured for the SOUTHWESTERN four new subscribers. Raised \$17. Dr. W. W. Lucas held our fourth quarterly conference Oct. 10-11; raised \$25. Paid presiding elder in full. A large number partook of the Lord's Supper. All pleased to have with us Dr. Lucas.

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FRED H. BUNTON,
Pres. of the Board, Starkville, Miss.

NOTICE.

In view of the fact that the Traffic Association has recently made a round trip rate of \$62.50 from Chicago and common points West to the Pacific coast, we are authorized to state that this rate does not conflict nor set aside the round trip rate of \$50, previously made, for anyone who desires to come to Los Angeles to attend the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to be held next May. I remain yours,

H. W. BRODSBECK,
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LITERARY NOTES

The *Woman's Home Companion* for December contains some remarkable pictures of Christmas celebrations at Bethlehem, the town of Christ's nativity; also at least six pages of suggestions for home-made Christmas presents. They are timely and excellent. There is a new variation of the famous "15 Puzzle," for the solution of which it offers a prize of \$100.

"George Washington Jones." By Ruth McEnery Stuart. 12mo.; pp. 147; cloth, \$1. Philadelphia; Henry Altemus Company.

George Washington Jones was little, poor, and black, but he had aspirations, and one fine Christmas morning he set out to make a Christmas present of himself to some beautiful young lady, as his grandfather had been presented to one many years before the war. He tried all along Prytanla street, but to his disappointment and mortification he failed to discover anybody who cared to accept the present. Toward night he did discover a colored woman more than willing to accept the gift to replace her own little son, gone to rest. She sends G. W. J. to the house of an old deaf lady, and here the boy is employed, and after a time it turns out that his mistress and benefactress is the daughter of the beautiful lady whom the grandfather had belonged to. There is a charming pathos in the tale, and a good deal of vivid character painting.

"Half a Dozen Housekeepers." By Kate Douglas Wiggin. 12mo.; pp. 162; cloth, 75 cents. Philadelphia; Henry Altemus Company.

The academy was unluckily burned in the early spring, making a two weeks' vacation necessary, so one of the girls takes five of her companions to her father's cottage, which was closed for the winter, and they keep house together during the vacation. They had a royal time, and the story tells all about it so entertainingly that all the girl readers will enjoy it immensely.

Notably attractive is the Christmas number of the *New England Magazine*. The number is especially rich in illustrations. A feature that is sure to attract attention is the remarkable series of photographs of the Southern Negro, accompanying an article by John H. Tarbell. Other strong features, also illustrated, are Winfield S. Alcott's article on Immigration; Katherine Louise Smith's *The Revival of Fireside Industries*. Something that will arouse discussion is the pungent article entitled, *Some Side-Lights of the Clergymen's Profession*, contributed by a clergyman. There is a varied assortment of stories, by Frank G. Spearman, Ellen Paine Huling, Georg Schrock, Nina Welles Tibbot, Edith R. Blanchard, and Lewis E. McBrayne.

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To Brother Will Thomas and Mr. Sam'l. Myers, who led a surprise to the parsonage recently.

—I wish to return my hearty thanks for the many presents they brought, and pray God's choicest blessing upon them. Come again. B. J. REDDIX.

Baton Rouge, La.

A CARD OF THANKS.

About 10:30 a few Saturday evenings ago there came to Hurst M. E. church parsonage the Laboring Men's Association of 125 hale and stalwart men of Plaquemine, with groceries, dry goods and hard cash, singing, "No, never alone." Nothing of the kind has ever happened at any other parsonage in the State. The crowd was so great the sexton had to come and open the church to accommodate it. President Craig lead his Association, and after singing by a hundred melodious voices, Mr. Henry Walker, on behalf of the Association, brought Miss L. F. Mack from the parsonage, and Mr. Hewitt, one of the founders of the Association, kept her uncle quiet, and escorted him into the pulpit. Then President Craig made the presentation speech. Of course we responded with frightened speeches. The repast was enjoyed by all. The laboring men are all right. God bless you all; come again, gentlemen. Yours truly, D. J. Price, L. F. Mack.

A CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to give thanks to the members and friends of Magnolia M. E. Church for the grand surprise given me through the leadership of brothers Daniel Harris, Walter Smith, Aaron Janes, Mrs. Sarah Washington and many others. They give the pastor 250 pounds of groceries. God bless the young men that helped so well in this good cause, also the young ladies of Schriever. With the members of the church I thank the friends and invite them to call again.

C. W. KEESHAU, Pastor.

Schriever, La.

H. J. Robinson, Pastor, Darrowville, La.—During the still hour of the night of Oct. 8, we were aroused by sweet singing. The parsonage doors were opened and a crowd marched in; called to order by Prof. J. A. Reddix. After singing, prayer was offered by Brother Nath Reed. Prof. Reddix made one of his best speeches; then came the opening of the baskets and nice presents were presented the pastor and family. Among the many things were the photos of Prof. J. A. Reddix, Misses Edna and Stella Reddix, the lovely daughters of Rev. B. J. Reddix of Baton Rouge, La. The crowd was too numerous to call all the names, but it was a pleasant night and the friends were invited to call again soon. Our revival was quite a success. We have added to the church since August 30 members. We had our baptism on the 11th. This was a great day in Darrow. Over 500 people were on the ground. Able sermons were preached by Revs. J. A. Richards, of White Hall; P. C. Colton, of Donaldsonville; E. V. Taylor, of Prairieville. Mrs. L. J. Shallowhorne, principal at Hartsell Academy, presided at the organ. The church presented a \$30 suit of clothes to the pastor and a \$5 "John B. Stetson" hat was presented the pastor by the following steward sisters: Mrs. Georgine Kenner, Mrs. Frankie Bates, Mrs. Lillie Coleman. We will have our last baptism for this year the second Sunday in November. Pastor

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MRS. SCOTT.

An interesting letter to our readers from Mrs. Gertrude Warner Scott, of Vinton, Iowa.

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The Greenville District met in its 28th semi-annual session in Clarksdale, Miss., Nov. 19-22, 1903. The conference organized by electing J. M. Walton, secretary, J. B. Starkey and J. C. White, assistants; Rev. E. H. Holmes, statistical secretary, Rev. C. A. Jordan and W. M. Thompson, assistants. Board of Stewards: J. M. Walton, Rev. R. Sewell and E. H. Holmes; J. M. Walton, L. F. White and J. B. Starkey, SOUTHWESTERN committee. All regular committees were appointed and did their work well. A revival spirit pervaded the conference from its opening to its farewell service on Sunday night. The brethren have become intensely interested in the work of this mission district; the business tact of the delegates was remarkable. The Greenville

District is destined to succeed under such stalwart leaders, with the Rev. J. W. Winbush at the head. Truly he is the man for the place. The district has wonderfully expanded. It now has twenty-five appointments and reports showed that our men had been hard at work, consequently our benevolence was in advance of any previous year, and quite a number of conversions and accessions. Old debts paid on and several paid off. Rev. A. B. Blewett, the pastor, and his good people spared no pains in doing all possible to make our stay with them pleasant. Revs. A. A. Coasey, pastor Metropolitan Baptist Church, and H. H. Upthegrove, pastor A. M. E. church, showed a deep interest in the conference and the care of its delegates. We stand very much in need of a new and better church in Clarksdale. Enough mission money should be put there to make it a station so there could be a pastor in the pulpit every Sunday. The following named visitors addressed the conference: Rev. G. G. Logan, Prof. E. H. McKissack, Prof. J. B. F. Shaw, Rev. F. H. Bunton, Presiding Elder B. F. Woolfolk, Rev. S. M. Medcalf, A. M. E. Zion Church, Dublin, Miss., Rev. N. L. Lackey, conference evangelist, and Rev. G. W. Hunt. The following brethren preached during the conference: Wm. Thompson, R. Sewell, C. A. Jordan and J. M. Walton. Two members were added to the church. Collected in the conference \$100.25. The seat of the next conference will be in Revel Memorial M. E. Church, Greenville, Miss. Thus closed one of the most profitable sessions of the Greenville District.

J. M. WALTON, Sec.

(The secretary has sent us a long list of names and the sum contributed by each on Sunday during the District Conference, ranging from 50 cents to \$4.50, which we would like to publish, but cannot owing to the crowded condition of these columns.—Ed.)

H. May, Pastor, Hub, Miss.—My people here are trying to run two high schools within two miles of each other. The church and Sunday schools are doing very well under the circumstances. I am building one of the best colored churches in the county at Lampton, Miss. It is 40 by 60. We expect to go in it before the next annual conference. This is the New Hope Church. We have greatly improved the parsonage this year by adding two more rooms, so it is now a six-room parsonage. Also we have nicely celled the Zion Ridge Church. These churches are four and a half miles apart, with a membership of over 300, with two good Sunday schools. We have as good people here as can be found anywhere. One sister here, Mary Mango, who has been married for 58 years, living within one mile of her old home, leads the sisters Monday evening prayer meeting and has led this meeting for 31 years. This sister sweeps the church and yard every Saturday and asks no and yard every Saturday and asks no pay. She pays the pastor three dollars per year and presiding elder one dollar. Her home is the preacher's home and has been for 35 years. I am sorry though that her husband is not a member of the church. They own their home, 160 acres of good land paid for 30 years ago. The land that the parsonage is built on was given by them. The Lord blessed us with many converts this year. Added to the church to present date 55. My people here own the lands for near 35 miles. But they have done very little toward improvement. I see though

that they are giving more time to their homes. My wife is teaching. This county gives six months this term.

THE DEMAND FOR PHARMACISTS.

Few of our young people seem to realize the fact that there are about twenty times as many places wanting colored pharmacists as there are persons qualified for the position. Large as is this call, it is only an inkling of what the next few years will demand. Colored physicians are everywhere starting drug stores, and in many instances are now compelled to employ white pharmacists, because there are no colored ones available. At the same time, there are only a few enrolled in our schools who are preparing for this profession.

In view of the good salary a druggist can demand, it is strange that there are not hundreds of young men and women preparing themselves for this work. Realizing that there are special difficulties in the way, whereby many are not permitted to enter at the beginning of the regular session, The Flint Medical College of New Orleans University has made a new departure, whereby it will open a special winter term on Jan. 4, 1904. This is an unusual opportunity, and will doubtless be welcomed by many. This special arrangement applies only to the Department of Pharmacy, and not to that of medicine. See the advertisement elsewhere.

B. C. Roberts, District Steward, Valdosta Charge, Ga.—Our fourth quarterly conference convened at Trinity M. E. Church Oct. 17-18, with the Rev. A. B. Allen, presiding elder, in the chair. The quarter was well attended. The majority of officers were present with good reports that showed the work had improved. We paid the presiding elder \$9.50. Paid the pastor this quarter, \$74.09. On Sunday the Rev. A. B. Allen preached two able sermons, to the delight of all and we felt it good to be in the house of the Lord. Two came forward to be prayed for and one joined the church. We are working hard to complete the repairing of church and parsonage. Our membership here is very small but we are not discouraged.

To the Public.

SCOTTSBORO, ALA., Oct. 1, 1903.

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Phoebe Cary.

Meridian, Miss.—Mrs. Harriet Greene, mother of Brother D. B. Watkins, died November 3, 1903. She was an old soldier of more than 50 years in the cause of Christ, and a member of St. Paul M. E. Church. She leaves three sons and many relatives. Her remains were laid to rest at her old home, Shubuta. The service was conducted by V. Trotter.

Shannon, Miss.—On July 13 Sister Sarah Roberts departed this life in peace. Brother G. W. Williams, our Epworth League president and steward, was called from labor to reward Oct. 23. The church extends its heartfelt sympathy to both Brother Roberts and Sister Williams.

W. C. HILLIARD, Pastor.

Village, La.—Carrie Hampton, the infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hampton, born July 22, 1903, fell asleep in Jesus Nov. 13. The funeral service was attended by J. L. Augustus, pastor.

Vanceville, La.—Sister Betsy Servine, aged 30 years, was called home Nov. 17. She called for the bible and read Job 1st chapter, 14-15 verses, sang "A Charge to Keep I Have" and bade all good-by. Mt. Zion M. E. Church has lost a faithful member but heaven has gained a jewel. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, Thos. Williams.

Scooba, Miss.—Brother Larye Oberner, one of the oldest members of Tamola Bethney M. E. Church, died Nov. 5. He was a class leader in the days of slavery; lived a good, noble life and died as a Christian, saying "I am trusting and leaning on the Lord." He leaves two brothers, three sisters, two sons and a host of friends. Our loss is heaven's gain. P. R. CAUMP, Pastor.

Fort Stephen, Miss.—Sister L. Steel was called from earth to her reward Oct. 3. She died as she had lived. She leaves four children, grandchildren and a host of friends.

Mr. Mack Hordon, a faithful Christian young man, died Oct. 18, 1903. He leaves a dear mother, 3 sisters, brothers and many friends.

R. B. ANDERSON, Pastor.

Harleton, Texas.—Sister Mittie Thomas, a member of Cedar Grove Church, died Oct. 30, after an illness of about three weeks. She was a faithful Christian, always at her post of duty. She has missed only one pastoral service these two years. She leaves a husband, 4 children, a father, sister, many relatives and friends.

Also on Nov. 15 occurred the death of Sister Jane Wheeler, of Pleasant Hill Church, who has been ill since April 18. She too was one of our best members.

M. Q. A. FULLER.

Evansville, Ind.—Sister Ethel Powell, wife of Rev. G. W. Powell, pastor

M. E. Church, Morganton, Ky., departed this life Nov. 29, 1903. A good Christian woman and an earnest worker for the cause, she bore her afflictions with great patience, never complained, but had always the ready answer, "All is well; I am only waiting on the Lord." She would try in her weakest hours to sing her favorite song, "Oh, when I get home how sweet, how sweet it will be." The day before she died she said to her mother, "I know I cannot last much longer; send for Brother Stone," then "Look, I see the people crossing Jordan, one by one." And in her last moments, with a sweet smile she said, "Oh, what joy, what joy," and passed into eternity. The funeral was attended by S. S. Stone and W. H. Pope. Her remains were laid in the family square at Rockport, Ind., to await the final resurrection. Her death brings sorrow to a husband, mother, one sister, one brother and a host of friends.

S. S. STONE.

Lagrange, Ga.—The sad news of the death of Mr. Guy Greer was a shock to this entire community. He met his death at Anniston, Ala., where he was engaged as an employee of the railroad company. At 1 o'clock Saturday morning, in the performance of duty, he slipped, the car wheels rolled over him and crushed his lower limbs. Physicians were summoned but could not relieve him. He died at 7 a. m. Saturday. Brother Greer was a young man of great promise, loved by all who knew him. He was a member of Union Chapel M. E. Church and leaves a dear father, mother, brother, sisters and a number of friends. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, G. H. Lennon, assisted by Rev. John Crolley and Wm. Smith.

Fayette, Miss.—Sister Laura Hagans, a faithful member of Pine Grove M. E. Church and Sunday school, departed this life Nov. 18 in full hope of heaven. She lived an exemplary Christian life. A mother, father and many friends within and out the church mourn her departure. Her funeral was attended by the writer, S. H. Cannon.

Shreveport, La.—Death came suddenly to Sister Sarah Cook Tuesday morning, Nov. 17, while out hanging up clothes. She had been a member of St. Paul M. E. Church for some years, but very seldom attended. She leaves a large family. The funeral service was attended at her home by her pastor, Rev. H. J. Wright and Samuel Armstead. Her age was about 70 years.

Mr. Mack Street, who was about 65 years of age, died Nov. 23. He belonged at one time to St. Paul M. E. Church, but for some reason left the church some years ago. He leaves a wife, who is one of the strong and staunch members of St. Paul, a mother and other relatives in Texarkana. His body was held at the Willis undertaking parlors until Thursday morning, awaiting the arrival of relatives. The funeral was attended by H. J. Wright.

Marthaville, La.—Brother Demar Gair died Nov. 21. He was an old member of Marthaville church and a class leader for many years. He was highly respected here by all. White friends paid his burial expenses. The pastor, having gone after his three children who lost their mother Nov. 12. Rev. S. P. Branch conducted the funeral and S. P. Branch conducted the funeral service and a large concourse of friends paid their last respects. His was a peaceful hour in death.

E. P. HARRIS, Pastor.

Philadelphia, Miss.—Prof. J. R. Pol-

lock died Nov. 21. He was a member of Liberty church and first grade teacher of Kemper and Neshoba counties. Brother Pollock passed away quietly. A wife, one child, father, several sisters and many friends mourn their loss. Also Sister Julia Cole, a member of the same church, daughter of Sister Isie Cole, departed this life Nov. 7. Peace to her ashes. The funeral of Brother Pollock was conducted by Rev. R. B. Anderson, of Fort Stephen.

H. E. MORGAN, Pastor.

John Weldon Granger, first son of Isam and Catherine Granger, was born at Independence, Colorado county, Tex., February 26, 1876, and died at his residence, Yoakum, Tex., after an illness of three weeks, Saturday, Nov. 21, 1903, aged 27 years, 8 months and 25 days. He was a graduate of Prairie View State Normal, class of '95; was a young man of high moral character, a teacher of good repute, a good business man, and was beginning to make himself felt in the mercantile world. In his profession he was held in high esteem by colleagues and neighbors, both white and colored. He was a member of the Sunday school from infancy; was converted and joined the M. E. Church in 1894, and lived a consistent follower of Christ until his demise. He was also a member of the order of U. B. F. He constantly confirmed his faith in his Father. Brother Granger was a teacher who never forgot his church; while away he would send his support for church and pastor and when he was laid to rest was clear for the year.

Handle, Miss.—Sister Fannie Burrage, wife of Brother Rufus Burrage, was born in Barber County, Ala., in 1837 and died Nov. 29, aged 72 years. She was a faithful member of the Bethlehem M. E. Church. She has lived a faithful Christian life for 30 years. A bereaved husband and eight children survive her, also many friends. Her funeral, which was largely attended, was conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. Obedie Glisper, of the Upper Mississippi Conference.

Also Brother T. Clark, a young man 18 years of age, died happily Oct. 29. A grandfather, mother and many friends are grieved over his departure. Early in life he sought and found the Lord. The pastor being absent his funeral was conducted by Brother S. W. Washington, a local preacher. We sympathize deeply with the bereaved ones.

B. W. ROBINSON, Pastor.

RESOLUTIONS.

The sudden and untimely death of Mrs. W. H. Baskett, the wife and beloved companion of our esteemed and honored Prof. Baskett, comes to us like an electric shock. Dr. Baskett has no friends or sympathizers that feel the shock more keenly than do the members of the class of 1904 of Meharry Medical College. We know a bright light has gone out of our esteemed professor's life, the light that guides the future destiny of all families. While as we know that our heavenly Father always does what is just and right, be it

Resolved, That while we, the students of the senior class, deplore the death of this dear woman, who attracted to her so many friends, a wife who made the home one of happiness and sunshine, we bow in humble submission to the Ruler of the Universe and say, "Thy will be done."

Resolved, That we extend our sympathy to Dr. Baskett in this time of gloom and sadness and commend him to our Heavenly Father who doeth all

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things well, with a consoling thought and prayer that he may be strong even unto the end.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions be sent to our beloved professor, also a copy to the SOUTHWESTERN.

Committee: W. H. Brunnett; J. E. Wells, Georgia R. Devalle, O. C. Garrett, secretary; B. W. Daniels, president class of 1904.

Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 25, 1903.

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father, seeing that Sister Anna E. McNeil was prepared for that "Haven of Rest" called her to inherit it the morning of Nov. 20, 1903. While it is hard to spare her from her labor of love and life of usefulness here, yet we say submissively, "Thy will be done." This community has lost a bright light, Centenary Church a consistent member, who united with the Methodist Church a half century ago, but possibly her loss will be most felt by the Church Home Society. She was its vice president from its organization; she labored for it with untiring zeal and sacrifice. God spared her to see her life's work shaped and a room in the building named in her honor. So we say, "Servant of God well done." Resolved, that a copy of this preamble and resolutions be presented to her bereaved daughter, a copy be framed and hung in the room of Church Home bearing her name, and

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Delaware—P. O'Connell, *2.

Lexington—J. E. Wood, *1.

Little Rock—D. J. Sanders, *3; H. B. Strong, *1; W. A. Smith; G. T. Saxton, *2; S. B. Davis, *2.

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Mississippi and Upper—A. Johnson; S. H. Cannon, *1; J. F. Cassels; N. Collier, *1; A. Jackson, *1; P. H. Jackson, *1; J. E. Webb, *2, 1; P. W. Baldwin, *1.

North Carolina—M. J. Bullock, *1.

South Carolina—South Carolina Conference, *52, 3.

Tennessee and East—W. Ellison, *2.

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TAMINA OIL FIELD.

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References: Judge J. T. Rucka, Conroe, Tex.; J. Llewellyn, First National Bank, Conroe; L. Peel & Co., Director First National Bank, Conroe, Tex.; W. Rogers, P. M., Conroe, Tex.

CRESCENT CITY NOTES

Cotton is a little off from last week's prices, but is still firm.

Mr. Leonard Howard was elected lay delegate, Mr. Hardy Knox, alternate, Dec. 1 from Wesley Chapel M. E. church to the Louisiana Annual Conference, which convenes at Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 27, 1904.

Mr. Chas. Beckwith, of Woodside, La., a subscriber for many years of the SOUTHWESTERN, was in the city this week on business of importance. He did not forget to call at the office. Mr. Beckwith was, during his stay, the guest of Rev. Payne.

RESOLUTIONS.

We, the leaders, stewards, and trustees of Simpson Chapel M. E. church, do hereby tender our thanks to our presiding elder, Rev. W. R. Butler, for the splendid service he has rendered us during this conference year, soon to be closed, of 1903. Be it further Resolved, That we also tender thanks to our beloved pastor for his excellent management of all church affairs, and his earnest endeavors to free said church of debt. Signed, M. R. Hite, A. Lang, I. E. Mullon, A. Oubes, and Wm. Drummond.

At Williams Chapel M. E. church, the 8th inst., the votes cast for class leaders were as follows:

W. M. Mathews, 1308; L. Brasley, 1242; H. Parker, 740; J. Matthews, 1,200; P. Johnson, 545; total amount raised, \$50.

The entertainment given by the Junior Boys' Club Dec. 12 was very good. The Sunday evening service was a profitable one; collection, \$12. The pastor, Rev. C. W. Reeves, reports the marriage of Mr. David Miller to Miss Isabella Goldston Dec. 8 at the home of the bride's parents.

All departments of the Pleasant Plains M. E. church are having fair success. The pastor, Rev. G. A. Payne, officiated recently at the marriages of: Mr. T. J. Wideman and Miss Amanda Perkins, residents of Alabama; Mr. James Powell and Miss Agnes Craton, both of this city; Mr. James Goodall, of St. James parish, and Miss Agnes Sepiah, of Donaldsonville, La.; also Mr. Henry Brown, of Mississippi, and Miss Lula Hillirie, of this city.

Mrs. Hannah Turner, an old member of Pleasant Plains church, and president of the Stewards Board, has been ill for more than four months. Mrs. C. Brown is slowly improving.

The concert given by the choir of Mallallen M. E. Church, under the efficient management of Mrs. B. M. Hubbard, assisted by some of the best talent of the city, December 7, was, as advertised, up-to-date. The audience was composed of many of the city's

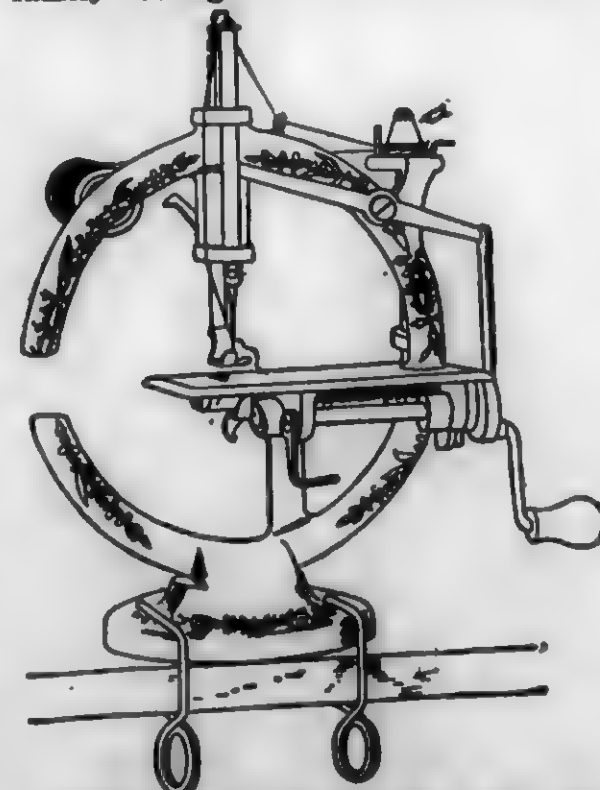
best and most refined people. The pastor and officers desire to express their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Miss Ida Rose, Mrs. Ella Rose-Sachery, Miss L. C. A. Marshall, Miss H. Lawson, Profs. C. I. Dowden and Smoot, of St. James A. M. E. choir, this city, and Mr. Thaddeus Taylor. They contributed largely to the success of the evening. Miss Luella Thomas was at her best. Every number on the program was well rendered, and received merited applause. The pastor and officers thank also the patronizing public and the refreshment committee. Special mention is due Mrs. L. Thornton for her liberality. Mr. A. Sims was the successful contestant. The pastor, Rev. B. M. Hubbard, will answer the roll call at the annual conference in good shape.

Under the auspices of the Phyllis Wheatley Club, the third anniversary and benefit of the Home For Children, which is located at 506 South Prieur street, this city, was observed in an appropriate manner from 4 to 10 o'clock p. m., Dec. 16, 1903. Miss E. R. Williams, president of the executive committee; Mrs. E. J. Toddy, matron.

In the Chataquan December installment of "Racial Composition of the American People," John R. Commons discusses the topic, "Immigration During the Nineteenth Century," treating in particular the migration of the Germans, Irish and Italians. The influence which expositions exert upon cities is shown in "The White City and After," an illustrated article, discussing in turn the World's Fair, the Pan-American Exposition and the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, comparing them and showing the strength and weakness of each. Other articles are The Place of Handicraft in Education, and Nature Study.

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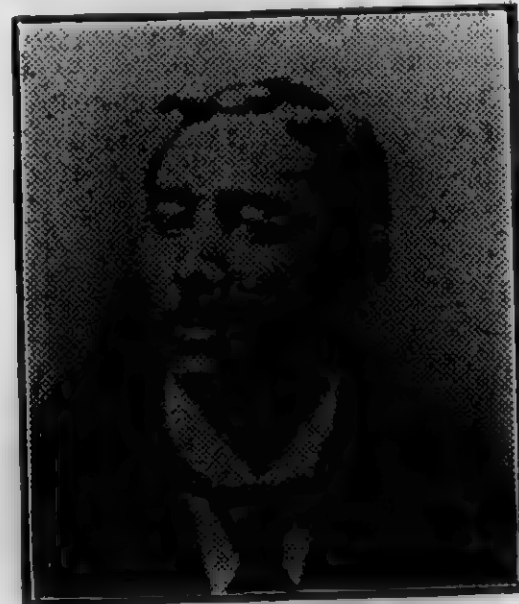
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Southwestern Christian Advocate

I. B. SCOTT, D. D., Editor.
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Editorial Notes

Help your race by improving and thus helping yourself.

Did you ever stop to think of the fact that the race would be greatly helped if you were better?

The race must be saved by saving the individual; begin with yourself, then take the next man.

You are free, but have you proven your right to be?

It is better to be respected because of your worth than pitied and helped because of your deplorable condition.

The *Times-Democrat* of this city is exceedingly happy over the election of a Democratic mayor in the Democratic city of Boston. It claims that the Republicans would have won had there not been a Negro on their ticket. Some people may be deceived by such an argument, but it is generally known that intelligent voters scratch the name of a person for whom they do not desire to vote.

The State of Mississippi has 210,766 colored and 192,881 white children enrolled in her public schools. Altho the former exceed the latter by more than seventeen thousand, there are only 3,398 colored teachers as against 5,524 whites. The amount per capita given to support the colored schools is only \$5.94, while the amount given per capita to support the white schools is \$17.82. The average amount paid colored teachers is \$46.66, while the average paid whites is \$89.64. If Mr. Vardeman, the new governor, beats that, he will have to take it all from the Negroes.

Cedar Hill, the picturesque home of the late Fred Douglass, at Washington, D. C., has been bequeathed by his widow, recently deceased, to a memorial association, desiring that it may ever be maintained as a memorial of her distinguished husband, who was so long the honored leader of his race. We rather like the idea; and especially if the house is to contain some articles of furniture, bric-a-brac, etc., used by the great man, and at the same time be made the headquarters of a kind of historical society which shall gather relics that relate to the days of our bondage. What could be more appropriate than to preserve in such a place pictures of the great anti-slavery agitators and something of a library containing their published works? It would be an easy matter to secure an organization of the kind, the members of which agreeing to pay a small amount per annum for its maintenance. This should be done, and we feel safe in saying will be, for the race would thus honor itself.

Come Back and Accept Your Humiliation

The refusal of the Negroes of Houston, Texas, to ride on the street cars of that city since the ordinance passed by the council which requires the placing of screens in the cars went into effect, is attracting considerable attention. The *Houston Chronicle*, a daily paper published in that city, which caters specially to the anti-Negro sentiment of the country, published an editorial during our recent visit to Houston on this subject, titled, "Talk to Houston Negroes." That paper thinks they are making a serious mistake and urges that they go to riding at once, notwithstanding the screens. The *Chronicle* favored the separation of the races in the cars, and hence feels somewhat responsible for the present condition of affairs. It helped to get the street car company into the predicament in which it is losing money, and we dare say would like to help it out. If not this, then why should that paper care whether the Negro walks or rides? It even goes so far as to remind them of, not to say threaten them with, a retaliatory boycott on the part of whites against Negro employees, barber shops, etc. The *Chronicle's* editorial is indeed a queer affair. In common with those who think as it does, only a few weeks ago it was anxious to avoid all contact with the Negro on the cars; in fact it was for the best good of the white race that it should be so. The Negro protested, but to no purpose. The separation came, and the Negro now says, Since I am so objectionable as a passenger I will stay off the cars altogether. And this he is doing. In this particular it seems that the 20,000 to 30,000 Negroes of the city, high and low, are in perfect accord. For once the Negro is together: those who are influenced by their prejudices rather than their judgment have taught him a useful lesson—one that he will never forget. But now the paper which the colored citizens of Houston say always favors giving them the "hot end of the poker" says, If you don't come back and occupy these two rear seats and stand on the platform when they are full, the whites who give you employment will "import white employees to take your places." For one we do not believe anything of the kind. The white man who is able to employ Negroes is, as a rule, not the one who is running from them, and he is not going to discriminate against them. But to the contrary, many of them are walking out of sympathy with them. They know that contact with them has very largely brought the Negro the degree of pride and self-respect he now possesses.

The *Chronicle* goes further and says: "It is to be noted that there was no such boycotting in New Orleans, where there are many more Negroes than in Houston. Why is this?" We regret that the paper in question is willing to go to the extent of misrepresenting the New Orleans Negroes in order to get those of Houston to begin riding again. No boycott in New Orleans indeed? Well, ask the street car company of this city. It has lost more heavily than that of Hous-

ton can, because there are more Negroes here. Some do ride, 'tis true because of the immense distances they must go to reach their work, but thousands have never been on the cars since the humiliating law went into effect. Summer picnics were called off and the social life of the race has been almost paralyzed. It is evident the *Chronicle* has helped to teach the Houston Negro a lesson and it is barely possible he has returned the compliment.

An Old Friend Speaks

There is no denying the fact that many good friends of the Negro race are opposed to the reduction of Southern representation because they do not think it will be best for the race; whereas, others think it is impracticable and therefore cannot be done. Our position on the subject is well known, hence we do not propose to discuss it at this time. We simply desire to express our gratitude that the Union League Club of New York, an organization which in the dark days of the past has shown itself the true and tried friend of the race, has spoken in no uncertain tones on the subject. Some months ago a resolution was presented by former United States Senator Warner Miller, a staunch Methodist, calling for a thorough investigation, which for the time being was tabled. This action was understood by certain elements at the South to mean the abandonment of the Negro on the part of the Republican party and an acquiescence in the action which means his wholesale disfranchisement. Hence our pleasure at hearing the voice of an old friend in this very dark hour of our race life. As to the action of the club the report says:

"After a long and bitter discussion to-night the Union League Club, by a vote of 400 to 100, took from the table and adopted a resolution introduced by former United States Senator Warner Miller, calling for a thorough investigation by Congress of the charges of the suppression of votes, contrary to the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the Constitution of the United States. The attendance was the largest in many years, and interest in the question was keen. The action provides:

"1. That the government be requested to instruct the district attorneys of the various states where illegal suppression of votes is alleged, to prosecute every case where there has been violation of the suffrage laws, if adequate evidence can be obtained to justify submission of such case to a grand jury.

"2. That Congress be urged to investigate with thoroughness and impartiality every case, and that in proportion to the number of voters so disfranchised the representation of such state in Congress be reduced.

"3. That where decisions of courts or practices in elections disclose the fact that present statutes are inadequate, amendatory acts be passed remedying the defects disclosed."

Mr. Robert C. Ogden opposed the adoption of the resolutions because it would help the candidacy of Gorman for the presidential nomination, solidify the South and be against every material political and educational interest of the Negro.

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Our Contributors

The Negro Question as the Campaign Issue In 1904

L. C. WILLIAMS.

It seems to be the idea of the leading Negro-haters to force to the front the so-called Negro question in the presidential campaign of 1904, but perhaps they have not fully considered the matter. In the first place there are scores of other pending questions more grave than the one they propose; they forget that this American nation is a cosmopolitan nation, composed of descendants from over twenty nations, and representing four of the fine races of the earth, and if they propose to attach to the representatives of each nation a corresponding position, it is sad to tell, but they have already taken a larger bite than the Jonah whale could swallow.

The truth of the whole story is this: It is some self-inspired politician trying to scare the people with a cotton-stuffed ghost called Negro domination, in order that they might steal into some long-sought office. What is it they want to do? Deprive him of citizenship; to attempt that is absurd, for the Negro is a citizen by birth, and all the legislation in the world could not destroy that legacy.

Their proposed issue would be a mistake, for it is not a popular idea; the leading thinkers do not advocate it, and the rational Negroes do not favor it. Such an issue will never find favor in the eyes of the people.

It is a fact that this country is being flooded with immigrants every year—immigrants that are fast absorbing American real estate, American wealth, and, if continued, will eventually radically change American civilization. Why not make foreign immigration the issue? Beyond doubt, it is to be of a two-fold nature: first, that, that they might succeed by playing upon the ignorance of voters; in the second place, they think such an issue will serve as a scarecrow that will produce a wholesale immigration of the Negro race.

Has any man a right to say that another should be banished from the American continent? Have the few a right to exalt themselves at the expense of the many?

The only way I see to settle this immigration scheme ethically is this: If one man sees his condition can be made better by emigrating, let him emigrate; if another sees it is best for him to stay where he is, let him stay; let every man "work out his own soul's salvation."

Now as to the proposed issue. There should be some considering before the political ghost is set in motion, for when Haman builds gallows for Mordecai, he himself catches the drop; but if it does come, it will be met as fairly as Christian met Appollyon in the valley.

Central Alabama Conference

BY REV. WM. JONES.

The Twenty-eighth Session of the Central Alabama Conference convened in St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church, Birmingham, Ala., December 10, 1903, with Bishop C. D. Foss, D. D., presiding. After the devotional exercises the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders and pastor, administered the Lord's Supper to members of the conference and visitors.

W. T. Trammell was elected secretary, with G. W. Mann and L. W. Goodson assistants; A. G. Glenn was elected treasurer; assistants, J. W.

Martin and R. E. L. Beasley; A. S. Williams was elected statistical secretary, with Wm. Jones and L. H. Henly, assistants.

The conference was welcomed by Mayor W. M. Drennen. Response by Rev. E. M. Jones. Address on behalf of the ministers of the city was delivered by Rev. Dr. C. L. Fisher, of the First Baptist Church, and was responded to by Dr. W. H. Nelson.

Among the prominent visitors during the conference session were Dr. T. C. Iliff, of the Church Extension Society; Dr. T. B. Neely, of the Sunday School Union; W. F. and Mrs. Waters, of the Southwestern; Drs. D. Aultman, W. P. Thirkield, of the Freedman's Aid Society; J. C. Sherrill, of the Stewart Foundation for Africa; Prof. I. G. Penn, secretary of Epworth League; Dr. G. G. Logan, of the Missionary Society; Rev. W. N. Brown, of the Mobile Conference, and many others who thrilled the audiences with their masterly addresses.

Reports of Presiding Elders and pastors show marked improvements along all lines. Collections for missions, \$391; Church Extension, \$90; Sunday School Union, \$36; Tract Society, \$8; Freedman's Aid, \$89; Education, \$85; American Bible Society, \$5; Women's Foreign Mission, \$4; Women's Home Mission, \$26; other benevolent collections, \$328; general Conference expenses, \$29; Conference claimants, \$26; Episcopal funds, \$42; total benevolence, \$1,133; an increase of \$251 over last year; number of full members, 5,334; paid for the support of the ministry, \$12,162; admitted into full connection, J. A. Collie, L. H. Hunly; on trial, R. R. Powers, Wm. Jones, A. Boyd, L. S. Price, Eugene Mixon, J. G. Williamson; ordained deacons, L. S. Price, J. G. Williamson, A. Boyd, R. R. Powers.

The appointments are as follows:

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Village Springs and Selfville, William Storrs.

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Woodlawn and Brownville, Israel Townsend.

[S. L. Springer left without appointment to at-

tend one of our church schools. Member of Cardiff Quarterly Conference.]

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Summit and Warranton, to be supplied.

Triana, R. R. Powers.

West Huntsville, to be supplied.

Two Ways

By X. Y. L.

There are two ways of coming down from the top of a church steeple—one is to jump down and the other is to come down by the steps, but both will lead you to the bottom. So, also, there are two ways of going to Hell; one is to walk into it with your eyes open—a few people do that—the other is to go down by the little sins, and that way I fear is only too common. Put up with and cherish a few little sins, and you will soon want a few more. Even a heathen could say, "Whoever is content with only one sin, his course will be regularly worse and worse every year." Well did Jeremery Taylor describe the progress of sin in a man. First, it startles him, then it becomes pleasing, then easy, then delightful, then frequent, then habitual, then confirmed, then the man is impenitent, then obstinate, and then he is damned."

Readers, the Devil only wants to get the wedge of a little allowed sin into your heart, and you will soon be all his own. Never play with fire. Never trifle with little sins. Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.

Anniston, Ala.

The Normal Character of Man

BY REV. JOSEPH COURTNEY, D. D.

The study of man has been the supreme study of the ages. We start with him from the morning of his creation, elevated high above all created things. Originally man was created in a state, not of perfection, so to speak, but of completion. That is, he was made physically, mentally and spiritually faultless—and as the Scripture says, "In the image and likeness of God." He is thus represented by the Scriptures, notwithstanding the sad changes in his condition; still the greatness of man and the grandeur of his original condition is frequently disclosed, even in his state of ruin. It has been quite difficult for some scholars to distinguish between the distinctive endowments of man, and of those of the brute. Man in the very beginning was distinguished from the rest of the animal creation by having the "breath of life" imparted to him by his Creator, hence the capacity to speak, think and reason—which was not so with the rest of the animals. It may not be so easy to comprehend this language in full, but it is reasonable to conclude that it must imply something, at least, which is superior to physical and mental organism.

Constitution of Man—In the constitution of

man he differs from the rest of animals. Man has a consciousness, the power of speech, and faculties which enable him to go infinitely beyond the realms in intelligence and experience, which do not belong to brutes whose lives perish. "Man that is in honor, and understandeth not, is like the beast that perish." Man was created morally free—such a moral state involves the highest type of creation. He may be a complete man, but not perfect, without possessing both the power and the exercise of freedom. Freedom carries with it both accountability and responsibility. Both of these conditions are implied in man's state of probation and development in this life. These conditions are not such as will destroy his usefulness and happiness, but are such that, through a proper use of them, he may develop character and happiness.

Man's Relation to Law—He was placed in his creation under a moral and legal form of government, the principles which are in accordance with those of eternal and divine truth. In this life he is exposed to temptations, and consequently to sin. This seems to be a good reason why he should be placed under such a form of government as would lessen his liability, and at the same time control the natural tendencies of his transgression, if committed. It looks as though the good of the universe demanded this, and also that the moral laws should be as exact in the government of man as those of gravitation. In the moral government not the slightest thing should be left out of the account. The moral law must be perfect as relating to God, just as relating to one's neighbor, and also as it relates to all subjects under it.

Lexington, Ky.

Who Shall Represent Us Next May

To the Rev. I. B. Scott, D. D., Editor *Southwestern Christian Advocate*—

Dear Sir: I wish, through the medium of your excellent paper, to express my gratification and thanks to the recently organized club known as the Itinerant Club, of the Washington Conference, M. E. Church, for favoring me with a copy of their circular letter, in which attention is called to certain principles which, they advise, should form the basis of election of delegates to the ensuing General Conference.

I congratulate myself on being included in that large number of ministers in whose interest they claim to be concerned, and as I do not propose to be misrepresented, I deem it proper to express my views, that the club, and others concerned in it, may know the extent the measures have my endorsement.

I quote the letter as follows:

"Don't vote for any one who was a delegate to the last General Conference. Select such men as you know will work in the interest of the preachers on the circuits and small stations—men who have borne the burden in common with you."

This is well spoken; but misleading. Does the club really believe that the delegates to the last General Conference were not alive to their responsibility, and so they did not work for results to pastoral charges, districts and conferences alike? Is not the Methodist Episcopal Church in America a unit? Can legislation be made to affect circuits and small stations without damaging the church (in some particular) as a whole? If the club claims that the last delegates were incompetent, because the removal of the time limit in the Church is an undesirable occurrence that threatens destruction to a certain class of preachers, which means death to the cause, may we not sup-

pose the continuation of their funeral dirge should the time limit be again permitted, and their hopes not realized? Does it necessarily require a man now on a circuit, or small station, to represent men in similar positions? Every clergyman in our Church can look back to his small beginning. We have all borne the heat, cold and burden, both by night, as well as by day, without a murmur, that the manger and cross of the Man of Nazareth may be erected in the hearts and lives of all mankind. That some men are holding important charges proves their growth, in spite of discouragements and obstructions. They hold them because they merit them, and can hold them better than their contemporaries. They need our support and strengthening. I pray that our conference, and every conference in Christendom may be conspicuous for the absence of men who are blinded by their prejudices to yield to their superstition of sense (of which we are full) the worship of magnitude. God loveth not size; whale and minnow are to Him of like size.

Again: "Do not be captured by great speeches in conference. Do not be hoodwinked by those who would buy their way to General Conference by conferring the degree of D. D., upon men in position."

Thank you, we need representative men to go—men against whom a finger of scorn cannot be raised—men whose lives mean something. We shall vote for the best and strongest men every time. I fail to see how the conferring of a degree on any man in position in the conference can influence me to cast my vote for another without consulting my better judgment. I judge the other members of the conference by myself.

And again: "The college professor represents the college, not the conference. Men who are always seeking their own glory and haughtily looking down upon what they call the back-woods blazer should not expect the vote of the poor, humble pastors who have made sacrifices, worked hard, and lived scantily on small salaries for the good of Methodism."

Bravo! This is at once amusing and pathetic, and has been written to capture those who would not read between the lines. But let us see the intention. "The college professor represents the college, and not the conference;" therefore, don't vote for him. For whom, then, should the young men, and those on circuits and small stations vote? For their would-be sympathizers, of course—those that constitute the Itinerant Club. This is the whole business in a nut-shell. "How can a man be concealed!" exclaimed Confucius. It may, with propriety, be said to the Club, as Michael Angelo said to the young sculptor, "Do not trouble yourself too much about the light on your statue: the light of the public square will test its value."

The clamorous element of a constituency is ill-adapted to pass verdict upon character and fitness; there is a reserved force, a court as of angels, a public not to be bribed, not to be entreated, and not to be overawed, that decides upon every man's title to fame. But what course has the club pursued to insure election? The issuing of a circular in which (1) the removal of the time limit is held up as a menace to Methodism; (2) a recommendation as to the character of men for whom votes should be cast; (3) a disapproval of the candidacy of college professors, and an ungenerous reflection upon them; (4) an appeal to emotion. What a monstrous scheme! The weapon is not a tirade against the removal of the time limit, as one may suppose, but an attempt to weaken somebody. I fear the conference is encum-

bered by ponderous machinery which resembles the endless aqueducts which the Romans built over hill and dale, and which are superseded by the discovery of the law that water rises to the level of its source. Let the Chinese make their wall, and I promise you, any Tartar will leap over it. Let political intrigues dress in the garb of ecclesiastical fairness, and self-interest parade in the disguise of friendship, that higher lower that be, the essence of truth and equity that metes out deservings with a steady hand, to all alike, will uncover, upset, and adjust to satisfy his own selfish purposes. I pity those who are so weak as to argue the downfall of their brother as a means of their own elevation. If the college professor is a member of the conference, and is prepared for the emergency; if scholar, business, gentleman, Christian, are a combination in one person for which a race looks to measure arms with other races we should, with united and consecrated efforts, push and hold, and push and hold our safest and best products until the world can see, hear and feel them.

E. DUKE VENTURE.

Browsburg, Va., Alexandria Dist., Washington Conference.

Life of Faith

THE MEMORY GUILD.

FOR LEARNING BEST HYMNS.

BISHOP H. W. WARREN.

This is the last hymn for the year. Is not the promise fulfilled that these hymns would give us a "system of theology, the plan of salvation, an expression of a perfect faith, a guide for life, and a glimpse of glory"? They have lightened many burdens, turned many a closet into a Shechina, lifted many a congregation into holy rapture in all lands where the light of the cross is shed.

Let us never forget them. Suppose we give a day to each in order, and so open the first month of the year 1904 with these jubilant notes.

The author of this hymn felt that he was especially inspired of God to write it. It is worthy of His own giving. It goes into almost every church hymnal. Let us sing the last four lines as a prayer for all our thousands of fellow-learners.

The author was of English parentage—the date of birth and death unknown. He was head of the Cluny Abbey from 1122 to 1156.

THE GLIMPSE OF GLORY.

Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice oppressed:
I know not, O I know not
What social joys are there;
What radiance of glory,
What light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Zion,
All jubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr throng:
The Prince is ever in them,
The daylight is serene;
The pastures of the blessed
Are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David;
And there, from care released,
The song of them that triumph,
The shout of them that feast;
And they who, with their Leader,
Have conquered in the fight,
Forever and forever
Are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest;
Who art, with God the Father,
And Spirit, ever blest.

—Bernard of Cluny.

Still is the world full of questioning wanderers who have heard that Christ is come, and who would find him, and if they found him, lay all their treasures at his feet. The star that is to guide them to him is the love-light of human eyes. The truest sign of his coming is the good-will they find in hearts of men.—*Selected.*

"We know not half the power for good or ill,
Our daily lives possess o'er one another;
A careless word may help a soul to kill,
Or by one look we may redeem our brother."

What a joy it is to live and carry light and love to all we meet! Glory to God for the privilege of being a light and a blessing to this dark world, but O beloved, be careful not to burden and cloud the human souls that come to you for comfort, hope and light.—*Hope.*

The song and the star are with us again. Their sweetness and light have not been lessened by the years which have come and gone. To us they mean all that they ever meant. They tell of the same love and point to the same Savior. If we heed them and follow like the shepherds and wise men of old, we shall find the same great gift from the skies and step into new experiences of immortal joy. They call upon us to welcome our King with renewed devotion and increased faith. Heeding their messages, we may have Christmas music and Christmas light in our hearts and our lives. So shall the world be brighter for us, and our lives make it brighter for others. And then, when the course of our days upon earth is finished, it shall be ours to rejoice in that world where the light of a star is never needed and the song of angels is never hushed. —*George S. Holmes in Epworth Herald.*

Shingles

Hear ye the parable of the shingles:

A shingle is three times as long as the space it covers. It has for its first duty to cover its own little spot of roof, and do it well; its second duty is to complete the strip of equal width that is made by the courses below, and the next is to furnish a tight foundation for the courses above to be laid upon.

Now, shingles are of different widths, even as one life has one talent, another two and another five. And the lives of men adjoining one another in a given generation, and doing their work, some well, and others with knots and cracks, these are the shingles of a single course. And the generations mount slowly and steadily upward toward the ridge. And underneath are the rafters of God's eternal purposes.

So may my life align itself with the good and the true of my own age, and be nailed fast to the eternal truths that are God's own! It is not my duty to hold up the roof, but there is one small spot whose length is measured by the years of my life, and whose breadth by my best effort; by the grace of God I will make that one spot secure! —*Selected.*

Woman's Dominion

Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
'Twas not given for you alone—
Pass it on.
Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in heaven the deed appears.
Pass it on.

"Kiss Your Mother"

A lady tells of a visit she made at one time in a beautiful home where lived a dear old lady, Aunt Abby. Seeing her sitting in her rocking chair by the window one day, and looking a bit lonely, as she passed by she put her arm around her, and

kissed her cheek. The old lady flushed with pleasure, and said: "Thank you, dear. Thank you." "Why, Aunt Abby," said the lady, "I am surprised that you should seem to care so much." "My dear," she said earnestly, "kiss your mother; kiss her often. You don't know how much good it will do her. Ah! we kissed them so much when they were little ones, the darlings! but now they have so much to do, and so many cares, it is not strange that they seem to forget. They are so kind and good. They want us to have everything, and more than we need. It is only that they are always so busy. Don't forget, dear, to kiss your mother every day. It will make her very happy, and—when she is gone, the memory will be all the sweeter."—*Sunday School Times.*

To Remove Stains

Troublesome stains on cotton or linen fabrics, such as iron rust, mildew, ink and stubborn fruit stains, which have resisted other methods disappear in five minutes before the following treatment, and absolutely without injury to the fabric. Soak the stained part for a few minutes in a solution of chloride of lime, in the proportion of twelve parts of water to one of lime. Wring out, then dip in a solution of oxalic acid of about the same proportion, and the stains will almost instantly disappear.

Z. M. S., Spokane, Wash.

Delicious Rolls

Fill a pudding dish half full of apple sauce, well seasoned with butter, sugar and nutmeg; pour over it a batter made of one and a half cupfuls of flour mixed with two heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one-half teaspoonful of salt and a tablespoonful of chopped suet. Moisten it with about three-quarters of a cup of milk, or enough to make a thick batter; it should not be as stiff as for biscuits; cook in a steamer about three-quarters of an hour and serve at once with hard or foamy sauce. The top should be very light and white.

Snow and Apple Pudding

Dissolve a fresh yeast cake in a little cold water. Turn two cupfuls of scalded sweet milk over one-fourth of a cupful of butter, two tablespoonfuls of sugar with one teaspoon of salt, and, when lukewarm, add the dissolved yeast cake and three cupfuls of sifted flour; then beat till full of bubbles. Add sufficient more flour (about two and a half cupfuls) to knead and work until light and elastic. The secret of fine bread and rolls is to use as little flour as possible to knead the dough very smooth. Put the dough in a bowl twice its size in a warm place, and, when doubled in bulk, knead again until fine-grained and shape into small biscuits. Place close together in a buttered tin, and, when light enough, bake fifteen or twenty minutes in a hot oven.

Pumpkin Pie

Use the delicate Cashaw for this pie. Take one pint of mashed, stewed pumpkin, one pint of milk, three tablespoonfuls of butter, four eggs, one cup of sugar, one-half teaspoonful each of ground mace, cinnamon and allspice. Boil a quart of pumpkin, cut into dice, putting it on with just water enough to keep from burning, say about a quarter of a cupful. Let it stew slowly for an hour, at least, or until tender. Then drain and press through a colander. Add a good tablespoonful of butter and a quarter of a teaspoonful of salt. Mix well, and let it cool. When cool put the pumpkin, using one pint, into a large bowl, and add the pint of milk, the ground spices, and mix all well together, and add the above

amount of sugar, or sugar to taste. Then beat four eggs well and add to the mixture. Line the pie pans, and bake the under crust. Fill with the mixture, and bake in a quick oven for half an hour. When cold, sprinkle lightly with white powdered sugar, and serve. This quantity will make three pies.

Young Friends

The First Christmas Gift

By MRS. GEO. A. SIDDLE.

Seated in their library one November evening just after the close of the great Thank-You-Day, were mother and three little ones. This mother must be both mother and father quite often; as the father, who is a minister, must needs be away from home on his district duty oftener than with his family. The oldest lad is busy poring over the history of his race to familiarize himself with the subject for discussion in his school work; while seven-year-old Martha and Merrill of three years beg for a story. They feel almost as if the evening is ill-spent if they do not hear a story from "Mrs. Peter Pinder," as mamma is often called. No one likes story-telling better than she. It was from their hearing her tell the story of old Peter Pinder that she received the nickname.

For some days the library walls have been bedecked with extra pictures—pictures on cardboard mounts of men and a mother and child from the assortment of the Perry Pictures. Stories of Thanksgiving were told and illustrated by various pictures seen on the wall and from story-books and magazines, two of the favorite ones in the library being "The Pilgrim Fathers" and "The Pilgrims First Thanksgiving Dinner with the Indians as Their Guests." The Perry Pictures that I mentioned are about the walls and mantel in almost every available space, arranged in pleasing groups.

"So my little bright eyes beg for a story, do they? Where shall mother begin? Well, Thanksgiving Day is past once more, and I hope my little boys and girls will not forget its meaning."

"O no, mamma," said Martha, "you told us the story, so we could understand it. I'll never forget that story."

"And our Kindergarten teacher, she told us the same story," chimed in Merrill.

"And, mamma, the pictures there of the Pilgrim Fathers and the one where the Indians are eating with them will help," said Martha, "to remember about them."

"I am glad, my children, that you think you will remember it so well. But you are very apt to forget parts of the story before another year. If you do you will be told the same story over and over each year, until you grow old enough to read it for yourselves."

"Now, since you wish another story, I shall tell you a Christmas story. It is quite long, and I must begin early that I may have completed it by Christmas day. Whilst it is long, you will not be so apt to forget it as you may the Thanksgiving story. I shall call it 'The First Christmas Gift.'"

"Whose first Christmas gift, mamma? Mine?" quizzed Merrill.

"Yes, dear, yours, sister's, brother's, papa's, grandma's, mine, and the whole world's Christmas present."

"O, mamma, how could the whole world receive one Christmas present?" interrupted Merrill.

"Listen, and you will learn *how* from the story. You asked me to explain who the men are in these little pictures, and who the mother and baby are in the other little pictures."

"Yes," said Martha, "and I want to know who that sweet-faced, long-haired boy is above the mantel there."

"Let us count the pictures of the mother and baby," Merrill began, and he counted eighteen. This was as many as he knew how to count correctly. Then mother began and counted twenty-five.

"Now there are just as many—fifty in all. We call them Madonna and child. Merrill can count all of the men, as there are only twelve. We call them artists. Artists are persons who know how to draw and paint pictures well."

"But who is the boy by the artists?" asked Martha again. "His face is so sweet; I love his face as well as I do those of the mother and baby."

"Well, Martha, as soon as you find out from the story who the Madonna and child are, you will then know who the sweet-faced, long-haired boy is. While you have not seen such pictures before, you have heard the story, and I hope that when you have heard it this time you will not forget. But your eyes are sleepy now, so get ready for bed and we will continue to-morrow night."

Both being ready with night robes and caps, their little voices joined in their favorite prayer.

A CHILD'S PRAYER.

Dear Father, whom I cannot see,
Smile down from heaven on little me.
Let Angels through the darkness spread
Their holy wings about my head.
And keep me safe because I am
The Heavenly Shepherd's little lamb.
Dear God, our Father, watch and keep
Father and mother while they sleep.
Teach me to do what I am told,
And help me be as good as gold.
(From W. V., Her Book.)

"Sing me a lullaby, mamma, dear," said sleepy little Merrill, as he and sister kissed all good-night.

"Very well; cover up snugly." Then mamma sings in lullaby tones:

"Here comes the sand man,
Stepping so lightly,
Stealing away on the tips of his toes,
And he scatters the sand
With his own little hand
In the eyes of sleepy children.
O hear the sand man,
Singing so softly,
Singing the children to sleep everywhere;
See how drowsy they grow,
Tired heads drooping low
And hear the sand man singing:

Chorus.

Go to sleep, my children,
Close your sleepy eyes;
The lady moon will watch you
From out the darkening skies.
The little stars are peeping
To see if you are sleeping;
Go to sleep, my children;
Go to sleep; good-night."

The morning dawns, a day passes, and again the evening finds the little ones eager to hear the rest of the story. So mother begins as they draw near the bright, blazing fire on a typical winter's night, as the first snow has fallen and everything has an appearance of the approaching Christmas holiday.

"The First Christmas Gift," remember, is the name of my story, children. Once upon a time, in a far off country, lived a beautiful, good woman and a kind and dutiful man. They were husband and wife. They were not rich in houses

and land and money, but they *were* rich in loving kindness to all and rich blessings from God the Father. God so blessed them that they were even richer than if they really had houses and land and much gold. There came a day each year when this husband and wife must go to another town to attend to some business. So the man got out his donkey, as donkeys were used as horses, and the woman, though pale and weak, took her seat upon the donkey's back, as you see in this picture of your Bible stories. The donkey started off with its passenger, while the good husband walked by his side and led him."

"Why didn't he get a donkey and ride him, too?" asked Merrill.

"Mamma just told us they were not rich, brother Merrill. I guess they could not buy two donkeys," answered Martha.

"Yes, that is a good reason, children. They traveled many hours, until at last they came to the town where they were to attend to their business."

"There were so many other people ahead of them that this man and his wife could find no place to stop for the night, only in a stable, where the horses and cows and donkeys were kept. But these good people did not complain. Being tired, they lay down upon the hay to rest for the night. The dear woman was given the best place that could be found there, so she lay in the stable where the cattle were fed. By and by, in the still hour of night, while no one was up, but the good shepherds who had to watch the sheep at night, an angel came to this stable and went right to the place where the woman lay. This dear angel came from babyland and brought a beautiful, costly Christmas gift and gave it to the dear woman while she lay in the manger."

"Angels don't bring Christmas gifts! I thought Santa Claus did, mamma," said Martha.

"So Santa does, but mamma told you that Santa is a good spirit who puts it into the hearts of people to make presents. Like an angel, he comes while we sleep and makes us happy with gifts. This was a tiny Christmas gift. The next morning it lay in the manger by the woman's side."

"Why didn't Santa Claus put the woman's present in her stocking?" asked Merrill.

"When I tell you that the present was a dear, sweet baby boy, you will know why it was not put into the woman's stocking."

"O, I know," shouted Martha. "I know now who you mean: it was the Christ child' cause you told me last Christmas He was the only child born in a manger."

"Yes, you have guessed it, and now you know who the pictures are that I named Madonna and child."

"Yes, mamma, and I know, too, that boy's picture must be the boy Christ."

"You have guessed it all, Martha. The woman and child look sweet in all the pictures, I think, children. And these dear, good men here, I feel so thankful to them that they had such a gift of mind to make such beautiful pictures of the Madonna and child. I have learned to love Raphael, though, above them all. It was he who made the picture of my favorite Madonna here above the desk, the Sistine Madonna."

"All the pictures look as if He were sweet, don't they, Martha?" asked Merrill.

"Yes, Merrill, and the pictures of the mother look as if she were sweet and good, too."

"I am glad my children know sweet and good faces. Just as faces show that persons are sweet and good, just so they show when they are bad and mean. So, dear children, this Christ Child

was the whole world's first Christmas gift. The world can claim Him as their own dear Christ. If we learn of Him and love what He did and ask Him to help us, we will some day be like Him."

"What did He do, mamma?" asked Martha.

"I will tell you in my next story, dear, *some* of the things He did. I could not tell all were I to try. Now, if we try to take Him for our guide in this life, some day we will live with Him in a world far more beautiful than this one."

After the older brother sang with his sweet tenor voice his favorite lullaby, Luther's Cradle Hymn, again the good-night was said by the children.

LUTHER'S CRADLE HYMN.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His Sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle to watch me lullaby.
Indianapolis, Ind.

Educational

Morristown Normal and Industrial College

The most interesting feature of the present school year took place in the college chapel Friday, December 11, at 7 p. m., the affair being a literary contest between the W. W. Warren and Polly Crary Literary Societies, the former being for young men, the latter for young ladies. After the struggle over essays, orations, etc., came the "tug-of-war" over the subject of "Immigration." The benefits of immigration were championed by Messrs. John L. Robinson, of Pikeville, Tenn., and Richard Rice, of Russellville, Tenn. Its evils were eloquently portrayed by Misses Fannie Lee Young, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Linner Wiggins, of Water Valley, Miss. While the laurels were borne from the field by the gallant young men, their opponents made a very favorable impression upon their hearers. The showing of research, skill and earnestness in the young people was very marked, and indexed larger spheres of push and accomplishment. Throughout the programme every inch of ground was warmly and forcefully contested, and from the ring of college yells and songs an intense earnestness pervaded the contest. The tramp of our boys and girls toward usefulness is rapid and inspiring. Their brilliancy in intellect, patience under onerous cares, and their perseverance in the face of formidable opposition should stimulate and encourage the hopeful and expectant of the race.

HENRY FORREST.

Morristown, Tenn.

Rust University

Rust University is yet located in Holly Springs, and has been since 1868, though not always by that name. Those who chanced to visit it many years ago, and have not seen it since, would hardly know it to-day, so great has been the change.

The progress of the school this year has been far beyond my expectations. The people seem to have awakened from their slumber, and have at last realized the great importance of educating their children. New students have been coming in every day for a month, from all parts of this State, the States of Illinois, Kentucky, Arkansas, Texas and Tennessee. Great is the progress of the University under the care of President William W. Foster, Jr., D. D., and Mrs. Foster, the Dean. The first year that President Foster was

here the school opened with only 40 pupils, while this present year it opened with 160 pupils enrolled. There are now, at the beginning of the winter term, 300 students. Nearly 200 of these live on the campus. The President is now having to make more rooms by dividing the drawing room. The Rust Home, under the care of Miss Becker, is full, and 140 girls and boys are in the main building under the personal care of the Dean. One great improvement is in the way the students stay after entering school. I have never known the University to have so many pupils at this time of the year, and most of them stay the entire year. The boarding department is better than ever, and more boarders are now in the building than were at any time last year. President Foster had to put the twentieth table in the dining room last week, and eight persons sit at each table.

The Industrial Department is being enlarged rapidly. New machinery and tools are being put in. We will soon have that department well supplied.

The annual conference of the Methodist Church, South, was held in this town December 2-7, presided over by Bishop Smith, of Virginia. During its session the University was visited by more than 20 of the leading pastors, and the following officials, viz.: Bishops Smith and Galloway, Dr. Tigart, editor of the *Quarterly Review*, Nashville; Dr. Hammond, secretary of Education, and Dr. Lamburth, secretary of Missionary Society, each of whom delivered brief addresses, much to the delight of teachers and students. During the same week our own Dr. Thompson, editor *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, Chicago, visited the University and addressed the students. We were glad to welcome him. Our school and our people have been greatly benefitted by these eminent men.

E. H. McKISSACK.

Holly Springs, Miss.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S.-C. Conference

An oil portrait of the late Dr. S. L. Baldwin, recording secretary of the Missionary Society for 14 years, has been presented to the Society by Dr. A. B. Leonard on behalf of the members of Dr. Baldwin's family. The portrait is to be hung upon the wall of the Board Room in New York City.

On request of Bishop Fitzgerald, the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society has authorized the corresponding secretary, Dr. A. B. Leonard, to accompany the Bishop during his forthcoming visit to Mexico in January.

Woman's Home Missionary Society of Delaware Conference

For the love of Christ and in His name, is our theme. The second annual district meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Philadelphia district was held in Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Merchantville, N. J., Oct. 28 and 29, 1903. This meeting will be long remembered for is many events of great importance. It was an inspiration to all who attended.

The hour prayer and praise service led by Mrs. M. E. Brown, of Philadelphia, was helpful. Our solemn consecration meeting was tender and impressive, the immense congregation being melted by the tender words of the President and the affecting scenes of greeting of those who had been long separated by their various duties.

Notwithstanding the newness of the situation to both officers and members, and the many perplexing subjects which interested and aggressive sisters brought forward, and the warmth of debates, the discussions on the proceedings of the meeting were conducted in a very fraternal spirit. Thanks to the amiable manner of the skillful President, Mrs. J. H. Blake, who won all hearts.

Every word of the honored President, strong and noble, humbly spoken, was well received. All matters pertaining to the interest of the Society were well considered, and all points of law observed.

The representatives of the various auxiliaries who participated in the Wednesday evening platform meeting held the close attention of the audience while speaking of their work for the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Mrs. A. B. Clark, who represented the work of open air meetings held during the summer months in West Philadelphia, touched the hearts of all of her hearers as she related the sad story of the unchurched population in that section of the city, where from 150 to 200 people seldom see inside a Christian Church. These meetings opened Sunday, August 2 and closed September 27. It is, of course, not easy to reckon up the results of a mission of this character, whose attendants are a floating mass. The meetings were attended by representatives of all denominations, and well supported by the colored ministers of Philadelphia and the surrounding suburbs.

God wonderfully manifested Himself among the people. The inspiration lingered with the women of that vicinity until they became interested in the work of this Society and asked to be organized into an auxiliary. Hence the Conference Society is blessed with a new-born auxiliary, for which we earnestly solicit the prayers and support of every woman interested in the extension of the Conference Society.

The paper read by Mrs. Susie D. Wright, on "The Deaconess and Her Vocation," was heard by an appreciative audience. It was philosophical, yet speaking in a popular vein, rich in analysis and royal rhetoric, the splendid thinker giving us mighty facts for consideration.

The annual address delivered by Mrs. A. E. Shockley was an excellent one. Many who did not fully understand the work of Woman's Home Missionary Society were wonderfully enlightened.

The instructive paper, "How to Interest Non-Church Goers in the Work of the Church," read by Miss S. J. Gale, was a very deep and impressive subject, and she spoke eloquently from the fullness of her heart.

Eight auxiliaries were reported, and the work of the past year was very encouraging.

After the impressive installation of officers by Rev. M. V. Waters, pastor of Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Merchantville, N. J., a song and silent prayer followed, and the meeting closed.

The guests were tendered a very warm reception by the Entertaining Committee of Asbury Church. Music of the highest order was rendered by the best talent of Merchantville and West Philadelphia, and all returned to their respective fields of labor feeling that they were doubly benefitted by attending the annual district meeting.

Officers elected: Mesdames J. H. Blake (Rev.), president; S. T. Gibbs, vice-president; A. B. Clark, recording secretary; M. C. Dickerson, corresponding secretary; L. A. Pullett, treasurer; Frances B. Jackson, mite box secretary.

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

(Morning Watch Enrollment.)

Scripture Reference: Eph. 4:11-16.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday. Foundation. Eph. 2:19-22.

Tuesday. Growing As the Vine. Hos. 14:5-7.

Wednesday. Growth in Grace. 2 Peter 3:17, 18.

Thursday. As New-Born Babies. Pet. 2:1-3.

Friday. Growing to Perfection. Heb. 6:1-3.

Saturday. Milk and Meat. Heb. 5:12-14.

We are starting again the round of another year. It will greatly aid us in living the new, if we take a glance back over the old. If you want 1904 to become more glorious than 1903 has been, stop a little while and look back. Many of us have done well, but the sable line of failure is observable in most of our lives. Many have wrought well and have laid up their treasures on high, while others have looked on with cynical eye, to see what the harvest would be from the sower. At the beginning of this new year, lay the plumb line of God's Word upon your life and make yourself to plumb the line. We are to talk a little together about

"The Kind of Growth I Need in 1904."

I want to call your attention to some phases of Growth:

1. *In Intelligence.* Christianity is a religion of ideas. The more intelligent the individual the better will he be able to comprehend the scheme of religion, we call Christianity. In order to this better intelligence, let us apply ourselves to the reading of the good books, and keep company with the wise and learned.

2. *Growth in Manliness.* When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things." Thus wrote the great apostle to the Gentiles. In that scripture text we have a lesson for us all to learn. We do so many childish, foolish little things after we have the stature of men. The size to which we have grown physically would prophecy a man's wisdom, but how often are we disappointed! Our length and our pounds would seem to indicate the wisdom and stamina of a man, but our actions are so pueril. Let us grow more manly in 1904.

3. *In the Spirit of Helpfulness.* If you will look back over 1903 you will see many places where you might have helped some one, but rather than lose your own ease and comfort you allowed the opportunity to pass. Young people and others moved on about you without the help you ought to have given them. Young people ought to help each other. Trustees and stewards ought to help their pastor, but in many cases they have nagged the pastor into a spirit of bitterness, and so they have all lost the spirit of helpfulness. You see to it that you make 1904 better than was 1903.

4. *In the Spirit of Forgiveness.* Oh, how hard and cruel many of us have been in all of the last year, but our heart of flesh will quiver within us when we think of the past. We need to think of Our Lord and His forgiving Peter after the vehement denial of Him. It was Peter's poor broken condition that led Our Lord to say: "Go tell the disciples and Peter." He wanted Peter to know that He thought of him. Go send a message to the men and women whose hearts you have made to ache, and begin the year with a peace on earth, good will to men.

5. *In Grace.* Set about in earnest to put on the Lord Jesus Christ. Consecrate yourself afresh to God until He shall enlarge your heart by His

grace. Grow up in Christ. Make Him your example, and seek to emulate Him.

6. *Grow in Faith.* With the lever faith resting on the fulcrum prayer, you are in possession of the power to move the world. "If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed," said Jesus, wonderful things would be done. Grow your faith.

7. *Grow in the Power of Prayer.* Prayer is the key of heaven. Prayer is the stay and anchor of the soul. More marvelous things have been done by prayer than men have dreamed of. Dear Leaguers, make this the greatest year of your life. Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sunday School Helps

By REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson II—January 5th, 1904. Title—The Boyhood of Jesus (Luke 2:40-52). Golden Text—"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52). Place—Jerusalem and Nazareth of Galilee. Time—April A. D. 9.

Mark and John have told us nothing about the early life of Jesus. Matthew and Luke have recorded His birth, circumcision, presentation in the temple, visit of the wise men, flight into Egypt, and return to Canaan. We study to-day the only inspired passage in the life of Jesus between His return from Egypt and His baptism by John. We see in this lesson the early home life of Jesus, His visit to Jerusalem, and His return to Nazareth.

I. *The early life of Jesus (40).* Our Lord lived no doubt in a very humble home in Nazareth. The house was likely made of clay, and was one story high. It had but one room, a flat roof, no chimney, no window, no floor except the earth, no chairs, no bureau; just a lamp, a measure, and a few carpenter's tools. Yet in a home like this (1) "The child grew." He had a real human body. He dressed, ate, played, slept, and did chores just like other children. Jesus in childhood was not a little old man. He was always in love and sympathy with children. (2) "He waxed strong in spirit." He had a real human soul. His divine nature did not take the place of His human spirit. His soul increased in strength just as His body grew in size. He was "filled with wisdom." His mind developed as His soul and body grew. Jesus was perfectly human, and was subject to the same natural laws that govern all other children. These three thoughts refer to growth, but the next (4), "The grace of the Lord was upon Him," teaches the favor of God. When Jehovah favors a person He does for him wonderful things. We may have the grace of God continuously with us.

II. *The visit to Jerusalem (41-50).* 1. *The feast of the Passover.* The Jews observed three great feasts: Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. Their dispersion prevented many of them from attending these feasts. Those who dwelt in Palestine usually observed them. The law did not require the women to be present, but the great Rabbi Hillel recommended it, the Jews indorsed it, and they frequently went with their husbands to them. The feast of the Passover was the greatest of the three. It was a direct type of Jesus.

2. *The time of this visit to Jerusalem:* "When Jesus was twelve years old." Jewish tradition says that at twelve Moses left the house of Pharaoh, Samuel heard the voice of God, Solomon judged between the contending women, and Josiah dreamed of his great reformation. Up to twelve the Jewish boy was called little; after this age he was spoken of as grown up. At twelve the boy began to learn a trade; he was taught the law, and began to wear his phylacteries. Our

children should be taken with us to church as soon as they are able to understand the nature of worship.

3. *The stay in the holy city:* "When they had fulfilled the days, they returned." The Passover lasted seven days; but the important part of the feast was over at the close of the third day. After this many of the Jews returned home. The chief work of this feast was to secure, slay, roast, and eat, the Paschal lamb. It was eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. How strangely solemn this feast must have been to Jesus. He was the true "lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world." Did he realize that He would soon be slain for the people?

4. *The missing child.* There is nothing very unnatural in the fact that Jesus was left behind. Large crowds would frequently leave the city at the same time: the women and little children riding, while the men and larger children walked. Sometimes the women traveled in one group and the men in another. Joseph could easily have supposed that Jesus was with His mother, while she likely thought He was with His supposed Father. Or they, knowing how God had protected Him in the past, may not have watched over Him as closely as they otherwise would have done. It is a sad thing to be lost.

5. *The search for Jesus.* They sought Him first among his kinsfolk, but did not find Him. They then returned to Jerusalem, and on the third day found Him. They sought Jesus *diligently*; their whole mind, soul and body were in the work. They sought Him *inquiringly*; asking their relatives and friends about Him. They likely sought Him *prayerfully*; asking divine guidance in the work. They sought Him *perseveringly*; not giving up the search until they had found Him. The sinner should seek Jesus in all of these ways. He will be found by all who do so.

6. *The finding of Jesus.* (1) *Place:* "In the temple." Where could they expect to find God's Son, but in the Lord's house? There is no better place for a boy than in the church. (2) *Company:* "Sitting in the midst of the doctors." He was in good company. The venerable Hillel, the pious Simon, the youthful Gamaliel, and the inquiring Nicodemus, may have been among them. He was surrounded with knowledge, wealth, and piety. (3) *Work:* Sitting, hearing, and asking questions. He took the place of a pupil. He was sitting in their midst, and listening to their teaching. Paul was brought up at the "feet of Gamaliel." Jesus was no doubt a good listener. "Let every one be swift to hear." When something was said He did not understand, He probably asked about it.

7. *The words of His parents.* (1) "They were amazed." What at? His lingering in Jerusalem, the place where they found Him, the company He was in, or the questions He asked? Never manifest surprise. (2) "Why has thou thus dealt with us?" What had He done? Just waited in the house of the Lord, just listened to wise and holy men talk, and just asked a question now and then. This was a mild, unmerited reproof. (3) "Thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing." The people generally supposed Joseph to be the father of Jesus. Mary speaks on the ground of this supposition. Their sorrow shows their parental love and care for Jesus.

8. *The reply of Jesus.* (1) "How is it that ye sought me?" These are the first recorded words of our Lord. They show that He had some impressions of His divine nature. Yet it is likely the full knowledge of His divine mission did not dawn on Him until after His baptism. (2) "Wist

ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Jesus realized, in a degree, that He had been sent to preach the Gospel, heal the broken-hearted, deliver the captive, and give sight to the blind. (3) But His parents "understood not what He spoke unto them." It is not likely Mary had forgotten the vision of the angel, the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, the words of the shepherds, the prophecy of Simeon, or the visit of the wise men. The assertion means that His future was not clear to His parents.

III. *The return of Jesus (51, 52).* 1. *He went down with his parents to Nazareth.* His hour was not yet come. But He seems to have felt the Spirit of God moving Him to begin His mission of redemption. 2. *He "was subject unto them."* Here is an instance of a superior being obeying His inferiors. In this Jesus set an example for all children. Our Lord became subject to law, civil and parental. 3. *Jesus increased* (1) in wisdom; that is, in knowledge and piety. (2) In stature. He grew like other boys from childhood to manhood. (3) In favor with God and man. Does this teach that the love of God, like the favor of man, is a plant of growth? Both seem to be perfect in kind, but neither seem to be perfect in degree at the beginning. This is the last we see of our Saviour for eighteen years. This verse, I think, indicates the way these years were spent.

Spring Conferences.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation for 1904.

Conference, Place and Time—	Bishop.
Upper Mississippi, Okolona—Jan. 6.....	Mallalieu
Arkansas, Siloam Springs—Jan. 13.....	McCabe
Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss.—Jan. 13.....	Mallalieu
Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Ark.—Jan. 21.....	McCabe
Louisiana, Baton Rouge—Jan. 27.....	Mallalieu
St. John's River, Tarpon Sp'gs, Fla.—Jan. 28.....	Goodsell
Gulf Mission Con, Hughes Sp's, Tex.—Feb. 4.....	Mallalieu
Florida, Gainesville—Feb. 4.....	Goodsell
Porto Rico, Guayama—Feb. 25.....	Cranston
Central Missouri, Kansas City, Mo.—Mar. 9.....	Walden
Virginia, Alexandria—Mar. 10.....	Foss
Lexington, Lexington, Ky.—Mar. 10.....	Fowler
Lincoln, Topeka, Kan.—Mar. 10.....	Hamilton
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 16.....	Merrill
Delaware, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 16.....	Andrews
Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.—Mar. 16.....	Walden
Washington, Baltimore, Md.—Mar. 16.....	Fowler
Wilmington, Dover, Del.—Mar. 16.....	FitzGerald
Gen. Pennsylvania, Harrisburg—Mar. 23.....	McCabe
South Kansas, Baldwin, Kan.—Mar. 16.....	Hamilton
New Jersey, Trenton—Mar. 23.....	Merrill
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.—Mar. 23.....	Foss
N. Eng. South'n, N. Bedford, Mass.—Mar. 23.....	Goodsell
Newark—Mar. 23.....	Cranston
East German, New York—Mar. 24.....	FitzGerald
Southwest Kansas, Wichita—Mar. 24.....	Hamilton
Wyoming, Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Mar. 30.....	Andrews
Missouri—Mar. 30.....	Walden
Vermont, Montpelier—Mar. 30.....	Fowler
Maine, Rumford Falls—Mar. 30.....	Vincent
Eastern Swedish, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Mar. 31.....	Foss
Northwest Kansas, Salina, Kan.—Mar. 31.....	Hamilton
Northern New York, Ilion, N. Y.—April 6.....	Merrill
New York—April 6.....	Andrews
New York East, Brooklyn, N. Y.—April 6.....	Foss
St. Louis, Carthage, Mo.—April 6.....	Walden
New Hampshire—April 6.....	Fowler
East Maine, Pittsfield, Me.—April 6.....	Vincent
New England, Springfield, Mass.—April 6.....	Goodsell
North Indiana, Muncie, Ind.—April 6.....	McCabe
Troy, Gloversville, N. Y.—April 6.....	Cranston
E. C. Af. Mts. Con.—Nov.....	Hartzell
Foochow, Foochow—Nov.....	Moore
Hinghua, Hinghua—Nov.....	Moore
W. C. Af. Mts. Con.—Dec.....	Hartzell
Bombay, Baroda—Dec. 10.....	Warren, Warne
West China Mts.—Dec. 23.....	Moore
Bengal, Calcutta—Dec. 30.....	Warren, Warne
Liberia, Monrovia—Jan.....	Hartzell
North India, Bareilly—Jan. 7.....	Warren, Warne
Burmah M. Con., Rangoon—Jan. 7.....	Warne
Northwest India, Cawnpore—Jan. 15.....	Warren, Warne
Central China Mts., Klukiang—Jan. 20.....	Moore
Mexico, Mexico City—Jan. 21.....	FitzGerald
South India, Bangalore—Jan. 27.....	Warren, Thoburn
South America, Buenos Ayres—Jan. 27.....	Joyce
Corea Mission, Seoul—Feb. 17.....	Moore
Malaysia, Singapore—Feb. 18.....	Thoburn
Western S. America, Santiago, Chili—Feb. 25.....	Joyce
S. Japan Mts. Con., Fukuoka—Mar. 16.....	Moore
Japan, Tokio—Mar. 31.....	Moore
North China, Peking.....	Moore

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops.

J. N. FITZGERALD, Secretary.

Rock Island, Ill., Nov. 2, 1903.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

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An Old Friend Speaks

(Continued from Page One.)

Solidify the South, indeed! How can it be more so than at present? However, we rejoice in this protest by the Club, even tho no action be taken by Congress. It is gratifying to note that some one is brave enough to speak out. The Negro will have to take his chances on the calamities thus prophesied: things can't be much worse than they now are.

Emancipation Proclamation

Issued January 1, 1863.

Whereas, on the 22nd day of September, in the year of our Lord 1862, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing among other things, the following, to-wit:

"That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any States, or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforth, and forever, free, and all the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act, or acts, to repress such persons, or any of them, in any effort they may make for their actual freedom.

"That the Executive will, on the first day of January aforesaid, by proclamation, designate the States, and parts of States, if any, in which the people thereof, respectively, shall then be in rebellion against the United States, and the fact that any State, or the people thereof, shall on that day be in good faith represented in the Congress of the United States, by members chosen thereto at election wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such State have participated, shall, in absence of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed conclusive evidence that such State and the people thereof are not then in rebellion against the United States."

Now therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested, as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, in time of actual, armed rebellion against the authority and government of the United States, and as a fit and necessary war measure for repressing said rebellion, do, on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and in accordance with my purpose so to do, publicly proclaimed for the full period of one hundred days, from the first above mentioned, order and designate as the States, and parts of States, wherein the people thereof respectively are this day in rebellion against the United States, the following, to-wit:

Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana (except the parishes of St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James, Ascension, Assump-

tion, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Marie, St. Martin and Orleans, including the city of New Orleans), Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia (except the forty-eight counties designated as West Virginia, and also the counties of Berkeley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth City, York, Princess Ann and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth), and which excepted parts are, for the present, left precisely as if this proclamation were not issued.

And by virtue of the power, and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States, and parts of States, are and henceforth shall be, free; and that the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons.

And I do hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free, to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defense; and I recommend to them, that in all cases, when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages. And I further declare and make known that such persons of suitable condition will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations and other places and to man vessels of all sorts in said service. And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind, and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-seventh.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President.

[L. S.] WM. H. SEWARD,
Secretary of State.

The Anniversary of Emancipation

While we have made no attempt this year to issue a special number of the SOUTHWESTERN commonly known as the emancipation number, we have thought it wise to publish the Emancipation Proclamation, since some of the brethren may desire to use it in their celebrations Jan. 1. We desire also to call the attention of our readers to the appropriateness of such celebration as a means of cultivating race pride and arousing the people to aspire to all that is best in their surroundings and to live up to the magnificent opportunities everywhere to be seen.

General Conference Delegates

West Texas Conference—A. M. Mason, pastor, Georgetown; Harry Swann, presiding elder, San Antonio District, Luling; reserves, Mack Henson, Littig, Tex.; N. J. Johnson, Austin, Tex. Lay: R. S. Lovinggood, Austin, Tex., president Samuel Huston College; G. J. Starnes, physician, San Antonio, Tex.; reserves, Mrs. E. M. Wyatt, Seguin, Tex.; J. W. Frazier, teacher, Austin, Tex.

Mobile Conference—A. W. McKinny, presiding elder, Mobile, Ala.; reserve, F. L. Teague, presiding elder, Montgomery, Ala. Lay: H. Roger Williams, physician, Mobile, Ala.; reserve, D. H. C. Scott, physician, Montgomery, Ala.

The second attempt to fly Prof. Langley's air ship a short distance from Washington, Dec. 8th, was a failure. The machine fell into the Potomac river and was completely wrecked.

Texas Annual Conference

The Texas Conference convened for its thirty-eighth annual session in Trinity Church, Houston, Tex., Dec. 9, Bishop J. M. Walden presiding. He held the Conference thirteen years before, and the brethren were glad to meet him again. The roll was called by M. W. Dogan, secretary of the previous session, and he was re-elected. He chose as his assistants J. M. Johnson and S. M. Bolden. Thomas Cole was elected statistical secretary and chose an assistant from each district. Frank Gary was elected treasurer and named as his assistants J. I. Gilmore, J. J. Jordan and J. A. Tillory. After hearing a number of reports the Bishop administered the Sacrament, in which the ministers present and the vast congregation participated.

For some reason Dr. W. D. Parr was the only representative of the connectional benevolences present. He was accorded a most hearty reception, and the brethren greatly enjoyed his addresses and sermon. Mr. W. H. Pye collected for the Book Concerns and was a welcome visitor; as was Dr. R. E. Jones and Prof. I. G. Penn, both well known to our readers.

Bishop Walden delivered his lecture on Africa Tuesday evening to a crowded house. It was listened to with closest attention and was frequently interrupted by applause. The Bishop was at his best and spoke with unusual animation and enthusiasm. His visit to the Conference was indeed a benediction. He gave the closest possible attention to every interest.

The General Conference election attracted considerable attention but passed off without any unpleasant incident. Of the five names voted for as the ministerial delegates, I. B. Scott received 81, M. W. Dogan 69 and W. H. Logan 63 votes on the first ballot; Frank Gary and W. A. Fortson, having received 53 and 40 votes respectively on the first ballot, were chosen reserves. The laymen elected as their representatives H. B. Pemberton, Hilliard Taylor and J. W. Jamison; reserves, T. W. Sparks and N. J. Atkinson.

Trinity Church, where the Conference was held, simply outdid herself in the entertainment accorded. The pastor, Dr. W. H. Logan, had everything in excellent shape, being loyally assisted by the officials of his church. The attendance of the people both in and out of the city was something immense. The church was full every day and at night it was simply impossible to accommodate those desiring admission.

The statistical secretary reported: Probationers, 2,092; full members, 13,466; total, 15,558.

The treasurer reported as follows:

Missions	\$1,752
Church Extension	313
Tract Society	42
Sunday School Union	86
Freedman's Aid Society	205
Wiley University	1,650
Education	101
Bible Society	41
Woman's Foreign Missions	43
Woman's Home Missions	203
General Conference Expenses	94
Conference Claimants	217
Episcopal Fund	113
	\$4,860

The appointments follow (all within Texas):

Houston District—Edward Lee, presiding elder, 1503 Maury street, Houston, Tex. Beaumont, C. C. Minegan; Beaumont Mission, —; Columbia and Brazoria, S. E. Ewing; Crosby, to be supplied; Devers and Sour Lake, Isom Snell; Dickenson, R. H. Warren. Galveston: Central Mission, supplied; St. Paul, Frank Gary; Tabernacle, William Bartley. Houston: Boyn-

ton, J. F. Barnes; East Houston, supplied; Hamilton Chapel, supplied; Mallalieu, J. H. Hubbard; Mt. Vernon, J. O. Williams; St. James, H. R. Smith; St. Marks and Houston Heights, supplied; Sloan, Wade Hamilton; Trinity, W. H. Logan. Harrisonburg and Laporte, J. K. Loggins; Kendleton, G. S. Helm; Liberty, William McKenzie; Orange, S. W. Johnson; Richmond and Jones Chapel, Thomas Cole; Richmond and Rosenberg, G. R. Turner; Roweville, D. A. Runnels; Thompson, William Brooks; Velasco, supplied; Wallisville, C. M. Moore.

Huntsville District—W. A. Fortson, presiding elder, Conroe, Tex. Camilla and Cold Spring, E. D. Blacknell; Colmesneil, Duset and Woodville, to be supplied; Conroe and Tamina, G. W. Gill; Corrigan, E. D. Hubbard; Dodge and Oakhurst, Gabriel Todd; Huntsville, Thornton Scott; Huntsville Circuit, H. C. Watson; Jasper, Neeley Grove and Tower Bluff, James Clark; Josseland and Kickapoo, Cary Davenport; Livingston, Ellis Micheaux; Lovelady, J. H. Anderson; Montgomery, B. R. Booker; Newton, P. A. Dismuke; Prairie Plains, T. S. Pryor; Spring and New Caney, R. V. Doakes; Willis, Danville and Duncan, Jesse Jones.

Marshall District—O. I. Jones, presiding elder, Marshall, Tex. Daingerfield, Joseph Epperson; DeKalb and New Boston, G. J. Izard; Harleton, M. Q. A. Fuller; Hawkins and Gilmore, Taylor Moore; Jefferson and Valley Plains, M. C. Gillespie; Lakabar, D. C. Hailey; Lodi, A. W. Carr; Longview and Hallview, W. D. Lewis; Marshall: Ebenezer, J. M. Johnson; Mallalieu and Concordia, J. P. Calvin; Wiley, M. W. Dogan. Marshall Circuit, K. W. McMillan; Mineola and Quitman, L. H. Barnett; Pittsburg and Naples, William Josey; Queen City, A. R. Luster; Texarkana and Crossing, B. M. Taylor; Tyler and Athens, C. G. Curtis; Woodlawn, Riley Hillary. I. B. Scott, editor SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, member Wiley (Marshall) quarterly conference. M. W. Dogan, president Wiley University.

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A Sad But Unusual Catastrophe

Never before in all the thirty-seven years of its history has the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church sustained such a lamentable and unusual loss as has just come to it in the burning of one of the buildings of Walden University, Nashville, Tenn. The building was occupied by girls and caught fire about 11 o'clock at night. According to the best information at hand at the present time thirteen lives were lost, including those who have since died from injuries sustained. The names given are: Stella Addison, Port Gibson, Miss.; Mattie L. Moore, Huntsville, Ala.; Sallie Dade, Hopkinsville, Ky.; Nannie Johnson, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Maggie Shroufe, Dover, Ky.; Mabel Stewart, Quito, Tenn.; Bessie M. Oliver, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Eva Jamison, Winchester, Tenn.; Cora Bryant, Cleveland, Miss.; Adele Christian, Greensboro, Ala., and Lulu Terry, McMinnville, Tenn. As we understand it, there are two others who have since died, but whose names we are not able to give at this writing. The injured and dying were cared for at the Mercy Hospital, in charge of Dr. R. F. Boyd, at Dr. J. T. Wilson's Infirmary and at the City Hospital. The two first named had twelve each and the City Hospital four. Among those seriously injured is Miss Eleanor Moore, of Chicago, the perceptress. We regret that we cannot at this time give the full list of those in the hospital. A number of the boys of the institution are credited by the Nashville papers with working heroically, even at the risk of their lives, to rescue the inmates of the building. Those mentioned are N. Marion, George Ford and Charles Buck. Each one is credited with rescuing a young woman while the building was burning and conveying her in safety to the ground. Many telegrams of condolence and others offering assistance have been received at the institution. Among those mentioned are Profs. Booker T. Washington and W. H. Council. The students of Fisk University sent a wagonload of wearing apparel, and donations of the same kind were received from merchants in the city. Wiley University, Marshall, Tex., collected and forwarded to President J. Benson Hamilton \$50; the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE gives \$20 and will be pleased to acknowledge any amount sent through it by individuals or congregations. The accounts given of the fire are exceedingly distressing, but it is unnecessary to harrow the feelings of our readers with them. We feel sure that they will be pleased to know that everything possible was done for those who were injured by this sad occurrence. The building was insured for \$13,500, and as we understand, another will be erected at an early date. Should we succeed in gathering additional information, it will be given our readers.

Personal and General

Lake Providence, La., wants a colored physician, to take the place of the lamented Dr. Mason. It is claimed to be a fine position.

Rev. Dr. R. E. Jones came in this week from the Texas Conferences and speaks in highest of the work being accomplished in the Lone Star State.

Mr. Antonio M. Soto, of Havana, Cuba, who is to spend some time in this city, desires to announce that he is teaching the Spanish language at No. 1513 Canal street.

Rev. John Lanahan, D. D., an aged and distinguished member of the Baltimore Conference,

died Dec. 8th. We hope to make more extended reference to his death at another time.

During the session of the Texas Conference Rev. J. E. Bryant was presented a gold watch by the pastors of his district, the presentation speech being made on their behalf by Bishop Walden.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Rev. Riley Hillary and Miss Dora Young, of Marshall, Tex. Brother Hillary is of the Texas Conference and Miss Young is of one of the best families.

Mr. L. J. Price, who is a successful merchant in South Atlanta, Ga., was unanimously elected a lay delegate to the General Conference by the lay electoral conference of the Atlanta Conference. His colleague is Dr. A. M. Wilkins, of Griffin, Ga.

News Notes

Major Taylor, America's colored champion cyclist, has returned from his tour abroad and is now in Worcester, Mass. An exchange says that Major has retired from the track and will represent an automobile concern.

The *Tuskegee Student* says: Principal Washington has been offered by a lecture bureau of Chicago, Ill., three hundred dollars an evening for as many lecture engagements as he will place at the disposal of the bureau.

Three hundred Moros were killed in the recent five days' battle in Jolo, Manila, between the American troops under Gen. Leonard Wood and the insurgents. Major H. L. Scott of Fourteenth Cavalry and five American privates were wounded.

The National Electoral Committee in Bogota will not accept General Reyes' resignation of the presidency: they have proclaimed him the unanimous choice for the presidency of Colombia, and General Gonzales Valencia as their choice for the vice-presidency.

T. A. Curry, of South McAlister, Ind. Ter., is the only Negro railroad contractor in the Southwest, and probably in the United States. He works from 200 to 300 men and operates his own commissaries, has his own clerks, secretaries, paymasters and stenographers.

Between five and six thousand Salvation Army officers (white, brown, black) from all parts of the world, will meet in London next summer for a great international congress to last four weeks. The most important feature is expected to be General Booth's plans for the Army's future.

An exchange says that Herbert Thomas, an industrious colored man of Woodstown, N. J., has fallen heir to \$48,000 by the will of a white woman for whom he worked as a boy. He is preparing to attend Tuskegee Institute.

The first Negro statehood convention, so far as known, in the history of the United States, is the one of Negro voters which met in Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 8, to take action regarding statehood for Oklahoma. Three hundred delegates attended.

By a vote of 57 to 18 the Senate passed, Dec. 16, the bill carrying into effect the reciprocity treaty with Cuba which was ratified last March. The treaty provides for a reduction of 20 per cent. from the rates of duty under the Dingley law on all Cuban articles imported into the United States and a varying reduction of from 20 to 40 per cent. from the established Cuban duty on articles into Cuba from the United States.

It has been one hundred years (December 20) since the old Cabildo of New Orleans witnessed a transaction which gave to the United States the city and all the territory west of the Mississippi except Texas and California. The celebration of this great historic event, which has brought to this city representatives of France, Spain and the United States, each of these powers being represented by warships, began Dec. 18th, continuing three days.

The *Michigan Christian Advocate* says: "The executive committee which had the task of arranging for the holding of the late International Epworth League Convention has just about closed its work, and reports the entire cost of their part to have been \$12,000. There is a surplus of \$1,000 in the treasury, so thoroughly did the committee under Chairman Southwick do its work. This \$1,000 will be divided pro rata among the subscribers."

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FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. C. Marshall, Editor

HOW IS IT WITH YOU?

We hope December finds you with full barns and good wood piles. You cannot complain at the prices you have received for cotton and all other farm products. If you are not well off now it is because you did not have enough to sell. If you did not where is the fault? We are sure enough was planted. If your crop was short it was because you did not properly prepare and plant and cultivate.

We are fully aware of the kind of weather you have had. We know you are ready to throw the whole blame on Providence. But we know that in this you are mistaken. Those who for years past have been farming on sensible up-to-date plans have made good crops this year. And they will make good crops next year. It is not the seasons that make the crops. It is the preparation and cultivation. If you never plowed your farm wet, always plowed deep, no vegetable matter burned, all saved and fed to cattle, and the manure put on the land, then the crops are good. We know that good work cannot be done in one season. All the damage from bad work cannot be undone in one year.

But neither will ever be done unless you begin. There is no better time to begin than now.

It is better often not to plant at all than to plant as many of us have been doing. We depend upon the bought fertilizers to help us out. We put millions of debts upon our shoulders and then get poor crops and complain at Providence because we fail.

This is all wrong. Farm sensibly and you will farm profitably. As far as we have been able to learn very little wheat or oats were sown in October. But if we do not make a good grain crop we will be trying to find an excuse in the seasons.

Winter has come in early and severe, and the grain should be ready for it by having good deep roots, and tops enough to help protect the buds. But if you provided plenty of hogs last spring you have meat and lard, spare ribs and sausage.

We hope this is true with thousands of our readers, and we congratulate them. **GOOD FARMING PAYS.**

A FINE KIDNEY REMEDY.

Mr. A. S. Hitchcock, East Hampton, Conn. (The Clothier), says, if any suffer from Kidney and Bladder Disease will write him he will direct them to the perfect home cure he used. He makes no charge whatever for the favor.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

S. H. Green, Pastor, Rosedale, La.—The members and friends of Hartzell Chapel M. E. Church have filled a long-felt want. They have a place to bury their dead bought and paid for at a cost of \$500.90. Rev. H. Taylor, presiding elder, was with us on the 29th and 30th of November, held his fourth quarterly conference and preached an excellent sermon. Raised during the quarter \$330.50.

A. W. Randolph, Pastor, Dublin, Va.—The Preachers' Institute of the S. W. Division Pulaski District, met at Dublin, Va., Nov. 26-29, 1903, with Rev. J. F. Prigmore as president. Welcome address by Miss Nannie M. Cox, the distinguished teacher of Newbern, Va. The members of the institute showed much zeal for the continued success of the work. Miss Melia McDaniel and others delivered inspiring papers and orations on the demand of the hour and the education of our young people. The financial, spiritual and benevolent claims of the church received much thought and attention. The SOUTHWESTERN was not forgotten. Snow continued to fall during the whole session of the meeting. The pastor and his people spared no pains to make it pleasant for all. The spirit of God was with us during the meeting and Sunday was a high day. Total collection, \$21.45. J. F. Prigmore, president; W. W. Ward, vice-president; J. M. Watson, secretary.

R. A. Taylor, Pastor, Winnsboro, La.—My fourth quarterly conference was held October 10-11 with the Rev. C. D. Shallowhorne presiding. All officers were present with written reports, which showed an advancement along all lines. We are proud to say our membership has increased from 4 to 14, and the good work still goes on. We will raise our full apportionment of benevolent money.

C. E. Lamar, Pastor, Gunnison, Miss.—We are yet alive at Bedford circuit. The third Sunday was a happy occasion with us, many good things were said; collection in cash this month \$15 and the good people caused a storm in the church that sent me home with numerous good things for the children. A grand rally is to be held for the SOUTHWESTERN.

H. Bright, Pastor, Center Point, Ark.—Returning from the Epworth League and Sunday School Convention held at Lucksburg, and one of our pastors being with me, we planned a revival at this place to commence the third Monday of the month. At the time appointed the meeting was held, but for some cause the brother who had promised to assist did not come, so when I had ceased to expect him I asked Jesus to be with me in the meeting, knowing well that he would not disappoint me and with his help I have made a great impression. Such a meeting has not been held here for years. We broke into the ranks of our rough class of men at this place and received into the church 13 souls from 17 years of age to 45 years, and two others of 13 and 14 years, making a total of 15. The wonder in this matter is that not one woman or girl is included in this number. We are in the midst of a great revival wave and the hope for a great change at this point from where it stood 18 or 20 years ago is fair. Praise the Lord, for we can fully trust Him. Pray for us.

A. Ratliff, Reporter, Miller's Mission.—We have succeeded in building a new church here four miles north of Byhalia, under the marvelous administration of our present pastor. Several denominations have been trying to get a church here for 20 years but failed, and yet, thank God, we have succeeded and the prospect for a progressive church is very promising. We intend to send our pastor to the annual conference in good shape. Brethren pray for our success here on Miller's Mission. Rev. P. H. Jackson is one among the able young ministers on the district.

A. G. Glenn, Pastor, Huntsville, Ala.—Dr. J. C. Sherrill, secretary of the Stewart Missionary foundation, visited our town Oct. 20-21. He delivered three addresses on "The work and the workers of Africa." He spoke also at the Central Alabama Academy, the city public school and at the Lake Side M. E. Church. Dr. Sherrill made a profound impression on all who listened to his words of wisdom and eloquence. Dr. Sherrill believes that the day is swiftly approaching when Africa will be Christianized and civilized. He has his work greatly at heart. His addresses were received with marked enthusiasm, and will doubtless have good results. They are the best on this subject we have ever heard. We bespeak for Dr. Sherrill great success in his work.

H. M. Knox, Pastor, Rockwood, Tenn.—I desire to thank the good people of Rockwood for their kindness to me on my arrival here; also for the grand reception tendered me, at which every one enjoyed themselves immensely. Able addresses were delivered by Rev. Russel, of the Baptist Church and Prof. Powell. I intend to make this the best year's work of my life. The committees, composed of Mesdames Salley Ellmoson, J. C. Skinner, Delia Smith, Denia Gallaher and Mrs. Lincoln, raised for the pastor \$7.

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J. W. Byrd, Louisville Ct.—We are nearing the close of another year's work, and we feel that God has wonderfully blessed us, though we have had our hinderances. I will say that Presiding Elder T. W. Davis has neglected no part of his duty in helping me to push the work to success. He is the man for the place. He knows what to say and when to say it; what to do and when to do it. The SOUTHWESTERN, Rust University and all the demands of the church seem to be the burden of his soul. God grant that he may long live to push the cause of Methodism. God has blessed me and my companion, though we have had sickness in our midst. We have tried to do our work well. In our efforts with God's assistance, we succeeded in organizing two Epworth League Societies, adding 150 members to the church, have built one new church, remodeled the town church, and have two thousand feet of lumber on the ground to remodel another of our churches. Raised for all causes up to date \$1,100 and my people are trying to raise at least \$100 more before conference. Pray for us.

A Sudden Twinge

Of pain is generally the first warning of an attack of rheumatism. It feels as if the disease were in the bones or muscles, but the real cause of rheumatism is found in impure blood. In order to cure rheumatism the blood must be cleansed of the poisonous impurities which are the cause of the disease.

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AN APPEAL.

To the public, and especially the friends of the Methodist Episcopal Church: On December 8, 1903, our church edifice, which was well seated and lighted, having also a new organ, was totally destroyed by fire, throwing our congregation entirely out of doors. We therefore appeal to you to contribute something to assist us in rebuilding our church. Any amount will be thankfully received. All correspondence should be addressed to Rev. J. W. Dore, Box 22, Kingstree, S. C. Donations may also be sent to the Bank of Kingstree, S. C.

Committee—Scip. Pendergrass, C. G. Hanna, T. J. Pendergrass, Julius Fulton, J. Tharpe, chairman; G. W. McCullough, secretary; J. W. Dore, pastor.

NOTICE.

Clinton, Miss.—Our fourth quarterly conference convened Oct. 22, with Rev. J. M. Shumpert, D. D., in the chair. Reports showed the work to be in a prosperous condition. Paid presiding elder \$12.50; pastor, \$86.60; emergency fund, \$3.40. Total collection, \$102.50.

J. H. Reed, Little Rock, Ark.—Wesley Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church at Little Rock has been in course of erection since August. The old structure was torn down and a new foundation laid, fashioned after a modern plan drawn by a skilled architect. A beautiful brick structure now rises upon the spot where the old church stood. The brick work is now nearing completion and the roofing is being planned. The church is being built at a cost of \$15,000, which when completed will be the pride of our Methodism in the state of Arkansas. Since the work began, our membership has been thoroughly organized and is hard at work. We had 21 persons to contri-

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bute \$100 each and this has served as a nucleus around which our building fund has constantly increased. The following are the persons: Dr. J. M. Cox, Prof. R. C. Childress, Drs. G. W. Hayman, F. B. Coffin, R. J. Meaddough; Brothers M. E. Jeffries, C. C. Jeffries, Abram Gray, G. W. Ingram, J. H. Stephens, H. K. Miller, A. D. Parker, H. H. Garner, M. H. Henderson, J. R. White, P. N. Ingram, J. W. Whitfield, W. C. Rivers, G. Allen, A. N. Edgerson and Mrs. H. M. Nasmyth. The entire church is organized into three working departments. The Ladies' Aid Circle, The Willing Workers' Circle and Wesley Club. Through these we have been enabled to raise on an average of \$100 per week on building fund for the past nine weeks. We expect to have the building enclosed and roofed (slate) before the annual conference. Old and young are enthusiastic over the work. Our services are held in Philander Smith College Chapel, while the building is going on. Our fourth quarterly conference, Dec. 6-7, was a glorious time. Reports were encouraging. The conference voted unanimously for the return of the pastor another year. Strong resolutions were adopted commending the work of both pastor and presiding elder. The future for Wesley Chapel is the brightest in its history. A good report will be made at Conference. J. H. REED.

M. S. Goins, Pastor, Houma, La.—At Wesley M. E. Church, Oct. 18, thirty probationers were received into full connection. The attendance now is not as large as it has been. The people are all leaving, as sugar rolling has commenced. The church is alive and doing very well for this season. All departments are carefully looked after. We have more probationers to read in when they are once more at home.

C. H. Monroe, Pastor, Bunkie, La.—Sunday was a great day at Booneville. The corner stone of our new church was laid. Revs. Banks of Bedford, and W. S. Harris, of Cheneville and his congregation were with us. A great crowd was present from Eoala and Bunkie. Both pastors preached good sermons. The Spirit of the Lord was present; the amount raised was \$361.30. We return thanks to Revs. Banks and Harris and friends who stood by us so nobly.

Rev. J. K. Comfort, Ellisville, Miss. Our quarterly conference was a success. Paid the presiding elder and pastor in full. Our revival at Ellisville was successful. We closed with 16 converts. With us in our meeting we had Rev. Trotter of Enterprise. In our meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society we had success, though the attendance was small. Mrs. Brow, Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. Smith did their work well. Dr. Lucas, president of the Meridian school, was with us one evening during this meeting. His remarks made a lasting impression.

J. E. Rolax, Pastor, Baker, La.—The stewards of Thompson and Jordan Chapels, gave a class rally for the pastor Oct. 25. The seven classes of Thompson Chapel, with a miscellaneous collection, raised \$19.80. The three classes of Jordan Chapel, with a public collection, raised \$16.50. Total amount collected, \$36.30.

W. C. Jones, Reporter, Seney, Ga.—Our fourth quarterly conference convened Oct. 24-25. Rev. Jenkins, our presiding elder, is the man for this place, the head of the Rome District. He greatly stirred the people with his able sermons on Sunday. He is the man to advocate the SOUTHWESTERN. The elder preached Sunday evening to the Sisters' Home Aid Society. Sister Mary Smith is the president of this society. The reports showed everything to be moving along nicely. Collected for the presiding elder \$17.90; trustees, \$3.50; missions, \$3.54; for pastor, \$16.75; total collection, \$59.69.

S. M. McLeod, West Point, Miss.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held at King's Chapel M. E. Church, Oct. 17-18. Our worthy and most esteemed presiding elder, Rev. C. W. Walton, was in the chair. Nearly all of the officers were present with written reports, which the presiding elder said showed marked improvement. The brethren were cheerful and hopeful; the session was good. Paid the elder in full on Saturday. Sunday was a high day at King's Chapel. The elder preached one of his best sermons, to the delight of all who heard him. Paid pastor this quarter \$157.26. Have raised the larger part of our benevolence. The SOUTHWESTERN is yet finding its way to our homes. We are moving along nicely on this charge.

R. S. Buchanan, Pastor, Sycamore, Miss.—Our Rally was a success. We met at Hopewell October 25. Had good congregations day and night. Total amount raised by the sisters \$12.77. The church raised \$11.23; for miscellaneous purposes \$1.25. Total raised \$25.25. Brothers Joe Givohom, C. Thomas, stewards and Mr. C. W. Carter and many others say they are going to pay me every cent due. May God bless them in their efforts to do right.

S. D. Troupe, Pastor, Goodman, Miss.—My Fourth Quarterly Conference was held Oct. 23-25 with Rev. B. F. Woolfolk in the chair. All of the brothers answered roll call with few exceptions. Good reports were presented by them. Elder Woolfolk in his usual manner looked after every interest of the church. The reports showed that the pastor had been well cared for, many souls had been converted and added to the church. Sunday night at Georgeville we had the pleasure of listening to Rev. J. M. Marsh, pastor of Pickens, and our hearts were made to burn within us.

Mrs. Laura S. Webb,

Vice-President of Women's Democratic Clubs of Northern Ohio.

THERE ARE MANY sickly women between the ages of 45 and 55, but there are very few invalids over 55 and 60 years of age. The change of life coming to a woman near her forty-fourth year, either makes her an invalid or gives



Mrs. Laura S. Webb.

her a new lease on life. Those who meet this change in ill health seldom live ten years afterward, while a woman who lays aside the active duties of womanhood in health seldom fails to live on in happiness, years after she has passed 60. This is truly a critical time.

Mrs. Laura S. Webb, of Toledo, Ohio, recognizes the change of life as a dangerous period and she also has faith in Wine of Cardui. She writes:

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W. M. Ector, Pastor, Kingston, La.—Our Fourth Quarterly Conference was held October 24, 1903, with Rev. H. Daniel in the chair. Many of the officers were present with written reports. We paid the elders \$11, pastor this quarter \$60.25, and we owe the elder \$3.50. We are moving along nicely.

L. Martin, Pastor, Liberty, Texas.—Since August 15 we have been successful in starting and nearly completing a neat little church at the Bryant settlement known as the Bryant Chapel. This little church is situated five miles south of Dorton in Liberty county. We have bought and paid for the land and have the deeds for same. Our church is eighteen by thirty feet and we hope will prove to be of great benefit to the M. E. Connection in this place.

G. M. Frazier, Alva, Miss.—I am leader in Class No. 2, have 14 members and have a subscriber to the SOUTHWESTERN in every one of these families except one. I expect to have them reading the SOUTHWESTERN soon. I can't see how any member can call himself loyal to his church who does not take his church paper. Our Rally at New Salem M. E. Church on the 4th Sunday in October was successful beyond our expectations. Among the liberal contributors was C. L. McKinney, who paid \$1.25, Aaron Frazier \$1.25, John A. Moore \$4.50, and others too numerous to mention who donated liberally. At 11 o'clock Rev. D. P. Shaw, our pastor, preached an able sermon to an appreciative congregation. At night Rev. M. D. McKinney in his usual way gave a short but excellent sermon. Collection for the day, \$14.00.

P. R. Crump, Pastor, Scooba, Miss.—My revival meeting closed at Key's Chapel October 9th. Eighteen souls were happily converted and the Holy Spirit is still burning in the hearts of the people. My Fourth Quarterly Con-

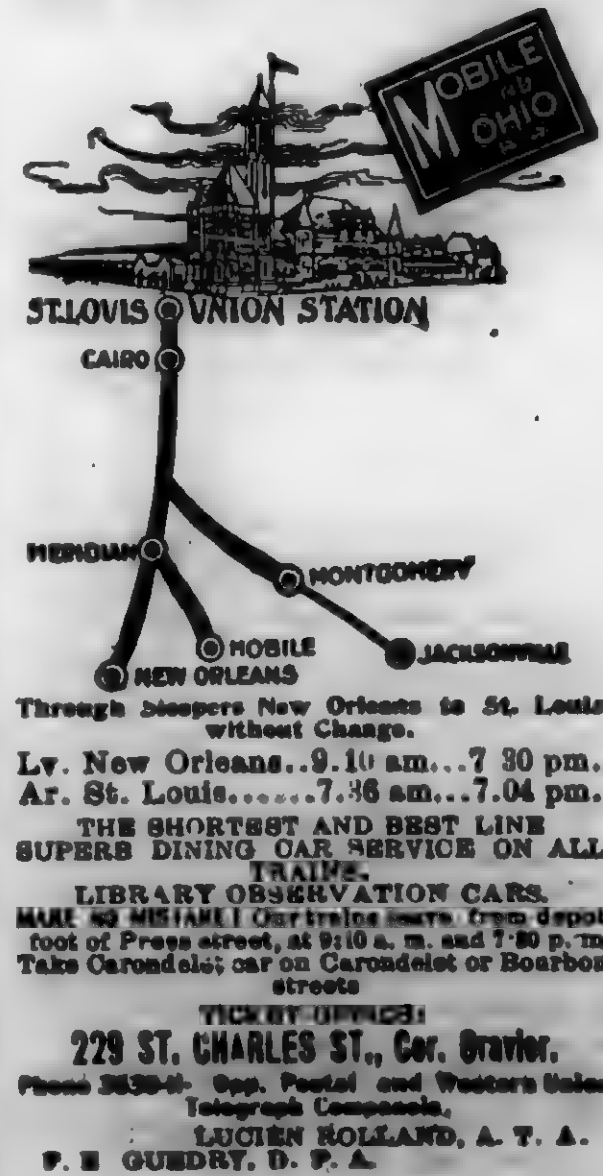
ference convened the 10th and 11th of October. Elder J. C. Hibbler presided. He also preached noble, inspiring sermons at 11 a. m. and at night. Two joined the church. We paid the elder in full \$19.45 and gave him \$1.00 on an overcoat as promised. The collection for the day was \$60.00. 120 communed at the Lord's table. The people of this section have suffered much for four or five years on account of short crops. But this year good crops of corn and cotton have been raised. We will come up with our full benevolence this year. The church and peo-

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G. A. Sanford, Pastor, Selmer, Tenn. —We held our first quarterly conference at this place on Nov. 8, with Rev. W. R. Smith in the chair. We had a nice conference session, and two stirring sermons by the elder. My circuit at all places seems to be deeply interested in the work. On the 16th and 17th of November we had with us Prof. G. G. Marcus, of Memphis, Tenn., the great international Sunday school instructor. Prof. Marcus made quite an impression in our town. His work and illustrations were pure as the snow. He is an able man and well informed in his work. The professor succeeded in organizing his work in our town. We hope to organize every Sunday school in our county. Officers of the organization: G. A. Sanford, president; Rev. W. A. Pharr, vice-president, and Miss Willie Moore, secretary. Prof. John E. West, of Allens Creek, Tenn., was also present. He took an active part with Prof. Marcus. The people of Selmer extend to them their best wishes and hope that Prof. Marcus may be successful in organizing his great work wherever he may go.

Sadie Jones, Reporter, Moss Point, Miss. We had with us, Nov. 24, Dr. W. W. Lucas, principal of the Meridian Academy. He came Sunday night and was bright and fresh Monday for the large audience which gathered in the church to hear him. A large number of the best white citizens were in attendance. The doctor was at his best. After reciting several of Dunbar's poems, he delivered an excellent lecture; subject, "Can the Two Races Live Together in the South, and How?" It was enjoyed by all. He also made interesting remarks concerning his work at Meridian. A collection was raised for Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society; \$8.75 were given by the white friends: Dr. C. S. Waters, \$5; Messrs. J. E. Thomas, S. M. Brooks, R. Jones, T. Buchanan, J. Polk and Freddie Wallace, \$1 each. Several gave 50c and others smaller amounts, making a total of \$23.75. Dr. Lucas is the man for the place, a brave-hearted Christian gentleman, and is highly esteemed by all who know him. We wish for him great success in his work. May he live long to continue his good work for the race.

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NOTICE TO CLOW DISTRICT.

Dear Brothers—We are called on again to renew our efforts. Each pastor on the district will begin to organize their forces for the observance of Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 14. Brothers, to show ourselves loyal we must record our names on the roll. And let us make a strong pull for Freedman's Aid work. I will take care to speak to each one of the needs of the work. Let us engage all of the people, young and old, to make an offering that will be worthy; the cause can live without us, but we can't live without the cause. Let the SOUTHWESTERN take its place in each home. F. R. WAMBLE, P. E.

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SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Abbeville, Jan. 5; Blacksburg, 20; Brown Hill, Feb. 1; Chester, Jan. 31; Catawba, Feb. 2; Campbello, Jan. 10; Clover, Jan. 24; Cowpens, Jan. 18; Cowpens Cir., Jan. 17; Epworth, Jan. 12; Glenn Spring, Jan. 17; Greenwood, Jan. 5; Greenwood Cir., Jan. 4; Greers, Jan. 9; Gaffney, Jan. 19; Gaffney Ct., Jan. 18; Lee's Chapel, Jan. 17; Newberry, Jan. 2; Ninety-Six, Jan. 3; Oak Grove, Jan. 9; Pacolet, Jan. 17; Rock Hill, Feb. 1; Reidville, Jan. 7; Spartanburg, Feb. 7; Spartanburg Ct., Jan. 11; St. James, Jan. 23; Saloda, Jan. 3; Wellford, Jan. 8; Yorkville, Jan. 22; Yorkville Ct., Jan. 21.

Yours to divide the conference, because it will help Methodism.

R. L. HICKSON,

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HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Spring, New Caney, Dec. 19-20; Conroe, 26-27; Willis, Jan. 2-3; Montgomery, 9-10; Dodge, 16-17; Lovelady, 23-24; Colmesneil, 29; Josseland, 30-31; Corrigan, 30-31; Livingston, Feb. 6-7; Camilla, 13-14; Prairie Plains, 20-21; Huntsville Sta., 26-28; Huntsville Cir., 27-28; Jasper, March 4; Newton, 5-6.

Dear brethren, begin your work of soul-saving, raising benevolences, building churches, at once. Push every claim at all services. Do not wait. District Stewards meeting at Conroe; Texas, Dec. 26, at 10:30 a. m.

W. A. FORTSON, P. E.

Rev. C. H. Pyles, Pastor, Washington, Ky.—We have just closed our third quarterly meeting, Oct. 10-11, with the reopening of our church, in which we have not held services for several weeks. Returning, we find it newly papered and painted—everything in sight from the pulpit to the door. It has attracted the attention of both white and colored. Many say it is the finest in town. It is also painted on the outside and has a new roof—an old church made new. The Rev. J. W. Robinson, of Chicago, was with us and preached two able sermons. Rev. Talbert, of Mayesville, preached eloquently in the afternoon. Rev. E. A. White, the presiding elder, was in Covington helping W. H. Vaughn in his reopening the same day. We raised during the day \$47.20.

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FIRST ROUND.

Millican, Dec. 19-20; Bellville, Dec. 26-27; Anderson, Jan. 2-3; Brenham Station, Jan. 9-10; Caldwell, Lyons and Zion Hill, Jan. 16-17; Hempstead, Jan. 22-24; Courtney, Jan. 23-24; Hockley, Jan. 30-31; Waller, Feb. 6-7; Brookshire, Feb. 13-14; Sealy and San Felipe, Feb. 12-14; Navasota Station, Feb. 20-21; Navasota Circuit, Feb. 20-21; Yarboro, Feb. 27-28.

Brethren of the Navasota District: We mean success on every line this year. We want to put in the best year's work of our life for Christ and the great church we represent. Start to succeed. Don't wait until fall on promises to raise your claims and then present excuses. Organize all of your committees and put them to work at once. Don't quarrel, don't drive your people. Lead kindly, brotherly and lovingly and they will follow you. Give your whole time, talent and energy to your work, and the very God of peace will bless abundantly all of your worthy efforts. Preach Christ in the pulpit and leave off what the people have been saying. It is only a cowardly preacher who goes into his pulpit to fight anyone. Our great M. E. Church demands this day a consecrated, energetic, stirring, productive Christian pastor; any other will always fail. Brethren, I am at your service. Speak freely to me. Anything in my power to help you, I shall be always willing to do. The next annual conference will meet at the head of our district. Shall we not strive to bring things to pass? The God of all peace, bless and keep you ever. Your brother and friend, J. E. BRYANT.

CONFERENCES NOTICES.

Dear brethren of the Sedalia district: Please do not fail to preach the annual educational sermon in each of your charges or have it preached, and take the collection for education. See to it that all of the benevolent collections are full at the fourth quarter. Have all written reports from the quarterly conference members, also have written out the nominations for committees and boards so that the meeting and the work of the fourth quarterly conference will not be in any way hindered.

Yours for success,
W. H. Smith, P. E.

NOTICE.

The Methodist Ministers' meeting in Chicago have opened a church letter bureau and desire that all pastors who have members of church, League, or Sunday school moving to Chicago write the bureau giving new address of parties and thus have them carefully looked after and saved to our church and the kingdom. Address,

Church Letter Bureau,
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Request of committee. Revs. A. L. Shute, J. L. Walker, John Thompson. Respectfully,
J. THOMPSON,
Pastor Grace M. E. Church, Chicago.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Oneonta, Jan. 1-3; Village Springs, Jan. 8-10; Blount Springs, Jan. 15-17; Warrior, Jan. 22-24; Birmingham, Ave. E., Jan. 30-31; Mt. Pleasant, Feb. 5-7; Brownville, Feb. 12-14; Springville, Feb. 19-21; Enon, Feb. 26-28; Bessemer, March 4-6; Avondale, March 9-10; St. Paul, Birmingham, March 11-13; Mantua, March 18-20; Tuscaloosa,

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March 25-27. Dear Brethren: We start another year's work for Jesus and His church. Let us make it the best of our lives. Have the quarterly lovefeast on every charge in connection with the conference.

Always your brother,
W. H. Nelson.

LAGRANGE DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Harris City, Dec. 26-27; Troup Factory, Jan. 2-3; Greenville, Jan. 9-10; LaGrange Station and Mission, Jan. 16-17; Woodbury, Jan. 23-24; Culloden, Jan. 30-31; Zebulon, Feb. 6-7; Barnesville and Thomaston, Feb. 20-21; Lib-

erty Hill, Feb. 13-14; Chipley, Feb. 27-28; Whitesville, March 5-6; Columbus and Waverly Hall, March 12-13; West Point, March 19-20; Mutual, March 26-27.

Dear Brethren: This is the beginning of a new year's work. Let's begin with renewed zeal and prayer to God that this year may be a new epoch in our history for God and the M. E. church. The district stewards and pastors will please meet February 10, 1904, at Woodbury, Ga., M. E. church, 10 o'clock a. m.

Yours in Christ,
R. R. O'Neal, P. E.,
LaGrange, Ga.

NOTICE.

The program and directory of the thirty-fifth annual session of the Lexington conference will be out and mailed to each minister and delegate by Feb. 15, 1904.

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NOTICE.

All preachers of the Pine Bluff district will please meet without fail at St. James M. E. church, Pine Bluff, Ark., Jan. 19, 1904, in the session of the district conference.

W. H. Higgins, P. E.,
Pine Bluff, Ark.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT

FIRST ROUND.

Sheffield, Jan. 2-3, 1904; Courtland, Jan. 9-10; Decatur, Jan. 14-17; Scottsboro, Jan. 22-24; Stevenson, Jan. 29-31; Cedar Grove, Feb. 6-7; Center Grove, Feb. 13-14; Fullers, Feb. 20-21; Huntsville, Feb. 26-28; Guntersville, March 5-6; Summit, March 7-8; Athens, March 12-13; Bellmina, March 18-20; Triana, March 26-27; Madison and Moors, April 2-3; district stewards meeting Jan. 20, at 10 a. m., St. Paul's M. E. Church, Decatur, Ala. Brethren, we are beginning our year's work and a good report is expected from each. Let us, therefore, not disappoint the church which trusts us and God, who depends upon us. We want to lead the conference first, in soul-loving; second, in benevolence; third, in raising salary for the ministry; fourth, in sending subscribers to SOUTHWESTERN, and fifth, in paying off old indebtedness, the church extension and other claims. We can, by carrying in full reports. Each pastor will make his own appointments (good or bad) for the next year. Now pastors plan for your work. Begin now. In the name of the Father I bid you God speed.

Yours for Christ and His Church,
A. S. Williams, P. E.

INDIANA DISTRICT.

FOURTH ROUND.

Bloomington, Dec. 5-7; Anderson, 19-20; Rushville, 26-27; Connersville, 27-28; Shelbyville, Jan. 2-3; Madison, 9-10; North Vernon, 10-11; Watson Circuit, 12-13; Jeffersonville, Port Fulton, 14; Jeffersonville, Wesley Chapel, 15-17; Chicago, 22-24; Cannelton, 28; Tell City, 29; Rockport, 30-31; Boonville, 2-3; Newburg, 4-5; Evansville, 6-9; Princeton, 10-14; Terre Haute, 14-16; Greenfield, 19; New Castle, 20-21; Muncie, 22-23; Indianapolis, Barnes Chapel, 24-25; Indianapolis, Simpson Chapel, 27-29.

Dear Brethren—The conference will convene March 10, 1904. I will collect minute money on this round; please have it ready. Let us have a glorious revival and no blanks in benevolent collections. Yours for the Master,

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NOTICE

Notice to the Lexington Conference: To the pastors in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois it will be necessary for you to send me the names of all persons from your charge who will be in attendance at Conference. Presiding elders will send names of supplies, that I may file them with secretary of R. it., that they may secure reduced rates.

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Sleep and take thy rest.
Lay down thy head
Upon the Saviour's breast.
We loved thee well,
But Jesus loved thee best."

The Louisiana Conference has lost another one of her shining marks in the person of Rev. F. H. Harvey, pastor of Wesley Chapel, Napoleonville, La. He died at his post December 4th, 1903, a consistent Christian and an earnest worker for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom. He was loved by everyone, and adored by the church that received his last service. Elder Harvey is one of the Senior elders, having answered thirty-three Conference rolls. He had his church at heart, always attending to its every need and anxiously inquiring about its welfare, when too sick to leave his bed. His funeral service was held Sunday, December 6, attended by Revs. Pierre Landry, dean of Gilbert Industrial College, E. Baptiste of Thibodeaux, P. C. Colton of Donaldsonville, J. D. Pool of Franklin, G. W. Cheeks of the A. M. E. Church, I. Walker of the Baptist Church, F. D. Bowers of Batteville and Edward Fields of Woodlawn. The church was beautifully decorated. Wesley Chapel choir assisted by members of Thibodeaux's choir, rendered beautiful music. The impressive eulogies by the ministers moved the vast audience to tears. Elder Harvey leaves two daughters and one son; the son, Rev. O. J. Harvey, is a member of the Louisiana Conference.

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RESOLUTIONS.

The New Orleans Preachers' Meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in regular weekly session, the committee appointed drafted the following resolutions, touching the death of Brother F. H. Harvey, pastor at Napoleonville, La.: Whereas, We have learned with sadness of the death of Rev. F. H. Harvey, who answered the Master's call December 4, 1903, be it Resolved, That we bow our heads in humble submission to the will of Almighty God, who doeth all things well, and Resolved, That we extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family, and commend them to the sustaining grace of our Heavenly Father. One by one we are crossing Jordan's stream, but our faith tells us that we shall be reunited in the eternal bliss beyond. Ministerial career: Rev. Harvey was ordained in 1874 by Bishop Merrill. In his class were S. E. H. Morant, R. Anderson, T. G. Montgomery, S. McKadin and others. He was admitted into full membership in 1876, and ordained an elder in 1880, by Bishop Harris, and in this class were J. F. Marshall, P. Landry, F. Walker, J. W. Hudson, A. E. P. Albert, T. G. Montgomery, and others. He held the following charges: Campti, 1874-5; Allenville, 1876-7-8; Coushatta, 1879-80-81; Fair Field, 1882-3-4; Mansfield, 1885-6-7; White Hall, 1888-9-1890-1-1; Thibodeaux, 1893-4; Oretna, 1895-6; Thompson, 1897; St. Mark, Baton Rouge, 1898; Albert Chapel, 1899; Port Allen, 1900-2; Napoleonville, 1903.

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Philadelphia, Miss.—Little Emma Lou, daughter of Bro. S. E. Moore, suffering from a burn received June 11, 1902; died, Nov. 23, 1903. Heaven has gained a jewel.

New Orleans, La.—Sister Milly Hand, an old pillar in Methodism and a faithful member of First Street M. E. church for a number of years, died Nov. 28, 1903, and was buried from the church of her choice. The Rev. C. W. Reeves conducted the services as the pastor, J. A. Tircuit, was indisposed. Another faithful member and class leader, Bro. Jordan Ryans, fell asleep in Jesus Nov. 23, 1903. The funeral was conducted at the church. The pastor was present, but because of indisposition, was not able to conduct the services. The Rev. F. T. Chinn, a lifelong friend of the deceased and a former pastor, was invited to conduct the service, assisted by the Rev. C. W. Reeves. J. A. Tircuit, Pastor.

Valden, Miss.—Sister Catherine Whitehead died Dec. 2, 1903. A faithful member of the Haven Chapel M. E. church. She leaves a bereaved daughter, father and brothers. We shall meet her again. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. P. Watson of the A. M. E. church and H. Y. Saulter, pastor of Valden charge.

W. P. Hooper.

Zachary, La.—Mrs. Nancy Fields, wife of Mr. Alexander Fields, died happily Sunday, Nov. 29. Though she had not confessed religion until just before her death she was enrolled in class No. 7 of Albert Chapel. She was a good woman. All of our ministers and presiding elders when coming to Zachary have found a warm reception in her home. Certainly the little work at Zachary has lost a good and earnest worker, but Heaven has gained a soul. The following ministers as-

sisted in the last sad rites: Revs. E. H. Clark, of Albert Chapel M. E. church; Geo. Washington, Albert Chapel; Henry Baton and G. W. Ross, of the Baptist church.

John T. Harrell, Pastor.

Handsboro, Miss.—Bro. Steve G. Mitchell departed this life Nov. 26th in perfect faith. He was a member of Riley Chapel M. E. church. From the Masonic and Knights Templar lodges, of which he was a member, he received all honors. To know Bro. Mitchell was to love him. He was the proprietor of a hotel at Gulfport. The pastor, J. D. Garrett, assisted by Revs. R. N. Jones and S. A. Cowan, conducted the service. He is survived by a wife and brother also a host of friends, but our loss is Heaven's gain. Dust receive thy kindred, Earth take now thine own, To thee this trust is tendered, In thee this seed is sown. Turf of the shaded church of God, Warden of the clay, Watch the well-worn sleeper Till the awakening day.

J. I. GARRETT, Pastor.

Bastrop, La.—The funeral service of Sister Mattie Grant was conducted by Rev. C. D. Shollowhorn, P. E. and pastor Rev. W. H. Lang. Sister Grant was converted July 13, 1902; died Nov. 9, 1903. She lived a Christian, was obedient, faithful and humble, a bright star in the midst of her associates and the community. A life that was just blooming into noble womanhood, leading others to good, has been transplanted. Mattie is not dead but sleeping, though the earth her body claims, where she dwells there is no weeping, only joy and heavenly strains. God in His infinite wisdom and justice has called from our midst our beloved sister in whose death we realize the loss of a true and noble King's Daughter, one esteemed by all who knew her as a noble Christian and a model young lady of our community. Yet we bow in humble submission to the will of God.

Emma W. Brady.

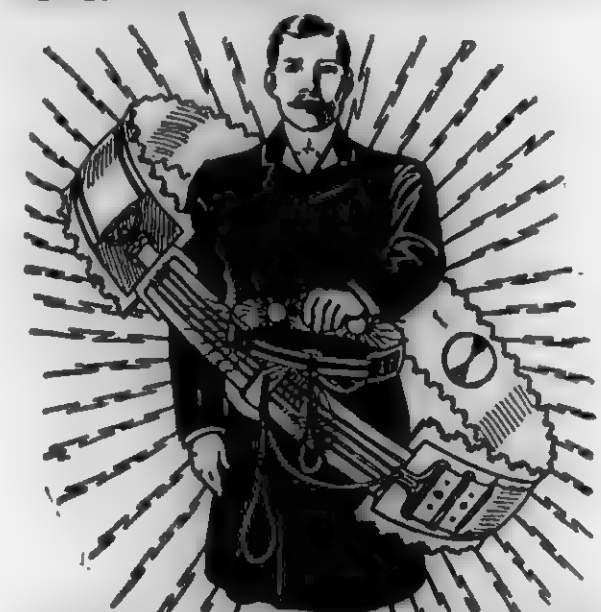
Rosedale, La.—Brother Richard Lee, a member of the Baptist church was shot here Dec. 9. He died from his injuries. His wife, Mrs. Sister Richard Lee, is a member of Hartzell Chapel M. E. church. Brother Lee was a deacon of Mt. Gillion Baptist church, also Mr. Henry Odem, of Baton Rouge, died at Rosedale, La., Dec. 4. Friends at Rosedale, La., buried him. It is said that his family is in Baton Rouge. His remains were placed in the Rosedale cemetery. S. Green.

Miss Jakey Jackson, the baby child of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jackson, was born Feb. 20, 1885, at Austin, Tex., and died there Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1903. Jakey was quite a family favorite. As she began to bud into womanhood her sisters cherished hopes for her development and improvement along all lines. Especially her sister, Miss Clara, who was striving to see that she had every advantage in school, especially in music. Jakey's delight to do the biddings of her sisters, and had always a desire to be around home and mamma. She had a natural, pleasant, graceful and modest demeanor. Her greatest charm was self-possession. She was converted at quite an early age and was a sweet, sympathetic Christian. Jakey's illness was of brief duration. She complained of being sick for a month or two, but

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.—Mr. Willis Ellis died Nov. 16, 1903. His funeral service was conducted in Key Chapel M. E. church by the pastor, assisted by Revs. T. W. Johnson and G. C. Harden. C. E. Alexander, Pastor.

Robeline, La.—Mr. Fisher Smith, son of Bro. Henry and Jane Smith, members of our church, started on a hunting trip after night. By accident his gun was discharged and its contents buried in his forehead. Not a word did he utter and no God to go with him. He leaves a wife, mother, father and other relatives to mourn his sad death. May the Lord bless the bereaved ones. The funeral was conducted by Rev. S. P. Branch, the pastor, Dec. 7.

Darrowville, La.—Miss Ella B. M. Smith, a member of Haven Chapel M. E. church, died in New York City, Nov.

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1, 1903. Her remains were brought home and laid to rest in the Darrowville cemetery. Miss Ella Smith was a consistent Christian, a pure and noble character; was converted and joined the M. E. church in 1901 during Rev. J. H. Thompson's administration. The funeral service was preached by Rev. Robinson, of the Baptist church, who had known the deceased from childhood, assisted by the writer. The church was fittingly decorated and an appropriate eulogy was read by Miss Edna Reddix. Mrs. Lucille J. Shallowhorne, at the organ, aided by the students of Hartszell Industrial Academy, furnished music for the sad occasion. To the bereaved parents, sisters and brothers; we commend you to the 91st Psalms. You will see Ella again in that far away home of the soul.

H. J. Robinson, Pastor.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, Mrs. Nancy Fields, the wife of Mr. Alex Fields, of Zachary, La., departed this life for that sweet haven of rest Nov. 29, 1903, and

Whereas, the intimate relation long held by our deceased sister with the members of this church renders it proper that we should place her name on record as a great worker of the church; therefore, be it

Resolved, By Albert Chapel and Zachary M. E. churches, that while we bow with humble submission to the will of the most high, we do not the less grieve over her loss.

Resolved, That in her death this church loses a sister who was devoted to its interests, an active and zealous worker.

Resolved, That this church tender its sympathy to the family of deceased sister in this, their hour of affliction, and that these resolutions be entered on the minutes of the church and that a copy be sent to the family, also a copy to the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. E. H. Clark, pastor Albert Chapel; J. T. Harrell, pastor Zachary M. E. church; L. R. Purnell, secretary.

Zachary, La.—Harry Catherine, aged 19 years, 10 months and 10 days died Dec. 5. A few days ago he was accidentally shot in the foot by one of his young friends and to save his life it was amputated the 2d inst. But after much suffering he died. We sympathize with the parents in the loss this, their son. His remains were laid to rest in the Springfield cemetery until the resurrection.

E. H. Clark, Pastor.

UNITED FOR LIFE

Aberdeen, Miss.—Mr. Steve Galberth and Miss Willie Ann Donaldson were united in the bonds of matrimony Dec.

3, 1903, at the home of the bride's father. Several friends witnessed the ceremony. Many and valuable were the presents received. The groom is a popular young man, holding a responsible position in one of the dry goods houses of this place. The bride is an ex-student of Tuskegee, and possesses the characteristics requisite to make home happy. Both are active members of the St. Paul M. E. Church. They left for Birmingham, Ala., where they will remain until after the holidays. They will make this their future home. It is the sincere hope of their many friends that their sail upon the matrimonial sea will be perfectly smooth. Rev. J. G. Monroe officiated.

New Orleans, La.—Mr. David Cooper and Miss Nora C. Jackson were joined in the bonds of matrimony Dec. 14, 1903, at the residence of the bride's parents. The presence of many friends graced the occasion. J. A. Tircuit officiated.

Vicksburg, Miss.—At the parsonage of the M. E. Church Mr. Joseph Brickly was married to Miss Viny Miley, Oct. 22, 1903. At the residence of the bride, Mr. Harry Dandridge to Mrs. Emma Goodman. M. White officiated.

Brookhaven, Miss.—On the 30th day of November Mr. E. D. Anderson and Miss Rosa Lee were united in holy wedlock, at the bride's home. Mr. Anderson is one of Brookhaven's highly respected young men. The bride is a faithful member of the A. M. E. Church. May the Lord continue to bless them. P. H. Rembert officiated.

Goodman, Miss.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Nov. 29, Mr. Levi Dickens and Miss Sallie Harris were married. Also Mr. Henry Archer and Miss Addie Ambrose, Dec. 10. Both brides are members of Georgeville M. E. Church. May God bless these young people. S. D. Troupe officiated.

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Mrs. J. C. Johnson, who has for several years resided in Fort Worth, Tex., is again in this city, her home of former years. She will be, during the remainder of the winter, at the home of her sister, No. 335 Bourbon street. Mrs. Johnson gave us a pleasant call last week and renewed her subscription to the SOUTHWESTERN.

A local chapter of the Brotherhood of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized at Wesley Chapel, of which Rev. T. J. Johnson is pastor, Dec. 16. The following are the officers: Messrs. Allen E. Goins, president; A. A. Thomas, vice-president; John Watts, secretary; Robert W. Williams, treasurer; Prof. A. R. Ricard, corresponding secretary. Great things are expected from this chapter of the old historic church.

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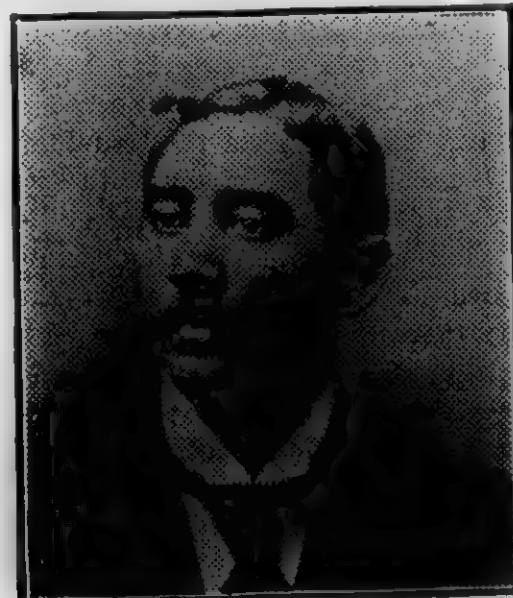
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Editorial Notes

You be the first to renew your subscription in January.

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It is declared by those who claim to know that the great prosperity of the South is due to her cotton crop. This being true every Negro farmer may congratulate himself on the fact that he has assisted in bringing about this happy condition of affairs.

Who will deliver us from the everlasting talker in the pulpit? From him who tho he preach a good sermon will announce and talk and talk and announce till everybody present wishes he was somewhere else. We pity the long talker and we pity his congregation.

Any people, that speak out as freely on almost all subjects as do the people of the South ought not to deny any man perfect freedom to declare his opinions. And yet strange to say those newspapers, especially, that are most radical and erratic in asserting their views have denounced Prof. Bassette, of Trinity College for declaring Booker Washington the greatest man save Gen. Robt. E. Lee, that this country has produced in a hundred years, more bitterly than any others.

Amite, Lincoln and Franklin Counties, in Mississippi, are still being raided by whitecaps. Within the last few weeks, two prosperous and peaceable colored farmers have been killed by them. No doubt some few white citizens have been trying to break them up, but others have been unconcerned. But now that the banks and mortgage companies which usually advance money for the farmers have refused to let out any money because affairs are so unsettled, it looks as tho the whitecappers will have to give up business or go without money to make their crops; of course they will stop for the present.

Some of the Southern papers are constantly calling the attention of Railroad Commissioners to discriminations on the part of some railroads in favor of and against certain classes of freight hauled by them. The idea seems to be to prevent one class of patrons from having the advantage of the other. We dare say this is all right as far as it goes, but they should also call attention to equally glaring discriminations in the passenger traffic. On some of our Southern roads the colored passenger is charged first-class fare, the same as is paid by the white passenger, when the company selling the ticket knows he is not to enjoy first-class passage in any sense. It is a violation of a contract and thoroughly unjust, but cannot be rectified except by the assistance of those in whose favor the discrimination is made.

What of the Negro's Future

Some weeks ago, we had a letter from a subscriber in Georgia, written in the midst of that terrible outburst against the Negro, that seemed at the time to be sweeping the entire country, from which the following is taken:

"Dear Dr. Scott:

I have been a regular reader of the SOUTHWESTERN during your editorial management of it, and have felt a great interest in whatever you say touching the race question. I have always warmly approved all sentiments expressed by you, and it seems that my spirit has been interwoven somehow with yours, so that when your writings indicate that you are hopeful I feel cheerful, and when it is the opposite (altho you may seem to put on an encouraging front) I feel dull and discouraged. * * * Doctor, I am compelled to ask you, what are we to do? Is it not possible that ere long wholesale slaughtering will set in all over the country, just as the mob's burning, etc., has spread over it? * * * The meanness of the South seemingly reaches the North and West, and gets a foothold, but the counter spirit of goodness of those sections seems to have no influence in the South. What are we to do?"

We quote thus freely from this letter, as a fair sample of many we receive along the same line, and to indicate the trend of thought among many of our people. At the same time it serves as a legitimate basis for what we have in mind to say to our readers on this closing day of the year.

The writer asserts that he has been helped by the cheerful tone of our editorials, which is extremely gratifying to us. At the same time, we are pleased to say to him and to others who may be interested, that we have always written as we felt and believed. We believe confidently and with all our heart that the black man's future in this country, like that of every other citizen, is largely in his own hands. If he consent, in a land where even the most lowly, in spite of adverse circumstances constantly rise to respectability and comfort; if he consent, we repeat, to believe that he is the one man, the marked man, who cannot thus triumph he will do exactly what some desire to have him do. And not only so, but he will hamper himself by ceasing to try; then of course failure is inevitable and certain.

We are not unmindful of the fact that the agitators against the race have increased during the past year and that no little unfriendly sentiment has been formed. Some friends we have lost, and others have lost their bearing as it were, and become doubters so to speak, as to the Negro's future. For us to say that these agitations are largely for political purposes and that conditions either North or South are not as bad as it is sought to make the world believe, does not relieve the situation a great deal, tho it is true. Nevertheless, in spite of these things it is not all dark. While some friends have weakened, others, and some of them are in the South, have seen the necessity of standing all the more bravely for right and righteousness. Then too the extremists have made friends for us. They have

been bitter in their denunciations of the Negro, but no man or set of men can "fool all the people all the time." Their insincerity has been discovered by many. The best people of this country do not believe the Negro a savage or a brute, and they have no thought that it is necessary to arm themselves to go gunning for him.

Another result of the agitation is that the black man's pace is being quickened, North and South; he is realizing more than ever the necessity for vigilance as to his interests and that much depends upon his own efforts. He's got to help himself and he knows it, and is trying to do so as never before. He's got to stand aloof from the bad element of his race, and invite them to come up to him if they desire to be with him; he's got to accumulate property, go into business and do everything honorable that others are doing; he's got to contend for his rights in the courts of the land and use those wisely that he is permitted to enjoy. In short, he's got to make a place for himself to stand, and there will always be some friend near by to encourage and help him to stand. The thinking Negro realizes this and is adjusting himself to the situation.

In conclusion, we are hopeful because we do not believe that God has turned the world over to the extremists and a few fiery newspapers to run; we are hopeful because the best people of the land are awaking to the fact that they cannot afford to have them run it, and because the United States cannot afford to retrograde in Christian civilization when all the world seems striving to advance. We are hopeful and desire the people to be; but meanwhile we trust they may continue to press their suit before the court of heaven and the best people of the land, North and South.

Make a New and Better Record This Year

The Old Year is about gone; now what do you propose to do? Do you not wish you could take a great sponge and erase somethings from the record made? Not everything of course, but somethings. Well, you cannot do that exactly, but you can do better than that. Our heavenly Father has so arranged that each one thus concerned can do his part toward atoning for the past. To blot out that past record would be self-satisfying, but it might not assist others; it is better to begin the New Year using the mistakes of the past to warn you of the danger pits along life's pathway, and let the good you accomplish for yourself and for others atone as far as they may for those mistakes. Thus you will not only satisfy yourself but you will greatly help others. While you may not rub them away you can live them away. You can live so that others will forget them, and you will feel better by far than if you had simply blotted them out without mending your ways. Make this New Year, day by day, the very best you have lived. Begin by improving yourself in every way possible, and then help the individual next to you. Live down the bad of the past by doing all the good you can in future.

Our Contributors

Emancipation Day

I.

Great God! What is this news I hear that comes from up above?
Can it be that blest message to announce the Saviour's love?
Can it be true that from this day no shackles more shall bind
These hands and feet God gave to me to serve Him and mankind?
Can it be true that I no more shall bow to any knave
Whose skin perchance is white, and mine is black—marked thus a slave?

II.

Thank God! The mighty day hath dawned, the day of liberty,
The day when ev'ry Star and Stripe proclaim that we are free!
When Northern States and Southern, glad the civil strife is o'er,
Accept the situation and declare the slave's no more;
New England, reaching forth her hand to grasp the mighty West,
Exclaims, Hurrah for Freedom in the land our fathers blest!

III.

The sturdy Sons of ancient Ham, once bowed in slav'ry's chain,
May rise and shout till sun and moon no more shall wax and wane:
Hurrah for Freedom in our land! Again we say, hurrah!
No more shall North, South, East and West go forth to cruel war;
No more shall this great land of ours, once the poor bondsman's hell,
Hear distant bloodhounds baying, or the slaver's frightful yell.

IV.

God bless the day when bondage passed forever from the land,
God bless th' immortal hand that signed: "No Slav'ry on Our Strand."
Ten million freemen raise their voice and shout from sea to sea,
Praise God for Mr. Lincoln! Praise Him that we are free;
Praise Him that, forty years ago, the nation, half enslaved,
Threw off her filthy bondage rags—her honor thus she saved.

V.

Her statesmen saw the fearful rock that sundered ancient Rome;
They saw our grand Old Ship of State hurled onward to her doom;
They sought with all their might and main to stem the heaving tide,
Called from the woods of Illinois her Chieftain for their Guide;
And when the dreaded shock came on, when doom had been decreed,
Mr. Lincoln's voice pealed in the storm: *The Slave must now be freed!*

VI.

'Twas done—the great Salvation that hath made four million slaves
Stand up, shake off their bondage, fill th' heavenly architraves
With praises to the God of Hosts for men like Garrison,
Like Phillips, Frederick Douglass, and like Abraham Lincoln:
Those gallant braves whose mighty deeds, forever in our land,
Point this and coming ages to the heights 'pon which they stand.

VII.

Great God! the day is dawning when the shackles from the mind
Shall burst; Messiah's teachings are dispensed to all mankind.
The Sons of Ham and Japheth and Shem drink from the same fount,
And rally to the mandates of the Lord upon the Mount;
Each morn sees some new problem, but each eve lights up the sky
With Justice, Truth and Freedom that were not born to die.

W. H. CLARKE, A. M.,
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The First Effective Proclamation of Freedom

BY REV. H. D. FISHER, IN EPWORTH HERALD.

The battle of Wilson Creek, Mo., resulted on Aug. 10, 1861, in the death of General Lyon and the defeat of the Union army by the Confederates under command of Generals Price, Rains, and Slack. Flushed with victory, they marched for Fort Scott, Kan., to capture valuable quartermaster's stores, ordnance, and ammunition there stored for the army of the frontier.

Gen. J. H. Lane was authorized to raise troops and proceed on forced march to Fort Scott, to prevent the capture of these stores and to protect Kansas from invasion. He met the enemy at Drywood, drove them into Missouri, and followed close after them toward the Ozark Mountains.

In the march of these armies all subsistence was consumed, and the few whites and the many slaves were left almost starving. These followed Lane's army to Springfield, Mo., where General Fremont had congregated a large Union force. Hundreds of slaves were there to be fed and cared for.

General Hunter superseded Fremont, and ordered the main army to St. Louis and General Lane back to guard the border.

All the slaves and many white refugees followed Lane's little army on the march to Kansas. Price and his large army followed Lane, to capture his men and stop the slaves and refugees from reaching Kansas. General Coffee, with a large party of guerillas, hung on our left flank, and Ransom, with another large party, flanked us on the right, to hinder our march in every possible manner.

In order to save the poor slaves from being massacred or from starvation, General Lane ordered myself and two other chaplains to take charge of the slaves, take them to Kansas, find work and homes for them, and report to headquarters.

Since Moses left Egypt there never was such a motley caravan nor such a nondescript outfit taken out of slavery. Pen fails to describe the conveyances and dunnage from the Negro cabins. I armed thirty of the black men as guards (the first black soldiers of the war), and we traveled day and night, having nothing to eat. But we were marching for freedom.

Early one September morning in 1861 we crossed the line into Kansas. The other chaplains struck out to get breakfast at a farmhouse a mile or more away from the road.

I drew the whole caravan, numbering over a thousand, up in close order, and, raising myself in the stirrups of my saddle, on my long-legged warhorse, I proclaimed: "By the authority of the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States of America, and in the name of Gen. J. H. Lane, these people are and shall be forever free."

Such shouting you never heard!

I made that proclamation stick. (That was the first week in September, 1861.) In order to do so we changed the name of every man, woman, and child among them. We obliterated forever the old plantation names, and many now in Kansas hold land in and vote over the names then given them.

What Best Can We, as a Race, Do to Decrease the Mortality Among Us?

BY REV. R. F. LONG.

Human nature is the same to-day as it was when Adam walked the beautiful paths in the Garden of Eden.

The object of this article is to lay before the intelligent leaders of our people some practical suggestions that might serve to some purpose in helping to save, as it were, a people.

It seems that it is high time that every pastor, presiding elder, teacher, editor, or others who stand as leaders for the people, should begin to cast about for some plan whereby the great mortality among our people might be reduced.

Doubtless our physicians could give, in lengthy articles, many causes for so many of our young men and women "dropping off," but is it not a fact that we can look around us and see the causes?

I shall attempt to give here some of the causes, the REMEDY of which lies within our own reach. We shall find on observation that:

(1) Our young people are (as a rule) living *too fast* a life; and

(2) They are not living the higher life in a degree sufficient to warrant longevity.

(3) They do not sleep enough.

Before I shall attempt to prove my assertions along these lines, let us see among whom, or what class or classes of our people fall victims to death early.

Statistics show that the greater number of our people live in country districts, but that the majority of deaths is in cities. That being the case, let us look into the city life lead by our young people.

To start with we find the city Negro divided into three classes, viz: (1) The well-to-do, or self-sustaining class; (2) the laboring class, and (3) the worthless class.

Of the first, there are few, but it seems that the Black Camel kneels at their gates about as often as does he at the gates of the second and third classes. The cause might well be attributed to the "fast life" in one sense of the word. Observe: Sunday nights they are at church until a late (and in most places *very* late) hour; Monday nights the club calls them; Tuesday nights the circle (another club); Wednesday nights, company calls and remains until after hours; Thursday nights, a social and Friday and Saturday nights—well, just any thing rather than go to bed on time.

Our laboring people. You will find that they put in Sunday, Friday and Saturday nights as do the class just mentioned. Monday nights the lodge calls them; Tuesday nights, the committees, and Wednesday nights, back to the "hall."

It is plainly seen, then, that both classes are losing sleep. The city Negro goes to bed—say at 11:30 o'clock p. m.—that is his average.

The laboring Negro rises about 5:30 a. m. on an average; this gives him six hours' sleep, from ten to twelve hours' work, and no recreation. The laboring class start their children to work at about twelve years of age, city and country (this is the average).

Let us take the city Negro at 36 years of age. He sleeps only one-fourth of his time, or six years. Remember when he is 36 years old he has been working 24 years. He should have slept one-third of the time, or 8 years. See him! He takes from his vitality two years of rest. It takes some skilled physician to say what two years of rest mean to a person between the age of twelve and thirty-six. The muscles have lost 730 days' rest, the brain cells, etc., have lost 17,520 hours of needed rest! The heart has been forced to beat 74,635,200 times under extra pressure! Can we wonder then at the results?

Now for the third class—the worthless Negro. Is he counted? Yes; statistics count every Negro

who dies. This class subsists principally on what they "catch." They eat *whatever* they can and *whenever* they can. They live anywhere and anyhow. In dingy hovels, open huts, dirty alleys, you will find them. To him, as a rule, clean clothes and a clean skin are strangers. Under these circumstances, he is bound to fall a victim to sickness, and nine times out of ten to death; another reason is, he is not able to summon medical assistance.

As to the Negro in the rural districts, he might be looked at just a little differently.

I have tried to give some of the CAUSES for the mortality among our people, and now for the remedy.

Let us teach to do by doing. I claim that every leader—preacher, teacher, Epworth League president, presiding elder, and in fact every man or woman who wields any influence, can do something to aid in an undertaking so humane as up-building the race vitally. How?

(1) As suggested above, let us teach to do by doing ourselves.

(2) Let every preacher or public speaker make it his duty to thunder against the social evils which tend to drag our people down. Just here lies the burden. "Like priest, like people." Remember that the Negro is, to a large extent, influenced by what he hears from the pulpit.

(3) Let us start our services *on time* and dismiss *on time*.

As to Epworth League presidents, etc., you are leading a great army of young people who are looking to you for proper instruction. Let 1904 be a campaign year against social evils, from start to finish. Agitate! Agitate!! Agitate!!!

(4) Let every mother and father raise the cry against dancing parties, *late hours*, etc.

(5) Let our young men and women write prose and poetry against the evils which drag our people downward.

Let us rise in arms for the year 1904, in one solid phalanx against the foregoing evils and the statistics of 1910 will present to the people of the world quite a different picture.

Monroe, La.

How Can the Lives of Young and Old be Made to Harmonize to the Greatest Good of Both

BY MISS CARRIE SOUTHGATE.

Among the many ways by which the lives of young and old may be harmonized, is one which is the surest of all true harmony, and that is that the hearts of both be filled with the love of God. No human being can come into this world without increasing or diminishing the happiness of the present or of every subsequent age of humanity. Since this is true, if there are no joys like the joys of youth or the thrill of a first ambition, God's great mercy has also provided that there is no anguish like youth's pain; and the greatest good of a life, either young or old, is sharing the joy and sorrow of others.

Some one has said, "Nature holds for each of us all that we need to make us useful and happy, but requires us to labor for all we get." We can not expect to overcome difficulty simply by strong and determined efforts; we need to do something each day that shall help us to to a larger life of soul. Every word or deed which brings joy or gladness to other hearts lifts us nearer to a perfect life, to a life in which the best has been made of all the materials granted to it. Through such a life the hand of the great Designer can be plainly traced, whether its pattern be clear or clouded. Such a life is not a life to be pitied; it is a completed life. It has fulfilled its appointed course

and returns to the Giver of life pure as he gave it; nor will he forget it when he counts up his jewels.

Duty rounds out the whole of life from our entrance into it until our exit from it. It is the duty of the young to seek the society of the old, be guided by their judgment, and appreciate the interest that is taken in their welfare. They should show this appreciation by repressing all evil thoughts and actions, and by doing all that will lead to a purer and nobler life.

Life is the school that fits us for heaven, since this be true a human being should improve with every day of a lifetime, so that when the evening of life shall come he will not look back upon a misspent morning of life. No life is complete without charity, kindness and courage. Kindness is the music of good will to men and on this harp the smallest fingers can play heaven's sweetest tunes on earth. It is the law of life, the link that connects earth with heaven, wherewith we purchase peace, contentment and love.

Glorious are the thoughts of the universal triumph of charity. It is a subject that commands the attention of good men and angels. When we shall have thoroughly taken up charity, sorrow and disappointment will flee away; peace, sunshine and joy will embellish life.

Courage consists in being resolutely minded in a just cause. It is not confined to the battlefield. There are struggles with habits, appetites or passion, all of which require as much courage and perseverance as an encounter in battle. The greater part of courage that is needed in this life is courage to resist temptation, to be honest, to speak truthfully and live honestly within our own means, and not dishonestly upon the means of others. These are the constant elements of a good life.

One of the pleasures of growing old is to take an interest in the marvelous government of the universe, to elicit good out of apparent evil and in clearing away the knots in tangled destinies, general or individual. One writer has said to "grow old gracefully is a good and beautiful thing; to grow old worthily is better, and the first effort to that end is to become reconciled to the fact of youth's departure; and we will find that winter when it arrives is not less pleasant than the other seasons of the year, but abounds with consolation and even delights." Especially is this true of those whose lives have been such as to bring about harmony between the young and old. May Heaven's choicest blessing rest upon the older people who would help the young and may their declining years be happy and full of joy. As a result of this harmony may the record of both the young and old go to the future richly laden with good reports.

Falmouth, Ky.

The Wesley Brotherhood—The Brotherhood of the Methodist Episcopal Church

Some years ago a number of pre-existing brotherhoods came together in response to a general invitation in order to form a single brotherhood for the entire denomination. This united brotherhood, which was called "The Brotherhood of the Methodist Episcopal Church," which has spread from ocean to ocean and is found in many Annual Conferences, held its annual convention in the St. Paul's Church, New York City, on Thursday, the third of December.

At this convention much important business was transacted. One action related to the title of the organization. Its title was "The Brotherhood of the Methodist Episcopal Church," a compre-

hensive title which permitted the chapters to bear various local names. This broad title truly expressed the object of the united brotherhoods which was a merger of the oldest brotherhood organization in the Church in order to give the whole Church a single brotherhood, just as pre-existing young people's societies came together and formed the Epworth League. For this purpose the several brotherhoods gave up their separate existence.

The recent convention decided that the title, "The Brotherhood of the Methodist Episcopal Church," was expressive and accurate and should be retained, but that it would be an advantage to use in connection therewith a briefer title which would be more convenient for ordinary use. So, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the convention unanimously decided to use the title "The Wesley Brotherhood" in connection with the title "The Brotherhood of the Methodist Episcopal Church," thus making the full and legal title: "The Wesley Brotherhood—The Brotherhood of the Methodist Episcopal Church," though doubtless the shorter title will be more generally used in referring to the organization.

In the name, "Wesley Brotherhood," there is a distinctive indication of the ecclesiastical family to which the body belongs, and the name furnishes a title which may very appropriately be adopted by any branch of Methodism for a similar organization. As the followers of John Wesley in Great Britain use the title Wesley Guild as equivalent to the American Epworth League, so they could use the title "The Wesley Brotherhood" to designate their organization of men to work for men, and the same could be done in Canada and by other Methodist bodies in the United States. Further, by this title the founder of Methodism will be honored, a very proper thing to do, especially in this Wesley Bi-Centennial year.

The convention decided to extend an invitation to all men's organizations in the Church, no matter by what name they may desire to be known, to come into relationship with this Brotherhood, providing they will take up that which is essentially brotherhood work, such as inviting and bringing men to the church service. If they do this, they may add such other features as may suit their convenience.

The convention also recommended the organization of Junior Chapters of the Brotherhood wherever such organizations are deemed desirable.

The convention was characterized by a hopeful and enthusiastic spirit and good reports of the spread of the Brotherhood were received from all directions.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. Thomas B. Neely, D. D., 150 Fifth avenue, New York City. General Vice-Presidents: Vice-President Emeritus, Rev. A. B. Kendig, D. D., Brookline, Mass.; First Vice-President, Rev. John Handley, D. D., Long Branch City, N. J.; Second Vice-President (to be designated later); Honorary Vice-Presidents, the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Gladstone Holm, Royersford, Pennsylvania; Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. H. Meyer, B. D., Madison, N. J.; Recording Secretary, Mr. John Snideker, Bloomfield, N. J.; Treasurer, Mr. C. C. Koons, East Orange, N. J. Executive Committee: the officers and Rev. J. B. Armstrong, Troy, N. Y.; Rev. J. P. Miller, D. D., Darby, Penna.; Rev. G. Bickley Burns, Ph. D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. G. P. Eckman, D. D., New York City, and Rev. W. W. Eaton, Cohoes, N. Y.

Mobile Conference

The third session of the above named conference convened in the St. Paul M. E. Church, Union Springs, Ala., Dec. 17, 1903, with Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, D. D., LL. D., presiding. W. H. Jordon, assistant secretary of the last conference, called the roll, to which nearly all the members responded. Revs. N. H. Speight, D. D., J. L. Speight and H. C. Nimrod having passed into the great beyond.

G. W. Lewis was elected secretary, with S. D. Davis and W. H. Jordon assistants. H. N. Brown was elected statistical secretary, with C. L. Dunn and J. T. Martin assistants. L. D. Williams was elected treasurer, with P. G. Goin and J. A. Holiday assistants. The following representatives of the church were introduced to the conference: Mrs. A. M. Waters, representing the SOUTHWESTERN; Drs. G. G. Logan of the Missionary Society, D. Lee Aultman of the Western Book Concern, and I. Garland Penn of the Epworth League. Each of these addressed the conference in the interest of the work represented. Revs. E. M. Jones, B. D., and W. H. Nelson, Ph. D., of the Central Alabama conference, were introduced. On the 18th, second day of the conference, eight ballots were taken for delegate and reserve delegate to the General Conference, which resulted in the election of A. W. McKinney, presiding elder of the Montgomery District as delegate, and F. L. Teague, presiding elder of the Opelika District, as reserve delegate.

The lay conference elected Dr. H. Rodger Williams of Mobile as delegate and Dr. D. H. C. Scott of Montgomery as reserve delegate. Both of these are fine products of Negro young men; each enjoys a large practice, has considerable property and is strong intellectually and morally. It is hard to say who is the fittest.

The laymen organized an association with Prof. P. P. Wright of Opelika, Ala., President; Prof. W. Hayes McKinney of Pensacola, Fla., Secretary; Dr. H. Rodger Williams of Mobile, Corresponding Secretary, and Dr. D. H. C. Scott, Montgomery, Ala., Treasurer.

Bros. J. C. Chuman and W. D. Darius were ordained elders and G. W. Elder was ordained a deacon.

J. H. Parker's orders were recognized as an elder, he having come to our church from the A. M. E. Zion Church.

The conference raised for benevolences alone one thousand and seventy dollars, which was an increase over last year. There was a healthy increase in membership. About \$20.00 was raised for the Epworth League. A good number of the membership paid one dollar for missions. Eleven o'clock Sunday, the bishop preached a great sermon. Bishop Foss is a lovely man and an ideal bishop. His administration was just grand. All the addresses of the representatives were of a high order and much lasting good was accomplished. Brother Darius and his people entertained the conference grandly. Bro. F. J. Brown was placed in the supernumerary relation.

Pensacola, Fla., was chosen the seat of the next session of the conference. X. Y. Z.

The appointments follow:

MARION DISTRICT.

H. N. Brown, presiding elder, Opelika. Allen and Scotts, supplied by R. H. Cox; Eutaw and Springfield, J. T. Martin; Gainesville, R. L. Cobb; Jackson Chapel and St. Peter's, J. W. Knox; Marion, G. W. Staples; Mt. Hebron, Dennis Herron; Mt. Sterling, S. H. Veil; Newbern and Antioch, S. D. Davis; Oak Grove, W. L. Darius; Oldtown, J. A. Knox; Selma, E. Frazier; Union and St. Paul, Ellis Williams.

OPELIKA DISTRICT.

F. L. Teague, presiding elder, Montgomery. Alexander City, R. E. L. Beasley; Alexander City Circuit, G. W. Elder; Bethel and Eclectic, W. H. Jordon; Camphill, R. H. Flemming; Central, to be supplied; Dadeville, J. A. Holiday; Fivepoints, A. R. Helvingston; Kellyton, J. T. Willis; Lafayette, C. L. Dunn; Lafayette Circuit, J. H. Parker; Lanette, S. J. Jordon; Lomax, to be supplied; Opelika, G. W. Sewell; Rivers and Malleys, W. E. Smith; Shiloh, W. O. Pearson; West Opelika and Auburn, supplied by W. H. Harrison; Wetumpka, N. H. Rederick.

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT.

A. W. McKinney, presiding elder, Mobile. Aberfoil, Cain Rodgers; Brewton and Pollard, G. W. Winn; Castleberry, F. F. Owen; Flomaton and Century, supplied by J. G. Scott; Greenville, to be supplied; Mobile, Warren Street, P. G. Goin; Mobile, Wesley Chapel and Theodore, R. L. Perkins; Montgomery, L. D. Williams; Mt. Vernon and Tensaw, J. W. Williams; Pensacola, Fla., G. W. Lewis; Union Springs, Osborn Nelson; Whistler, to be supplied; Evergreen and Sandbon, J. C. Chuman; Troy, A. A. Robinson; Booth, Jatt Ellis.

Life of Faith**THE NEW YEAR.**

The clock struck twelve in the tall church tower,
And the old year slipped away,
To be lost in the crowd of phantom years
In the House of Dreams that stay
All wrapped in their cloaks of gray.

Then swift and sweet o'er the door's worn sill
Came the youngest Child of Time,
With a gay little bow and a merry laugh,
And a voice like bells a-chime,
Challenging frost and rime.

He found there was plenty for him to do,
The strong and the weak were here,
And both held out their hands to him,
And gave him greetings dear,
The beautiful young New Year.

"You must bring us better days," they said;
"The Old Year was a cheat."
Which I think was mean when the year was dead;
Such fate do dead years meet,
To be spurned by scornful feet!

"I bring you the best a year can bring,"
The newcomer stoutly spake;
"The chance of work, the gift of trust,
And the bread of love to break,
If but my gifts you'll take."

The noblest thing a year can lay
In the lap of you or me,
The brave New Year has brought this day,
It is Opportunity,
Which the wise are quick to see.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

Good habits are not made on birthdays nor Christian character at the new year. The workshop of character is every-day life. The uneventful and commonplace hour is where the battle is lost or won.—Mattie D. Babcock.

Here, in this solemn hour, I raise
My heart to Thee
In thankful praise
For all the good that crowned my days
Throughout the old year, gone!
Unto the new I cannot see,
I know not what
I'll bring to me,
I only know Thou lovest me
And still will lead me on.
—Warren Lamport, in *Zion's Herald*.

On the threshold of the new year we talk of the words that were spoken, the deeds that were done, the lives that were lived—"Oh, they were last year!" as if they were so far away in time as to lose their significance, yet they do but touch the farther side of an invisible line. While the old year's twilight deepens into the darkness that precedes the dawn, we cheer ourselves with the promise of what we are to do and get and be in the morning of the new year. It may be only a sentiment, this "great transition" out of the old into the new, but it is very real that something

has ended and something begun; and whether we will or no, there is the conscious or unconscious taking account of stock—a glance backward and a glance forward. It is good to have these summits along life's journey, where we can pause for a little and look back over the course we have come, and prospect the course we are to take; to greet one another here on the heights while yet the spirit of Christmas lingers in our hearts and bid Godspeed as we turn our faces from the old to the new. The old has been rich in achievement of experience, if nothing else, and though that be our only capital, yet do we face the new with brave hearts and cheerful faces.—*Universalist Leader*.

Do our very best; there will come days of varied import during the new year just upon us. Some will enter upon it with eyes bright and hopeful, hearts strong and brave. We bid them good cheer. We could pray for joy and success in unstinted measure for all whom the dear Lord will largely bless and keep free from loss or pain. There are years of exemption from loss or sorrow for most of us; hope that this may be one of your fair years; it will be for the best. Then there are those who enter upon the new days and months with eyes cast down, and hearts so burdened with what the past months have brought as to wonder how they are going to live through the year without—alas! that last word means so much—"without" the dear comforting presence that has been withdrawn. Always and forever there are those of us whose hearts will be exceeding tender toward those who mourn. The world forgets our grief full soon; it *has* to. Its myriad interests crowding ever thicker and faster make it unsympathetic and forgetful; but remember,

"The sorrow that nobody mentions,
The sorrow no one may share,
Is the sorrow the dear Lord giveth
His sweetest, tenderest care."

Only believe that, and comfort will come stealing in, helping you to bear. If it comes slowly, yet open the heart to receive it, knowing the dear Lord *does* care.—*Zion's Herald*.

Woman's Dominion**THE PASSING YEARS.**

They're passing away, these swift, sweet years,
Like a leaf on the current cast;
With never a break in the rapid flow,
We watch them as one by one they go
Into the beautiful past.

As light as the beautiful thistle-down,
As fond as a lover's dream,
As pure as the flush in the sea-shell's throat,
As sweet as the wood-bird's wooing note,
So tender and sweet they seem.

One after another we see them pass
Down the dim-lighted stair;
We hear the sound of their steady tread
In the steps of centuries long since dead,
As beautiful and as fair.

There are only a few years yet to love;
Shall we waste them in idle strife?
Shall we trample under our ruthless feet
These beautiful blossoms rare and sweet,
By the dusty ways of life?

There are only a few swift years. Oh, let
No envious taunts be heard;
Make life's fair pattern of rare design,
And fill up the measure with love's sweet wine,
But never an angry word.

—New York Dispatch.

Bishop Goodsell Consecrates a Deaconess at Wiley Memorial, Chattanooga, Tenn.

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14th, a very impressive service was held in Wiley Memorial Church consisting of the consecration of Miss Hermina Leonard to the office of Deaconess. As

such a service had never before been witnessed in any church in Chattanooga, it was calculated to attract a large and interested audience. By 3:30 o'clock the church was well filled with an appreciative congregation. The opening hymn was announced by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Tate. Prayer was offered by Dr. Newcomb of Grant University. The choir then rendered an appropriate anthem. Bishop Goodsell delivered an address in which he gave the origin and history of the office of Deaconess. In speaking of the Deaconess work in the Methodist Episcopal Church he related touching incidents which he had seen of womanly sacrifice and Christian heroism by the godly women who have given themselves to the work of Deaconess. The address was instructive and wonderfully pathetic, the entire audience being moved by the eloquence and spiritual power of the bishop's utterances. At the conclusion of the address the congregation was led in the responsive service by the Rev. Luther Freeman, D. D., pastor of Trinity M. E. Church. Rev. J. W. Tate presented the candidate for consecration. The questions were asked by the bishop and answered by Miss Leonard with a clear and audible voice. The congregation engaged in brief season of silent prayer, then united in singing hymn commencing

"Take my life and let it be
"Consecrated, Lord, to thee,"

following which Bishop Goodsell touchingly and impressively performed the rite of consecration admitting Miss Leonard to the office of Deaconess. The garb of her office was put on her by Mrs. J. B. L. Williams, and the beautiful and impressive service was closed with prayer by J. B. L. Williams, presiding elder. Miss Leonard came from the West Indies to America ten years ago and was received into the Ebenezer M. E. Church in Jacksonville, Fla., by J. B. L. Williams, who was at that time pastor. She brought an excellent recommendation from her pastor in the West Indies. She soon proved to be one of the most active members in the church in social, literary and religious work. She comes to Wiley Memorial Church from the M. E. Church in Orange, New Jersey, and brings with her letters of strong commendation from that church, the Deaconess board of the Delaware Conference and the Women's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church. She enters upon her work with cheerfulness of spirit and hopefulness of purpose. Wiley Memorial is to be congratulated on obtaining such an invaluable helper in church work. Rev. J. W. Tate is doing a splendid work at Wiley Memorial and has won the affection of his people and those of other churches. He is an earnest, eloquent and instructive preacher and a faithful pastor.

J. B. L. WILLIAMS.

Mistakes of Women

One of the mistakes of women is not knowing how to eat. If a man is not to be fed when she is, she thinks a cup of tea and anything handy is good enough. If she needs to save money, she does it at the butcher's cost. If she is busy, she will not waste time in eating. If she is unhappy, she goes without food. A man eats if the sheriff is at the door, if his work drives, if the undertaker interrupts; and he is right. A woman will choose ice cream instead of beefsteak, and a man will not.

Another of her mistakes is in not knowing when to rest. If she is tired, she may sit down, but she will darn stockings, crochet shawls, embroider doilies. Doesn't she know that hard work tires? If she is exhausted, she will write letters or figure her accounts. She would laugh at you if you hinted that reading or writing could fail to rest

her. All over the country women's hospitals flourish because women do not know how to rest.

Another mistake on the list is their constant worrying. Worry and hurry are their enemies, and yet they hug them to their bosoms. Women cross bridges before they come to them, and even build bridges to cross. They imagine misfortune, and run out to meet it.

Women are not jolly enough. They make too serious business of life, and laugh at its little humors too seldom. Men can stop in the midst of perplexities and have a hearty laugh. It keeps them young. Women can not, and that is one reason why they fade so early—there are other reasons, but we will pass them now. Worry not only wrinkles the face, but it wrinkles and withers the mind. Have a hearty laugh once in a while; it is a good antiseptic, and will purify the mental atmosphere, drive away evil imaginings, bad temper, and other ills.—*Buffalo Times.*

Sunday School Helps

By REV. G. N. JOLLY, D. D.

Lesson II—January 26th, 1904. Title—"The Preaching of John the Baptist." (Matt. 3: 1-12). Golden Text—"Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." (Matt. 3: 2). Time—A. D. 26. Place—Wilderness of Judea.

(Verse 3.) *The prophets foretold the coming of John the Baptist.* Isaiah spoke of him as "the voice of one crying in the wilderness." (Isa. 40: 3.) The voice; the person is or seems to be out of sight. There was no desire on John's part to be seen, but great anxiety to be heard and obeyed. So it should be with the minister. The voice of one, an individual, a person, a simple man. John stood solitary and alone. So did Elijah before the prophets of Baal. Jesus tread the wine press alone. The minister often has to stand against the majority. The voice of one crying. John was not a mild preacher. He "cried aloud, and spared not; he lifted up his voice like a trumpet, and showed the house of Jacob their sins." (Isa. 58: 1.) He preached on the style of an exhorter. Over-carefulness in articulation, and gesticulation sometimes takes the spirit out of preaching. The voice of one crying in the wilderness; not in the crowded city, or densely populated country, but in a barren, sparsely settled locality. John grew up in the wild and thinly peopled region west of the Dead Sea, and began his ministry in the wilderness of Judea, between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea.

(Mark 1: 2.) Malachai also told of the coming of John, when he said: Behold, I send my messenger before thy face." (Mal. 3: 1.) These words were spoken about four hundred years before John was born. Yet in his mission he was an exact fulfillment of them. John was a pioneer, a forerunner; one who prepared the way for the Lord's Anointed. The way of the Lord is the way of the gospel, the way of the doctrines of the Bible, the way of love, joy, and peace. This way is prepared by a reformation on the part of the people.

(Verse 2.) *The burden of John's preaching was, "the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins."* He did not remit sins, neither did he baptize that sins might be remitted. The repentance was a change of mind, but it also implied a change of heart and of life. The baptism was not the purification, but the symbol of it. Both baptisms implied faith in a coming Messiah. He exhorted the people to be charitable, the publicans to be just, and the soldiers to respect the rights of others.

(Verse 2.) *The kingdom of heaven means the spiritual reign of Jesus, whether in heaven above, in the church on earth, or in the heart of man.* It is called a kingdom because it has its king, its laws, its subjects, and its territory. It is called the kingdom of heaven because it originated in heaven, came down from heaven, brings with it the joys of heaven, and takes its subjects back to heaven. This kingdom of heaven is at hand; or the spiritual reign of Jesus draws men.

(Verse 4.) *John wore a loose flowing robe made of camel's hair, and a leather girdle about his loins.* With this he likely girded up his robe when journeying. His head, hands, feet, and right arm were likely bare. They that wear soft clothing are in king's houses. He ate "locusts and wild honey." The locusts were no doubt our common grass-hoppers, dried, ground, and made into cakes. This kind of food was eaten only by the poorest people. The wild honey was like all other honey, only it was collected by wild bees. Did ever before so great a man live so much apart from the world, and on such homely diet?

(Verse 5.) There went out to John "Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan." According to historians, the population of Palestine at this time was not less than six millions. From the above language, we infer that John baptized more than half of this number. His ministry lasted a little less than one year. Never was a preacher, for the time, more successful than John. At his voice from the wilderness, the heart of the whole nation was stirred. The common people never lost their reverence for him. The rulers never dared to deny that he was a prophet. They would have been stoned if they had done so. Both sexes were baptized by him. John could hardly have immersed four millions of people in about ten months. He said: "I baptize you with water." Nothing is said about a change of raiment. Sprinkling as a mode of purification was taught in the Old Testament. From these facts, I infer that John baptized by effusion or pouring.

(Verse 7.) *The word Pharisee means separated.* They held themselves aloof from the world, and from other Jewish sects. They were strict observers of the laws of Moses, and also of many traditional laws. They taught that the world was governed by fate; that the soul was immortal; that the dead would be raised; that there were future rewards and punishments; that there were angels good and bad; that God was under obligations to them; and that they were justified on the faith of Abraham. They had many objectionable teachings and customs; yet they were by far the best denomination of the Jews.

(Verse 7.) *The Sadducees were a worldly, unbelieving sect of the Jews.* They adopted as the constitution of state the laws of Moses. Their name indicates that they were followers of Sadoc, their supposed founder, who lived in the days of Alexander the Great. They denied the immortality of the soul, the resurrection of the body, the existence of angels and of spirit. They were aristocratic in government, philosophic in profession, and ambitious of rule.

(Verses 8-10.) *These two sects were called a generation of vipers because they were sly, cunning and spiteful.* There is a wrath to come. It awaits every impenitent soul. Repentance is legal when it hates the act only, and evangelical when it hates the act and also the cause that produced it. The Jews taught that God would justify them on the faith of Abraham. The stones represent the Gentiles, and the children the spiritual Israel. Every judgment of God is an ax, and each member of the church is a tree. All who bear not fruit will be destroyed.

(Verse 11.) *Both John and Jesus were baptizers.* The one baptized with water, the other with the Holy Spirit. The baptism of John was for the body, that of Jesus was for the soul. The baptism of John signified that sins had been or would be forgiven; that of Jesus cleansed the heart from sin. The baptism of Jesus was greater than that of John in the agent, the element, and the work done. Spiritual baptism is the seal, while water baptism is the sign. The Holy Spirit was "poured out," shed forth, and fell" on the people. Let water baptism be administered in the same way.

(Verse 12.) *The fan represents the Holy Spirit, who will make a just separation between the wheat and the chaff.* The threshing floor is the church. Christ will thoroughly purge the same. The wheat represents the righteous, and the garner is a type of heaven. The chaff represents the wicked, and the fire is a figure of hell. This verse teaches the second coming of Jesus, the end of the world, the last judgment, the rewards of the good, and the punishment of the bad.

Educational

Annual Meeting of the Board of Education

The Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in annual session in the office of the Board at 150 Fifth avenue, on Thursday, Dec. 10.

Dr. King conducted the devotional exercises. The corresponding secretary, Rev. Dr. W. F. McDowell, presented his annual report, a summary of which is herewith presented:

Personal—I have first to mention the death of Bishop John Fletcher Hurst, a member of this Board, who died in the month of May. In *The Christian Student* for August a brief tribute was paid to his memory, and the Board of Education is now asked to make permanent record of its appreciation of his services not only as a member of this Board, but to the cause of Christian education in many relations.

At the recent meeting of the Board of Bishops, Bishop Charles H. Fowler was appointed a member of the Board to fill Bishop Hurst's unexpired term.

Finances—The income from Children's Day collections for the fiscal year is \$71,240.04, which is the largest collection in the history of the board. Great credit is due to the pastors, Sunday school superintendents, and contributors throughout the church for this splendid offering to our cause.

The income from returned loans is \$29,549.43. The income from interest on invested funds is \$15,958.04. The income from annuities, \$860. Making a total income from the regular sources of \$117,607.51.

Loans Made—The total number of persons aided during the school year ending in June was 1,687; the amount of money disbursed directly from the office for the school year ending June 30 was \$88,490.26; the average amount loaned to each student being \$52.45. The report for the fiscal year, which is from Dec. 1 to Dec. 1, would show a larger number of persons aided and a larger amount of money loaned. Of the students aided during the last year 704 were aided for the first time, 983 having received aid previously. The male students numbered 1,348; female students, 339. Distributed by nationalities and races they were classified as follows: American (white), 1,232; American (colored), 206; Bulgarian, 1; Canadian, 29; Chinese, 1; Danish, 3; Dutch, 1; English, 82; Finn, 3; German, 30; Irish, 8; Italian, 18; Japanese, 4; Norwegian, 15; Scotch, 11; Swedish, 35; Swiss, 4; Welsh, 4.

The geographical distribution of the beneficiaries, as indicated by the schools in which they are studying, was as follows: New England states, 218; middle states, 389; western states, 811; southern states, 235; foreign, 34.

Classified according to departments of study, aid was granted as follows: Preparatory students, 568, to the amount of \$19,453.66; collegiate students, 787, to the amount of \$43,766.16; theological students, 295, to the amount of \$20,337.44; professional students, 67, to the amount of \$4,933.

The total number of students aided from the beginning in 1873 to July, 1903, is 12,413.

This being the closing report for the quadrennium, figures are presented covering the entire four years, showing that there has been an increase in the value of buildings and grounds of the institutions of the church amounting to \$4,235,713; an increase in the endowment of institutions of \$3,537,477; and a total increase in the value of property and endowment, exclusive of

debt, of \$7,518,169, from which it will be seen that the Twentieth Century Movement actually brought to the institutions something besides mere promises. These are statistics of possessions.

There has been during the same period an increase in the number of professors and teachers amounting to 120, in the number of professional students of 1,653; an increase of 1,888 collegiate students; and an increase of 3,495 in the grand total of all students. The number reported for the school year 1903 is 50,040. There has been an increase in the annual income of the institutions of \$658,472.

The total income from the Children's Day collections for the quadrennium preceding this was \$241,160.90; for the quadrennium now closing, \$269,500.99; an increase of \$28,340.09.

The total receipts from gifts and bequests, including annuities for the preceding quadrennium, was \$16,610.84. The receipts from gifts and bequests, exclusive of annuities, for the quadrennium just closing were \$34,192.53; on annuity, \$15,400; making a total of gifts and bequests of \$49,592.53; being an increase of \$32,981.69.

The income from interest on our invested funds for the previous quadrennium was \$54,456.90; for the quadrennium now closing the income was \$61,098.12; being an increase of \$6,641.22.

The income from returned loans for the previous quadrennium was \$58,636.62; for the quadrennium now closing, \$111,198.53; being an increase of \$52,561.91.

The total income from these four sources for the quadrennium preceding this was \$370,865.26; for this quadrennium, \$491,390.17; being an increase of \$120,524.91.

The corresponding secretary recommended an appropriation of \$100,000 for the aid of students the coming year.

After carefully considering the question of consolidation of the various educational boards as proposed by the commission, the Board of Education voted unanimously against so much of the report of the commission as relates to the consolidation of the Board of Education with any other board or boards.

The board elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Bishop E. G. Andrews; Recording Secretary, William F. Anderson; Treasurer, Joseph S. Stout; Assistant Treasurer, Randolph F. Purdy.

Notes from Morgan College, Baltimore

The attendance at Morgan College has very greatly increased this year. There are now nearly 350 students enrolled in the college and its preparatory schools. The twelve trades and industries at Princess Anne Academy are well patronized and maintained. An additional teacher of domestic science has been recently secured. Dean Young at Baltimore, Principal Trigg at Princess Anne Academy and Principal Stevens at Virginia Collegiate Institute at Lynchburg, are all diligent and earnest in building up their schools. The president is in the field a large part of the time appealing to churches and individuals, in the interest of the schools.

A lecture course at Morgan College has been established, with one address delivered every alternate Tuesday evening. Hon. Alcaeus Hooper, ex-mayor of Baltimore; Secretary McDowell, Dr. Brooks of New York, Dr. Laws of the Baptist Church, Baltimore, and others have already appeared and many more are to appear during the year. This course is open to the public and is at-

tracting considerable attention. Distinguished physicians, lawyers and public men are delivering lectures on topics of importance to the people.

A Lincoln Day Program has been prepared for use in the Washington and Delaware Conferences as indicated in the following communication:

LINCOLN DAY PROGRAM.

To Pastors, Epworth League and Sunday School Workers of the Washington and Delaware Conferences:

DEAR BRETHREN—It has become more and more popular and profitable for the churches to observe Lincoln Day for the furtherance of the cause of education in the Southland. This year we have prepared a special Lincoln Day program, for the purpose of setting forth our general educational work and the particular work of our schools as well, for use in these two conferences. Several thousand of these programs have been ordered, but it is important that every church observe this day, Sunday, February 14th. Will not every pastor preach a sermon on the subject of education at night and give one service, morning or afternoon, to the program as arranged, and dedicate all the contributions of the day to the sacred cause of education. These contributions will count on the "cent a week per member," which we hope to raise this year in these two conferences. The fund raised may be divided between general education and Freedman's Aid, if the pastors and people so desire. Send all funds collected to the president or treasurer of Morgan College, not to Cincinnati or to New York.

This is not a new collection nor a new cause, but a repetition of the old call now made imperative by our pressing needs. The cost of the programs will be only the cost of printing and delivery. The larger the total number ordered the smaller the price for each copy. Let the churches rally and make this our greatest day in the history of the Washington and Delaware conferences. Please order at once, for the number of programs printed will be determined by the number of orders previously received. You will all be glad to know that the school has greatly increased in attendance in all departments and this increase is the manifest call of God to the churches. Yours sincerely,

J. O. SPENCER,
President of Morgan College.

Benevolent Causes

Edited by Rev. E. B. Burroughs, D. D., S-C. Conference

What a Hindu Coolie Did in Surinam

Not long since, in *Missions Blatt*, appeared an article on the Dutch mission work among the coolies of Surinam. The translation of this article says: "In 1897 the Lord brought a man to our assistance who has been very faithful, and has been active and zealous in the work. This man was born in the neighborhood of Bareilly, North India, in 1843. He was converted in the Sunday school of the Methodist minister Butler, and was later sent to the seminary in Benares to be educated. In 1862 he was baptized, receiving the name of the American president, Abraham Lincoln. In 1873 he came to Demerara as nurse on a coolie vessel, and became superintendent on a plantation. From the very beginning he was interested in his heathen countrymen, taught them reading and writing, and preached the Gospel to them. On March 10, 1877, the baptism of the first of his converts was announced in a Demerara newspaper." The "Methodist minister Butler" mentioned was Dr. William Butler, the founder of the Methodist Episcopal missions in India.—*Indian Witness*.

Mr. B. O. Peterson, a graduate of the Kansas Wesleyan University, and Mrs. Peterson are under appointment to go as missionaries to the Philippines about April 1, 1904.

The resignation of Mr. James L. Cowen as

treasurer of the Japan Conference has been accepted by the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society, and the Rev. Charles Bishop has been elected treasurer in his place.

The Rev. Alexander H. Leo, a graduate of Wesleyan University, class of '95, pastor of Hancock Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, sailed from New York by the steamer Coamo, Dec. 19, 1903, to enter the English-speaking work in Porto Rico.

The Taylor High School at Poona, India, at the request of the Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Reeves Calkins, missionaries in Bombay, has been granted \$1,000 bequeathed to the Missionary Society by the late Mrs. Von Holz of Cincinnati, Ohio, the mother of Mrs. Calkins.

At the December meeting of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society, Mr. Theodore C. Badley, of New York City, was appointed as a teacher in the business department of Reid Christian College at Lucknow, India, to take the place of the Rev. John N. West, who is to return to the United States on furlough. Mr. Badley is a son of the late Dr. Brenton H. Badley, who founded the college at Lucknow, and is a brother of the Rev. Brenton T. Badley, at present an instructor in the same institution.

The Rev. Dalzell A. Bunker, and Mrs. Annie Ellers Bunker, M. D., arrived in Boston, Mass., on the steamer Bohemian, Dec. 18, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Bunker have been missionaries in Seoul, Korea, since 1886, and have been connected with the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church since 1895—Mr. Bunker as a professor in Paichai High School, and Mrs. Bunker as a medical missionary. They left Seoul June 18, coming by way of the Trans-Siberian Railway, and previous to sailing for America toured 1,700 miles in England and Scotland on bicycles. While in the United States, Mr. and Mrs. Bunker may be addressed at Sherman, N. Y.

From Darkness Into Light

Among the young ladies from foreign lands being educated in this country by the Methodist Episcopal Church is Yoshizawa Toku, of Tokio, Japan. She was converted from Buddhism to the Christian faith and gave up a home of wealth and luxury to follow Christ, her friends bitterly opposing her. She declares her life-purpose in the following message to some of her friends: "Since I became a new creature by the blood of Christ, the aim and ambition of my old life, such as I had when I was an idol-worshipper, were crucified with Christ and died away. The highest aim of my life is to share the peace and blessings which I receive from God with others."

Missionary Field Secretary

Whereas the Open Door and Emergency Commission of the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church has appointed Rev. G. G. Logan, Field Secretary for the Southern Division, and whereas this appointment has greatly stimulated, encouraged and helped our membership, and whereas, already good results are manifest in increased missionary intelligence and contributions; therefore be it resolved, that the West Texas Conference do endorse the appointment of Rev. G. G. Logan, and extend our thanks to the Open Door and Emergency Commission for his appointment, and urge that he be continued in this field, assuring the Commission that the West Texas Confer-

ence pledges itself to encourage its membership in the endeavor to reach the \$1 per member line. Be it further resolved, that the Secretary of this Conference be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Open Door and Emergency Commission, 150 Fifth avenue, New York, and that the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE be furnished a copy and requested to publish the same. Signed: L. H. Richardson, A. Brown, N. J. Johnson, Mack Henson, Harry Swann, M. C. Cavenas, and W. F. Waters.

Epworth League

BY REV. DANIEL W. SHAW, D. D.

Topic Jan. 10.

Some Tests of Repentance.

Scripture References: Luke 3: 8-14; Psalms 51: 1-17.

DAILY READINGS.

Monday—Call to repentance. Matt. 3: 1, 2.

Tuesday—Men of Nineveh repented. Luke 11: 33.

Wednesday—Led to repentance by goodness. Rom. 2: 4.

Thursday—Found no place of repentance. Heb. 12: 17.

Friday—Will give repentance. 2 Tim. 2: 25.

Saturday—Waiting for us to repent. 2 Peter 3: 9.

"Repentance," says Webster, is "the act of repenting or the state of being penitent; sorrow for what one has done or omitted to do; especially contrition for sin."

Says Paul the Apostle: "Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation." 2 Cor. 7: 10.

Says Hammond: "Repentance is a change of mind or a conversion from sin to God."

We are to think and talk to-day of the tests of repentance. Repent, was the ringing word by means of which John the Baptist stirred all the country round about Jordan. Yet this word so prominent in John's ministry, falls to the background in the preaching of Jesus Christ, being outranked by faith, while in the Johannine writings repentance does not appear at all, but is supplanted by the idea of the new birth, which is made a condition of entering the kingdom. For a man to know when he has repented is of much consequence and we may with profit study the tests of repentance.

1. *He will acknowledge his sins.* Only the man who is thoroughly penitent will fully acknowledge his wrongs. So long as a man refuses to make full acknowledgment of his sins, it is safe to say he has not repented. A man may be sorry that he sinned and yet may not repent. Repentance goes farther than simply being sorry. When one repents of his sins, he is not only sorry that he sinned, but he stops doing the things of which he has repented.

2. *Desire to be washed from his sins.* The heinousness of sin rises before us and lays its mantle upon our hearts and we cry unto God to wash us from them. With strong crying and groaning the penitent seeks the washing of regeneration that he may be delivered from the guilt of sin.

3. *Makes one to feel that his sin is against God only.* Whoever else he may have wronged, the sin stands out more and more as against God, until with David he cries: Against thee, thee only have I sinned. Here is a test of repentance.

4. *Realizes what God requires.* As the man looks upon his own heart and sees the vileness and

deceitfulness of sin, and then sees how like a lion in its lair sin has lurked and hidden in his heart, corrupting all of his inner life, he realizes that God wants him to be clean and true in his heart. Not only to appear right to the world which cannot see past his outer garment, but he must appear right to the Divine eye which sees within.

5. *By showing a brotherly spirit.* John the Baptist told those who came to his baptism to bring forth fruits meet for repentance. They said: "What shall we do?" John said: "Give one of your coats to the needy if you have two. Give meat to him that hath none. This is not the spirit of the impenitent but of the penitent. Do not take, says John, any more than you are entitled to if others owe you. To the soldier he said, do violence to no man. In all of this John teaches that the penitent man lives to higher standards and ideals than the impenitent.

"On bended knee, replete with Godly grief,
See where the mourner kneels to seek relief.
No "God, I thank thee," freezes on his tongue.
For works of merit that to Him belong.
Deep in his soul, conviction's ploughshare rings,
And to the surface his corruption brings;
He loathes himself, in lowest dust he lies,
And all abased, unclean, unclean, he cries.
From his full heart pours forth the gushing plea,
God of the lost, be merciful to me!
The light of life descends in heavenly rays,
And angels shout and sing, Behold he prays."
Pittsburg, Pa.

Spring Conferences.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation for 1904.

Conference, Place and Time—	Bishop.
Upper Mississippi, Okolona—Jan. 6.....	Mallalieu
Arkansas, Siloam Springs—Jan. 13.....	McCabe
Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss.—Jan. 13.....	Mallalieu
Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Ark.—Jan. 21.....	McCabe
Louisiana, Baton Rouge—Jan. 27.....	Mallalieu
St. John's River, Tarpon Sp'gs, Fla.—Jan. 28.....	Goodsell
Gulf Mission Con. Hughes Sp's, Tex.—Feb. 4.....	Mallalieu
Florida, Gainesville—Feb. 4.....	Goodsell
Porto Rico, Guayama—Feb. 25.....	Cranston
Central Missouri, Kansas City, Mo.—Mar. 9.....	Walden
Virginia, Alexandria—Mar. 10.....	Foss
Lexington, Lexington, Ky.—Mar. 10.....	Fowler
Lincoln, Topeka, Kan.—Mar. 10.....	Hamilton
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 16.....	Merrill
Delaware, Philadelphia, Pa.—Mar. 16.....	Andrews
Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.—Mar. 16.....	Walden
Washington, Baltimore, Md.—Mar. 16.....	Fowler
Wilmington, Dover, Del.—Mar. 16.....	FitzGerald
Gen. Pennsylvania, Harrisburg—Mar. 23.....	McCabe
South Kansas, Baldwin, Kan.—Mar. 16.....	Hamilton
New Jersey, Trenton—Mar. 23.....	Merrill
Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.—Mar. 23.....	Foss
N. Eng. South'n, N. Bedford, Mass.—Mar. 23.....	Goodsell
Newark, Mar. 23.....	Cranston
East German, New York—Mar. 24.....	FitzGerald
Southwest Kansas, Wichita—Mar. 24.....	Hamilton
Wyoming, Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Mar. 30.....	Andrews
Missouri—Mar. 30.....	Walden
Vermont, Montpelier—Mar. 30.....	Fowler
Maine, Rumford Falls—Mar. 30.....	Vincent
Eastern Swedish, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Mar. 31.....	Foss
Northwest Kansas, Salina, Kan.—Mar. 31.....	Hamilton
Northern New York, Ilion, N. Y.—April 6.....	Merrill
New York—April 6.....	Andrews
New York East, Brooklyn, N. Y.—April 6.....	Foss
St. Louis, Carthage, Mo.—April 6.....	Walden
New Hampshire—April 6.....	Fowler
East Maine, Pittsfield, Me.—April 6.....	Vincent
New England, Springfield, Mass.—April 6.....	Goodsell
North Indiana, Muncie, Ind.—April 6.....	McCabe
Troy, Gloversville, N. Y.—April 6.....	Cranston
E. C. Af. Mts. Con.—Nov.....	Hartzell
Foochow, Foochow—Nov.....	Moore
Hinghua, Hinghua—Nov.....	Moore
W. C. Af. Mts. Con.—Dec.....	Hartzell
Bombay, Baroda—Dec. 10.....	Warren, Warne
West China Mts.—Dec. 23.....	Moore
Bengal, Calcutta—Dec. 30.....	Warren, Warne
Liberia, Monrovia—Jan.....	Hartzell
North India, Bareilly—Jan. 7.....	Warren, Warne
Burmah M. Con., Rangoon—Jan. 7.....	Warne
Northwest India, Cawnpore—Jan. 15.....	Warren, Warne
Central China Mts., Kiukiang—Jan. 20.....	Moore
Mexico, Mexico City—Jan. 21.....	FitzGerald
South India, Bangalore—Jan. 27.....	Warren, Thoburn
South America, Buenos Ayres—Jan. 27.....	Joyce
Corea Mission, Seoul—Feb. 17.....	Moore
Malaysia, Singapore—Feb. 18.....	Thoburn
Western S. America, Santiago, Chili—Feb. 25.....	Joyce
S. Japan, Mts. Con., Fukuoka—Mar. 16.....	Moore
Japan, Tokio—Mar. 31.....	Moore
North China, Peking.....	Moore

By order and in behalf of the Board of Bishops,
J. N. FITZGERALD, Secretary.

Rock Island, Ill., Nov. 3, 1903.

Southwestern Christian Advocate

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Watch Your Record and Don't Talk Too Much

In his address to the class for admission at the Texas Conference, Bishop Walden emphasized two points that preachers everywhere will do well to remember.

First, every preacher's appointment is made on his record. If that record is in his favor the cabinet cannot ignore it nor can they, if it be against him. He who has a record as a scold is not in demand by the churches. He is not wanted if he cannot build up a church, if he takes no interest in the Sunday school or the young people; he is not wanted if he is too lazy to study and prepare for his pulpit work; he is not wanted if according to his record he is not a safe man, morally and otherwise. In short, if his record known to the churches is against him, he is a hard man to place, and he need not blame either the bishop or the presiding elder that it is so; he should simply blame himself.

Second, no pastor should do pastoral work from the pulpit, either in his sermons or his talks. Some men go there to say unpleasant things, and even up with members or others in their congregations whom they may not like. They say things there that they should say to the family or to the individual when making pastoral visits. By personal attacks in their sermons and never ending talks after the sermon many preachers drive away their congregations and then scold because the people do not attend church. The man who does his pastoral work from the pulpit is either cowardly or lazy. He is either too cowardly to go and face men individually and tell them what he should, or else he is too lazy to do so.

No man, whether he be a young pastor or an old one, can listen to the Bishop's address without being greatly profited. Let each man watch his record and stop talking so much.

South Carolina Conference Notes

The new presiding elders selected were G. J. Davis, J. S. Thomas, G. W. Cooper, W. G. Valentine and Joshua E. Wilson.

The pastors of Rev. Dr. W. M. Hanna's district presented him a silver service and those of Rev. Dr. J. L. Grice's district a silver mug and a beautiful clock.

Dr. W. D. Parr was, as usual, eloquent and impressive. He is placing the Church Extension cause on the hearts of the brethren in a way they will certainly remember.

Among the visitors was Dr. L. G. Adkinson of Gammon. His address on behalf of that institution was one of the strongest and most appropriate we have ever heard.

Bishop Cranston's sermon on Sunday was a marvelous presentation of God's word. Seldom has it been our good fortune to listen to words equally eloquent and inspiring.

Presiding Elders W. M. Hanna, J. L. Grice

and J. E. Wilson had served six years on their districts, hence including the two new districts the Bishop had to appoint five new presiding elders.

We had the pleasure of being entertained in the elegant home of Dr. C. C. Jacobs, where we not only enjoyed the association of himself and family but of the Rev. Drs. W. M. Hanna and J. L. Grice.

The South Carolina Conference now has eight presiding elders' districts instead of six, as previous to its recent session. The brethren seemed much gratified when Bishop Cranston consented to make this change.

As a mark of appreciation for his valuable services as a presiding elder the laymen of the Florence District presented Dr. J. E. Wilson a \$115 piano box rubber tire buggy and the pastors gave him a \$50 gold watch. Mr. E. J. Sawyer presented the buggy with appropriate words. In presenting the watch Rev. G. W. Cooper made a well-worded and most excellent address.



PASTOR WILLIAMS M. E. CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS.

We are sure our readers will be pleased to look upon the pleasant face of the Rev. C. W. Reeves, pastor Williams Chapel, this city. He was received on trial in the Louisiana Conference in 1886, and has since served the following charges: Columbus, Fort Jessup, Pleasant Hill, St. Martinsville, Crawford and Monroe. Bro. Reeves went to Gammon Theological Seminary in 1893, where he completed his course in 1895, and went to his appointment at St. Martinsville. He has made it a point at every charge to improve the church property and increase the membership, and has accordingly built three parsonages, one church, one hall and repaired other churches and parsonages. Bro. Reeves is meeting with success in his present charge, and is highly esteemed by his membership. In the midst of other duties he does not forget the circulation of the SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and hence while at Monroe secured forty subscribers and has already handed in a list of sixty during his first year at Williams Chapel. He is now rounding up matters for the annual conference, and expects to go up with a full report.

Clergy Permits Southwestern Bureau

Rev. W. R. Butler, Presiding Elder of the South New Orleans District, presented us a letter written the Rev. L. A. Vincent by the acting joint agent of the Southwestern Clergy Bureau, informing him that instructions had been issued railroad agents to honor 1903 permits during January, 1904, as there is some delay in arranging for the new issue. This is published for the information of the brethren.

Atlanta Conference

The eighth session of the Atlanta Conference was held at Covington, Ga., December 10th, Bishop Earl Cranston presiding. W. W. Lucas was re-elected secretary, assistants S. A. Stripling, R. T. Adams, J. W. Bowlin, E. R. Miller, Z. K. Gowan. C. L. Johnson was elected statistical secretary, J. A. Richie, A. C. Wright, E. I. Scarborough, C. R. O. Rowland, assistants; J. E. Watkins, treasurer; J. W. Queen, C. W. Adams, P. H. Travis, assistants.

Dr. M. C. B. Mason and G. W. Arnold were elected General Conference ministerial delegates, Mr. L. J. Price and Dr. A. M. Wilkins, lay.

The visiting church representatives to the conference were: Drs. W. P. Thirkield, Freedman's Aid Society; C. C. Jacobs, Sunday School Union; W. H. Crogman, president Clark University; L. G. Adkinson, president Gammon Theological Seminary; T. C. Cliff, Church Extension Society; G. G. Logan, Missionary Society; Mr. George Jennings, Western Methodist Book House, and W. F. Waters, SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The statistical secretary reports as follows: Members this year, 13,960; last year, 13,868; increase, 92. Probationers this year, 1,485; last year, 1,319; increase, 166. Benevolent collections—Missions, \$845; Church Extension, 227; S. S. Union, 65; Tracts, 40; F. A. & S. E. Society, 1205; Education, 68; Bible Society, 72; W. H. M. Society, 26; W. F. M. Society, 219; other benevolences, 205; Gen'l Conference, 53; conference claimants, 320; episcopal fund, 111; total, 3456; last year, \$2873, increase \$583.

ATLANTA DISTRICT.

E. H. Oliver, presiding elder, South Atlanta, Ga.

Atlanta, Chapel St., P. H. Travis; Atlanta, Gate City, C. L. Johnson; Atlanta, Lloyd St., J. A. Rush; North Atlanta, H. C. Dennis; Vine St., to be supplied; Battle Hill, H. M. White; College Park, J. M. Bowlin; Grantville, J. N. C. Coggins; Grantville Circuit, Joseph Griffith; Hogansville, W. C. Alston; Hogansville Circuit, J. W. Tharpe; Lutherville, Henry E. Burns; Newnan, V. D. Jenkins; Newnan Circuit, S. B. Beauford; Palmetto, Albert McNeal; Coweta, J. J. Jones; Fairburn, L. P. Kimball. M. C. B. Mason, Cor. Sec. F. A. and S. E. Soc'y., member of Lloyd Street Atlanta Quarterly Conference. J. P. Wragg, Agent American Bible Society, member Lloyd St. Quarterly Conference.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.

G. W. Arnold, presiding elder, 331 Woodward Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

Athens and Pearl Mills, J. M. Anderson; Atlanta (Fort Street), C. W. Adams; Atlanta, (St. Luke), J. P. Lawson; Atlanta, (University), G. W. Arnold; Centerville, to be supplied; Covington, L. H. King; Duluth, B. G. Burks; Elberton, N. J. Ross; Elberton Circuit, J. H. Brandon; Gainesville, J. S. Lovejoy; Gillsville, to be supplied; Harmony Grove, E. R. Miller; Hoschton, C. H. Blake; Lavonia, A. C. Cheerless; Lawrenceville, J. W. Swain; Nicholson, E. A. Allison; Oxford, H. H. Mouzon; Roswell, G. W. Lamar; Sewanee, A. C. Story; Union Grove, E. W. C. Cox.

W. W. Lucas, President Meridian Academy, member Fort St. Quarterly Conference. M. B. A. Cain left without appointment to attend one of our schools, member Fort St. Conference.

GRIFFIN DISTRICT.

M. M. Alston, presiding elder, South Atlanta, Ga.

Atlanta, East, S. L. Beaks; Atlanta, South, A. J. Wilson; Brooks Station, J. A. W. Usher; Conyers and Lithonia, to be supplied; Decatur Circuit, J. H. Davis; East Point, J. H. Matthews; Fayetteville, M. W. Burch; Griffin, J. A. Richie; Griffin Circuit, E. F. Scarborough; Hampton, Elijah Kight; Jonesboro Circuit, R. F. Adams; Locust Grove, to be supplied; McDonough, J. E. Watkins; Oak Hill, David Gray; Stockbridge, J. W. Queen; Williamson, G. Y. Flemiston. A. C. Wright, Principal Public School, Covington, Ga., member Covington Quarterly Conference.

ROME DISTRICT.

S. C. Upshaw, presiding elder, Rome, Ga.

Adairsville, W. M. Bailey; Aragon, R. T. Jackson; Austell, J. M. Spencer; Bowdon, W. A. Mitchell; Cartersville, D. C. Richardson; Carrollton, E. D. Petty; Cave Springs, J. O. Smith; Cedartown, to be supplied; Cohutta, W. T. Brantley; Douglasville, Z. K. Gowen; Enon Grove, to be supplied; Floyd (P. O. Rome), Y. T. Frederick; Marietta, N. J. Sagoes; Riverton, William McWillie; Rome (Broad St.), S. A. Stripling; Rome (Second Church), A. J. Noland; Summer-ville, W. C. Bryant; Tallapoosa, N. S. Stirling; Temple, Benjamine Boston; Villa Rica, H. L. Phillips.

New Year's Determinations

With my blessed Savior to help me, I am determined:

To be better than I was last year.
To help some one else to be better.
To injure no one by slanderous talk.
To strengthen my race by self-improvement.
To provide better for those dependent upon me.
To spend nothing for whiskey or strong drink.
To read as many good books as I possibly can.
To attend divine services regularly every Sunday.

To center my affections on my home and loved ones.

To help my people by subscribing to and paying for at least one good race paper.

To join some literary society or other organization for the improvement of my mind.

To make a record that will honor my loved ones and not make me ashamed either in this life or in the life to come.

The Walden University Fire

At this writing we are prepared to give very little information in addition to that given in our last issue. To the list of dead then given may be added the name of Miss Mildred Thompson, Cadiz, Ky., making twelve in all, including those who died from injuries occasioned by jumping from windows of the burning building. The destroyed building is the largest of the group, and formerly occupied by the boys, but in recent years was used for young women and class rooms. The citizens of Nashville, colored and white, have responded liberally to the necessities of the school. It is reported that the edifice will soon be rebuilt, which we sincerely trust is true.

Personal and General

Mr. C. Hodge, of this city, has gone to Mobile, Ala., to be gone a week.

We acknowledge the receipt of the directory of the session of the Upper Mississippi Conference to convene at Okolona, Miss., Jan. 6, 1904.

Miss C. A. Wallace, of San Antonio, Tex., who has been spending a few days in the city, as the guest of Mrs. I. B. Scott, left for her home last week.

Mrs. Sarah Drummond, a prominent member of Simpson Chapel, this city, made a brief visit to Gilbert College during the Christmas holidays, and was much pleased with her trip.

Rev. Pierre Landry, dean of Gilbert Industrial College, was in the city this week on business. He reports his school in excellent condition, and that the pupils are doing splendid work.

Mrs. Gaddie Elizabeth Fisher, the widow of the late Dr. C. O. Fisher, of the Savannah Conference, died in Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 27, 1903. An appropriate sketch of Sister Fisher will appear shortly.

Mr. L. M. Mitchell, Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias for the State of Texas, sent out his greetings to all the lodges and courts of his order by means of a beautifully printed card and an appeal for greater faithfulness.

Rev. B. D. Dixon, pastor at St. Joseph, Mo., had a "ground breaking" for his church on Christmas day. The building is to be in a better and more central locality than that of the old church, and a great future for the cause is anticipated.

Theodore Frederick Broyles is the name of the son born to Professor and Mrs. M. H. Broyles, of Prairie View (Texas) Institute, Dec. 18, 1903. Theodore is the first boy of the family of four children which accounts for the father's unusual elation.

We are much gratified to learn that Mrs. Pierre Landry, of Gilbert College, who has been indisposed for some time, is now improving, and it is thought in a fair way to recover entirely. We are sure she has many friends who will be pleased to learn this.

Mrs. W. F. Waters, wife of our assistant business manager, collected for the SOUTHWESTERN at the Mobile Conference, and assisted her husband in the same capacity at the Central Alabama. She is a good collector and makes it hard for those who will follow her.

Rev. H. Swann, of the West Texas Conference, completed his eighteenth year as presiding elder, and was, at the recent session of his conference, appointed pastor of St. Paul M. E. Church, San Antonio. He desires his correspondents to address him accordingly, box 775.

Rev. McD. Spencer, president of the Old Folks' Home and Industrial School, Blackshear, Ga., is pushing the interest of his cause. He now has twenty-three inmates in the Home, and has succeeded lately in having his institution catalogued by the Census Bureau at Washington.

Rev. G. A. Maston, of Lincoln, Neb., and his heroic people are rejoicing over the fact that on Nov. 29 they raised the balance of the debt on their church with interest amounting to \$269. They will now, as soon as possible, proceed to repair the building and otherwise beautify the property.

Rev. A. Brown, who closed his six years' term as a presiding elder of the Waco District, West Texas Conference, was assigned to Cuero, and is much delighted with his appointment. He is also proud of the record the district made during his administration, raising \$807 more for all purposes than was raised the previous six years.

Mr. J. Watts Kearney, postmaster of the city of New Orleans, died December 26. He was born in New York, served in the Confederate army, but was classed among the loyal Republicans. He is the second postmaster of this city to die in office within the last year or two, and a third one died just after the close of his term.

Mrs. M. J. Butler, of Jackson, Miss., a regular subscriber and a great admirer of the SOUTHWESTERN, has been spending the holidays in this city as the guest of Mrs. Sallie Sutton, Penniston St., and Miss Nellie Dejoie, on Magazine St. Accompanied by Miss Lillie Phillipsen, one of the city teachers, she made the SOUTHWESTERN office a pleasant call and paid for the paper a year for a Mississippi friend.

The management of Rust University, Holly Springs, Miss., desires to assure the parents whose children are there in school or are expecting to attend, that everything is being done to guard them against any accident by fire. The building is lighted by electricity, heated by steam and protected by the city water works, of which there are a number of plugs on the campus near the building.

Rev. Henry P. Strong, A. M., of the Little Rock Conference, is dead. He was the teacher

of theology and English in the Philander Smith College, Little Rock. This announcement will come as a positive grief not only to his many friends but to the friends of the cause and of the race. Dr. Reed informs us that he was attacked with pneumonia as a result of undue exposure in a blizzard, and held out against it only one week, dying Monday morning, Dec. 21st. He was highly esteemed in his conference, of which he was secretary, and was among the strongest and most promising young men of his race. We are confident that some account of his life work will be furnished us for a future issue.

News Notes

In a recent state convention at Helena, Ark., the Negro Baptists of that state collected \$12,000.

The World's Fourth Sunday School Convention will be held at Jerusalem, April 18, 19 and 20, 1904.

Indianapolis, Ind., is to erect soon a monument to the memory of the late ex-President Benj. Harrison.

The Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Endowment Fund has now passed the million-dollar mark.

According to an exchange there are 800 colored physicians practicing in the United States, 300 lawyers and 30,000 teachers.

In the fire that recently destroyed the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, several of the world's most famous paintings were destroyed.

A new building, valued at \$6,000, has been purchased by the financial department of the A. M. E. Zion Church located in Philadelphia.

President Roosevelt is to receive \$30,000 and his children Kermit and Ethel \$5,000 each from the estate of the late James King Gracie, an uncle by marriage of the President.

The Kansas City depository of the Western Methodist Book concern gave a reception December 3, in honor of the opening of its new building. The occasion was one of great interest.

John Alexander Dowie has agreed to settle with his creditors in a year and is again in control of Zion City and its industries, around which a high brick wall will be erected to keep strangers out.

The birthplace of Charles Dickens, the celebrated novelist, sold at auction at Portsmouth, London, was bought by the mayor representing that city. A Dickens museum will probably be established in the house.

At the recent Hereford festival in England was presented for the first time "The Atonement," the new choral work of Coleridge Taylor, England's great colored musician, which is said to be a masterpiece of classic music.

The new canal treaty gives to the United States perpetual sovereignty over a strip ten miles wide across the isthmus and practical control of the cities of Panama and Colon. It permits the United States to send its troops there.

The winner of the "first prize" at the recent Seagirt tournament in the East, is Sergeant Hawkins, colored, of the Twenty-fourth regiment, stationed at Ft. Missoula, Mont., who is now said to be one of the most remarkable shots in the world.

Another strike is on in Chicago. Shorter hours and higher wages are demanded by the livery drivers. Eighty funerals were held in one week with undertakers' wagon in place of hearses, as the striking drivers refused to allow the hearses and carriages to be used.

An exchange says that two weeks ago at Lawton, Okla., G. M. Harrison, colored, was fined \$25 for persisting in sending his children to school with the whites. His is the only colored family in the district, and a separate building will be erected and a teacher employed for his children.

Governor Taft and the friars have reached an agreement for the purchase of the lands claimed by the latter in the Philippine Islands, for which they originally asked \$15,000,000. Governor Taft offering \$6,000,000. After negotiating for three years, the friars, with the approval of the Pope, have agreed to sell their lands for \$7,250,000 in gold.

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FARM AND FIRESIDE

Geo. O. Marshall, Editor

THE BLESSINGS OF 1903.

The year 1903 has been one of manifold blessings to the farmers in every section of our country. The crops have been bountiful and have sold for higher prices than for years. The farmers in the North and West have paid their debts out of their crops of corn and wheat, and placed a surplus to their credit in the banks. The Southern farmers have sold their cotton for \$50 to \$65 a bale, have housed large quantities of corn, potatoes and forage; have paid their debts and have snug bank accounts.

The colored farmers are having their part of this general prosperity. They are paying off the mortgages, building better houses, beautifying the old homes, and paying for additional acres of land, and the year has given to the colored farmer more than good crops. Events have transpired to give him fresh hope in his future in this country. Several conventions composed of the wealthy, intellectual and influential people of the country have declared in unmistakable language that the colored population of the United States are entitled to a fair chance in life. Southern governors, bishops and other leaders in Dixie have taken firm positions in favor of the rights of colored persons. Prominent persons in the North have become more pronounced than ever in their determination that America shall be the home of the free. The President of the country has declared that the "door of hope" should not be closed to the colored man, and millions of his fellow citizens have approved his position. The spirit of Bishop Simpson and Bishop Gilbert Haven is again abroad in the land, fighting caste as it did slavery.

At the beginning of 1903 many social, political and economic questions pertaining to the colored man were seemingly to be settled against him. At its close, it can be discerned that all of them will finally be settled according to justice and humanity to man. At its close, we repeat what we have frequently said in these columns, that the Negroes are here to stay; that they will ultimately be treated as men; and that they must qualify for their duties and blessings.

Eighty per cent, or four-fifths, of the race in the United States are identified with the pursuit of farming. To these, the year that has just closed has been a great one.

DOINGS OF THE WORKMEN

G. M. Frazier, Reporter, Alva, Miss.—The fourth quarterly conference of the Elliott circuit convened in Binford's Chapel M. E. Church Oct. 31. Rev. N. H. Williams, our presiding elder, was with us. A number of officers, with the pastor, Rev. D. P. Shaw, were present with reports showing the work to be in a prosperous condition. Money raised: for pastor, \$76.60; presiding elder, \$23; Missions, \$5.05; Twentieth Century offering, \$1.25; West African College, \$1; raised for all causes during the quarter, \$106.90.

P. H. Rembert, Pastor, Bowerton, Miss.—The Bowerton circuit continues to do good work. Our class leaders and stewards' rally on pastor's salary for the month of October was a success. On the third Sunday New Hope raised \$101.46. Sister Della Williams, having raised the largest amount in her envelope, received the prize, which was a beautiful Bible. May the Lord bless all the sisters who worked so faithfully in the rally Sunday, Oct. 4, found us at St. Morris Church. These faithful few did well in their rally; raised \$72 on pastor's salary. Miss Ora May McNeill received the prize at this place. Our people on this circuit are second to none. God bless them.

E. H. McKissack (Secretary of Faculty Rust University), Holly Springs, Miss.—My Sunday school gave \$17 one Sunday morning for the education of a student in the school presided over by Dr. Camphor in Africa. Dr. Logan addressed the Sunday school and asked of us \$15, setting a day for the collection. We raised \$17. We did about the same for Dr. R. E. Jones when he was here and spoke in behalf of the Sunday School Union. We gave him \$16 for his cause. Gave the pastor \$100 on salary; trustees \$50 to paint church, and the church \$85 for missionary purposes, and have enough left for the Christmas tree.

J. C. Williams, Pastor, Statesboro.—Our fourth quarter convened on the 24th and 25th of October, with Rev. W. H. Brown, P. E., presiding. The brethren were present with full reports on all lines. The elder is wide awake on every interest of the church and leaves nothing undone. Number of members added to church this quarter, 45; total, 105. Money raised for all purposes this quarter: Pastor, \$98; presiding elder, \$20; total, \$118.

J. W. Turner, Pastor, Algiers, La.—Our rally was a success in every respect. We raised \$140.65. We are moving on in good shape. The stewards have given the pastor his coal for the winter. We have a loyal set of members at this place.

R. F. Long, Pastor, Monroe, La.—The Rev. Thomas McCary, State Evangelist, spent one week with us. His services were highly appreciated and were of untold good. All credit is due the Steward sisters for the royal entertainment given Rev. McCary. Special mention is due the Steward Daughter's Band for keeping the church in prime order. Total converted and reclaimed ten. Rev. McCary preached his closing sermon Sunday night to a crowded house. Collections: for the Evangelist \$18.60, pastor \$14.25, insurance \$10.10, total \$42.95. St. Paul is easily one of the leading churches in the city.

Z. K. Gowen, Adairville, Ga.—On Saturday night, Oct. 31, the Social Circle of the M. E. Church gave the finest banquet ever witnessed in this town. Everything was in royal style. Mr. Charley Gilliard and Miss Adaline Clark were dressed in waiters' costumes, suited to the occasion. The church was crowded and not an unpleasant word was heard. Sunday, Nov. 1, was rally day. Miss Willie Golston received first prize and Mrs. L. A. King second prize. Collection, \$42.89.

S. D. Troup, Pastor, Goodman, Miss.—My rally was quite a success. Rev. M. C. McEwen, pastor at Durant, rendered valuable service. His sermons at Goodman will live long in the memory of all whose chance it was to hear him. He is a strong preacher and knows how to help in a rally. Goodman raised \$25.15, Georgeville \$45.10; total, 70.25. Five subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN.

Rev. T. F. Robinson, Pastor—Many, La.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held by presiding elder H. Daniels, on October 31 and November 1. It was quite a success, all officers were present with written reports. The presiding elder preached three stirring/impressive sermons. He is truly a man of God. May the blessings of the Almighty rest upon him. We raised \$31.50; paid presiding elder in full; one subscriber to SOUTHWESTERN.

J. B. Brooks, Pass Christian, Miss.—Pass Christian is the Pass Christian. It has always been, the people of this place have the record of doing their duty and standing by their pastor. They have done well along all lines. Nov. 15 was rally day for the pastor; he was confined to his bed at the time and unable to be present. Rev. Jos. Strotter took charge of the services and with the assistance of Rev. L. J. Allen reported \$45.66 as the result. We feel grateful also to Sisters Strotter, Collin, Richardson, L. Steward, E. Shief and a company of sisters who stood by them so well. The pastor has served no people who love him better. The work has advanced \$100 in value and thirty-six members strong since the last conference, and we are hoping to return to continue the good work.

J. J. Courts, Reporter, Union Chapel M. E. church, Torras, La.—We have just closed our revival. Twelve souls were converted and baptized and fourteen fallen members reclaimed. Rev. E. J. Harrison is a noble preacher, he is greatly loved by the people. Sister Julia Harrison, his wife, is a good church worker. Our fourth quarterly conference was held with Rev. H. Taylor, P. E., in the chair. He was at his best, he preached as we have never heard him before and gave a grand lecture to the Sunday school. Raised \$22.95; paid the elder in full; raised for all purposes, \$55.68. Our heads are above the tide yet.

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J. H. Everett, Macon, Miss.—Macon charge is coming to life. Some of the preachers said at the last annual conference when I was appointed to this charge that it was wrong to send me to a broken down charge. But thank God I can say for Macon I have never enjoyed a better year in all the years of my ministry. We have added thirty members to the church and our rally October 4 and Nov. 15 resulted in \$174.90 for pastor. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. The people say they are going to pay pastor in full. We also have raised \$70 for benevolence, \$30 in advance of last year. pray for us.

W. J. Tyler, Pastor, Bedford Springs, Va.—Grand victory: fifty souls for Christ. We are marching on to victory along all lines. Pray for us that we may prove faithful to the end.—G. E. Reids, Secretary.

J. T. Harrell, Pastor, Port Hudson, La.—At Jackson Chapel M. E. Church. Sunday, November 8, was held a grand rally in which we raised \$38.60. This is a new point to which I have been recently appointed by Rev. Henry Taylor, P. E., of Baton Rouge district. We have only eight members and a few followers at this place. Those who contributed liberally are Ruffin Mase, \$5; Major Jackson, \$2.50; L. R. Purnell, \$2.50; J. T. Harrell, \$2.50; Isaac Jackson, \$2.25; Alex Fields, \$2. (The pastor has sent us the names of many others and the sums contributed by them, which we would gladly publish, if space permitted.—Ed.

Geo. W. Reeves, Glasgow, Mo.—We entered into a revival at Lewis chapel M. E. church, at Glasgow, Mo., on the 29th of November and continued the meeting eleven days. We had fifty-two conversions and additions to the

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church and the whole membership was greatly benefited and revived. We were assisted by Rev. T. W. Fulyhern, of Lawrence, Kas.

The fourth quarterly conference of the Jackson district convened in Westley chapel, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. The members of the conference were very much disappointed when informed that the presiding elder could not be present. However, Rev. I. L. Pratt, of Jackson, filled his place in the pulpit. After consideration, the pastor and conference members decided to defer all business except the receiving of financial report, until Elder Shumpert could be present. The conference elected a reporter for the SOUTHWESTERN. We raised \$71.65 during the two days; gave Rev. Pratt \$3.40 for his church in Jackson, which is nearing completion. The pastor had a committee of ladies who reported \$19 for missions. Rev. Pratt preached two grand sermons Sunday. Every one who heard him certainly went home with new inspiration. This is Rev. Sidney's first year with us and with him as our pastor; we are getting on nicely in every department of the church. He has received 110 members in the church and completed a pretty church on his work. Among other things, too numerous to mention, we feel safe in saying that we have one of the best ministers in the Mississippi conference, and we are justly proud of him, his noble Christian influence, his deep thoughtful sermons and wholesome instructions. To his good wife, one of the most pleasant ladies we have ever met, we feel grateful for the cheerful spirit she has shown in going forward and helping in any movement for the good of our church. At the parsonage all are made welcome. Therefore we want it understood in the annual conference that Rev. and Mrs. Sidney are not to leave Brandon. We are preparing to give our minister a \$40 suit of clothes. Mrs. B. M. Johnson. (The reporter has sent us a list containing the names of eighteen ladies who gave \$1 each for missions which we would publish if space permitted.—Ed.)

Berwick, La.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held Nov. 7 and 8 with much success, with our presiding elder, W. R. Butler, in the chair. All officers were present, with good reports.

Raised for all purposes, \$212.35; paid the presiding elder all we promised him for the year. Paid pastor \$83.20. The elder preached the annual sermon of the Epworth League; collection, \$2 by Leaguers. Mr. Henry Thompson, who is president of the Live Oak Pleasure Club, of Berwick, was out with eight or nine of his members and they gave us a collection of \$1.75. Collections for the day, \$13.50. Many thanks to the members and friends of Mason's chapel and also the members and friends of both churches. Total amount raised for the year up to the fourth quarter for all purposes, \$436.93. J. A. Landry.

E. H. Langston, Pastor, Bonace, Miss.—My fourth quarterly conference was held at St. Paul M. E. church, Oct. 27 and 28, with Rev. R. P. Threlkeld, presiding elder, in the chair. Reports showed the work to be alive along all lines. Paid the presiding elder in full and one cash subscriber to the SOUTHWESTERN. The elder preached two excellent sermons to the delight of all present. Pray for us.

A. M. Quinn, Pastor, Pearlington, Miss., Nov. 6.—The friends of this place tried to give a Feast in the Wilderness. Sister Malery Thomas, Sister Nervil Armstrong and one of the leading members of the Baptist church, Sister Milery Jordan, did all they could to make it a success, and may the Lord bless these good sisters. Pray for Homes Chaplain and for our people. We have good people here though few in number.

W. H. Jones, Pastor, Rapides, La.—We are closing the greatest year in the history of this church. We came here Feb. 5, 1903, and found a few scattered members with but a plantation church and \$29 indebtedness. The high water took possession of the church and parsonage. My presiding elder stood by us in these trying hours. For the first time in forty years these people can enjoy a church free from encumbrances. We have built a beautiful church here and seated it, furnished the parsonage and paid for same. We will come to conference with all of our benevolence. Paid the presiding elder in full Oct. 8 \$5.65 more than any previous year; increased the membership; the property is valued at \$600, of which we only owe \$72. We have labored hard and the Lord has blessed us. Sunday, Dec. 13, we held the first service in Macedonia M. E. church.

J. A. Y. Dickson, Reporter, Sardis, Miss.—This charge is in a splendid condition, both spiritually and financially. The work is up on all lines. Our fourth quarterly conference which was held Dec. 4 and 5 was a success. Paid presiding elder in full, \$10; \$7 benevolent money; \$1.40 conference claimant fund; \$2.25 for sexton; \$5 for Rust University; paid pastor \$58.71; total collected for this quarter, \$84.36; one subscriber for the SOUTHWESTERN. Three have joined the church; many of the officers were present with good reports. On Sunday Rev. N. H. Williams preached well. Many communed. This was one of the greatest quarterly conferences ever held in the history of the church. We are trying to make a round report by the time of annual conference. Our pastor is loved by all and we hope that he will be returned to us. Mr. J. H. Harmon is our delegate to the annual

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conference at Okolona, Jan. 6, 1904. Pray for us.

W. C. Canwell, Pastor.—The Pontotoc Circuit is alive; my fourth quarterly conference was a decided success. Rev. W. C. Clay presided. On Sunday he preached one of his best sermons and his congregation was made to rejoice. Raised in our conference, \$68.74; raised since the last quarter, \$256.19; we have forty-four subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN. Pray for us.

Mrs. Lugenla Hooper, Rockingham, N. C.—The North Carolina conference which convened at Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 14 and 20, sent to the Hamlet charge, as pastor, for this year R. P. Hairston. He was at his post Oct. 25. The people were all glad to meet him again, he having served us once before and every effort was put forth to make his reception a pleasant one. The following report will show just how well the new conference year has begun with us. The presiding elder, Rev. I. Wells, was with us Nov. 14 and 15. Though just thirty-five days of the conference year had passed, the pastor reported: Received into the church eight persons; raised for missions, \$1; pastor's salary and moving expenses, \$41.61; paid presiding elder, \$17.50; church expenses, \$9.50; total, \$69.11. We are preparing to erect a parsonage at Hamlet for our pastor and family. We hope to make this the best year in every respect in the history of our charge.

C. L. Fields, Pastor, Mason, Tenn., Nov. 16.—I was cordially received on my new work, Pleasant Grove Circuit. I have pledged myself to this work to do my whole duty as God would have me do it. The people have substantiated their pledge to the church and pastor

by raising the presiding elder's quarter and paying to pastor and other causes \$35.

H. J. Wright, Pastor, St. Paul's M. E. church, Shreveport, La., Nov. 17.—At the Steward sister's rally Sunday, Nov. 15, after a notice of a week or so, their efforts, with the assistance of friends, raised: Mrs. Cornelia Bonner, captain No. 1, Rev. H. S. Doyle, D. D., as the preacher, \$15.80; Mrs. Carrie Williams, No. 2, Rev. J. O. Brown, \$16.30; Mrs. Cora Johnson, No. 3, Rev. S. Armstead, \$15.45; Mrs. Anna Tally, No. 4, Rev. S. J. Channell, speaker, \$14.60. They realized \$62.15 for the benevolent cause. Many thanks are due these ladies for their heroic effort, also to their friends and the several pastors who were present to help. We are not making much fuss but we will be there when the roll is called, if not in person, in our benevolences Shreveport district will hold her own, not in printed words, but actual work. Our annual fair will net us \$114.70. We did not come up to what we expected to owing to the scarcity of money and work among our people. Rent and provision, as well as fuel, are in excess. In 1901 our fair netted us \$226.15, and in 1902, \$195.47, while this year's result is less. I thank Bro. William Harper, the general manager, and his host that followed him to success. We paid Dr. R. E. Jones for Sunday union \$17 when here two months ago.

W. C. Weatherall, Pastor, Okolona Circuit.—We held our fourth quarterly conference on the Okolona Circuit, Oct. 24 and 25, 1903, with Rev. W. C. Clay, presiding elder, in the chair. Elder Clay is the man to move things. Every interest of the church is looked after by him with much care. The brethren had very good reports. Bro. W. M. Robert, the district steward, is a great man for the church. We raised on Saturday and Sunday at Fairmount and Snow Town for presiding elder, benevolence and pastor, \$53.50; raised during the entire quarter, \$154.50 for all purposes. The Okolona Circuit is alive. May our worthy presiding elder W. C. Clay, live long to do the work of the Master. God bless the good people of the Okolona Circuit.

Geo. W. Baker, Pastor, Starkville Circuit.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held the 14th and 15th of Nov., 1903, with the Rev. Dr. Thos. W. Davis in the chair. It was the best conference ever held on this circuit. Dr. Davis excelled himself on Sunday. We raised this quarter for pastor, \$120; presiding elder, \$32; building, \$43; benevolence, \$10; total, \$205, and eight subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN. On Sunday the Lord was with us, 145 partook of the Lord's supper. We have planned to raise all of our benevolence by annual conference. We have been asked to raise \$51 and have nearly all of it on hand. We will have a local preacher's union on the 29th of Nov. to raise the deficiency; we hope the Lord will be with us in our undertaking. Dr. Davis spoke encouragingly of the SOUTHWESTERN and Rust University. This is my second year and I am glad to say that pastor and people are in love with each other, and ask my return. Pray for us.

C. W. Jones, Pastor, Bay Springs, Miss.—The new church that has been erected this year at Mt. Rose is now near completion, at the cost of \$300. We are striving to bring things to the front. Our benevolence will excel that of last year. Pray for us.

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Of how the sun must set in gloom
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She is not dead, but sleeping.

New Orleans, La.—Mrs. Caroline Joseph, an honored mother in Israel, a faithful member of LaHarpe M. E. Church for forty years, died at the ripe age of 96 years and 5 months, in great peace. Since the burning down of LaHarpe Church she has been a worshipper at Union M. E. Church, and gave her testimony as to her faith in God at the Church three weeks prior to her death on Dec. 10, 1903. Her burial services were conducted at Union M. E. Church by the pastor, assisted by Rev. Mr. Hall, of the Congregational Church, and Rev. Mr. Harper, of the A. M. E. Church.

VALCOUR CHAPMAN.

New Orleans, La.—Luella White was born April 25, 1885, in New Orleans. She was converted April 6, 1903, and joined Union M. E. Church, serving as secretary of the Sunday School for several years.

She was a student of Southern University, a member of the senior class, and had hoped to graduate this session, but death claimed her while only 18 years of age. Her funeral services were conducted at Union M. E. Church by the pastor, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Sims, of Tulane Baptist Church. Many friends accompanied her remains to its last resting place.

VALCOUR CHAPMAN.

Covington, Ky.—Sister Mary Millon, an old and faithful member of Ninth Street Church, has gone to join the church triumphant. She had gone to market early Saturday afternoon, preparatory to attending 5 o'clock prayer meeting the same evening. On returning home was stricken with paralysis of the brain and fell upon her knees in an attitude of prayer. She never regained consciousness and fell peacefully "Asleep in Jesus." Sunday morning the twenty-second inst., the funeral was preached by Rev. Vaughn, assisted by Revs. J. H. Ross and H. W. Tate. A husband, two daughters, sisters, brothers and a host of friends mourn their loss.

E. BEATRICE BROWN.

Clinton, La.—Bro. A. B. Battrese departed this life in full hope of heaven, Dec. 5th, and was buried the 6th inst. A wife, three brothers, four sisters survive him. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, the presiding elder, Rev. H. Taylor, preaching the funeral sermon. Rev. Aluster and F. Gare assisted. The K. of P.'s turned out in full. Bro. Battrese was a faithful steward in our church, a lover of the church work.

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Macon, Miss.—Sister Tena Jones, one of the oldest members of New Salem M. E. Church, died Nov. 18, in full faith. She leaves four daughters, two boys, a husband and a host of friends. She was a member of the M. E. Church forty years.

D. L. TUBBS, Pastor.

Aberdeen, Miss., J. G. Monroe, Pastor.—At the age of seventy odd years Brother Elbert Paine, who has been ill for a long while, died the 4th of Dec. 1903. He had been a faithful member of the St. Paul M. E. Church

for about twenty years, and is known best as the dutiful leader of "Number Four." He leaves a widow and two children, all members of the church. We bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well "Servant of God, well done!" Rest from thy loved employ."

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J. C. Landry, Pastor, Berwick, La.—Class Leaders' Rally at Berwick, La.—The classes gave a rally for the benefit of Trustees of Mason Chapel M. E. Church, Oct. 11, 1903. Class No. 1, Leader William Fields, raised, with the public collection of \$3.55, \$37.35. The members of this class raised all the way from \$.50 to \$6.00. Class No. 2, J. W. Coleman, leader, with the public collection of \$4.55, the members raising from \$1.00 to \$7.60, collected \$32.00. This was indeed a successful Class Leaders' Rally.

W. Ellison, Pastor, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.—To my surprise I was appointed to this charge from Martin, Tenn., October 18, 1903, during the session of the Tennessee Conference held by Bishop D. A. Goodsell. I arrived here Thursday, Oct. 22, and greeted the people in class-meeting. At the close of this meeting I met the officers, who were present, and formed an organization for the work of the church. The following is the result of this organization up to the session of my first quarterly conference, Nov. 28, Rev. A. Philip, presiding: Moving and traveling expenses, \$50; collected on pastor's salary, \$65.75; on presiding elder's salary, \$17.50; missions, \$6.20; trustees, \$18.25. Total collected, \$158.00. I had preached fourteen sermons with eight converts and eight additions, and two new cash subscribers for the Southwestern.

M. White, Pastor, Vicksburg, Miss.—In our two week's revival here we were assisted by Rev. W. P. C. Morris, of Natchez, and Rev. A. M. Trotter, of Crystal Springs. Both rendered valuable service. The Lord blessed us with success. Eight souls were happily converted. My last and fourth quarterly conference was held Nov. 29-30. Rev. R. P. Threlkeld, P. E., was on time and did his work well. The Bishop made no mistake when he appointed Rev. R. P. Threlkeld presiding elder of Vicksburg district. He closed his fourth quarter with great success. Vicksburg promised to pay the presiding elder \$70; paid \$70.80. Raised this quarter for elder and pastor \$138. Bro. James Dillard, District steward, and G. W. Stith said the presiding elder and pastor must have their money. They worked very hard to raise the same. Eighty-four persons communed at the Lord's Table.

L. L. Allen, Pastor, Fort Payne, Ala.—We have just closed (Oct. 26) our fourth quarterly conference. Rev. E. M. Jones, our presiding elder, and many officers were present. The reports were good. Several of the officers think this was the best conference held here for three or four years. The elder was at his best. He preached as we have never before heard him preach here. We had a good revival meeting; baptized nine; paid the elder \$17.05; pastor \$32.40. The elder preached an able sermon at Collinsville, in the courthouse at Fort Payne to a large crowd, and at Battell's Also. All were glad to see and to hear him.

W. D. Piggan, Pastor, Oliver, La.—The long talked of corner-stone laying of Mt. Zion M. E. Church was accomplished with splendid results. Collected: Rev. J. B. Johnson, \$4; Rev. W. M. Whitte, \$3.05; Rev. D. S. Stone, \$4.25; Epworth League Club, \$1.05. Rev. M. F. Fairfax realized from the dust of stone sold, which was in neat packages \$1.00, on the outside of

church, just before the reading of Ritual. M. T. Fairfax preached the corner-stone sermon. His collection with pastor's roll call amounted to \$10. Another \$10 and our church will be clear of debt. We can then sing, "Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow."

H. C. Wilson, Wildsville, La.—Sunday, Nov. 15, was a grand day at Gumridge M. E. church. Our 4 o'clock prayer meeting was a benediction to all. The candidate for Baptism was present at 11 o'clock. The writer preached to a large congregation with the candidate present. Rev. S. Powells, pastor at Waterproof, La., was present and assisted in the service. At 3 o'clock he preached to a large audience. Gumridge M. E. church is on the forward march and will bring up all its benevolence.

S. M. Cain, Pastor, Jacksonport, Ark.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held Nov. 14, with the Rev. W. R. R. Duncan in the chair. All reports showed a marked increase over all preceding quarters. Collections for the quarter, \$55.55; to pastor, \$21.45; presiding elder, \$7; to benevolence, \$27.10. The presiding elder was at his very best on Sunday, at 11 o'clock twenty-two communed. Jacksonport is alive.

W. H. Vaughn, Pastor, Ninth Street M. E. church, Covington, Ky.—The third quarterly meeting, Nov. 6 to 9. Rev. E. A. White, presiding elder, was with us and delivered splendid sermons. He is the youngest one of the five presiding elders and is full of church information inspiring to the church and pastor. This quarter has been one of great success. The church has undergone repairs from top to bottom, inside and out. The latest frescoing and painting used at a cost of \$1,500, of which \$1,050 has been paid, and two-thirds of the benevolence money raised. The membership has increased and every department organized and at work. This is destined to be the greatest year in the history of the church. We are beginning a revival. Revs. H. W. Tate and E. D. Skelton, of Cincinnati, Ohio, are helping us.

I. S. Mingo, Reporter, Ehrhardt, S. S.—Resolved, that we tender our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Wm. Hanna, presiding elder of the Beaufort district, for his fatherly and thoughtful superintendency of six years of labor with us. We pray God to keep him for us for many years to come.

G. J. Rogers, Pastor, Centerville, La.—Our fourth quarterly conference was held Nov. 14, 1903, the Rev. W. R. Butler, presiding elder, in the chair. Reports showed improvement on all lines. The elder was well pleased with the work accomplished. We will raise all of our benevolent money and will come to the annual conference in good shape. Pray for us. Paid presiding elder, \$16; pastor, \$69.50; one SOUTHWESTERN subscriber.

H. J. Jorden, Pastor, China Grove charge.—Our fourth quarterly conference convened Nov. 14 and 15, with Rev. A. Davies in the chair. The roll was called by the secretary, Prof. J. D. Reeves, and twenty-eight officers answered. The business of the conference was then transacted. Elder Davies presided wisely and kindly as usual. The reports indicated marked improvement on all lines; it seemed to

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An interesting letter to our readers from Hon. H. L. Dunham, Ex-Mayor of Dover, N. J.

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be the time for rejoicing over the great harvest of the year; 108 conversions; twenty-four new SOUTHWESTERN subscribers; raised for pastor \$11.75; presiding elder, \$17; missions, \$1.25; total, \$95.50. Sunday at 10 o'clock the pastor conducted the lovefeast; at 11:30 Rev. Davies preached one of his stirring sermons. He was at his best. At 3 p. m. the elder administered the Lord's supper to a large number. The presiding elder is so well thought of here that his memory will live long in the hearts of the people. The pastor and members work harmoniously with each other and they are hoping for the elder's return. Sunday evening at the close of the meeting a committee of sisters presented to the pastor a sum of money for the purchase of an overcoat; chairman, Sister Frances Anderson.

F. M. Lashington, Pastor, Janet Chapel, Monroe, La.—Little by little we are coming. We have completed our parsonage of three rooms at a cost of \$250; the steward sisters have placed

in it a \$30 set of furniture. We have had nine converts this year and have raised a large portion of our benevolent money. Janet chapel is at a higher mark than ever before in its history. We are expecting to reach the mountain top by the time of conference. Pray that we may continue to succeed.

S. H. Cannon, Fayette, Miss.—The fourth quarterly conference of the Fayette charge was held in Adams chapel with the Rev. R. P. Threlkeld, presiding elder, in the chair. Though many of the leaders were absent this was our best quarter, especially in finances. The business of the conference was dispatched with accuracy. Sunday was a high day for Methodism. At 11 a. m. the presiding elder preached to the satisfaction of all who heard him, and at 3 p. m. Dr. W. H. Saunders, of the M. E. church South, delivered an eloquent sermon. The elder preached again at night to the delight of an attentive audience. We raised in the quarter, \$176.30; total raised during the quarter, \$428.20; paid the elder in full.

W. Toole, Pastor, Forest, Miss.—My fourth quarterly conference was held Oct. 27. Dr. J. M. Shumpert could not be with us but sent Bro. S. Jossell to fill his appointment. Tuesday at 11:30 o'clock Bro. Jossell preached a noble sermon. The members of Green Grove church met the conference with a nice dinner; then followed the quarterly conference; reports showed prosperity on the circuit. Pastor and people are getting along nicely together. More than \$40 of benevolent money collected during the year. Paid presiding elder in full. Collections in the quarter was \$28; two cash subscribers to the SOUTHWESTERN. This is my third and best year at Forest. Pray for us.

A. J. Price, Pastor, Starkville District.—My work is alive and the people are again active. Last Sunday, at Rock Hill, \$7.10 was raised on pastor's salary, and the same day at Plain Church \$2 for benevolence; total, \$9.10, and three cash subscribers for the SOUTHWESTERN.

Lost Friends

I am hunting my lost brother. We used to belong to Frank Shaw, who lived in Lawrence district, S. C. My father was Alex Shaw and my mother Rosetta Shaw. One brother's name is Minter Shaw and my sister's name is Eliza Shaw. The lost brother was named Pressley Shaw but Frank Shaw sold him to Dr. Davenport and Dr. Davenport carried him to Florida before the civil war. Preachers of the M. E. church, C. M. E. church and the Baptist church please read this letter to your congregation and oblige your brother in Christ, Rev. W. H. Shaw, Ackerman, Miss.

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Inquiry

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Conference Notices
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WAYNESBORO DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND

Ashbury, Jan. 2-3, 1904; Sylvania and Girard, Jan. 9-10; Millen, Jan. 16-17; Rocky Ford, Jan. 23-24; Charles-town, Jan. 30-31; Statesboro, Feb. 6-7; Excessior, Feb. 13-14; Belleville and Hagan, Feb. 20-21; Bascom, Feb. 27-28; Summit, March 5-6; Wadley and Louisville, March 12-13. Dear Brethren:—This is the beginning of another year's work in the Masters cause. Our district was in the lead at the session of our annual conference. We came within \$50 of raising our \$100 pledged for missions above the receipts of year before last. Let's not be satisfied because we are far ahead of the other districts, but let every charge D. V., raise at least every dollar assessed for benevolences. District Stewards and Pastors Meeting will convene in the Trinity M. E. church, Millen, Ga., Jan. 27, at 11 o'clock a. m. A full attendance is desired. Second Sunday in February is Freedman's Aid Day; plan to raise all of the claims for that cause on that day. Let each pastor do his best. Remember, success beats everything else. Our Motto—Five hundred converts for Christ; a new church built or an old one repaired; the SOUTHWESTERN in every Methodist home. Yours for success, W. H. Brown, P. E., Millen, Ga.

CONFERENCE NOTICE.

TOPEKA DISTRICT.

Fourth Quarter.—Burlingame and Osage City, Jan. 2-3; Dunlap, Jan. 5-6; Manhattan and Womego, Jan. 9-10; Clay Center, Jan. 16-17; Salina and Ellis, Jan. 19-20; Denver, Pueblo and Colorado Springs, Jan. 23-24; Lincoln and Omaha, Jan. 30-31; Mt. Olive, Feb. 6-7; Larned, Feb. 9-10; Caldwell and Kingman, Feb. 11-12; Independence, Feb. 13-14; Chetopa, Feb. 17-18; Oswego Parson and Mineral, Feb. 20-21. Dear Brethren:—Push the benevolent collections and let us have no blanks at the annual conference. H. South, P. E.

DALLAS DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Milford and Italy, Jan. 2-3; Pelham Circuit, Jan. 9-10; Hubbard and Dawson, Jan. 16-17; Mexia Circuit, Jan. 23-24; Corsicana and Ree, Jan. 30-31; Fort Worth, Feb. 6-7; Fort Worth Circuit, Feb. 13-14; Pilot Point and Denton, Feb. 20-21; Denison, Feb. 27-28; Sherman and Gainesville, March 5-6; McKinney, March 12-13; Dallas and St. Paul, March 19-20; Ennis and Waxahachie, March 26-27. Dear Brethren:—Note the above dates; have your committees out in full force so as to do our work well, as the success for another year's work largely depends on the foundation we lay in the beginning of the year. Remember, that each charge will be asked to raise more for confer-

ence claimants this year than ever, as our annual conference has asked for \$800 for that cause alone. Your brother, L. H. Robinson, P. E.

HOUSTON DISTRICT.
FIRST ROUND.

Orange, Jan. 2-3, 1904; Beaumont, Jan. 9-10; Beaumont Mission, Jan. 9-10; Liberty, Jan. 16-17; Trinity, Jan. 23-24; St. James, Houston, Jan. 24-25; Richmond Station, Jan. 30-31; Richmond Circuit, Jan. 30-31; Stendleton, Feb. 6-7; Thompson, Feb. 13-14; Harrisburg, Feb. 20-21; Mallalieu, Feb. 18; Tabernacle, Galveston, Feb. 27-28; St. Paul, Galveston, March 5-6; Wallisville, March 12-13; Columbia, March 18-20; Roeville, March 19-20; Velasco, March 24; Mt. Vernon, March 27-28; Stone St., March 27-29; Boynton, April 2-3; Sour Lake, April 6. Dear Pastors:—Let us start at the beginning of the year and present each benevolent cause to the people separate. Please try and get the head of each family throughout the district to take at least one SOUTHWESTERN and each pastor make a special rally for the conference claimant fund. Let us make this our best year in the history of the Houston district. Edward Lee, P. E.

Something that will interest every Methodist and many others is the Methodist Year Book for 1904. Steven V. R. Todd is the compiler of it and has arranged it well. Eaton & Mains, the publishers, have put it up in large clear type, making it one of the handsomest of its kind. Price, 10 cents net, or 15 cents postpaid. For sale at all the depositories and at this office.

WACO DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Groesbeck, Jan. 2-3, 1904; Groesbeck Circuit, Jan. 9-10; Bremond, Jan. 16-17; Calvert, Jan. 23-24; Gatesville, Jan. 30-31; Marlin, Feb. 6-7; Maysfield, Feb. 13-14; Chilton, Feb. 20-21; Mooreville, Feb. 27-28; Lampasas, March 5-6; St. James, March 12-13; Andrews' Chapel, March 12-13; Waco Circuit, March 20-21; East Waco, March 27-28. J. H. Swann, P. E.

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT, MOBILE
CONFERENCE.

FIRST ROUND.

Montgomery, Jan. 2-3, 1904; Mobile, Warren street, Jan. 9-10; Wesley and Theodore, Jan. 16-17; Tensaw, Jan. 23-24; Pensacola, Jan. 30-31; Flomaton and Century, Feb. 2-3; Brewton and Pollard, Feb. 6-7; Castleberry and Sparta, Feb. 13-14; Evergreen, Sand Bar and Pine Grove, Feb. 20-21; Troy and Blue Stand, Feb. 27-28; Union Springs, March 5-6; Abefoli and Brown Grove, March 12-13; Booth, March 19-20; Greenville, Feb. 23. A. W. McKinney, P. E.

PALESTINE DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Oakwood and Butler, Jan. 2-3, 1904; Bryan Station, Jan. 8-10; Bryan Circuit, Jan. 9-10; Hearne, Jan. 15-17; East Calvert, Jan. 16-17; East Mexia, Jan. 23-24; Fairfield, Jan. 30-31; Winkler, Feb. 6-7; Palestine Station, Feb. 12-13; Palestine Circuit, Feb. 13-14; Jacksonville, Feb. 20-21; San Augustine, Feb. 27-28; Hemphill, March 5-6; Jewell and Buffalo, March 12-13; Leona, March 19-21; Madisonville, March 26-27; Franklin, April 2-3. Dear Pastors:—Please set the hour for your conferences to suit yourselves and peo-

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PARIS DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

Greenville, Jan. 3-4, 1904; Terrell work, Jan. 5-6; Sulphur Springs, Jan. 9-10; Brookston work, Jan. 16-17; Honey Grove and Dodd City, Jan. 23-24; Bonham work, Jan. 30-31; Hinkley Circuit, Feb. 6-7; Cooper and Commerce, Feb. 10-11; Medill Circuit, Feb. 13-14; Morgan Chapel, Feb. 19-21; Paris, Feb. 21-22; Chicota Circuit, Feb. 27-28; Paris Circuit, March 5-6; Clarksville, March 13-14; Thompson-town, March 19-20; Red River Circuit, March 24-25; Free Hope and Pleasant Exchange, March 26-27; Clarksville Circuit, April 2-3. Dear Brothers:—Your reports at last conference showed an increase on financial and temporal lines. Let us begin our year's work at once with an aim to advance every interest of the church. I shall expect full reports from each pastor during this round. Don't wait. The Preachers and District Stewards will meet at Mt. Zion M. E. church, at Paris, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19 and 20, 1904. Yours in His name, Freeman Parker.

NOTICE.

To the Presidents of the different Auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, Mississippi Conference:—Please drop me a card at once stating the number of your membership, as I would like very much to have the same before the sitting of the annual conference at Hattiesburg, Jan. 13, 1904. Dear sisters, please attend to this matter as it is of importance to our work. I hope all the conference officers will be at the conference. Yours, Mrs. C. L. Brown, president, Enterprise, Miss.

The Preachers' meeting of the Baton Rouge District convened at St. Peter M. E. church, Mission, La., Dec. 10th inst. and many of the brethren were present. Various subjects were discussed. The presiding elder was present and assisted in the services. The meeting closed at night with a sermon by Rev. B. R. Jackson, W. M. Harrell,

followed by Rev. D. J. Price. Many persons came forward for prayer at the meeting. Our next meeting will convene at Plaquemine, Jan. 7. A ministers of the district are requested to be present, by order of the president, but those who cannot attend will please report to the chairman your district. H. Taylor, P. E.; B. Reddix, president; J. E. Rolax, secretary.

To the President and Brethren of the Preacher's Meeting:—I regret very much that I cannot be with you but hope God's presence will be with you and that you may have a good meeting. I sat up with Rev. Harvey during his illness and contracted a cold and am now suffering with the la grippe. Pray for me. Yours in Christ, P. Colton, Donaldsonville, La.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.

FIRST ROUND.

San Antonio, East End, Jan. 2-3; San Antonio, St. Paul, Jan. 9-10; Floresville and Riddleville, Jan. 16-17; Jacktown and Karns, Jan. 19-20; Gallah, Jan. 24; Calogno, Jan. 26-27; Cuero, Jan. 30-31; Gonzales, Feb. 6-7; Gonzales Circuit, Feb. 13-14; Belmont Circuit, Feb. 20-21; Ben Allen, Feb. 23-24; Seguin and Olmos, Feb. 27-28; Lavernia, March 5-6; Kerrville, Mar. 12-13; Hanover, Mar. 19-20; Del Rio, Mar. 21-22; Pleasanton, March 26-27. Dear Fellow Workers: Let us begin our work early and continue through the year. Let us give our whole time to the cause of Christ and His kingdom on earth. The San Antonio district stood first, under the wise leadership of Rev. H. Swann; let us not let the banner trail in the dust. Remember, fifth Sunday in May, for Mrs. E. Spriggs, the corresponding secretary of Woman's Home Mission Society at the West Texas conference. Sister Spriggs is faithful and true so do not forget her and the cause she represents. J. W. Weakley, P. E.

Notice to Little Rock Conference. All persons to be examined in the conference studies will please meet at Pine Bluff, the seat of the annual conference, Wednesday, at 9 o'clock, January 20, 1904, the day previous to opening of the conference. J. H. R. chairman Board of Examiners, Little Rock, Ark.

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I take this method of expressing our thanks to the good people of this community. The night of Dec. 7, 1903, a number of sisters came to the parsonage and left many good things to the delight of pastor and wife. The company consisted of sisters N. Eason, R. Waters, M. Howell, L. Howell, F. Howell, E. Nash, M. Chandler, E. Hopkins and others. The following day and night several of the Baptist sisters repeated this act of kindness. May the Lord bless these good people. Respectfully, B. G. Burks, Pastor, Duluth, Ga.

CARD OF THANKS.

I want to thank Bro. Spencer, Grigly J. Sanders, Sister Matilda Grigly and A. M. Sanders for a suit of clothes. Also Bro. John Tea for a pair of shoes. These are a faithful people; God bless them.

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UNITED FOR LIFE

Paris, Texas.—Mrs. L. A. Kines, a prominent and faithful member of Mt. Zion M. E. church, was quietly united in marriage at her home, on Tudor street, to Mr. Jas. Baccus, a good member of the St. Paul Baptist church on Sunday, Dec. 6, 1903, at 8 p. m. A few of her most intimate friends were present. Their many friends wish for them a most peaceful and prosperous voyage through life. Freeman Parker, officiated.

Rocky Mount, La.—At the parsonage, Dec. 1, Mr. A. D. Moore, of Texas, and Miss Fannie Stewart of Shreveport, were married. Dec. 15 Mr. Lafayette Sinclair and Miss Angeline Moore were happily joined in holy wedlock at Fairview M. E. church. Miss Moore is the daughter of the late Rev. A. Moore of the Louisiana conference, and a member of Simpson Chapel, New Orleans. Mr. Sinclair is one of our young farmers; he owns about 160 acres of land, also fine stock. God bless them. We wish them a pleasant sailing. J. W. Lewis, officiated.

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Sir: On the evening of Nov. 19 Mr. Aaron Smith and Miss Mary Solomon were married. The happy couple went to their home in Warren county. A. Reid.

Bastrop, La.—Mr. Neil Mays and Miss Laura Burrell were married at the parsonage, Dec. 14. Miss Millie Thomas and Mr. James Dotson were married at the home of the bride, Dec. 16. At the home of the bride, Dec. 13, Mr. G. S. Smith and Miss Lydia Williams were married. Miss Vinie Smith and Rev. F. S. Brown, pastor of Joyce chapel, Lake Providence, La., were married by me Dec. 17, 1903. Rev. Brown is a brother of Revs. T. A. and J. O. Brown, of New Iberia, and Shreveport respectively. Chas. C. Landry.

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Special.....8:45 p. m.	Special.....7:30 p. m.
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Illinois Central.

8:00 p. m. Chicago Limited.....	9:15 a. m.
10:45 p. m. Limited.....	6:50 a. m.
8:00 p. m. Louisville and Cin. Lim.	9:15 a. m.
10:00 a. m. Fast Mail.....	7:05 p. m.
10:00 a. m. St. Louis and Chicago.....	7:05 p. m.
7:55 a. m. Northern Express.....	5:20 p. m.
9:35 a. m. McComb Accom.	8:50 p. m.

Yazoo and Mississippi Valley.

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Bayou Sara Ac.9:30 a. m.	Bayou Sara Ac.4:40 p. m.

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11:30 a. m. Local.....	4:55 p. m.
8:00 p. m. New Orleans and Houston... ..	7:05 a. m.
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Washington—G. D. Nickens, *1. Miscellaneous—D. A. Straker.

CRESCENT CITY NOTES

Spot cotton sold in this market, on Monday, for 13 5-8, and futures at 14. Poultry products and about everything a farm produces bring a good price. Prospects are that this will be the case for at least another season.

Rev. J. H. Thompson, of Haven Chapel, preached a magnificent Christmas sermon Sunday morning that was greatly enjoyed by all whose pleasure it was to hear it.

The members of the Orphan's Home Board are notified to meet at the University, January 6, 1904, at 2 p. m. All members are especially requested to be present. REV. HENRY TAYLOR, Pres. S. A. DUNCAN, Secty.

Rev. T. A. King, who is making a tour of the United States in the interest of Mr. Sam Parker, who obtained public recognition by catching the assassin of the late President Wm. Mc-

Kinley, is in the city. He will receive all communications at 2523 Rampart St.

The class in sacred rhetoric, composed mainly of the city pastors of the M. E. Church, at the close of the series of lectures given by President F. H. Knight, presented him a beautiful cutglass inkstand encased in silver, with his initials appropriately engraved.

Pastors and delegates of the Louisiana Annual Conference please take notice that the certificate plan has been granted by the railroad on account of the Louisiana Annual Conference, to be held at Baton Rouge, Jan. 27. Tickets will be on sale Jan. 25 to Feb. 1. C. W. REEVES, R. R. Secty.

At Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, Dec. 25, the "Christmas Message" was delivered by presiding elder, Rev. Stephen Duncan. Sunday evening the pastor, Rev. T. J. Johnson, preached. Collection, \$15; total for the day, \$25. Friday, Jan. 1, 1904, at Wesley Chapel, will be appropriately celebrated, the Emancipation Proclamation, assisted by the pastor and members of Pleasant Plains M. E. Church.

The candy pulling given at Williams Chapel M. E. Church, by the steward sisters was a success, as was also the Christmas tree. The program was rendered by the Sunday school, led by Miss Brazley and Mr. J. Jefferson. Rev. C. W. Reeves, the pastor and family, desire to thank the members and friends for the generous contributions to their Xmas dinner of a 16-pound turkey, cakes and fruits. Services Dec. 27 were good; collection for the day, \$22.15.

Rev. J. H. Thompson, pastor of Haven Chapel M. E. Church, reports the fourth quarterly conference, which convened Dec. 16-17, the best quarterly meeting held in the history of that church. Rev. J. F. Marshall presided with much credit to himself and the conference. A large number of the officers were present with reports. Accessions this quarter six; also an increase in Sunday school membership. Stewards reported \$226.26; trustees, \$150. Every interest has received careful attention. The pastor and members are preparing to meet the annual conference in good shape, with all benevolent money raised.

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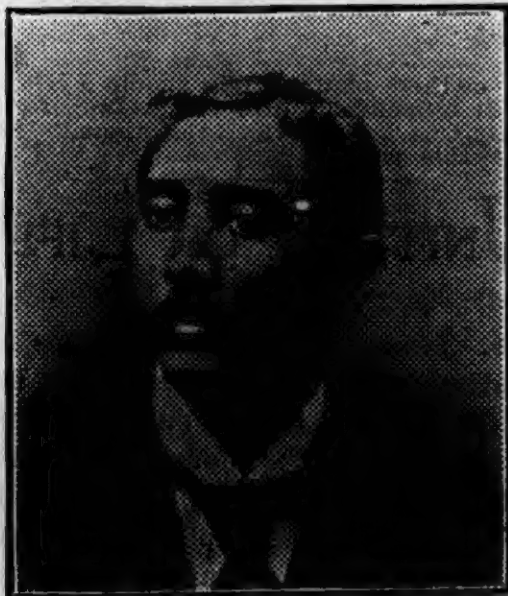
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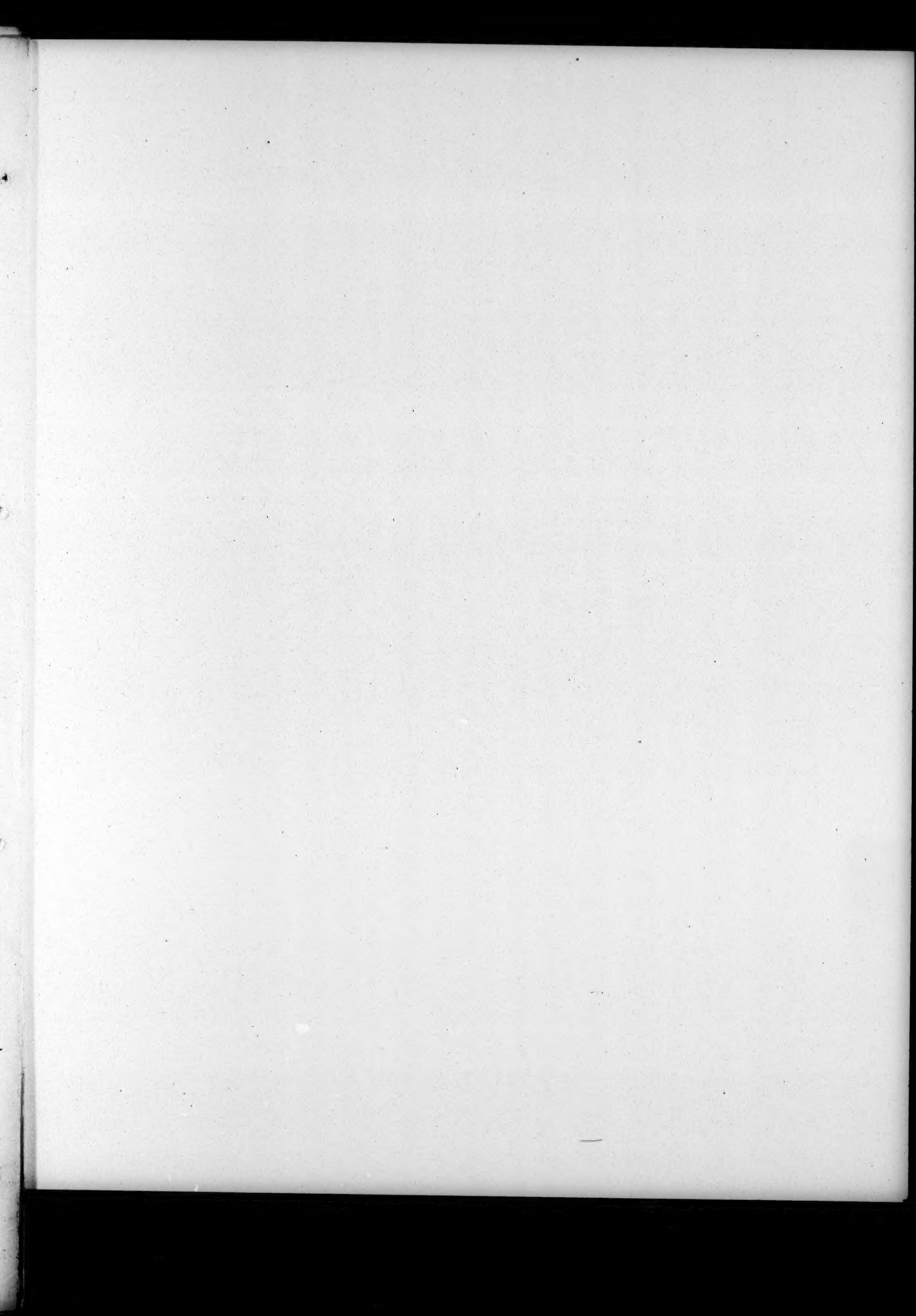
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